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Officers of Royal Engineers.—Observations of Her Majesty's Government as to the employments for which — who have elected for continuous service in India are eligible, communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

No. 1279-A.

Appointments.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

(By Order.)

SIMLA,  
17th June 1891.

(Signed) A. C. TOKER, Col.,  
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. . . . . ORDER THEREON, July 1891, No. . . . .

Communicated for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

.. Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Henricus.

## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

## Appointments.

Read the following :—

No. . *Military Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Most Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council; dated India Office, London, 14th May 1891, No. 73.*

I have considered in Council your Military Despatch No. 47 of the 18th March 1891, in which you offer further observations as to the employments for which officers of Royal Engineers who have elected for continuous service in India are eligible. My views as to the intentions of the correspondence of 1863-65 were given in my Despatch of the 13th November 1890, and I am unable to see, in what you now advance, any reason for altering my opinion.

2. Nor do I attach the same meaning as your Government do to the terms of Sir C. Wood's Despatch No. 319 of 1861, para. 24. In laying down that officers of the Indian Artillery and Engineers would be available for any duty to which they might be appointed, it was certainly not his intention that they should be considered entitled to hold appointments which it was evident from other portions of the Despatch, and from his previous Despatch No. 27 of 18th January 1861, were tenable as a rule only by officers of the Staff Corps. That this was not the intention of Her Majesty's Government is also shown by subsequent Despatches, some of which have already been quoted in my Despatch No. 190 of 13th November 1890.

3. Officers of the Indian Artillery and Engineers remained eligible for any posts for which they might be specially selected, and accordingly, in my Despatches quoted in the margin, I informed your Government that officers of Engineers who elected for continuous service in India would be eligible for employment

in any *special* duty, as were the officers of the old corps of Indian Engineers. The instances of such employment cited by you were of this character; the appointments, and in some cases the circumstances of appointment, were special; some of them were made with the knowledge and approval of the Secretary of State for India, others may have passed unnoticed. But I do not consider that the post to which you appointed Major Broadbent was one of this special nature, and, as I have already informed your Government, it was a departure from rule which required the special sanction of the Secretary of State.

4. I am unable to admit that this decision is at variance with previous declarations on the subject, or that it calls for any modification of the announcement referred to in para. 4 of Your Lordship's Despatch.