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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From Colonel P. J. MAITLAND, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort William, the 28th February 1896, No. 676-B.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1631-A.D., dated the 19th November 1895, submitting, for the consideration and orders of the Government of India, correspondence relative to the extension of the tenure of appointment of Captain A. H. M. Edwards, 1st Dragoon Guards, as Adjutant, Behar Light Horse, which expires on 15th October 1896. It is stated that, as Lieutenant-Colonel Sir W. B. Hudson, K.C.I.E., the Commandant of the Corps, may be obliged to resign during the coming hot season, it is desirable, in order to preserve the continuity of the working of the corps, that Captain Edwards should continue in the post of Adjutant for at least two years after Lieutenant-Colonel Hudson's retirement. The Lieutenant-Governor therefore trusts that the application for an extension of Captain Edwards' appointment as Adjutant of the Behar Light Horse for the above period may be entertained as a special case.

2. In reply I am to explain, for the Lieutenant-Governor's information, that the extension of the appointment of an Adjutant of Volunteers has to be considered by the Military authorities, not only as regards the advantage of, or convenience to, a particular Volunteer Corps, but from the larger and more important point of view of the efficiency of the Army generally, the effect upon officers of the Army produced by keeping them too long away from regimental work, and the effect upon their own (regular) regiments. The general principle, therefore, which has hitherto been followed in granting extensions of tenure to Adjutants of Volunteer Corps has been to refuse extension for long periods, and only to grant them for such time as will suffice to cover the drill and inspection season. In the present case the Government of India would prefer not to depart from the principle which has hitherto been observed, but they have no objection to Captain Edwards being granted an extension from 15th October 1896 to 15th March 1897, so as to cover the next drill season, if the War Office will consent to his being retained in India for this further period.

3. With regard to the question of procedure referred to in paragraph 2 of your letter under reply, I am to state that, in similar cases in future, applications will invariably be forwarded to the Local Government or Administration concerned, with, if necessary, the views of the Lieutenant-General Commanding endorsed on them.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Department.

(By Order.)

(Signed) P. A. BUCKLAND, Major,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
for Chief Secretary.

To the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras.

L. A. Rant.

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