

Public (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 636

Dated 17 June 1896.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

VOLUNTEERS---RETIREMENT.

Communicating to the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces letter from the Government of India stating that a general order will be issued sanctioning the retirement of the Hon. Major J. H. Spring Branson, Commandant, Madras Artillery Volunteers, and granting him a step of rank with permission to wear his uniform.

BACK PAPERS.

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From.

L. G. C. 7.

No. $\frac{a}{0-149}$

Dated 8 }
 Recd 10 } 14-1896. Encl. (2)

Subject.

Forwarding, with remarks,
 application from Major Spring
 Branton resigning his
 appointment of Commandant,
 Madras Military Volunteers.

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SEC

With ref: to
M. X. it is sub? That
not usual in this sort of
resignations ~~at present~~
The G. of J. notifies in its
There seems to be no objection
to the letter to India. X. May
Spring Braunsen's retirement
Some m. J. H. has passed it.
The question of a successor
can be decided when the
d. G. C. & m. S. G. reply to
from Dis

C.S.
28. 4. 96

Done
29/4

W.H.

sub. 29/4

I don't know

but all the

things I

will find

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book

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Public Account 1294
For Orders

A draft letter to
India, recommending
Major Spring Branson
for a step of honorary
rank is submitted

Orders are solicited
as to who should be nomi-
-nated for the command
in succession to Major
Spring Branson (vide
No. 2 of the enclosure
to G.O. No. 495 Pub d/7th
July 1894).

Attention is invited
to G.Os Nos. 1038 & 99 Pub.
d/31.12.95 & 21.1.96 respectively

It will be seen that
in Col. Talbot's
The Commandant
resigned on attaining
Colonel's allowance
and his successor
Lt Col Gilchrist
was nominated
by H.E. Lord Wellesley

vide his Military Secre-
tary's Encl. N° 4
of 11th January 1896.

^{of the Duke of Devon & Cornwall}
The officer next
in rank to the Honble.
Major Spring Branson
is Capt. ~~Robert~~
George Lawson Chambers.

G.O. N° 401. Pubd 23.3.96
relating to Lt. Colonel
Willock's resignation
is not available. An
abstract of it is put
up.

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Major Spring Branson
Resignation

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H. E. The Governor

Public Encl. 1294

Rw. 512 of 29th April 96
G.O. 96
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The Govt of India will be
addressed.

2. Check Genl Comd the Forces (91)
Depd 24/5/96 Letter to Rw. 513 of 29th April 96

The Secy to the Govt of India,
Military Dept.
with 3 Enclosures
Depd 4/5/96

Sir,
I am directed to request
that the following notification
may be published in the
"Gazette of India":-

Notification
Volunteers
Resignations

As per Military Volunteers (The Duke's Own)

The Honble Major James
Henry Spring Branson V.D.
A.D.C. Commandant resigns
his Commission and is
permitted to ^{retain his rank and} wear the uniform of his
corps.

2. In forwarding the
original application of
Major Spring Branson

vide
The local Govt can grant
this - vide G.O. N° 604 Pub.
of 18.7.95
CS
Similar order

and the accompanying papers I am directed to draw attention to the recommendation of the officer commanding the Madras Volunteer Administrative Brigade, which is supported by the G.O.C. Madras District and the A. & A. Comdg. the Force, that, although Major Spring Branson has not completed twenty years' service in the Commissioned ranks, as required by para 424 A.R. I. Vol. II, he may as a special case and in view of the valuable nature of his services, be granted under the latter part of the para above quoted a step of honorary rank with permission to wear the uniform of his Corps.

3. I am to add that in the opinion of H. E. the Governor in Council Major Spring Branson's long and eminent services as a Volunteer Officer, for which he has already received the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, deserve every consideration.

Further C.M. 1822 of 96
2804 of 96

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512-513

29 April 6

Nil
* date of 1st Commission 11th March 1879, the date of the raising of the Duke's Own.

H. E.

Please issue and return soon
The A. & A. must it shape

12/1
29/4/96

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28/4/96

V. J. Lees
Assign

G.O. M-512-13 Pub. 29-4-96 Rank abstract
1126 -- 21-10-95
614 2 -- 20-7-95 Ins.

Public DEPARTMENT.

from the Govt. of India,
Military Dept.

No. 1390-B

dated 27th May 96

received & }
forwarded & } June 96

measures —

SUBJECT.

stating that the ^a general
order will be issued sanctioning
retirement of ^{The} Honble Major
S. Branson and granting
a step of rank with per-
mission to wear his uniform

CURRENT NO. 1

Volunteers
Resignations

No. 1390-13

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 27th May 1896.

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

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Public ~~Military~~ Department.

CHIEF SECRETARY
2-JUN. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 513, dated the 29th April 1896, forwarding a draft General Order notifying the resignation of his commission by the Honble Major J. H. J. Branson, V.O. Commandant, Madras Artillery Volunteers. It is stated that Major Branson has not completed twenty years' Commissioned Service, which is required to entitle him to a step of rank on retirement, but that, having in view the valuable nature of his services, the General Officer Commanding the District and the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces, Madras, recommend that he may, as a special case, be granted a step of rank and permission to wear his uniform on retirement.

2. In reply I am to state that in the papers forwarded with your letter No 614, of the 20th July 1895, when Major Branson was recommended for the Volunteer Officers' Decoration.

It was shown that this Officer had at that time over twenty-seven years' commissioned service. He is therefore entitled under para. 112 of Army Regulations, India, Volume IX, Provisional Issue, to a step of rank and to wear his uniform on retirement. Under these circumstances I am to state that it is not necessary to consider his claim to these concessions as a special case, and that the Government General Order will be issued sanctioning his retirement and granting him a step of rank with permission to wear his uniform.

Not in the list
conforms with § 126
of Army R. 1872

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. J. Prynne Esq. Col.

Off. Secretary to the Govt. of India

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as stated lately in the papers
vide The Madras Mail
430. 5. 96 perhaps

24 of India Act 7 Regs is
merely a means clear:
Surely the service in the commd?
rank should be rendered in the
copy of which the Officer is made
as an honorary rank.
not necessarily
"commissioned"
C/

With ref to the statement in para 2 of the current it is submitted that the papers containing the statements & certificates regd. by I. A. C. 1894 Clause 101 having been forwarded to India with letter N° 614 Pubd/20. 7. 95, there was nothing to show that Lt Col Spring/Brouson had been an officer in the Madras Volunteer Guards previous to the raising of the Duke's Own in 1879. It was therefore calculated that he had (1896-1879 or) only 17 to 18 years' service in the commissioned ranks. And Eighteen years' service in the Volunteer Force is what is reqd for the Volunteer Officer's Decoration vide Clause 101, III, of I.A.C. 1894.

The papers forwarded with Major Spring/Brouson's resignation said nothing about the length of his service in commissioned ranks. They have been sent to the

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of India, with letter N^o 573 Pt
 d/29.4.96. In the G.O. C's
 Encl on Major Spring Brauns
 resignation however it was
 requested that as a special
 case he might be granted
 a step of honorary rank.

Major Spring Brauns
 resignation

Hence the last para^{x 2} of letter^{x 13}
 573 d/29.4.96 runs "I am
 directed to draw attention
 to the recommendation of the
 Officer Command of the Madras
 Volunteer Adm^l Brigade
 that although Major Spring
 Brauns has not completed
 twenty years' service in
 the commissioned rank,
 as reqd by para 124 A.R.I.
 Vol 12, he may as a special
 case & in view of the valuable
 nature of his services
 be granted under the latter^{x 13}

part of the para above
 quoted a step etc."
 The Current was delayed
 as f^o 572-573 d/29.4.96 was
 not available, being with another
 C.O.
 10.6.96 file.

ORDER N^o 636, d/17 June 1896.

Comm^d in conf^l A.F.O. M.
 572 Pub. d/29. April 1896 to the
 L.G.C. the Forces, Madras
 C.D.
 12.6.96
 16.6.96

19/6
 24/6/96
 1271 Sent, Madras (a) Despd

WITH ORDER

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ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LETTERS OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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