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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

21st May 1878, No. 2510.

Furlough and Leave—Staff Officers.

Read the following papers :—

No. 316. *From Brigadier-General F. W. JEBB, Adjutant-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 14th January* 1878, *No.* 33.

In submitting the accompanying correspondence, I have the honor, by order of Sir Neville Chamberlain, to request, with reference to paragraph 3 of letter from the Government of India in the Military Department, No. 381, dated 25th October 1877, embodied in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 6199, of 8th November 1877, you will be so good as to move Government to furnish this Department with the dates from and up to which Captain Walker's actual employment under the Government of New Zealand is to count, whether from the date of his quitting India, *i.e.*, 4th March 1876, or from the date of his landing in the above colony; and also if he is to count as service the period passed on his return voyage to this country, or merely to the date of his quitting New Zealand.

No. 6085.

MEMORANDUM.

Has the honor, with reference to paragraph 3 of letter, No. 381, dated 25th October 1877, from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, embodied in Proceedings of Government, No. 6199, of 8th November last, to forward the within memorandum from Captain C. Walker, with a request that this Department may be furnished with the date from which that officer's actual employment under the Government of New Zealand is to count, whether from the date of his quitting India, *i.e.*, 4th March 1876, or from the date of his landing in the above colony.

The favor of return with reply is solicited.

(By order,)

(Signed) A. R. CLEPHANE, Colonel,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21*st December* 1877.

To the Accountant-General.

MEMORANDUM for guidance in compiling Statement of Service of Captain CAMPBELL WALKER, Madras Staff Corps.

Embarked at Bombay on 4th March 1876 (forenoon), reached New Zealand on 29th April (having been delayed at Galle 12 and Melbourne 15 days).

Embarked on return 1st November 1877, arrived 1st December (forenoon).

Was *in the actual employ of the* New Zealand Government from the 4th March 1876 to the 30th November 1877, both days inclusive, and entitled to count the whole of that time as service under the terms of Secretary of State's despatch published in G.O.G., No. 99, dated 30th January 1877.—Madras G.O., Military Department, No. 895, of 16th February 1877, and 6199 of 8th November 1877.

In the latter a clerical error appears to have crept in from the wording of Colonel Lees' letter therein recorded; at end of his first paragraph he makes use of the words "whilst on furlough there." I was never on furlough there, but proceeded on "*special leave*" under orders of the Secretary of State, since altered to "*special duty*" under terms of the despatch quoted above.

(Signed) J. CAMPBELL WALKER, Captain, M.S.C.,
Deputy Conservator of Forests.

From L. C. PROBYN, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Adjutant-General; dated Fort St. George, 11th January 1878, No. 10,347.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 6085, dated 21st December 1877, herewith returned, I have the honor to state that this department has no precise orders to determine the date from which Captain Campbell Walker's actual employment under the Government of New Zealand is to count, but that presumably it commences from the date on which he received pay from that Government, of which this department has no certain information. It seems right that Government of India, Military Department, who determined in paragraph 3 of their letter, No. 381, dated 25th October 1877, embodied in Madras G.O., dated 14th November 1877, No 6346, Revenue, that Captain Campbell Walker could only reckon such period as service for pension, should settle the question.

No. 317. *Memorandum from Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department, to Brigadier-General F. W. JEBB, Adjutant-General; dated Fort St. George, 22nd January* 1878, *No.* 381.

The Secretary to Government, Military Department, is directed to request that the Adjutant-General will be good enough to call on Captain C. Walker to state, with reference to his memorandum without date, submitted to Government with the letter as per margin, the port at which he embarked on 1st November on his return voyage to India.

From the Adjutant-General, No. 33, dated 14th January 1878.

No. 318. *Memorandum from Brigadier-General F. W. JEBB, Adjutant-General, to Colonel J. MICHAEL, C.S.I., Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 7th March* 1878, *No.* 109.

Submitted.

From Captain J. CAMPBELL WALKER, Madras Staff Corps, Deputy Conservator of Forests (on Special Duty), to the Adjutant-General, Fort St George; dated Ootacamund, 28th February 1878, No. 2.

In accordance with instructions received from the Conservator of Forests, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, that I left London on the 1st November last and embarked at Marseilles on the 4th idem on return from duty under the Government of New Zealand.

2. I submit herewith, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and the Government of Fort St. George, a memorandum of the circumstances under which I returned to duty *vid* America and Europe.

MEMORANDUM of the circumstances under which I rejoined *via* America and Europe from New Zealand.

I finished my inspection and submitted my report and scheme for the organization of a State Forest Department, New Zealand, before the expiry of the one year and nine months for which time my services were lent to New Zealand Government, and before the date fixed for the meeting of the New Zealand Houses of Representatives (19th July 1877).

2. The Government were willing that I should remain and carry on operations in a tentative manner pending the final decision of the House, but it was eventually settled betwixt the Premier (the Honorable Major Atkinson) and myself that it would be better to await the decision of the House, and that meanwhile I should be considered, so to speak, on leave and be permitted to visit the other colonies, America, &c., keeping the New Zealand Government acquainted with my whereabouts, and being prepared to return at once if required at my own expense. During this period I declined to receive any pay, although the New Zealand Government offered half. I have contributed the pensionary contribution of one-fifth for the total period.

3. I accordingly visited New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania, and eventually left Auckland (New Zealand) on the 10th May for San Francisco, visited the forests of the Yosemite Valley, &c., and proceeded across the continent of America to England, where I reported myself to the Agent-General (Sir Julius Vagel) in July, did some work for him, and arranged terms for my return to New Zealand if required.

4. I remained in daily expectation of receipt of a definite decision from New Zealand, which the Government had promised to communicate by wire; the Governor having, in his speech on the opening of the New Zealand Parliament, requested special attention to my report, and the Lower House in its address in reply having promised "that the important question of forest conservancy and management should be fully and earnestly discussed."

5. As the period for which my services were lent drew near its expiration, the Agent-General telegraphed to New Zealand on the subject, but receiving no reply he wished me to remain and get an extension of time pending a definite decision, but this I declined to do, and returned to duty in India within the period for which my services were lent.

6. I considered myself throughout in the service of the New Zealand Government as much as if I had been in the colony, and did not therefore report myself to the Military Department of the India Office. I have since learnt that political questions resulting in a change of Government so occupied the time of the New Zealand House that public business stood over, and no decision as to the forest conservancy has as yet been arrived at.

(Signed) J. CAMPBELL WALKER, Captain,
Madras Staff Corps.

No. 319. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1878, No. 2510.

The question raised is the period which Captain Campbell Walker is entitled to count as service for pension while on special leave to New Zealand.

2. Captain Walker handed to the Adjutant-General a memorandum for guidance in compiling the statement of his service, in which he merely stated particulars of departure from India, and that he "embarked on return 1st November 1877, arrived 1st December." No mention was made of the date (10th May 1877) on which he actually left New Zealand, or of the fact that he had spent more than six months in returning to India *via* America and Europe, remaining more than three months in England. The memorandum further states that he "was in the actual employ of the New Zealand Government from 4th of March 1876 to 30th November 1877, and entitled to count the whole of that time as service." No mention was made of the fact that Captain Walker ceased to draw pay from the New Zealand Government on 10th May 1877, when he left the colony. This memorandum was therefore calculated to mislead the Adjutant-General and the Government, and the Governor in Council considers that Captain Walker's conduct deserves very severe censure.

3. Captain Walker's subsequent memorandum, dated 28th February, given in reply to further inquiries, shows that he left New Zealand on 10th May 1877, arrived in London *via* America in July; left London on 1st November and embarked at Marseilles on 4th idem; and that he ceased to draw pay from New Zealand Government on 10th May. Captain Walker therein explains that after completing his work in New Zealand he considered himself still under the orders of that Government, and at liberty, with their permission, to proceed to other colonies, to America and England, up to the full period to which his services were lent to New Zealand. His Grace the Governor in Council is willing to accept the assurance that Captain Walker acted in this belief, but as he, in March 1877, accepted the terms of the Secretary of State's Order,* under which his absence in New Zealand was to be allowed to count as service for pension, His Grace is unable to concede to him the right to pass so long a time in America and England without permission previously obtained from this Government or the Secretary of State, and to count the time so passed as service for pension.

* Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 3, dated 4th January 1876.

4. Captain Walker, under the standing rule (G.O., 17th February 1821), that all officers of the Indian Army arriving in England are required to report themselves at the India Office, was bound to have so reported himself; he did not do so for certain reasons advanced in his second memorandum, which appear to the Governor in Council wholly insufficient.

5. Ordered that the whole circumstances be reported to the Secretary of State for India for decision as to the period which Captain Walker may be permitted to count for pension after quitting New Zealand, and, if the Secretary of State considers the point to be doubtful, for a ruling that officers lent to Colonial Governments under despatch No. 341, dated 30th November 1876, for special duties shall not obtain leave to absent themselves from the colony to which their services are lent without previous sanction of their own Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
" Revenue Department.

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Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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To

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Dated May, 21st.

Rcvd. June 24th Encl.

G.O., 21st May 1878, No. 2510.

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Nos. 316—319.

No 1563. 26 June 1878

Passing orders on the question as to the period which Captain Campbell Walker is entitled to count as service for pension while on special leave to New Zealand.

W. Robinson

From Colonel & Mr Secretary of State for India Commanding at Cork C Walker

Cork Barracks 26th June 1878