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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 856 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 12—4—1867.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th April 1867.

No. 208. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department:—

Communicating, for information, correspondence regarding the claim by Lieutenant Freeth, Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey, to continuance of Artillery rates of pay and allowances on transfer to the Staff Corps until he obtains promotion. } (Here enter 6th April 1867, No. 1,266.)

No. 209. ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1867, No. 856.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board and to the Superintendent of Revenue Survey.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
„ the Superintendent of Revenue Servey, } With Proceedings Military Department, No. 1,266.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Controller of Military Accounts, Fort Saint George, 16th February 1867, B; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor to forward a letter from the Examiner, Pay Department, dated 1st February 1867, No. 182, with enclosures, asking whether Lieutenant Freeth, Royal Artillery, transferred to the Staff Corps in August last, from 1st October 1864, is entitled to a continuance of Artillery rate of pay till promoted, or his aggregate receipts equal or exceed his present emoluments.

2. Lieutenant Freeth, having been admitted to the Staff Corps subsequent to 13th October 1863, and prior to 12th September 1866, is not, under the existing orders on the subject, secured in his aggregate receipts on the date of his admission to the Staff Corps; but Officers entering under the Secretary of State's recent despatch are secured in their pay and allowances, if not in receipt of consolidated salary or of Staff salary in addition to pay and allowances.

Pro. of Govt., No. 3757, dated 10th October 1865.

Pro. of Govt., No. 4429, dated 1st December 1865.

G. O. G., 12th October 1866, No. 374.

3. Lieutenant Freeth is in receipt of a Staff salary in addition to pay and allowances, but, Staff salaries being generally admissible only in conjunction with Staff Corps rate of pay, it appears doubtful whether it was the intention to exclude an Officer in his position from security in his aggregate receipts; and, if not, the previous decisions which restricted all Officers entering the Staff Corps between 13th October 1863 and 12th September 1866, to Staff Corps rate of pay, appear to require re-consideration with reference to the security now accorded under the provisions of the recent despatch, as it seems improbable that it was intended to place Officers who entered the Staff Corps prior to 12th September 1866, in a less advantageous position than those who entered under the despatch.

Pro of Govt., 17th January 1867, No. 201.

4. I shall feel obliged by the instructions of Government on the point.

From the Pay Examiner, Fort Saint George, 1st February 1867, No. 182; to the Controller of Military Accounts.

The accompanying docket as per margin, with enclosures from Lieutenant Freeth has been submitted to this Office for opinion. As however the question under reference is one of great importance, inasmuch as it applies to all Officers who joined the Staff Corps without promotion prior to 12th September 1866, I have deemed it expedient to transfer the correspondence for your instructions.

From the Superintendent Revenue Survey, No. $\frac{148}{19}$ 19th January 1867.

Forwarding letter from Lieutenant Freeth, Assistant Superintendent, regarding his claim to continuation of Artillery rates of pay and allowances on transfer to Staff Corps until he obtains promotion.

2. It will be observed that, under the Orders of Government as recorded in the Proceedings marginally noted, all Officers who joined the Staff Corps subsequent to the 13th October 1863, were restricted to the Staff Corps or half batta rate of pay of their rank, irrespective of their being in what is termed "paid employment;" under these instructions Lieutenant Freeth has been correctly retrenched the difference between Staff Corps and Artillery rates of pay.

Proceedings of Government, No. 3757, 10th October 1865.

Do. No. 4429, 1st December 1865.

3. It is, however, to be remarked that Officers who have joined the Staff Corps under the provisions of the recent despatch from the Secretary of State, have been granted an advantage denied to Officers in Lieutenant Freeth's position, and I think it can scarcely be intended that Officers who qualified for the Staff Corps under former regulations and joined prior to the date from which the new order took effect, are to be deprived of allowances which they would have secured had they waited a few months.

Published in G. O. G., No. 374, 12th October 1866.

4. It will be observed in paragraph 5 of the subsidiary orders published by the Government of India, that all Officers entering the Staff Corps from the 12th September 1866, and not in receipt of consolidated salaries or of Staff salary in addition to pay and allowances, would continue to draw the latter on the scale hitherto received until they obtained promotion; and from the ruling of the Government of India subsequently received, and recorded in Proceedings of Government, No. 201, 17th January 1866, it is to be inferred that the concession above adverted to was intended to secure to each Officer joining the Staff Corps without promotion, a continuation of the aggregate receipts drawn by him on the date of transfer, whether with or without Staff salary.

5. The allusion to Staff salary necessarily restricting an Officer to Staff Corps rate of pay, may be understood when it is borne in mind that, as a rule, all Staff salaries are granted in addition to that rate of pay, but as certain appointments, both in the Civil and Military Departments, still exist in which pay and allowances are admissible, it appears to me that in such cases, an Officer should not be required to be a loser by his transfer to the Staff Corps.

From the Superintendent Revenue Survey, 19th January 1867, No. $\frac{148}{19}$; to the Examiner Pay Department.

Encloses an original letter, No. $\frac{253}{60}$ of the 10th January 1867, for perusal and return, and with reference to it requests to be furnished with the information applied for in it.

From the Assistant Superintendent in charge Coorg Revenue Survey, Camp Veerajenderpett, 10th January 1867, No. $\frac{253}{60}$; to the Superintendent Revenue Survey.

I have the honor to request that you will kindly obtain for me the following information *viz.* If an Artillery Officer on joining the Staff Corps is to be reduced to Staff Corps pay, even if he obtains no immediate promotion by the transfer.

My pay as an Artillery Officer was Rupees 265-12-0, but on being transferred to the Staff Corps in August last, I have been retrenched the difference between Artillery pay and Staff Corps pay, not from the date of my appointment to the Staff Corps which is 1st October 1864, but from the date that the transfer appeared in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

ORDER, No. 1266, 6th April 1867.

Ordered that the question raised in the foregoing correspondence be referred to the Government of India, pending the receipt of whose decision, Lieutenant Freeth will be restricted to the Staff Corps pay of his rank with Staff salary.

To the Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 6th April 1867, No. 1267.

(True Extract)

Major General,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Military Accounts, with 3 enclosures.
,, Adjutant General.
,, Revenue Department, for information.

Exd. T. Stubbs.

Revenue 1867 Dept.
Pro of Guatemala April
No. 910.

Proceedings in the
Military Dept.

Dated 6th. May 1867.
Received 8th. " 1867.

No. 1266.

Communicating
for information Correspon-
dence regarding the Claim
of Lt. Smith, Asst. Supt.
Revenue Survey, to continuance
of Artillery Pickets of Jury & allow-
ance on Claims for to allow
Staff Corps until he ob-
tains promotion.

No. 856. 12th Appl.

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and to the Superin-
tendent of Revenue
Survey -

12th. April. 67

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1 " a Supt. of Revl Survey

Wr. the Pro. No. 1266. dated 8th. ult. & Appl.