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Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
25th August 1871.*

No. 140. Read the following letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department (General), to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Simla, 9th August 1871, No. 1851-G:—

In forwarding to you a copy of a Despatch* from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, relating to the engagement entered into by Major H. M. Nepean, of the Madras Staff Corps, to furnish a certain number of photographs of architectural remains in the territories of His Highness the Nizam, I am directed to request that you will move the Government of Fort St. George to call upon Major Nepean to explain why he has not completed the photographs in question. I am also to request that Major Nepean may be required to name a definite time when the said photographs will be completed.

* No. 63, dated 24th May 1871.

Despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 24th May 1871, No. 63 (Political).

With reference to previous correspondence ending with my Despatch, dated 31st August (No. 92), and a Secretary's letter to the address of the Secretary to your Excellency's Government in the Foreign Department, dated 8th September 1870, on the subject of the photographs of architectural remains in the Nizam's dominions which were executed by Major H. M. Nepean, Madras Staff Corps, I transmit, herewith, copy of a letter which I caused to be addressed to that Officer on the 27th October 1870, requesting that the 688 photographs, requisite to complete the number (840) for which he had been remunerated in advance by the Nizam's Government in 1868, might be supplied with the least possible delay.

2. As no reply has been received at this office to the above-mentioned application, and as I am informed that Major Nepean has now returned to India, I desire that, with reference to the instructions contained in the last portion of my Despatch, No. 154, of the 22nd July 1869, you will, in communication with the Government of Madras, institute inquiries as to the further progress made by Major Nepean in supplying the photographs and take such further steps in the matter as may seem to you expedient either to enforce the fulfilment of his engagements within a reasonable period, or to receive from him the balance of the money which you have refunded to the Government of His Highness the Nizam.

3. I forward, herewith, for the information of your Excellency's Government, copy of the correspondence noted on the margin, which has taken place in this country on the subject of some pecuniary transactions of Major Nepean.

From the Under Secretary of State for India, to Captain H. M. NEPEAN, Messrs. Grindlay and Co., 55, Parliament Street, dated India Office, 27th October 1870.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of 128 photographs (eight copies of sixteen negatives) of architectural remains in the Nizam's dominions which accompanied your letter of the 22nd July last, together with the twenty-four additional photographs (eight copies of three negatives) subsequently sent to this office.

2. These 152 photographs, being the first instalment of the 840 photographs for which you were remunerated in advance by the Nizam's Government in June 1868, were forwarded to Calcutta on the 10th September last, for transmission to Sir Salar Jung.

3. I am to request that the remaining photographs may be supplied with the least possible delay.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department.

25th August 1871.

From Mr. J. G. PITON, formerly commanding ships for Messrs. D. Dunbas and Sons, to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, dated Jerusalem Coffee House, London, 22nd September 1870.

I am advised to inform your Grace, and beg your assistance, in remonstrance to one of Her Majesty's Military Officers for non-payment of his debts.

2. In 1867, while at Cannanore, Malabar Coast, I left some goods with a friend, Captain W. A. Cheke, to dispose of; with my consent, Captain Cheke made them over to Captain H. M. Nepean, 40th Regiment (now I believe of the 37th Madras Grenadiers) who promised to remit the purchase money to my agents, two months after, Messrs. Pearce, Leslie and Co. at Cochin, but Captain Nepean failed to do so.

3. Soon after he came to England on furlough. As soon as I was acquainted of his being in England, I wrote to him through his Agents, Messrs. Grindlay and Co. Captain Nepean, finding many of his creditors after him, changed his Agents in November 1869, requesting them not to give his private address to any person, but said they would forward any letters; none of the letters I wrote have been answered, and to all appearance I may lose my money and my goods, unless your Grace directs the Department to remonstrate with Captain H. M. Nepean.

4. I have letters about the transaction which I can forward if required.

From the Military Secretary, to Mr. J. G. PITON, Jerusalem Coffee House, London, dated India Office, 27th September 1870.

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, and to acquaint you, in reply, that the usual course of law is open to you for the recovery of any debt due to you by Captain H. M. Nepean, and that the Duke of Argyll must, as a rule, decline to interfere in the private pecuniary transactions of officers of the Indian Army.

No. 141. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1871, No. 1311.

Communicated to the Military Department with a view to Major Nepean being called upon to furnish the explanation required by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R. E.,
Under Secretary, P. W. D.,
for Chief Secretary

To the Military Department

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of 1871, 24th Nov.

PUBLIC.

To

THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Dated August, 25th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 25th August 1871, No. 1311.

AUGUST.
Nos. 140-141.

Communicating, in view to the issue of the necessary orders, letter from Government of India, requesting that Major Nepean, of the Madras Staff Corps, may be called upon to state the reason of the non-fulfilment of his engagement with the Secretary of State to supply certain photographs of architectural remains in the Nizam's dominions.

Political
No 63.

1 Copy 1

India Office,
London, 24th May 1871.

To
His Excellency
The Rt. Honble
The Governor General of India
in Council.

My Lord,

Para. 1. With reference to previous correspondence ending with my despatch, of 31st August (No 93) & a Secretary's letter to the address of the Secretary to His Excellency's Government in the Foreign Department, of 8th Sept/70, on the subject of the photographs of architectural remains in the Nizam's dominions which were executed by Major H. M. Mepeau, Madras Staff Corps, I transmit herewith copy of a letter which I caused to be addressed to that Officer on the 27th October/70, requesting that the 600 photographs requisite to complete the number (840) for which he had been remunerated in advance by the Nizam's Government in 1868, might be supplied with the least possible delay.

2 As no reply has been received at this Office to the above mentioned application, and as I am informed that Major Nepean has now returned to India, I desire that with reference to the instructions contained in the last portion of my Despatch, No. 154, of the 22nd July 1869, you will in communication with the Government of Madras, institute enquiries as to the further progress made by Major Nepean in supplying the photographs and take such further steps in the matter as may seem to you expedient, either to enforce the fulfilment of his engagements within a reasonable period, or to receive from him the balance of the money which you have refunded to the Government of His Highness the Nizam.

3 I forward herewith for the information of your Excellency's Government a copy of ^{the} correspondence noted ^{* From Mr. J. L. Pilon, 12th Sept 1870.} on the margin, which has taken place in this country on the subject of

of some pecuniary transactions of Major Nepean.

I have, &c.,
Edw. Argyll.

India Office,
27th October 1870.

Capt. H. M. Nepean,
Messrs. Lindley & Co.,
55, Parliament St.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to acknowledge the receipt of 138 photographs (eight copies of sixteen negatives) of architectural remains in the Nizam's dominions which accompanied your letter of the 22nd July last, together with the 24 additional photographs (eight copies of three negatives) subsequently sent to this Office.

These 138 photographs, being the first instalment of the 240 photographs for which you were remunerated in advance by the Nizam's Government in June 1868, were forwarded

forwarded to Calcutta on the 10th Septem-
ber last, for transmission to Sir Salar
Jung.

I am to request that the remaining
photographs may be supplied with the least
possible delay.

I am, &c.,
Edw. H. Merivale.

Jerusalem Coffee House,
Cowper's Court, London, E.C.,
22nd September 1870.

His Grace

The Duke of Argyll, &c. &c.,
India Office.

My Lord Duke,

I am advised to inform
Your Grace and beg your assistance
in remonstrance to one of Her Majesty's
Military Officers for non-payment of his
debts.

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to remit the purchase money to my Agents, two
months after, to Messrs Pearce, Leslie & Co. at
Cochin, but Capt. Mepear failed to do so.

Soon after he came to England on
furlough. As soon as I was acquainted of his being
in England, I wrote to him through his Agents,
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many of his creditors after him, changed his Agents
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I have letters about the trans-
action which I can forward if required.

I am, &c.,
Edw. J. L. Piton,
formerly commanding ships for Messrs J. Dumbas &
sons.

To Mr. J. G. Pakenham,
Jerusalem Coffee House.
India Office, S. W.
27th September 1870.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant & to acquaint you in reply that the usual course of law is open to you for the recovery of any debt due to you by Capt H. M. Keppan and that the Duke of Argyll must, as a rule, decline to interfere in the private pecuniary transactions of Officers of the Indian Army.

I have, yours,

Edw. S. Rivers

Military Secretary.

True Copy!

Chambers

Registrar Foreign Department.

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J.B.

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From

H. Le Poer Wynne, Esq.,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India,

To

W. Huddleston, Esq.,
Offg. Chief Secy to Government,
Fort St. George.

Foreign Dept.

General. Sir,

Dated, Simla, the 9th August 1871.

N^o 63 d/24th
May 1871.

In forwarding to you a copy of a
despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State,
relating to the engagement entered into by Major
H. M. Kepeau, of the Madras Staff Corps, to
furnish a certain number of photographs
of architectural remains in the territories
of His Highness the Nizam, I am directed
to request that you will move the Govern-
ment of Fort St. George to call upon Major
Kepeau to explain why he has not comple-
ted the photographs in question. I am also
to request that Major Kepeau may be

required

Recd. 25 Aug 1871
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In Oct. 1871

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Communicated to the Military Department
with a view to Major Stephen being
called upon to furnish the explanation required
by the Govt. of India.

The Military Department Sept 6/9

Public Department

From the Government

Foreign Department

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Request that Major

Stephen of the Indian
Staff Corps, who had been
in the "Singapore" with
Regt. of State to furnish
a list of the names of
the officers in the
Army who were not
mentioned in the
list of names in the
list of names in the
list of names in the

With in order

as above when Major
Stephen is present

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Govt. of {1871} Madras.

Public

Military Department &c.

Dated Aug. 25

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 25 Aug. , 1871, No. 111.

Nos. 140 - 141.

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Comme in view to the issue of
the necessary orders, letter
from Govt. of India requesting
that Major Napier of the
Madras Staff Corps may be
called upon to state the reasons
of the non fulfilment of his
engagement with Secy. of State
to supply certain photographs
of Architectural remains in the
Queen's Dominions.