Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 3676-77 W

DATED 21 December

[Despatch Abstract.]

arrant & non commissioned officers of the Madras List : ordered that the appeals from certain — representing the injurious effect which the amalgamation of the Madras & Burma lists has on their prospects of promotion, be forwarded to the Govt of India.

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the Govt of India addressed

P.W. 15.
3000—30-11-96.

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DEPARTMEN

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No. 3676 W d/ 21st December 1896

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

From the Supdg. Engr. V Circle No 587 of 27-5-96.
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The appeals received with the foregoing papers will be forwarded to the Govt. of India

A.S.H. 17.12.96

H.E. No 3677 W of 21 December 96

To the Secy to the G. of I. P.W.D.

D 21/12/96

Sir,

With reference to Govt. of India Resolution No 586 G of 25th March 1896, ordering the transfer of all the honorary Commissioned, warrant and non-commissioned officers of the Burma Provincial list to the Madras P.W. list for

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A.S.H. 17.12.96

To
Condr. R. W. MacAllister (through the S.E. V Circle)
" Sergt. B. O. Reynolds (through the Principal C. of E.)
" Sergt. C. J. Smith (through the S.E. II Circle)
" F. W. Cornwall (through the Consg. Architect)
" E. E. Price (through the S.E. VI Circle)
" G. E. Brand (through the S.E. V Circle)
" J. O'C. Phelan (through — do —)
" G. Beale (through — do —)

P. W. 40.
50—2-9-96.

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purposes of military promotion, I am directed to forward for the consideration of the Govt. of India, appeals from the Warrant & Non-commissioned officers of the Madras list, named in the margin, representing the injurious effect which the amalgamation has on their prospects of promotion to the higher grades. I am also to forward copy of a note on the subject by the Chief Engr., which states the circumstances in which this Govt. was led to accept the amalgamation.

Condr. R. W. Macfhelin
Sergt. B. O. Reynolds
" C. J. Smith
" J. W. Connell
" E. E. Price
" G. E. Brand
" J. O'C. Phelan
" G. Blake.

2. I am to invite particular attention to the fact that this Govt. would not have acceded to the transfer of the Burma establishment, if it had anticipated that the proposal to grade all Sergeants of the same year according to age would have been rejected by the Govt. of India, or that two Burma Sergeants would have been given retrospective promotion after the despatch of your letter No. 3286 G dated 11 Decr. 1895[x]. H.E. the Govr. in Council regrets that the effect of the amalgamation on the prospects of the Madras subordinates was not foreseen when the proposal was agreed to, & I am to express a hope that it is not now too late to cancel the transfer of the Burma estabt., & to revert to the arrangements which were in force prior to the date of Govt. of India Resolution No 586 G of the 6 March 1896.

I have &c

14/12/96

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Vsc 24 [illegible] D
25.8.96 Flad

Recd 21/1/97

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14.12.96

appeals from Civil upper
subordinates of the Dept. against
the amalgamation of the Burma list
of civil upper subordinates with Madras

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:—

Current nos 5097, 5274, 5598, 5709, 5774, 5870, 5930, & 6617—

Note by the Chief Engr. P.W.D. of 24-11-96

FOR ORDERS.

24/11/96
W

It is clear that many of the Madras men will lose
seriously, by this amalgamation, and will gain but
little. I am afraid the effects of the proposal, when
it was made, were not fully recognized. Perhaps
the matter was not then sufficiently carefully
considered. It is of no use to cry over spilt
milk. A representation should be made to the
Govt. of India, and in making this representation
it would be as well to confess that the effect of
the amalgamation was not foreseen. I should
like to see the draft letter.

A.S.H
6.12.96

H.E. 15/12 R 18/12

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FOR ORDERS.

H.E. 24/11 - 27/11

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21-12-96

Submitted for perusal with reference to H.E.'s note.

The required draft will be prepared with as little delay as possible.

C.

5.12.96

8/12/96

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S. A. W.

Will you please have the list herewith sent verified. & also have a column added showing the age of each man on 1st Nov. 1896..

There are I think some omissions of names e.g. Sergt. Goddard. if any others have been omitted have them entered.

Streck O'Connell
18. 11. 96.

S.A.W.

Submitted herewith a corrected list. This has been got ready earlier than I hoped to do.

21.11.96

Sw

Submitted.

The names were noted as omitted in Sergt. Reynolds' list

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are those of men who are extra to our list, & obtain promotion on it as supernumeraries e.g. Goddard (C.S. College) & Reader (Sappers & Miners) & others —

A point which might be taken up in dealing with the case is the following.

Among the papers in the file now with you, I think there will be found a letter from the Govt. of India of some years ago, intimating that the Secy of State had sanctioned warrants in the proportion of 3/5th of the total number of infy. men, for the India list. I am not quite sure whether the warrants were to be 3/5th the number of Serjeants or of the total employed —

This was written from memory —
The proportion sanctioned was 2/5th the total no. of infy men, so that ~~[illegible]~~ this note may be cancelled. 22/11

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H.E. 15/12 R18/12

of military men.

If the latter, a good case can be made out for an increase in the number of warrants (28) recently sanctioned.

We have now 59 military men on the combined list; two more will be appointed in January, making 61 at the beginning of the year. Possibly some new men may be appointed to Burma also, but taking the figure at 61, the proportion of warrants will be not quite 46 per cent. against the 60 per cent allowed by the Secy. of S.

If we can per[illegible] make the G. of I. [illegible] to add one D[illegible] Commissary, [illegible]

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asst Commissary to the list, making it two in each grade, it would satisfy the aspirations of all our men I think & remove all cause of complaint.

In ordering the ~~amalgat~~ amalgamation the G. of I. remarked that the retirement of Capt Marr, of Burma, would give the vacancy to the new Madras list, but as only one Dy. Commy. was allowed for the combined list, & we had one here already (Capt Lalor) there was no vacancy at all.

It seems hopeless that India will agree to the existing Burma men being promoted as Supernumeraries on the list until they

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& if an increase in the number of warrants cannot be sanctioned nothing short of a revocation of the amalgamation will remove the grievance of the leaders men.

In the revised list submitted, the men who have no adverse entries against their names are either Burma men, or Supernumeraries.

Cy

21.11.28

The deaths of Cherry, Lewis & Murphy, & the retirement of Alford have been taken into consideration in preparing the revised list.

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4.E.15/12 R18/12

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In the revised list submitted, the men who have no red ink entries against their names are either Burma men, or Supernumeraries.

Cy

21.11.26

The deaths of Cherry, Lewis, & Murphy, & the retirement of Alford have been taken into consideration in preparing the revised list.

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DW

The file relating to appeals from military subordinates is once more returned.

The following addl papers have been placed in the file — (these are under red tape)

G.O. No 1795 W of 17.6.96, & letter to G. of I. of same date suggesting that Sergeants of the same year should be arranged for promotion according to age —

G.O. No 2461 W of 25.8.96 containing the refusal of the G. of I. to the above proposal.

G.O. No 3158 W of 5.11.96, with letter to G. of I. of No 3159 W of same date, urging that military recruits for the Burma P.W.D. should be drawn from the Madras College.

No reply has been received to the last paper.

These papers may [illegible] by you

H.E. 24/11 – [illegible]

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W.

When a reform such as this is introduced, it seems but right that the interests of those, against whom its indiscriminate usage might adversely militate, should be adequately protected. It would appear that, in past years, a threat, on the part of India to reduce the number of warrant officers, hovered over Madras at certain intervals: but those warrant officers, who are now drawing to the end of their career, not unreasonably supposed that nothing would occur to prevent their rising to that position and consequently earning that pension to which ~~that~~ their years of honourable service would, under ordinary circumstances, entitle them. When a reform is introduced for the general good, as this reform purports to be, the first thing to do is to

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2/ take steps to prevent a single individual from being injuriously affected thereby. If a man is compelled to retire as Conductor who would but for this innovation have risen to be Deputy Asst. Commissary and be entitled to the pension of one who has occupied that position, such a person would, it is submitted, have a real grievance. Steps should therefore be taken to prevent the occurrence of such an injury. The remedy would be to introduce the Burma Warrant Officers as Supernumeraries, and to keep them as such till they can be absorbed without injury to the present Madras Staff.

CHSS
4.7.96.

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Cur. 5097 & 5274

Appeals from Conductor Mac Alister & Sergeant Reynolds against the amalgamation of the Burma & Madras Warrant lists.

CAW

I forward these papers through you, for orders, as they relate to an establt. matter.

When the proposal was first received from the Govt. of India, it was recognised that the promotion of men in the Condr. grade would for a time be blocked - vide notes attached to P.O. No. 74-5 W d/9.1.86. Colonel Pennycuick no doubt had in view the benefit which would accrue in the future by the acceptance of

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the scale of Warrants in Madras was relatively high, & expressed willingness to effect a reduction — Subsequently the G. of I. allowed the No 21 to remain fixed subject to reconsideration after 5 years (No 966 W d/ 24.4.95 & 1116 W d/ 10.5.95) — If the reduction in the number of Warrants had been carried out, the prospects of the Madras men would probably have been more injuriously affected than by the recent amalgamation. And it seems certain that if the amalgamation had not been accepted, the G. of I. would sooner or later have insisted on a reduction in the no. of warrants for Madras. And it is

Emery, Reynolds & Cherry will gain several places in the list of Sergeants.—

A point that has considerably affected the prospects of the senior Madras Sergeants is the following.—

When the G. of I. proposed the amalgamation in Decr 1895, W. J. Moore, & W. J. Finniston of the Burma list were shown as Sergeants, & it was found that 5 Madras Sergeants (Alford, Anson, Murphy, Reele & Goddard) were senior to these men.

2 Sub Condrs were shown on the Burma list, while the total number of Sub Condrs was to be raised from 10 to 14. This would have given promotions to 2 Madras men, Alfor

them on as Sub Condrs has greatly marred the prospects of the older Madras Sergeants.

Both MacAlister & Reynolds base their appeals on the assumption that up to the date of their retirement there will be no casualties on the list except from retirements under the 55 years rule — this however is very improbable, for on the large combined list there are sure to be casualties from other causes. On the Madras list alone, we have had four casualties within the last 6 months, viz: Sergt. Lewis, Sub Condr. Cherry & Sergt Murphy deceased, & Sergt. Alford retired.

There is another point which also

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higher pay throughout his service than civilians of his own departmental rank.

The rule giving $\frac{3}{76}$ of the total no. of upper subordinates to the Sub Engr grade, & that allowing increments to Sub Engrs 1st grade are old ones, vide paras 37 & 506 Madras P.W. Code. It is absurd talking of the number of Sub Engrs allowable for an estab of 300 upper subordinates, as our scale is only 179.

The only ~~[illegible]~~ solid grievance the Madras Serjeants have is that the Burma men are mostly younger than the Madras men of the same standing – In every other respect, a larger list must give better prospects of promotion. The proposal to grade

took place, we had 14 Serjeants (not including supernumeraries) on our list, as compared with 21 warrant officers. Since then 3 Serjeants have gone out by death or resignation, while 4 have been added to the list, giving 15 Serjeants to 21 warrants.

~~[illegible]~~

~~the [illegible] proportion~~ –

By the amalgamation, there are now 32 Serjeants to 28 warrants, & this is still a very good proportion. If I mistake not, the E. P. G. some years ago, proposed to fix the proportion of warrant officers at $\frac{2}{5}$ the total number of military men, & if I am right, the proportion is now in excess of that limit – The papers are in the file at Ooty.

The letter assumes that all Civil Subordinates

File containing petitions from certain warrant officers against the amalgamation of the Burmah & Madras lists.

To be taken to Madras & sent out [illegible] with them.

Cr 14/10/96

To file warrants & memorials 12/11/96

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not much more to say – And as all the papers on the subject are at Ooty, I can only speak without book.

The letter from a "British Soldier" is a very mixed up affair, & does not I think at all advance the cause of the Madras P.W. military men.

I don't remember that any promise was held out in the G.O. of 1880 fixing the no. of warrants at 21, to the

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I am told that several more petitions on the same subject are coming forward –

Cr 17.6.96.

DW

Submitted – The petitions are addressed to the Chief Engineer, but the matter is one that can be dealt with only by the Govt. of India, and it is not likely that that Govt. will stop an administrative reform, designed for the general good, because it may injuriously affect a few individuals. The Madras Govt. have accepted the amalgamation as a whole – and endeavoured to fix the relative position of individuals on equitable principles – Nothing further can, apparently, be done.

20 June 96.

Case 5774

CAW

Forwarded in continuation of previous petitions on the same subject.

C
26/6/96.

Petition from Sergt Cunnell

a CN. 5769 - OS 211.
Not traced

H.C.
O.

Please put up the previous petition referred to by S.A.O.
R
2.7.96

E The previous petition is with D.W.
Mi
4/7/96

DW.
~~CAW~~

Submitted
R
6.7.96.

A.S.
7 July 96.

W.
My note on previous petition of the same kind may be taken as applicable to this case.
CHW
7.7.96

Cases 5870
5930

DW
~~CAW~~

Forwarded in continuation of previous petitions on the same subject.

C
2/7/96

A.S.
4 July 96.

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non-commissioned officers, & these are under consideration.

A proposal has lately been made to the Govt. of India that all military recruits for the Burma P.W.D. should be drawn from the Madras College. This if sanctioned, will remove unequal conditions of recruitment as between the Roorkee & Madras Colleges, ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ will place future military candidates for Burma & Madras on the same footing.

C
12.11.96

The article in the Madras Times of 11th inst headed "A genuine Grievance" is fairly correct as to facts, except that immediately before the amalgamation there were 37 military men & 2 appointees to 21 warrants - not 33 as stated in the Times. 24 men were transferred from Burma with an increase of 7 warrants.

When the amalgamation was proposed in Decr 1895, the combined list showed two vacancies in the grade of Sub Conductor, & as the senior Madras Sergeants were senior to the two first men on the Burma list of Sergeants, it was thought that immediate promotion would be available for two Madras men - When however final orders directing

Cy 5709

CAW

Forwarded in continuation of previous petitions on the same subject.

Cy
25/6/96.

DW

Submitted in continuation of previous papers.

A.S.
29 June 96

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Forwarded, in continuation of similar petitions from Condr. MacAlister & Sergt. Reynolds.

Cl
20/6/96

DW

Submitted in continuation of previous papers.

A. S.
22 June 96

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To be sent by [illegible]
of the next [illegible]
there [illegible]
26.6.96

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FOR ORDERS.

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Note by the Chief Engineer

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⁎ from Condr R. W. MacAllister
Serjt. B. O. Reynolds
" C. J. Smith
" F. W. Cornwall
" E. E. Price
" G. E. Brand
" J. O'C. Phelan
" G. Blake

Put together & flagged (A)

The transfer of the honorary Commissioned, warrant, and non commissioned Officers of the Burma Provincial List to the Madras unattached List, ordered in ~~G.O. No 1074 W.~~ Govt. of India Resolution No 586 of dated 6th ~~dated 25th~~ March 1896, has resulted in the receipt of ⁎ numerous petitions from the military upper subordinates on the Madras Unattached List, in which they bring to notice that their promotion is thereby seriously affected and that their chances of getting one of the higher pensions very much diminished.

The Govt. of India in ordering the amalgamation has increased the scale of warrants from 21 to 28 as under.

	Late Scale.	Present Scale
Deputy Commissary —	1 —	1.
Assist. — Do — .	1.	1.
Deputy assist. - Do -	2.	
Conductors ———	7.	
Sub. Conductors —	10.	14
	21.	

I.S. 24/11 - 27/

The number of military upper subordinates on the Madras List before the amalgamation amounted to 35 so that the percentage of warrants to the total number of military upper subordinates was 60.0.

The numbers of men transferred from Burma amounts to 25 which brings the total of military upper subordinates on the combined list up to 60. and reduces the percentage of warrants to total number of military upper subordinates from 60 to 46·6.

The annexed statement shows the promotions the Madras men would have got if the amalgamation had not taken place. It also shows the promotion the men may expect now the amalgamation has taken place. The statement is based on the supposition that no casualties except retirement at the age

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of 55 years take place.

It will be seen that before the amalgamation the percent of men on the Madras list who would have risen to.

1st Deputy Commissary, is — 40
2nd Assist. — Do —. 2
3. Deputy Assist. — Do —. 17
4. Conductors —. 206

After the amalgamation the percentage on the combined list who would have risen to

~~1st Deputy Commissary~~	of Burma men —	Madras men
1st Deputy Commissary.	13·3 —	6·
2nd Assist. — Do.	6·6.	10·
3. Dep. Assist. — Do.	16·6	16·
4 Conductors.	5·0.	25·

It is obvious from the above —

1st that the prospects of promotion of the Madras men since the amalgamation have been very seriously affected.

2nd That, on the combined list, although there are only 25 Burma men against 35 Madras men, the Burma men get a very much larger percentage of the higher appointments and

Pensions:

	Per ann.	Per mensem
…uty Commissary.	£216.	Rs. 200
…sist. — Do — .	144.	" 140
…uty Assist. Do.	108.	" 100
Conductor.	90.	" 85.
…b. Conductor.	72.	" 70.

retire with larger pensions

When the Govt. of India proposed the amalgamation in Dec* 1895, it was supposed in Madras that the sergeants of the same year would be graded for promotion according to age. This was suggested to the Govt. of India but not sanctioned vide ~~G.O. No 2461. M. dated~~ Govt. of India letter # no 1880 of 28th July ~~15th Aug~~ 1896. However it was on this supposition that the Madras Govt. based their calculations when they accepted‡ the Govt. of India's proposal — The list that accompanied the proposal for amalgamation in Dec. 1895+ showed W. J. Moore, & W. J. Finniston as sergeants and it was found that 5 Madras sergeants (Alford, Huson, Murphy, Ruck & Goddard) were senior to these men.

Two sub-conductors were shown on the Burma list while the total number of sub-conductors was to be

* G.O. no 74-5 W of 9-1-96, flagged (C)

Flagged (D)

This should be emphasized
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‡ Letter no 75 W of 9-1-96 with enclosure flagged (C)

+ ~~with G.O. no 74 W of 9-1-96 flagged (C)~~ Govt. of India letter no 3286 of 11 Decr 1895

raised from 10 to 14. This would have given promotion to 2 Madras men (Alford & Huson). While the retirement of Alford & the deaths of Sub conductor Cherry & Sergt. Murphy would have given further promotion to Ruck. Goddard (Ratio) & Moore (Burma) bringing Finniston to the top of the list of sergeants with Reynolds second on that list.

When however the Govt. of India issued the final orders for the amalgamation in March* 1896, the ~~[illegible]~~ list of military men forwarded by that Govt. showed Moore & Finniston as sub-conductors with dates of rank in July & Oct. 1895. This made the list of 14 sub-conductors complete & no promotion was admissible.

The sergeants are graded according to the date of their appointment to the Department, the Burma

* ~~G.O. no 1074 W of 25-7-96 flagged (B)~~ Govt. of India Resolution no 586 of 6 March 1896

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men went through their course at the Rurki College of Engineering which at that time only lasted 3 years. The Madras men went through the Madras Engineering College the course of which extended over 5½ years. The Burma men although sergeants of the same year therefore ~~had~~ have a start of 2½ years, when they come to be graded according to date of appointment to department. A glance at age column in the annexed + statement shows that the Burma men are younger than those immediately below on the list. They therefore block the promotion for the Madras men all the way up the list.

The Madras Govt. would never have accepted the proposal to amalgamate had it known that the list ∴ forwarded in Dec 1895 was liable to alteration by the promotion of Finnister & Moore & that the Govt. of

of sub-conductors was

+ Flagged (E)

vide Note for H.E. the Governor No. 74 W. 9th Jan. 1896.

∴ G.O. No. 74 W 9-1-96 flagged (C)

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India would grade the sergeants according to date of appointment to P.W.D. instead of grading sergeants of the same year according to age.

As the Govt. of Madras accepted the amalgamation on a misunderstanding as explained above & in consequence the prospects of the Madras men have been very seriously affected the Govt. of India should be addressed & requested to cancel its Resolution ~~G.O. No. 1074 W.~~ 586 G dated 6th ~~dated 26th~~ March 1896.

Nothing short of cancelling this Resolution ~~G.O.~~ will do any good, ~~for~~. if anything is done to improve the prospects of the Madras men on the combined list, the Burma men will feel aggrieved.

24/11/96

vide Note for H.E. The Governor with No 74 W. dated 9th Jan. 1896 flagged (C)

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No. 3007 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BURMA.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF ASSAM.

Calcutta, the 8th December 1896.

SIR,

In view of the threatened scarcity in a great part of India and the probabilities of Relief Works being started in the several Provinces that are affected, the services of a professional supervising staff of Engineers, Upper Subordinates, Lower Subordinates, and Accountants will probably be required for employment on such works. I am therefore directed to enquire what surplus staff of each of the classes named above you are likely to be able to place at the disposal of the Government of India in the event of their services being required.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,
G. H. D. WALKER,
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 866 P. W. D.—9-12-96—178—E. H.

GOV INDIA.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

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