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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 30th March 1858.

No. 25. Read the following letters from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 4th February 1858, No. 497.

SIR,

Dated 26th January in Cons. 4th February 1858.

In forwarding the accompanying letter for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the Board of Revenue desire me to express their high appreciation of the past services of Captain Priestley in the Survey Department. The Board believe that they are regarded in the same light by the Government and they would express a hope that it may be found possible to retain Captain Priestley's services without prejudice to his professional interests his case will receive their liberal consideration.

No. 26. From Captain F. J. B. PRIESTLEY, 74th Highlanders Superintendant Revenue Survey; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government of Fort St. George, dated Perambaloor 6th March 1858.

SIR,

No. 180, 10*th February* 1858.

1. In acknowledging the receipt of Extract Minutes Consultation with copies of correspondence relative to my being retained on staff employ, I do myself the honor to bring to notice a misconception of importance which appears in the following Extracts.

Military Dept. No. 183 *of* 1857, 22*d Nov.* 1857, *para.* 2.

2. In the Despatch from the Honorable the Court of Directors—"the requisition of the Commanding Officer 74th "Foot for the services of Captain Priestley with his Regi- "ment in the filed."

16*th Oct.* 1857, *para.* 4.

3. Again in the letter from the War Office—"upon Cap- "tain Priestley's Regiment being called into the field."

Horse Guards 13*th Oct.* 1857, *para.* 2.

4. And in the communication from his Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief—"at a time when the Re- "giment to which the officer belonged formed part of a moveable "column about to take the field."

5. The Head Quarters of the 74th Highlanders though for a short time under orders did not even join a moveable column, two Companies only having been detached for that purpose.

6. The left wing (of which my company formed part,) was never ordered on service and was quartered at Cannanore several hundred miles distant from that part of the country in which the moveable column was to act.

7. Two of the Companies composing the left wing were on detachment and with each of them was a Captain present.

8. With the remainder of the wing were I believe two Captains and six Subalterns, under a field officer.

9. Should my statement be erroneous the exact strength of the left wing 74th Highlanders during the month of August 1857, can be ascertained from the Adjutant General.

10. Another officer and myself were the only two Captains of the Regiment employed on the staff and for such employment I understand two additional Captains were appointed to Her Majesty's Regiment in India.

11. I therefore beg respectfully to call attention to the fact that so far from my services being required in the field I should on joining at Cannanore have had merely to preform the ordinary duties of Captain of a Company in cantonment, instead of being employed on active service as has been apparently imagined.

12. In conclusion I may perhaps be permitted to point out that the 74th Highlanders are not on field service, that they are no longer divided into wings, that the two detachments one at Melliapooram and the other at Calicut are now furnished from another Regiment, and that there exists no paucity of officers, also that the tranquillity of the presidency still remains undisturbed.

The circumstances I have mentioned will I trust cause my position and the degree of necessity that existed for my services to perform regimental duty in quarters, to be viewed in a light different from that in which it was seen under the misconception to which I have referred, and I take this opportunity to request that the Right Honorable the Governor will be pleased to make in the first instance some representation of the case on my behalf to the home authorities.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, No. 394; dated 26th March 1858.

Ordered that the above letters be brought to the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors with reference to their Despatch in the Military Department, dated 22d December 1857, No. 183.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue Bd Office
Fort St. George
4th February 1858.

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No. 497

From,
G. L. Forbes Esq
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To,
H. Forbes Esq.
Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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in Cons 4th February 1858.

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receive their liberal considerations.

Revenue B.d Office
Fort St. George
4th February 1858.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
C. J. Forbes
Secretary.

To
A. Forbes Esq.
Ag Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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Ad. Gill

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20th January 1858.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your communication of the 20th Instant and in reply to the Extract from the Minutes Consultation of the 13th January 1858, I have the honor to state with reference to the first of the three causes therein mentioned as likely to call me away from the performance of the duties of my civil employment, that I do not believe any circumstance to the relinquishing my appointment as Superintendent of Revenue Survey; were however such necessity to exist, I regret to say that the contingency is not likely to arise for several years more there being no probability of my obtaining at an early period a Majority in the 75th Highlanders.

As to the second cause viz.

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my being called away by the exigencies of the Military Service, I trust that no distinction to my disadvantage will be made between myself and Military Officers

Q. 16th Mad.

Bengal Secretary 1858 Sept 16 No 24.
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Bengal 1858 Sept 16 No 24
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No 113 dated 1858 - Jan 14 -

From
The Secretary to the
Govt of Bengal
To
The Secretary to the
Govt of Madras
Military Department

Fort William 5th February 1858

Sir

I am directed to transmit to you for the information of the Madras Government a copy of a letter from Lieut Colonel Thomas Dickens Superintendent of Revenue Survey, dated the 20th ultimo, with its enclosure, forwarding an application from Lieut Colonel Pringle, Superintendent of Revenue Survey, Madras, for permission to retire from the service.

2. In reply I am to state that the Governor General in Council is pleased to accept the resignation of Lieut Colonel Pringle's appointment and of his commission in the Army.

I have &c
(Signed) H. Elliot
Secy to the Govt of Bengal

Q. 16th Mad.

Officers of the Honorable Company's service who are equally with myself liable to such a call, and in no instance, (of which I am aware) has a condition, similar to the one now proposed, been exacted from them. I may here remark that the Officers of the Bengal Revenue Survey are many of them Military men.

3. Should my regiment (as contemplated in the third case) be removed from the Madras Establishment, I am prepared to exchange into another Regiment serving in this Presidency.

4. I beg to represent that besides giving up about £500 a year, I should by quitting the Army lose the only chance of retirement open to me, as here as Officers of the Honorable Company's Military service can under similar circumstances claim as a right a certain stated retiring allowance.

5. Thus in the event of my health failing I should be compelled to return home without pension or retiring allowance to fall back on.

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6. 6/394 Under these circumstances I venture to hope the Right Honorable the Governor will consider the promise contained in Para 3 sufficient. In fulfilling it I sacrifice all promotion for in Her Majesty's Service rank is not obtained by seniority as in the Honorable Company's Army.

7. Should any communication on this subject be received from the Military Authorities I should feel much obliged by being allowed to peruse it.

I am &c &c

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

Frederick J. B. Pirotta

Captain 74th Highlanders

Superintendent Revenue Survey.

The Secretary

Revenue Board.

D. Mills

Q. 16th Jan

Copy of Letter to C.E.
of 12th April 1858 - Page

From
The Superintendent
of Pensions Army

Dated 29th
Rec'd 2nd } January 1858

No 253

Refers to
173/58.

Relating to the re
Pension of Commissariat Sergt
Sutherland late of 93rd Highlanders
Praying for the Arrears
of Pension from the Army com.
Agents on his appointment
to the Rank of Sub Commissariat
Pensions Branch

Dept of Pensions
Jan 1858

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Camp Koomlalore
Sukkimpoly District
6th March 1858

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st ult. with copies of correspondence relative to my being allowed an extra Staff Corps, & the conferring the honorary rank of Captain on Lieut. Colonel Dickson of the 93rd Highlanders which appeared in the Gazette of the 23rd of December last.

2 In the despatch from the Secretary of State for India in Council to the Governor General in Council, dated the 10th June 1857, it is stated that "Lieut. Colonel Dickson will be appointed to the command of the 93rd Highlanders, and will proceed to India with the Reserve Battalion of that regiment, which is now being formed at Aldershot."

3 Again in the letter from the Horse Guards to the Secretary at War, dated 13th October 1857, it is stated that "Lieut. Colonel Dickson will proceed to India with the Reserve Battalion of the 93rd Highlanders, which is now being formed at Aldershot."

4 In the Gazette of the 16th October 1857, Lieut. Colonel Dickson is appointed to the command of the 93rd Highlanders, and in the Gazette of the 20th November 1857, he is promoted to the rank of Colonel in the army.

5 The Head Quarters of the 93rd Highlanders left Aldershot some time in the month of January last, and although I am aware that the Reserve Battalion, which was formed at Aldershot, has not yet left England, only two companies having been detached for the purpose, I am informed that the remaining eight companies will embark on board the Transports which are now waiting for them at Portsmouth.

6 The last mail from England brought me a letter from Lieut. Colonel Dickson, dated the 16th December, in which he informs me that he was then in London, and that he expected to leave for India in the course of a few days.

7 I am therefore led to suppose that Lieut. Colonel Dickson will have left England before the receipt of this letter, and that he will be in India before the end of April next.

8 I have the honor to be Sir, your most obedient humble servant

No 180
10th Feb. 1858

Military Dept
No 183 of 1857
20th Nov. 1857
Para 2

16th Oct. 1857
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Horse Guards
13th Oct. 1857
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it was been under the misconception to which I have referred, and I take this opportunity to request that the Right Honble the Governor will be pleased to make in the first instance such representation of the case on my behalf to the Home Authorities.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Roderick J. B. Fairtlough
Captain 74th Highlanders
Superintendent Recruiting

H. Forbes Capt
Actg Sec to Govt
Rec. Dept

2 Sirs of the companies composing the Left Wing were on detachment and with each of them was a Captain present.

8 With the remainder of the wing were stationed two Captains and six subalterns under a field officer.

9 Should my statement be answered the exact strength of the Left wing 74th Highlanders during the month of August 1857 can be ascertained from the Adjutant General.

10 I therefore beg respectfully to call your attention to the fact that so far from my having been employed in the performance of duties appertaining to the Command I have had merely to perform the duties of Captain of a company in cantonment instead of being employed on active service as I have been apparently engaged.

12 In conclusion I may perhaps be permitted to point out that the 74th Highlanders are not on field service that they are no longer divided into wings, that the five detachments one of which was at Aliwal are now stationed from the Regiment and that they are also that the majority of the officers and men employed with it. In the circumstances I have mentioned with I trust entitle my position to the degree of weight that may be due to the opinion of a Regimental duty in quarters to be formed on a light different from that in which

Revenue 1858 Dept
Dft to Cons: 30th March

No 355

From Captain F. J. B.
Priestley 74th Highlanders
Superintt Revenue Survey

Dated 6th } March 1858.
Recd 13th }
& No 394 - 26th March 1858.

Bringing to notice certain misconceptions of importance which appear in the Honorable Court's Despatch and in the communication from the Horse Guards, relative to his being retained on Staff Employ at a time when it is alleged that the Regiment to which he belonged, formed part of a moveable Column about to take the Field, and requesting that this Government will, in the first place make some representation of the case on his behalf to the Home Authorities.

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of 13 April 1858 No 14

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 26th March, 1858.

Read the following

Letters.

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue. / Herewith 4th February 1858 №497 /

From Captain F. J. B. Priestley 74th Highlanders Superintendent Revenue Survey. / Herewith 6th March 1858 № /

Ordered that the above letters be brought to the notice of the Honorable Court of Directors with reference to their Dispatch in the Military Department dated 22nd December 1857 №183.

C. J. [illegible] v. [illegible] & E.
[illegible] dated 1828. No. 114.

Decree 1838 Sept
Pl. & Cross Def. Attest

Case 894.

Eyford Admr. pl. & Cross Def.
vs.
Peter Ebersole &c. Defts.

Decreeing that the Defts
Ebersole & Hamel pay to the
Pltf Eyford the Balance
due on the Settlement
of the Estate of the
Intestate Conrad Ebersole
as reported by the Auditor
& that the Pltf Eyford
pay the Costs of this
Suit to be taxed &c
Decreed 22d August 1857. and the cause
is remanded for the purpose
aforesaid.

Case 926 27.

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