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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Appointments.

Read the following papers:—

No. From Major-General W. GALBRAITH, Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department; dated Simla, the 31st August 1893, No. 5230-A.

Commands—District.

I have the honor, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to recommend, for the sanction of the Government of India, the appointment of Colonel G. E. L. S. Sanford, C.B., C.S.I., to command a first-class district in Bengal *vice* Major-General Nairne, C.B.

2. Colonel Sanford's Indian services, including four campaigns, are well known to the Government of India, and he is senior to all Colonels of the Staff Corps and Indian Army whose names have been recommended by the promotion board for selection.

3. The present vacancy falls to the Indian service Major-General Nairne having belonged to the Bengal Artillery, and His Excellency nominates Colonel Sanford on the understanding that continuous service Royal Engineer officers are on the same footing as those of the old corps of Indian Engineers as regards eligibility for Army Staff appointments, including district commands.

4. Sir George White trusts that the Government of India will concur in this view which appears to accord with the ruling* that an officer of Engineers must join the Staff Corps to "be able to hold an appointment (other than one peculiar to his corps or an Army Staff appointment tenable for five years)."

* Para. 2 of the Secretary of State's Military Despatch No. 129 of 10th July 1890.

5. Should any doubt exist as to Colonel Sanford's eligibility, the Commander-in-Chief suggests that the question may be referred by telegraph to the Secretary of State for decision.

From Major-General E. H. H. COLLEN, C.I.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Simla, the 14th September 1893, No. 2471.

In reply to your letter No. 5230-A, dated 31st August 1893, I am directed to forward the annexed copies of telegrams to and from the Secretary of State, from which it will be seen that His Lordship concurs in the opinion that Royal Engineer officers who have elected for continuous service are eligible for district commands and Army Staff appointments in India as Indian service officers, in the same way that officers of the late Indian Artillery and Engineers are eligible.

2. I am accordingly to convey, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the sanction of the Government of India to the appointment of Colonel G. E. L. S. Sanford, C.B., C.S.I., Military Works Department, to the command of a district of the first class, *vice* Lieutenant-General C. E. Nairne, C.B., appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army.

3. I am to add that the Secretary of State will be asked by telegraph if the local rank of Major-General may be conferred on Colonel Sanford, and his appointment will be duly notified in G.G.O. from the date on which he takes up his duties.

Copy of a telegram from the Viceroy to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India; dated Simla, the 1st September 1893, No. 2363-A.

Chief recommends Colonel Sanford, Royal Engineers, as fittest successor to first-class district command vacated by Nairne, Royal (late Bengal) Artillery. Vacancy falls to Indian service, and we strongly approve proposal. We are of opinion that officers of Royal Engineers who have elected for continuous service are eligible for five years' appointments, commands and Army Staff, as Indian officers, as they make India their career and are debarred from home appointments and stand on same footing as Engineer officers of the late Indian establishment. See Secretary of State's despatches 129 and 196 of 1890, 73 of 1891. Do you concur in our opinion?

Copy of a telegram from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Viceroy; dated 8th September 1893.

Your telegram in the Military Department, dated 1st September last, I concur Sanford is eligible for Indian district command, first class.

No. 2534-A.

Copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, in continuation of Military Department No. 1279-A, dated 17th June 1891.

(By Order.)

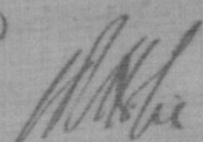
SIMLA,
22nd September 1893.

(Signed) M. J. KING-HARMAN,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. ORDER THEREON, 12 October 1893, No. 6782

Communicated to the Provisional Commander-in-Chief and the Public Works Department, for information, in continuation of Proceedings of Government, No. 3680, dated 3rd July 1891.

(True Extract.)

 Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
" Public Works Department. ✓

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Royal Engineer Officers.—Docket from the Government of India communicating the ruling of the Secretary of State that — who have elected for continuous service are eligible for district commands and Army Staff appointments in India as Indian service officers, in the same way that officers of the late Indian Artillery and Engineers are eligible, communicated to the Provisional Commander-in-Chief.

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