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Passing orders on letter from the President, European Vagrant House, regarding the provision of free passages to England for discharged Soldiers who are unable to maintain themselves in this country.	(Here enter 7th September 1868, No. 3,473.)

No. 285. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1868, No. 2,429.

Miscellaneous. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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From the President European Vagrants' House, Madras, 12th August 1868; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

Adverting to the draft of a proposed Act to provide against European vagrancy, and which appears in the last Gazette of India, I am directed by the Committee of management for the European Home to offer, for the consideration of Government, a proposal which, if approved and acted upon at once, is likely to simplify the practical working of the Act when it shall become Law.

The Government of India in a late order resolved to with-hold from Soldiers quitting the service, the official permission which is necessary in order to their remaining in the country.

The effect of this order will be to close one of the great sources which swell the class of destitute Europeans. If the Government can be induced to follow up their order by a resolution to grant to discharged Soldiers now unemployed, and unable either to maintain themselves in India or to return home, the free passage to which they relinquished their claims, when permission was given them to stay in India, many men will be rescued from the hopeless position into which want of judgment or mistaken enterprise has betrayed them.

In the majority of cases, nothing worse than a great mistake is chargeable against these men, consequently their moral claim on the Government is as strong as ever, though the rules are against them.

The Committee are therefore induced to hope that, in view to lessening the evils so forcibly set forth in Mr. Maine's statement, the Government of India may be induced to anticipate to this extent the operation of the Act which will probably not pass into Law for some months.

The large vessels now employed in the transport service will render it possible to send home discharged men at comparatively small cost.

Transferred to the Military Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th August 1868.

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary.

ORDER, No. 3473, 7th September 1868.

Resolved that the President of the Vagrant Committee be furnished with the papers marginally noted, from which he will learn that adequate provision has already been made for the provision of free passages to England for discharged Soldiers, who are unable to maintain themselves in this country, viz:—

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I. To men of certified good character, who may have remained in India after completing their first term of service and fallen into distress owing to failing health, or inability to obtain employment, and not in consequence of their own vices or unsteadiness—by the Government of the three Presidencies in the Military Department, on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief.

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Lieut Col
Major-General.

Offg Secretary to Government.

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