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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Simla the 26th September 1892.

It is requested that the
above heading, with number
and date of this communica-
tion, may be quoted in any
subsequent correspondence
on this subject.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Military Department.

SIR,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 4791, dated the 2nd August 1892, bringing to notice the unnecessary correspondence that took place in connection with the grant of free passage to Major C. E. Rawson, R.E., and his wife, in consequence of orders having been communicated direct by the Adjutant-General in India, instead of through the Government of Madras under whom the officer was serving, and suggesting that in future all communications should be made through the Government of Madras, and not to officers direct.

2. In reply I am to explain, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that on the 22nd February last it was decided that Major Rawson, among other officers, should proceed to Chatham to undergo a course of instruction. As there were only four days available for these officers to get ready and proceed to the port of embarkation, so as to embark on the troopship sailing on the 26th February 1892, which was the latest by which they could reach Chatham by the required date, the Adjutant-General in India was asked to issue immediate orders to the officers in question. This was done, but in the case of Major Rawson, his services were not placed at the disposal of the Military Department in time to admit of his sailing by the date above mentioned. The Adjutant-General in India thereupon obtained the sanction of the Government of India to send him by private vessel, and communicated the decision to the General Officers Commanding the Madras and Bombay districts, the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department, and also to Major Rawson.

3. As regards his wife, Major Rawson wired direct to the Adjutant-General in India applying for a passage for her, and a "non-regulation" passage by troopship was accordingly sanctioned. It happened, however, that there was no accommodation available in the last two troopships, and Mrs. Rawson represented to the Adjutant-General in India that her husband had proceeded to England expecting her to follow, and that she had been left without sufficient funds. A passage for Mrs. Rawson was accordingly granted by private vessel as a very special case.

4. The above shows that the case was an exceptional one, and that in order to send the Royal Engineer officers to England at so short a notice, a departure from the recognised procedure was necessary in the first instance. The Adjutant-General in India was unaware that arrangements were being made by the Government of Madras, or the dual action complained of would not have taken place. I am to add that the correct procedure is clearly understood in the Adjutant-General's Department, and the Government of India do not consider it necessary to lay down any special ruling on the subject.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) P. J. MAITLAND,

Depty. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

COPY forwarded to the Adjutant-General in India.

*Order. Communicated to the
Public Works Department for
information.*

*/ True Extract
W. H. B. B. B.
Secretary to Govt.*

The Public Works Department.

No 2949 Wd 25th October

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