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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd February 1866.*

No. 46. Read the following letter from the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 12th October 1864, No. 790-30 :—

1. I regret that an application made by Captain Barber, Deputy Superintendent Revenue Survey, immediately after August 1863. he passed the required examination in

Hindustani, should have escaped my memory as it appears to have done by the accompanying letter from that Officer, in which he details the circumstances under which he has been placed with regard to pay and allowances during the time he was at Madras studying Hindustani.

2. I have the honor now to submit Captain Barber's letter for favorable consideration, and trust Government will see fit to permit him to draw half staff allowances during the time he was studying at Madras.

3. The rule I believe is that if an Officer succeeds in passing the required test, this time passed in study is allowed to count as on duty. I may mention that with the exception of an allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem to Lieutenant Shortt, who was in charge during Captain Barber's absence, the whole of the Deputy Superintendent's Staff allowance, travelling allowance, and Military half batta were credited to Government. Of Captain Barber's merits as a Survey Officer I have, on former occasions, made most favorable mention.

4. With regard to the travelling expenses mentioned in Captain Barber's letter, he seems to me entitled to the usual travelling allowances* contemplated in the Order of Government, dated 4th April 1864, No. 561.

* 8 Annas per mile by land.
3 Annas per mile by rail.
Actual cost by sea.

5. The sum expended on Moonshies by Captain Barber appears altogether a private matter, with which Government have no concern.

From Captain W. BARBER, Deputy Superintendent of Revenue Survey, to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, dated Palamcottah, 3rd October 1864.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that I wrote to you in July or August 1863, respecting the allowances granted me when at Madras for the purpose of studying, and received a letter from you just before you went on leave to the hills, informing me that you would mention the subject to Captain Hessey, Acting Superintendent.

2. Up to the date you visited Palamcottah I was under the impression that my case was under the consideration of Government, but as it appears not to be so, I now beg to bring the circumstances again to your notice.

3. During the six months I was at Madras, and even during the journey to Palamcottah up to the actual date of rejoining, I was only allowed to draw half batta pay as Captain, less than I should have drawn if with my Regiment, and I cannot help thinking that if the circumstances were brought to the notice of Government a favorable consideration would be taken of them.

4. To join the party as quickly as possible (which had been removed from Coimbatore to Palamcottah) I proceeded by steamer to Galle, by coach to Colombo, and by a native vessel to Tuticorin, at an expense of about 190 Rupees, and yet was only allowed half batta and without travelling allowance. I also beg to bring to your notice that I was put to great expense during the six months that I was studying, Moonshies alone having cost me upwards of 500 Rupees.

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5. I have not had privilege leave for two years, yet the Civil Auditor objects to my having two months granted, on the plea that I have not performed my duties continuously, but I believe having passed entitles me to have the time I was studying counted as on duty.

Referred to the Accountant General for report, or transfer to the Military Account Department for report, if necessary.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

24th November 1865.

From the Pay Examiner, to the Deputy Accountant General, dated Fort Saint George, 21st December 1865, No. 4,623.

1. Adverting to your letter No. 3,526, 2nd December 1865, transferred to this office for disposal, I have the honor to inform you, that pay and ordinary allowances of his rank were disbursed to Captain Barber, during the time of that officer's leave, his Regiment having been located at a half batta Station.

2. Officers proceeding on leave have no claim to batta or travelling allowances of any kind, and the fact of Captain Barber's having obtained such leave with a view to proceeding to the Presidency to qualify in the Native languages forms no ground for exemption from the general rules on the subject.

3. The correspondence received with your Memorandum are herewith returned.

From the Accountant General, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 19th January 1866, No. 235.

1. The undersigned has the honor to return the papers relating to Captain Barber's case, received with endorsement dated 24th November last, and to forward copy of a letter from the Examiner Pay Department, dated 21st ultimo, from which it will be perceived that Captain Barber was only entitled to the pay and allowances of his rank during his absence on leave, and not to any travelling allowance during the period.

2. It may be added that under orders of the Financial Department of the Government of India, No. 21, dated 1st August 1862, Captain Barber's claim to a portion of civil allowances while studying to qualify for Staff employment cannot be entertained.

3. With reference to paragraph 5 of Captain Barber's letter of the 3rd October 1864, it is observed that two months' privilege leave in the Civil Department is granted after an uninterrupted service of 22 months, and as Captain Barber had not so served he was declared ineligible to two months' privilege leave.

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1866, No. 289.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey, for his information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Superintendent of Revenue Survey,
,, the Accountant General.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

MILITARY DEPARTMENT THE 1ST AUGUST 1862.
No. 21.

Extract from the Proceedings of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, in the Military Department, under date the 1st August 1862.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 14th March 1862, No. 505, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Madras.

The Order of His Excellency the Governor in Council, No. 144, dated 14th January 1862, sanctioning the appointment of Lieutenant Budd, 39th Madras Native Infantry, to be Aide-de-Camp to the Major-General Commanding the Southern Division, and authorizing the Pay Department to pass Staff Pay to him, having been brought to the notice of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, His Lordship has been pleased to pass the following remarks thereon, which I am directed to request you will communicate for His Excellency's information and guidance.

The appointment of Lieutenant Budd to a Staff situation, he, not having passed the prescribed examination, is, His Lordship in Council observes, in contravention of the clear Rule laid down in the General Order No. 734 of 19th May 1859, which directs that the Order prohibiting the employment on the Staff of any unpassed Officer, shall be thenceforward strictly enforced.

This Rule, His Excellency in Council remarks, admits of no exception; the utmost relaxation allowable being the grant of leave of absence to an unpassed Officer to join a personal Staff appointment for a period of six months, within which period such Officer must qualify or re-join his Regiment.

This relaxation of the general Rule is, however, the Governor General in Council points out only permissible on the sole ground of the personal convenience of high Officers, Military and Civil, which to this extent may be consulted with public advantage.

No Staff Pay is, His Lordship in Council directs, to be passed to an Officer so situated, until he has passed: but having passed, his Pay and appointment should both be made retrospective.

In the case of Lieutenant Budd, however, the Governor General in Council is pleased to decide that his Staff salary shall be passed to him. He is, however, to pass the prescribed examination within four months, or be held to have vacated his appointment. I am directed to request that His Excellency in Council may be informed, that henceforward, except under the rare cases before alluded to, the Rules of 1859, in all appointments of a date subsequent to that Order, will be strictly enforced.

From the Officiating Civil Paymaster, Fort Saint George, 13th June 1862, No. 756; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department.

There being a difference of opinion on the subject, I have the honor to inquire whether the restrictions laid down in letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Military Department, No. 505, dated 14th March last, are confined to Officers on the Military Staff, or whether they are applicable to all Officers in Staff employ in whatever Department they may be (including those of the Department of Public Works, who, in this Presidency, are required to pass special Vernacular examinations besides that qualifying for General Staff, before employment in that Department).

No. 4,509.

Forwarded to the Military Department, for consideration and orders.

FORT WILLIAM,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT,
9th July 1862.

(Signed) C. BERNARD,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

Observations.—It was ruled by the late Court of Directors,* that no Officer who entered the Service subsequently to the 9th January 1837, would be deemed eligible to any Staff situation (except a temporary one during actual service in the Field) or Civil employ, until he had passed an examination in the Hindoostanee language. Attention was again drawn to this Regulation† in the year 1850.

2. The Rule in question is applicable to all the Presidencies, and no Officer who entered the Service after the 9th January 1837, is eligible to hold a Staff appointment, or any situation in Civil or detached employ, or to receive the salary of such post unless he has passed the prescribed examination in the Hindoostanee language.

3. This has been the Rule of the Service and has always been maintained; though occasionally, when from the absence of properly qualified Officers, it may have been indispensably necessary to nominate an unpassed Officer to act in any situation as a temporary arrangement, the allowances have also been granted as a special indulgence.

4. Such nominations have been very rare, and His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has recently been requested to notify that no such temporary appointment will be confirmed, unless it is shown that no qualified Officer is available, and that the nomination of an unpassed Officer, for the time, is indispensably necessary.

* *G. G. O., No. 734 of 1859.*—Under the exigencies of the Service during the last two years, many Officers have been made available for employment on the Staff and in various situations, who have not passed the examinations in the Native languages, laid down by General Order by the Governor General, of the 25th June 1850; but tranquillity having now been generally restored, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to announce that the provisions of that Order will in future be strictly enforced, and no Officer will hereafter be appointed to any situation on the Staff, or to any Civil or other detached employment, who has not passed the prescribed examination.

Every Officer who has been removed from his Regiment for Staff, Civil, or other employment, who has not already passed the prescribed examination, or shall not pass it within six months from the date of this Order, will be remanded to his Corps.

Camp Oonao, 31st October 1859.

† *G. G. O., No. 9 of 1859.*—In consideration of the difficulty of relieving at once all the Officers holding Staff and detached appointments who may fail to pass in the Native languages on the 19th November next, under the operation of Government General Order No. 734, dated 20th May 1859, His Excellency the Governor General, in order to prevent inconvenience to the public service, is pleased to determine that such unpassed Officers shall after the 19th proximo, retain their respective appointments as "Officiating," and shall receive the usual salaries, but only until it is found practicable to relieve them. In no other respect is the General Order No. 734, affected by this Order.

His Excellency is further pleased to direct that, in addition to the usual half-yearly examination to be held in January and July next, Committees of Examination shall be also held on the 10th April next, at the usual Stations, to facilitate the passing of Officers qualifying themselves for Staff employ.

Camp Jubbulpore, the 15th January 1861.

‡ *G. G. O., No. 104 of 1861.*—Inconvenience having been found to arise from the application to Officers of the Engineer Establishment, of the different tests for examination in the languages laid down in Government General Order of the 9th January 1837, His Excellency the Governor General is pleased to notify that the General Order in question does not apply to Officers employed under the Public Works Department, the tests of which will remain as laid down in the Code, or amended from time to time by the Government of India in the Department of Public Works.

the General Staff of the Army, and enumerated in paragraph 76 of Government General Order

5. Owing to the exigencies of the Service, consequent on the Mutiny and the recent Campaigns in India the Rule was temporarily relaxed in Bengal, but the restriction was again imposed in May 1859,* though it was slightly modified in October of the same year,† for the convenience of the public service. The necessity for even this slight relaxation has long since ceased.

6. Exemption was granted in January 1861,‡ to Officers employed in the Public Works Department, who are required to pass special tests as laid down in the Code of that Department.

7. But under the new system now coming into force, appointments in the Public Works Department, if not held by Engineer Officers or Civilians, as well as all other appointments in India (save those on

No. 332, dated 10th April 1861, and which are open to Officers generally, whether the British or Indian Services, or of the Staff Corps) are eventually to be filled by Officers of the Staff Corps, and no Officer can be admitted to the Staff Corps, unless he has passed the prescribed examination in the Native languages.

8. The letter No. 505 of the 14th March 1862, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, had reference to *personal* Staff Officers, and to such *only*; the special and temporary relaxation therein authorized, having been sanctioned on the sole ground of the personal convenience of high Officers, Military and Civil, which it was thought might to that extent, be consulted with public advantage.

9. It was distinctly laid down in that letter that except in such rare case as those alluded to, the Rules laid down in the General Order of 1859, would be strictly enforced in all appointments subsequent to that Order.

10. The Rules laid down in 1837, and followed up in 1850 and 1859, apply to *all* appointments or employment, whether Civil or Military; the only relaxation permitted being, as already noted, in the case of Officers of the Indian or old Local Service, who, if selected for employment in the Public Works Department, come under the provisions of General Order by the Governor General of the 15th January 1861, and in the case of *personal* Staff Officers who are allowed six months to qualify as authorized in the letter to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, No. 505, dated 14th March. The Rules, however, do not apply to the Officers of the Department of the Adjutant General Her Majesty's British Forces.

Ordered that a copy of the above be transmitted to the Financial Department, with reference to the Memorandum from that Department, No. 4,509, of the 9th July 1862.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. W. NORMAN, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 22.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Madras, for information.
(By Order.)

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

ORDER No. 2,941, 27th August 1862.

Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief and to Departments concerned, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,265, dated 5th April 1862, and to the Controller of Military Finance, with advertence to his letter dated 10th April 1862 B, recorded in the Order of Government No. 1,466, dated 23rd April 1862.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.

- „ Deputy Adjutant General H. M.'s British Forces.
- „ Controller of Military Finance.
- „ Military Accountant.
- „ Civil Paymaster.
- „ Mily. Secy. to His Excellency the Governor, for information.
- „ Department Public Works.
- „ Judicial Department.

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From

The Accountant General

To The Chief Secretary to

Government

Dated 19th

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No 235

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States that Captain Taylor is not entitled to either travelling or travelling allowance while he was on leave of absence and that he was declared ineligible to 2 months' leave and he had not served 22 months' service fully

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Communicated

to the Deputy Secy

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J. H. S.

30th July 1866

To the Secy of the Treasury
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