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Furlough and Leave—Staff Officers.

Read the following papers :—

No. 318. From Captain CAMPBELL WALKER, Officiating Inspector of Forests, to the Honorable D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George; dated Camp, Madras, 9th December 1875, No. 724.

With reference to G. O., No. 1704, dated 29th November 1875, I have the honor respectfully to submit, for the consideration of the Most Noble the Governor in Council, that the terms granted by the Secretary of State in the Military Department, by which not only pay, but service for pension is denied me during the time my services are placed at the disposal of the Government of New Zealand, differ widely from those under which I asked to be allowed to go, and to which the Madras Government were pleased to record that they had no objection (G.O., No. 1072, dated 16th July 1875,) and to solicit the support of Government, with a view to their being relaxed or made more favorable.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Secretary of State's Despatch, I may be permitted to state that I was informed by Sir Julius Vogel that both he and Sir James Ferguson went to the India Office regarding the matter before making me the offer of the appointment; and were informed that every assistance would be afforded to the New Zealand Government, but that it was necessary that an application should be before the Secretary of State from me, supported by the recommendation of my Government.

This was done in the Revenue Department at the India Office, and it is probably due to the matter having been disposed of in the Military Department, which may not formerly have been consulted, that the terms now offered me compare so unfavorably with those which I asked for, and which the Madras Government recommended should be granted.

That the New Zealand authorities did make application to the Secretary of State for India through the Colonial Office is proved by a letter, No. 1834, dated 9th October 1875, copy of which signed by Major-General Pears, Military Secretary, is now before me, having been addressed to the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, containing information similar to that communicated to the Madras Government in the Secretary of State's Despatch, dated 21st October 1875.

3. I would submit that the circumstances of the case are peculiar, and not likely to involve any precedent prejudicial to the interests of the Government of India, and that, if that Government are saved all expense on account of a military officer whose services the Madras Government are pleased to say they can spare for one year without detriment to the public service, he should not forfeit service for pension when lent to a Colonial Government for a specific and admittedly beneficial purpose.

4. I am, however, prepared, if deemed necessary, to pay 20 per cent. of the salary which I am to receive from the New Zealand Government or of the military pay of my rank, as pensionary contribution, under the rules by which officers, both military and civil, have been and are lent to Native States, Municipalities &c., (*vide* Chapter VII., Section 34, 36, Civil Pension Code, the last paragraph of which provides that the cases of officers lent to Her Majesty's Government in England, or to

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any Colonial Government *are left for special treatment as they arise*) in order to count the time during which I may be absent on this special duty; and shall feel obliged if the Madras Government can recommend the adoption of this course or of any other which recommends itself.

5. I presume that in no case will my service for furlough be injuriously affected.

6. I have informed Sir Julius Vogel that I am prepared to start for New Zealand in February or March, on receiving definite instructions from his Government by telegraph, and have, at the same time, pointed out to him the serious drawback which loss of Indian service would prove, and requested him to move the India Office, through the Colonial Office, to support the favorable application of this Government.

Transferred to the Military Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th Dec. 1875.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

No. 6213.

Referred to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 5925, dated 1st December 1875.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15th Dec. 1875.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 319. From Lieutenant-Colonel A. R. CLEPHANE, Officiating Deputy Adjutant-General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 6th January 1876, No. 16.

In returning Captain C. Walker's letter, referred under Order of Government of the 15th December 1875, No. 6213, I have the honor, by order of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to observe that, as Captain Walker points out that the conditions on which the Secretary of State for India sanctions his taking up the appointment of Conservator of Forests under the Government of New Zealand, differ widely from those under which he asked to be allowed to go, and to which he states the Madras Government were pleased to record that they had no objection, Major-General Elmhirst would suggest, for the consideration of Government, that, if Captain Walker's application, to which the Provincial Commander-in-Chief has no objection to offer, cannot be disposed of without a reference to the Secretary of State, His Grace the Governor in Council may see fit to make that reference on Captain Walker's behalf.

No. 320. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1876, No. 315.

The terms upon which Captain Campbell Walker has been granted permission to proceed to New Zealand having been decided by the Secretary of State for India, as an Imperial question, the Governor in Council does not consider it desirable to make any further reference in the matter.

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To the Revenue Department.

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With 5 spare copies.

Ed. A. Raitt.

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 Comm. to the Comdr.
 of Forests and Depts of Campbell
 Walker

- 1 To the Conservator of Forests, Dec. 27 Jan'y
- 1. Capt Campbell Walker
- 1 The Board of Dec. Dec 27

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THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
 No. 318-320.

JANUARY.

Deciding to make any further reference to
 the Home Government, in regard to the terms
 upon which Captain Campbell Walker will be
 permitted to proceed to New Zealand.

Ch 209. 26 Jan'y 1876
 W. M. Adams

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