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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated	25—11—1859.	

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No. 48. Read the following lettter from Captain H. T. CAMPBELL, 13th Regiment, N. I. ; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government ; dated 16th November 1859.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 12th instant, and in reply beg to state, that I applied to Mr. Forbes upwards of three months ago for "one month's privilege leave," which he declined to forward to Madras on the ground that there was no officer to take my duty, and that I must wait until an executive officer who had been applied for should arrive.

Though continually suffering in health from the time I applied, I was unwilling to do any thing in opposition to the wishes of the agent, and though I wrote several letters demi official and official, asking for leave and requesting that he would allow me to go away for a little change, I did not intimate till the end of September that I did so on the score of health. I received his answer when suffering under severe attack of fever, to the effect, that he could not let me go away on any account, until an officer was appointed to relieve me.

I then wrote to him, telling him I had been very unwell, and that if he did not forward my application for privilege leave, I should be under the necessity of applying for leave on medical certificate, and requested to know what arrangements he would wish made in the event of my so going away, for the charge of the Seebundies there not being more than 30 or 40 at Head Quarters, and he ordered them to remain as they always had been when I happened to be absent in the district.

From this I inferred that on sick certificate I might leave ; and I left ; which I reported the same day. I sent my ooriya goomasta and those of my Police establishment whom I thought might be required at Chetterpore, (the Agent's Head Quarters) the ordinary Police work being conducted as usual by the Tasildar, or as he is called in Kimedy "the manager," at Chicacole which is the limit of the Ganjam district, I handed over the charge of the Maramut accounts to Captain Harington, having closed all the books, I gave him a receipt from the Kimedy manager for all the cash at my credit on that date.

I have thus endeavoured to explain that I did not leave Kimedy without, as I conceived, permission, and that there was no concealment, for I intimated the same to Mr. Forbes, and to the best of my judgment arranged for the work to be performed in my absence.

My medical attendant recommended my proceeding by the first opportunity *by sea*, I was anxious to obtain the advice of Dr. Cooper, so went on to Waltair, from whence I telegraphed to Mr. Forbes, that I would return to Chicacole if he wished it ; his reply was to remain at Waltair until I saw my name in the Gazette, this I fully expected on the 8th.

A tempting offer presented itself in the Steamer "*Governor Higginson*," the difficulties of getting away are great, and without having sufficiently weighed the matter, I thought there would be no harm in coming on by this vessel.

I did wrong ; but I trust under this explanation the Government will overlook it and grant me a month's privilege leave, for the change of air and scene have so re-established my health, that I might return in the "*Governor Higginson*," advertized to sail next Tuesday.

I have only further to state, that I have not been absent a single day from my duty for three years.

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1859, No. 1602.

The Honorable the Governor in Council has failed to discover in these papers any sufficient justification of Captain Campbell's conduct. That officer acted most improperly in quitting his post without leave ; as the very qualified medical certificate of the Superintending Surgeon at Waltair clearly shews that the state of his health was not such as to warrant this abrupt departure without permission.

2. This is not the first instance, which has recently come before Government, of an officer leaving his post without permission, and without making over charge to a successor. It is evident that a lax feeling prevails on this essential point, which might be of serious public detriment in time of difficulty and danger. The public interest indispensably requires that Captain Campbell should be removed from his post, which he so improperly quitted.

3. Captain H. T. Campbell's services are hereby replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No 46 Encl to the following letter

Madras Club 16th November 1839

From

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13th Regiment N I

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Secretary to Government

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I have only further to state that I have not been absent a single day from my duty for three years.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed[t] Serv[t]
H. Campbell Captain
13th Regiment N.I.

I have failed to discover in these Papers any sufficient justification of Capt. Campbell's conduct.

I consider that he has acted unadvisedly in quitting his post without leave, and that the very qualified medical Certificate of the Duty Surgeon at Halifax clearly shews that the State of his health did not call as to justify his absence from that Garrison without permission.

20 Nov 1859 Lt Gen

The public interest indispensably requires, for the reasons mentioned in my previous minute, that Captain Campbell should be removed from the Post which he so improperly quitted. I therefore propose that he should be replaced at the disposal of the Commander in Chief, and I will select an Officer to succeed him. Lt Michigan Bindi 22nd Nov 1859.

Lt Gen

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Captain Campbell 2120

Dated 10th November 1859

Rec'd 18th

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This is the second case which has recently come before us of an Officer leaving his Post without permission and without making over charge

It is evident that a Court Martial would not only entail heavy expence on the Public Service, but would seriously interfere with the Duties of the Officers composing it

Although Captain Campbell has left his Post without permission, I do not think that he has committed any offence which would render him liable to be tried by Court Martial

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Rev. Dept.

No. 1602

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 25th November 1859.

Read again papers recorded in Pro. of Govt dated 12th and 24th Nov/59 Nos 1394 and 1399

Read also the following letter from Capt. W. J. Campbell 13th Regt N. I.

Explains under what circumstances he left Kimidi; and requests that Govt will overlook his conduct, and grant him a months privilege leave.

(Received 16th Nov/59)

The Hon'ble the Govr. in Council has failed to discover in these papers any sufficient justification of Capt. Campbell's conduct. That officer acted most improperly in quitting his post without leave; and the very qualified medical certificate of the Superintending Surgeon at Vizagapatam clearly shews that the state

of his health was not such as to warrant this abrupt departure without permission.

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3. Capt ~~H. J.~~ Campbell's services are hereby replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Comr. in Chief.

By Command of Their Excellencies the Lords Justices.

Dep. Secy.

Dep. 26

Copy Capt Campbell

Revenue 1859 Dept.
Pro: of Govt. 30th Nov.

No. 1602.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 25th Nov. 59.

+ Approving an Estimate for constructing two rooms in connexion with the European Barrack at Bellari, Comt. to the Chief Engr.—

+ Mem

No. 48 & 49.