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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th April 1868.*

No. 142. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Military Department :—

Communicating Home Despatch to Com-
mander-in-Chief respecting the admission to
the Staff Corps of Lieutenant C. Walker, and
stating that an Officer now seeking admis-
sion to it must serve one year on probation,
after which he will be allowed to enter the
Corps, and that until this condition be com-
plied with by Lieutenant Walker, his name
cannot be submitted for appointment to the
Staff Corps. (Here enter 1st April 1868, No. 1,335.)

No. 143. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1868, No. 914.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Conservator
of Forests and to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Conservator of Forests, }
„ the Board of Revenue, } With Procs., Military Department, No. 1,335.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

Military despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secy. of State for India. } Here enter 16th December 1867, No. 120.

Pros. of Govt., Revenue Department..... ,, 28th February 1868, No. 543.

From the Adjutant General..... ,, 24th January ,, 70.

Military despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, India Office, London, 16th December 1867, No. 120; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George.

In the paper accompanying your letter dated the 11th September last, No. 262, respecting the admission, to the Staff Corps, of Lieutenant C. Walker, of the General List of Infantry, I do not observe any mention of the date of the appointment of this Officer on probation.

2. The admission of Officers to the Staff Corps, under clauses 2 to 4 of the General Order of the Government of India No. 531 of 1864, in virtue of their holding a Staff appointment, was a temporary measure, which has, for some time, ceased to be in force; and an Officer now seeking admission to the Staff Corps must serve one year on probation, at the expiration of which, he will be allowed to enter the Corps, with effect from the date of his appointment on probation, in accordance with clause 12 of the General Orders above mentioned.

3. Until this condition is complied with in the case of Lieutenant Walker, I am unable to submit his name to Her Majesty for appointment to the Staff Corps.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,
Revenue Department.

Communicating letter from the Officiating Conservator of Forests, stating that there is a probationary period and a departmental test fixed for Officers in the Forest Department, and that Lieutenant Walker has passed the necessary examination. } Here enter 28th Feb. 1868, No. 543.

From the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 24th January 1868, No. 70; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

I have the honor, by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the name of Lieutenant Shelley Leigh Hunt, of the Infantry General List, who is an applicant for admission to the Staff Corps.

2. Lieutenant Hunt was nominated Quarter Master of the 3rd Regiment Light Infantry in G. O. C. C. 16th January 1867, and Acting Sub-Assistant Commissary General, 2nd Class, in G. O. G. 22nd October 1867, No. 446, and he is apparently eligible for admission to the Staff Corps from the date of his application, viz. 6th January 1868.

3. Certificates, as per appendix A of G. G. O. No. 531 of 1864, are enclosed.

4. Lieutenant Hunt served with a Native Corps from his first admission into the Army until the 22nd October 1867, a period of upwards of seven years, and held the appointment of Quarter Master of the 3rd Regiment Light Infantry, of which he is still the permanent incumbent, over nine months. Lieutenant General McCleverty considers him qualified for admission to the Staff Corps, in accordance with the test for Native Infantry, laid down in the General Order quoted above.

From the Acting Commissary General, Madras, 20th January 1868, No. 8158; to the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George.

With reference to your docket memorandum, No. 205, dated 15th January 1868, I have the honor to re-transmit Lieutenant Hunt's application for admission to the Staff Corps, with the certificates required in paragraph 5 of G. G. O. No. 531, dated 27th June 1864, attached in support.

Madras G. O., page 457.

From the Acting Commissary General, Madras, 8th January 1868, No. 7784; to the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to submit, in original, an application from Lieutenant S. L. Hunt, Acting Sub-Assistant Commissary General, for admission to the Madras Staff Corps.

Dated 6th January 1868.

2. Lieutenant Hunt was appointed Quarter Master of the 3rd Light Infantry in G. O. C. C. dated 16th January 1867, page 13.

From Lieutenant S. L. HUNT, Acting Sub-Assistant Commissary General, Madras, 6th January 1868, No. 6880; to the Commissary General.

I have the honor to request you will kindly submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, this my application for admission to the Madras Staff Corps.

Certified that Lieutenant Shelley Leigh Hunt, of the 3rd Regiment or Palamcottah Light Infantry, a candidate for the Madras Staff Corps, completed three years' duty with a Regiment on the 13th October 1863—two years of which were spent in India.

Lieutenant S. Leigh Hunt has passed the examination in the Native languages which qualifies for Staff employment, and has attained such a knowledge of his drill and duty as an Officer of Infantry in all its branches as to qualify him for the command of a Company in all situations. He also possesses a fair knowledge of the Articles of War and of the Queen's Regulations, as well as of the Military Regulations of the Madras Presidency, besides having gained some general acquaintance with the organization and nature of the duties of all branches of the Army serving in Madras.

I further certify that during the period Lieutenant S. Leigh Hunt has served with his Regiment, he has been attentive to his duty, and that his conduct has been in all respects unexceptionable.

MADRAS,
18th January 1868.

(Signed) W. H. FREESE, Colonel,
Commandant 3rd Regt. L. I.

I certify that, to the best of my belief, Lieutenant Shelley Leigh Hunt is in good bodily health, and apparently well capable of undergoing the vicissitudes of service in India.

MADRAS,
18th January 1868.

(Signed) E. D'A. EVEZARD, Surgeon,
3rd Regiment P. L. I.

Memorandum from the Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, 15th January 1868, No. 205; to the Commissary General, Madras.

Returned—This application must be supported by the certificates ordered at paragraph 5 of G. G. O. No. 531, dated 27th June 1864, page 457, Madras General Order for 1864.

ORDER, No. 1335, 1st April 1868.

Ordered that the despatch above recorded be communicated to the Commander-in-Chief (Adjutant General's Department), with reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 5th August 1867, No. 2877.

2. Adverting to the remark in paragraph 2 of the foregoing despatch, that admissions of Officers to the Staff Corps, in virtue of their holding a Staff appointment, was a temporary measure, which has for some time ceased to be in force,

and that an Officer now seeking admission must serve one year on probation, the Governor in Council observes that, with the special exceptions authorised in Lord Cranborne's despatch of August* 1866, admissions have been hitherto invariably limited to Officers holding permanent Staff employ, in order to guard against unduly exceeding the wants of the Corps.

*No. 159.

3. The Conservator of Forests reports that Officers are admitted into his Department on probation for a year, and not confirmed until they pass the prescribed tests. Lieutenant Walker was first appointed to the Department on the 16th May 1865; confirmed as 3rd class Deputy Conservator on the 6th March 1866, and appointed to the 2nd Class on the 19th March 1867, having thus, at the date of his application† to join the Staff Corps, been nearly two years in the Department. No further probation in the department was apparently necessary.

†15th July 1867.

4. If the Secretary of State's remark be understood to point to a year's probation in Military employ, it is observed that Lieutenant Walker commenced his service in India from 27th December 1859, and did duty with European troops for more than two and a half years, and with Native troops for more than a year, as shewn in the margin, subsequent to which he entered the Forest Department.

From	To	Y. M. D.
Joined 1st Royals, 9th Jan. 1860.	2nd Sep. 1860 ...	
" 3rd Madras Euro. Regt., 3rd September 1860.	2nd March 1862.	
" Euro. Infy. Depot, 3rd March 1862.	11th " "	2 7 26
" Doing duty with Euro. troops to England, 12th March 1862.	3rd Sept. "	
" Sick certificate, Europe, 4th September 1862.	9th Oct. 1864 ...	
" Doing duty 33rd Regt. Native Infy, 5th Nov. 1864.	23rd April 1865.	
" Doing duty under orders of Officer Comdg. Centre Division, and attached to a Native Regt. in Madras, 24th April 1865.	6th Dec. "	1 1 2
" Forest Department, 7th December 1865.	14th July 1867...	1 7 8

5. It is not apparent what further probationary course Lieutenant Walker should undergo—that laid down for Native Infantry, in the Staff Corps Rules,* not being compatible with his present employment in the Forest Department, and the usual certificates of Military qualification and of health, required generally from candidates for the various Departments, having been produced.

6. It is observed, moreover, that Lieutenant Walker has been already informed that his admission to the Staff Corps will not exempt him from passing the tests of any other Department to which he may be hereafter transferred.

7. The question of his confirmation in the Staff Corps will therefore be re-submitted to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, pending the receipt of whose reply, and in accordance with whose present instructions, Lieutenant Walker will be held to be on probation from the 15th July 1867, the date of his application to be admitted to the Staff Corps.

8. Under the decision conveyed in the despatch above alluded to, Lieutenant S. L. Hunt, of the Infantry General List, whose case is submitted in the Adjutant General's letter above recorded, will also be considered a probationer in the Staff Corps from the 6th January 1868, the date of his application for admission thereto.

Docket to the Secy. to the Govt. of India, M. D. | Here enter 1st April 1868, No. 1336.

(True Extract.)

Marshall Major General,

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department. *With 20 space copies.*
" Adjutant General, with three enclosures.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Commissary General.
" Judicial Department.

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Conservator of Forests
to the Board of Revenue

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