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2. Under the present system of promotion, the number of Lieutenant-Colonels on the Imperial and Indian establishments, respectively, varies very considerably from time to time, and as a result when there is an excess on the Home establishment, officers have to be assigned to duties inferior to those with which they ought to be entrusted, while, on the other hand, when there is a deficiency, junior officers have to perform duties for which their rank and pay are insufficient.

3. In the ranks below that of Lieutenant-Colonel, this question does not press as the duties can be arranged without necessitating fixed numbers. But in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel it is essential that, so far as service out of India is concerned, there should be a fixed establishment.

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It is also to be observed that nearly all the senior Majors now serving on the Indian establishment are employed in the Works Departments. They may, therefore, under Article 11 (b) of the Royal Warrant of 15th November 1887, elect promotion to a half pay Lieutenant-Colonelcy, and Article 8 of the India Office Royal Warrant of 20th February 1886 provides for their retention in their appointments.

6. In the event of the Government of India desiring to promote to a vacancy on the Indian establishment of Lieutenant-Colonels the senior Major on the list—although not a continuous service officer, but only performing a five years' tour in India—His Royal Highness considered that such promotion should be made conditional on the officer's accepting continuous service in India.

7. Should the Government of India not desire to promote to an Indian vacancy a Major serving in India under the conditions stated above, the promotion should go to the next senior selected officer on the list, who, if a non-continuous service officer, would be treated as in previous paragraph.

8. Any non-continuous service officer becoming superseded through non-selection for promotion on the continuous service list would remain in India until the completion of his five years' tour of duty, or until selected for promotion on the Home list, whichever should take place first.

9. As regards the respective establishments, it has been decided that the number of Lieutenant-Colonels to be allotted to the Indian establishment shall bear the same proportion to the total number on the Indian establishment as the number on the Imperial establishment does to the total number on that establishment.

10. At the time this decision was arrived at the establishment of Lieutenant-Colonels for the Royal Engineers had been fixed at 90.

11. The total British establishment of officers of Royal Engineers for 1889-90 was 511, and the Indian establishment 385.

12. From the British establishment of 511 should, however, be deducted 31 officers for the Coast Battalion, Quartermasters and Riding Master, leaving 480 as the number on which to calculate for promotional purposes.

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