

No. 1 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. Our last letter in this Department was dated 24th December 1855, No. 159.

Cons. 9th October 1855, Nos. 81—2
No. 2 in the Packet.

2. The Commander-in-Chief brought under our consideration the case of the Widow of the late Subadar Major Siddapah of the 35th Regiment N. I., and recommended the grant to her of a pension.

3. The deceased Subadar Major had been on Foreign Service in Burmah, and had been sent to Madras on Sick Certificate, in consequence of his suffering from Chronic Dysentery. On reaching Madras a few days after the arrival of the Head Quarters of his Corps, which had passed him on the voyage, he gave up his leave and rejoined the Regiment and did duty with it for about four months,—after which his old complaint returning with violence, terminated in his death.

4. Under the circumstances stated, and considering that had the deceased's Regiment remained on Foreign Service, or had he not rejoined it after its return to the Coast, the claim of his Heir to the bounty of Government would have been at once admitted, we have authorized, as a special case, the issue of the regulated Pension to the Widow.

5. There being no provision in the regulations, for the employment, at the public expense, of a Writer for the purpose of preparing proceedings of Committees of a General nature at Posts or Stations, the Head Quarters of a single Corps,—and applications having been made to us from time to time by Triennial Committees for the examination of Pensioners, for permission to employ a Writer where Regimental means were not available for such Scriptory duties, we have published a G. O. modifying the regulations so as to provide for similar cases.

Cons. 9th October 1855, Nos. 83 to 85
No. 3 in the Packet.

6. The correspondence noted in the margin relates to an arrangement which, as a measure of emergency, we have sanctioned, for the temporary accommodation and treatment of female Patients afflicted with Venereal disease in the Cantonment of Bangalore, in consequence of a representation made by the Deputy Inspector General of Her Majesty's Hospitals, of the necessity for adopting some stringent measures for checking the great extent to which this disease had spread among the Soldiers of Her Majesty's 43d Foot, at the above station.

Dy. to Cons. 17th July 1855, Nos. 81—2
Cons. 17th " " 102—3
Cons. 7th Augt. " " 78—9
Dy. to Cons. 2d Oct. " " 17-18
Collection No. 4 in the Packet.

7. We beg to report to your Honorable Court that with the view of encouraging the healthy and pleasant occupation of gardening in Corps, we have, at the recommendation of the Military Board, concurred in by the Commander-in-Chief, authorized the supply of Garden Implements for the use of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of European Regiments, as an experimental measure,—the Military Board reporting hereafter the extent to which the indulgence has been taken advantage of, and the amount of expense incurred.

Dy. to Cons. 28*th Augt.* 1855, *Nos.* 11—12
Cons. 25*th Sept.* 1855, *Nos.* 18—19
Collection No. 5 *in the Packet.*

8. We have, at the suggestion of the Commander-in-Chief, directed the Military Board to prepare a few simple rules for the guidance of Commanding Officers, in their demands for Tools.

9. The Emigration Agent represented the difficulty experienced in securing efficient Medical aid for Emigrant Ships proceeding to the Mauritius, and solicited that Medical Subordinates of the Public Service absent from duty on Medical Certificate, might be permitted to engage their services for such employment.

Cons. 18*th Sept.* 1855, *Nos.* 114—115
2*d Oct.* ,, ,, 142—3
Collection No. 6 *in the Packet.*

10. Considering that the arrangement proposed might be carried into effect with advantage, it being left to the Medical Board to select individuals equal to the duty, and in whose cases the sea voyage would be advisable,—and also that the same arrangement might be extended to occasions of Medical aid being required for Details proceeding to and from the Eastern Coast,—we have, in concurrence with the Commander-in-Chief, sanctioned the same, on the understanding that the period of sick leave obtained by the Medical Warrant Officers, be not exceeded, consequent on such employment.

11. While so employed, they will be entitled to the regulated Pay and Allowances of their rank, exclusive of such remuneration as may be made to them by the Emigration Agent.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
,, GEORGE ANSON,
,, WALTER ELLIOT,
,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th January* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 2 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We forward the Annual Returns of Sickness and Mortality amongst the Troops, European and Native, of the Madras Army, during the year 1853--54, accompanied by the Medical Board's report thereon, and the letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, giving cover to them.

Cons. 27th November 1855. Nos. 108—9. No. 889 in the Packet.

2. In para 4 of our dispatch of 17th August 1853, No. 102, we recommended to your Honorable Court the suggestion made by the Medical Board, supported by the Commander-in-Chief, that at least one Assistant Surgeon might be permanently posted to each of our European Infantry Regiments, and that the Staff salary of a Native Regiment might be granted to him from the date he would become entitled, under ordinary circumstances, to such charge—and we now beg again to urge the subject upon your consideration as brought specially to notice in para 166 of the Board's present report and in para 4 of the Adjutant General's letter.

3. With reference to para 4 of your dispatch of 18th April 1855, No. 30, stating that you await the further proceedings of the Commander-in-Chief on the subject of Major W. K. Babington's supercession in the command of the 17th Regiment N. I. and his fitness for future command, we have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army intimating that the conduct of Major Babington has for some time past been satisfactory, and that no necessity now exists for depriving him of the command of his Regiment ; but that it has been necessary to provide several Lieutenant Colonels who have returned from Europe with Corps, which has prevented the Commander-in-Chief restoring Major Babington to the command, and has had the effect of superseding other Majors, all senior to Major Babington.

Cons. 18th Dec. 1855, Nos. 106—7 No. 10 in the Packet.

4. We submit for the favorable consideration of your Honorable Court the accompanying letter from the Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, enclosing one from Mr. J. S. Harvey, the Head Draughtsman of the Quarter Master General's Office, detailing his services and soliciting an increase of salary.

Dy. to Cons. 18th Dec. 1855, Nos. 11 at 13 with Dy. to Cons. 17th Oct. 1154, Nos. 25 at 27 Cons. 5th January 1855, Nos. 175 at 176. Collection No. // in the Packet.

5. Mr. Harvey appears to have served upwards of 40 years, and the Deputy Quarter Master General bears high testimony to his merits, bringing to especial notice the labor bestowed by him in the compilation of Major Scott's Map of the Peninsula of India, in order to make it correspond minutely in all its details with the valuable collection of Geographical and Statistical information made by that Officer; and strongly advocates the grant of an increase to his salary to make it bear some proportion to what is allowed to the Head Draughtsmen in other Departments at this and the other Presidencies,—and from the date of Mr. Harvey's application.

6. Looking to the disparity which does exist between the amount drawn by the Head Draughtsman of the Quarter Master General's Office, and the salaries enjoyed by others of the same class, as is shewn in a comparative Table attached to the correspondence, we would recommend that Mr. Harvey's salary be raised to Rupees 125 a month, as not being more than should be allowed for the duty—and as being specially merited by the present incumbent.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" GEORGE ANSON,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th January 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 3 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We beg to forward an Emergent Indent for Army Clothing Stores, which the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing requestes may be dispatched so as to arrive in India as early as possible in 1856, the same being required for the Clothing of that year.

Dy. to Cons. 11th Dec. 1855, No. 55—56
No. 13 in the Packet.

2. It is explained that this additional demand is rendered necessary by the larger supply of Clothing prescribed by the New Regulations, as well as by the extra expenditure of Stores required for the Clothing of the Hyderabad Contingent which the Superintendent and Agent has been ordered to make up.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ GEORGE ANSON,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th January 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 4 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

In continuation of our Despatch of the 13th December 1855, No. 155, we beg to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Accountant General, dated 8th January 1856, No. 315, reporting the disbursement by the Paymaster at Bangalore, of the several sums remitted by the individuals named in the margin, of H. M.'s 12th Lancers, to their families at the above station, amounting in the aggregate to £ (8) Eight, together with three Receipts in Duplicate, duly signed, for the payments so made, and to request that your Honorable Court will effect the recovery of the same from the War Office.

Dg. to Com: 9 January 1856. No 9 Mil. Letter No. 78. No. 15 in the Packet.

Serjeant Joseph Durward,	£2
Private J. J. Metheringham,	£2
,, *Samuel J. White,*	£4
No 16 in the Packet.	£8

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
,, GEORGE ANSON,
,, WALTER ELLIOT,
,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th January 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 5 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have permitted Captain Charles Alexander Blagrave, 40th Regiment N. I., to retire from the service on the pension of his rank, from 28th December 1855.

Dy. to the end of the year 1855, *No.* 17, *C. No.* 2 *in the Packet.* V Encl. to 604 of 12 336 of 1855.

2. Adverting to para 6 of our letter, 12th September 1855, No. 125, on the subject of an application made to us through the Government of India, for a further supply of 56 Pounder Guns for the defences of Singapore, and to your recent* despatches, relative to the discontinuance of Ordnance of the above description, we beg to report that the Supreme Government have approved of a suggestion made by us for the withdrawal of the 56 Pounders from Singapore, and the substitution of 68 Pounders.

Cons. 30*th October* 1855, *Nos.* 73—4
Dy. to the end of the year 1855, *Nos.* 11 *to* 14
Collection No. 3 *in the Packet.*

* *From Court* 21*st February* 1855, *No.* 13
„ 29*th August* „ 65, *para* 2.

3. We have accordingly authorized the despatch of the required number.

4. As all the 68 Pounders now available, have been allotted for Singapore, we beg to observe, that it is of importance that a further number should be supplied by your Honorable Court for Fort St. George.

5. With reference to para 9, of your despatch of 3d October 1855, No. 72, stating, in reply to the Military Board's request for a supply of Chlorate of Potass and Potassee Carbon being sent out at the end of this year, that you await a proper and specific requisition for the same, according to established practice—and remarking that these prospective wants should be well considered and always provided for in the Annual Indent,—we beg to forward the accompanying letter from the Military Board representing the impracticability of so regulating their demands, as to provide in their Indent, prepared in the month of January, for unexpected necessities which subsequently arise.

Dy. to Cons. 4*th January* 1856, *Nos.* 50—51
No. 4 *in the Packet.*

6. We solicit your attention to para 3 of the Board's letter, regarding a large supply of Sulphur required from England to replace the quantity expended to meet the call* recently made by your Honorable Court for providing 4000 or 5000 Barrels of Gun Powder for H. M.'s Service.

* *From Court No. 71 of 26th September 1855.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" GEORGE ANSON,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th January 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 6 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have permitted Captain (Brevet Major) Arthur Salmon, 47th Regiment N. I., to retire from the service on the pension of a Major, from 11th December 1855, or any subsequent date on which the Court Martial at Poonah of which he is a member, shall be dissolved by the Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army.

Dy. Cons. 18th December 1855, Nos. 64—5
No. 6 in the Packet.

2. We beg to report to your Honorable Court that we have sanctioned the Enlistment on the Pension Boy Establishment of the 37th Grenadiers, of Chinniah, son of Lance Naigue Rungiah late of that Corps, who was discharged on account of sickness contracted on General service.

Cons. 18th December 1855, Nos. 175—6
No. 7 in the Packet.

3. There are no orphans in the above Corps.

4. With reference to our letter of 13th April 1855, No. 52, paras 4 at 6, we forward the Proceedings of the Remount Committee held for the examination of the Remounts of the season 1855-56.

Cons. 18th December 1855, Nos. 142—3
No. 8 in the Packet.

5. We beg to forward the Commission issued to Captain E. Worsley, late of the 2d European Light Infantry, whom your Honorable Court recently permitted to retire from the service, and to request that the stamp due thereon may be recovered from that Officer, and its recovery intimated to us for communication to the Accountant General, with a view to the same being adjusted in the Books, to the debit of London.

Cons. 18th December 1855, Nos. 137—8
No. 9 in the Packet.

6. We have transferred Serjeant John Connors of the European Infantry Veteran Company, to the Non-effective Establishment, on the superior pension subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Court.

Cons. 18th December 1855, Nos. 181—2
No. 10 in the Packet.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" GEORGE ANSON,
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th *January* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 7 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to our despatch of 24th December 1855, No. 156, para 15, reporting the issue of the necessary instructions for holding in readiness for shipment, the supply of 4000 or 5000 barrels of Gun Powder required for Her Majesty's service; we beg to forward the accompanying letter from the Military Board, intimating that the required quantity will be available for shipment on any of Her Majesty's vessels which may be sent by the Admiral to receive it.

Dy. to Cons. 4th January 1856, *Nos.* 48—9
No 13 in the Packet

2. In addition to the supply of Sulphur required from England as noticed in para 6 of our letter No 5 of 25th January 1856, the Board solicit that a supply of copper sheet for about 20000 hoops may be sent out with a machine for cutting it into strips.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ GEORGE ANSON,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th January 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 8 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY

HONORABLE SIRS,

We forward a Memorial to your address from Appiah, late Private in the 49th Regiment N. I., who was discharged, as a Malingerer,—soliciting that, as he had served about 18 years and 159 days, he may be readmitted into the Army and allowed to complete a service of 20 years, for pension.

Dy. to Cons. 4th January 1856, Nos. 39 to 43. Collection No. 5 in the Packet.

2. A Memorial from Discharged Private Ramasawmy, late of the 2d Regiment N. I., having the same object, is likewise transmitted.

3. Both the above are accompanied by reports from the Adjutant General of the Army.

4. We submit for your consideration and orders, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, dated 17th December 1855, No. 589, and of its enclosures, having reference to the conduct of Captain E. J. Ferrers, of the 4th Regiment L. C.

Dy. Cons. 4th January 1856, Nos. 17 and 18. No. 16 in the Packet.

5. The correspondence relates to an engagement into which Captain Ferrers had entered with the junior Officers of his Corps, to retire from the service, originating in circumstances connected with certain disclosures made at a Court of Inquiry held at Saugor, consequent on a complaint preferred by Captain Ferrers against a Brother Officer, and found to be groundless.

6. The conditions on which Captain Ferrers had consented to quit the Regiment, were duly fulfilled by the Officers junior to him; but Captain Ferrers would seek to withdraw from his engagement, by alleging reasons which the Commander-in-Chief has declared to be untenable.

7. Upon a review of the whole transaction, His Excellency considers that Captain Ferrers' conduct has been so discreditable, as to merit his removal from the strength of the Army; but, taking into consideration the ruin which would thus be entailed upon him, recommends that the sanction of your Honorable Court be obtained to its being intimated to Captain Ferrers that he must fulfil the engagement entered into, in order to avoid the extreme measure which the Commander-in-Chief would, upon his refusal, advise to be adopted towards him.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ GEORGE ANSON,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th *January* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 9 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Referring to the correspondence noted in the margin, on the subject of the Memorials of Deputy Assistant Commissaries R. FitzGibbon, and S. Simpson of the Commissariat Department, and J. Tomlinson of the Ordnance Department, we have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, conveying the sentiments of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, in favor of the grant to them of the Commission of Lieutenant on the Non-Effective Establishment, in consideration of their being old and meritorious Warrant Officers of the superior grade.

To Court 21*st June* 1855, *No.* 77, *para* 5 *to* 8.
,, 7*th July* ,, ,, 88 ,, 1 *&* 2.
From do. 17*th Oct.* ,, ,, 74 ,, 6 *to* 9.

Dy. to Cons. 22*d January* 1856, *Nos.* 15-16.
No. 18 *in the Packet.*

2. We beg further to submit a Memorial to your address from Deputy Assistant Commissary T. Darling, whom the Commander-in-Chief also recommends for the Commission of Lieutenant on the Veteran Establishment, on the same grounds.

3. Fully concurring in His Excellency's sentiments, we would add the expression of our strong recommendation that the prayer of the several Memorialists may receive your Honorable Court's most favorable consideration.

4. We transmit a memorial to your address from Letchmunurgoo, late Private in the 30th Regiment N. I., appealing against his dismissal from the Service and Soliciting to be re-employed,—accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General.

Dy. to Cons. 22*d January* 1856, *Nos.* 17 *to* 19.
No. 19 *in the Packet.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th January 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 10 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to our despatches noted in the margin, we now transmit a letter from the Military Board forwarding a further communication from the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory relative to the Machinery lately received from England for the use of his Establishment together with a report from Mr. Kennedy, Assistant Civil Engineer.

25th September 1855, *No.* 128, *p.* 1.
9th November ,, ,, 139, *p.* 28.
24th ,, ,, ,, 146.
24th December ,, ,, 159.

Dy. to Cons. 22*d Jan.* 1856, *Nos.* 37 to 39.
Cons. 22*d Jan.* 1856, *Nos.* 93 & 94.
Collection No. 21 *in the Packet.*

2. Major Maitland has strongly recommended that Mr. Deputy Assistant Commissary Curran and three Ordnance Artificers should be sent to England in order to their being thoroughly instructed in the management and application of the Machinery in question, as explained at length in Major Maitland's letters of the 8th and 16th January 1856.

3. We entirely concur with Major Maitland in the expediency of the proposed arrangement, feeling strongly convinced that it will be in every respect for the advantage of the public service.

4. It is evident from the Statements contained in the correspondence that there is no one at the Manufactory sufficiently skilled in Machinery to enable the Superintendent either to set up the various Machines with the necessary accuracy, or to apply them fully to their proper uses afterwards—and no assistance can be provided from other sources, there being no one at present qualified for this peculiar duty whose services can be made available.

5. We must, therefore, either obtain men from England, or send men there to be specially instructed for the purpose

6. We have already solicited that men may be sent out by your Honorable Court—but we apprehend that much difficulty may be experienced in finding persons of the qualifications and character required,—while looking to the risk of climate, the uncertainty of their proving good instructors of Native Artificers, and the possibility of their becoming discontented with their position, we believe that for the particular objects of the Gun Carriage Manufactory the latter would be decidedly the preferable course.

7. Mr. Curran, whose services have on former occasions been brought to your Honorable Court's favorable notice, is an energetic and able man, perfectly prepared by his acquirements and experience to make himself Master of all that is required to be known for the service of the Manufactory,—and the Artificers selected by Major Maitland will also be found well fitted, it is believed, to receive the further instruction which they now need.

8. Belonging as these men do altogether to the service in this country, with which are connected all their prospects in life and all their family associations, there is no fear, as in the case of men from Europe, either of their failing from the effects of climate, or of their becoming dissatisfied with life in India—while their

familiar acquaintance with the habits of the Natives and their knowledge of the vernacular languages, must obviously give them, if otherwise properly qualified, very great advantage as instructors.

9. We have, therefore, come to the conclusion that the arrangement proposed should be carried into effect—and considering that much valuable time has already been lost, and that the Machinery already sent out must remain useless until perfectly qualified men can be supplied to the Manufactory to set it up and work it, we have, in anticipation of your Honorable Court's sanction, granted authority for their being sent to England by the first Steamer of February.

10. We should have preferred submitting the proposition for your Honorable Court's previous consideration, but we feel that under our actual circumstances the delay would be injurious to the public interests, at the same time that we feel fully satisfied that the result of the arrangement will be such as amply to justify its adoption.

11. We annex a statement of the monthly pay to which Mr. Curran and the Artificers will be severally entitled during their absence—and we request that your Honorable Court will defray such expenses as it may be necessary to incur on account of Stationery and Travelling charges.

12. Mr. Curran will report himself at the India House on arrival, with the men under his charge and we would suggest that the necessary steps may be at once taken in order to their being enabled to enter upon their work without delay.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th *January* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

Referred to in No 10 of 1856.—

Memorandum of Pay issuable to Deputy Assistant Commissary Curran and others.

	Rs.		£	S.
Deputy Asst. Commissary J. Curran -	125		12	10
2nd Class Foreman B. Robinson -	21		2	2
3rd Do. J. R. Forsyth -	30	or at 2 s. the Rupee.	3	0
Ordnance Artificer R. Spooner -	30		3	0

Commencing on 1st June 1856 in arrears for May.

Signed/ C. A. Bourne Colt

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No.// OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 22d Jan. 1856.
No 23 in the Packet.

We beg to refer for the orders of your Honorable Court the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, reporting that Lieut. T. H. H. Gahagan, 3rd Madras European Regiment, who had obtained leave of absence from his Corps from the 1st July to 1st October 1855, to visit the Presidency, and who had been further permitted to remain at the Presidency pending an immediate application he was to make through the Officer Commanding his Regiment for an extension of leave for a definite period, for the purpose of arranging his affairs, has not been heard of since the 24th October, and recommending that he may be struck off the strength of the Army from the 1st Novr. 1855, as it is presumed that he has clandestinely quitted India and will never return.

2. We beg at the same time to be informed whether it is your wish that previous reference should be made to you hereafter in cases such as the present.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th January 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 12 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

In our Revenue Despatch of the 12th Sept. 1855, No. 39, your Honorable Court were informed of the considerations which led to our adopting the plan of printing our Office Papers, in substitution for Manuscript, and of the introduction of the change in the first instance in the Revenue Department of our Office.

Cons. 11th Dec. 1855, Nos. 106-7. No. 25 in the Packet.

2. Having completed the necessary arrangements for printing the papers in the Military Department also, we have sanctioned, for the present, a monthly charge in the Government Gazette Press Accounts for this purpose, of a sum not exceeding 350 Rupees a month, to be covered by a corresponding reduction in our Military Secretary's Office Establishment, effected, by dispensing with the services of certain individuals selected partly as having completed service for pension, and partly as the least efficient of their respective classes—those not entitled to pension being granted gratuities.

3. One of these, Copyist S. Annasawmy who had served 17 years and 2 months, has been granted a special pension of one fourth of his present pay, in consideration of his length of service—subject to your confirmation.

4. We may observe that the adoption of the new arrangement, will, in addition to the advantages enumerated in the letter above adverted to, effect a large eventual saving in the Pension Establishment of the Department, and a considerable reduction on account of stationery as well as binding—besides which, when the numerous Offices to which our Military papers are now sent for entry are supplied at once with printed copies, they will at least be relieved from all necessity for increase,—a necessity now continually urged,—to say nothing of the importance to the public interests of the time gained by a rapid and simultaneous circulation of the orders of Government.

5. Two Printed copies of our Proceedings in this Department for the month of Novr. 1855—viz. one, for the use of your Honorable Court, and the other, for the Board of Commissioners—will be found as numbers in the packet included in List, No. 2 of 1856,—and the present Mail conveys a like number of copies of the Proceedings for December.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th January 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 13 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have the honor to submit for your consideration and orders, the accompanying letter from the Military Board, laying before us an application for the purchase of his discharge from the service, by Assistant Supervisor Henry Proctor, whom your Honorable Court *sent out in the year 1847, to be attached to the Arsenal of Fort Saint George as an Armourer Serjeant.

Cons. 15th January 1856, *Nos.* 146 *and* 147. *No. 27 in the Packet.*

**Vide letter from Court 20th October* 1847, *No.* 72.

2. The Principal Commissary of Ordnance and the Board recommend a compliance with Mr. Proctor's request—as it is his wish to establish himself in business—although they state that such a measure will entail some difficulties in supplying Mr. Proctor's place in the Arsenal, until a suitable person could be sent out from England, and the Board further recommend, with reference to Mr. Proctor's not having served the period to entitle him to a free discharge, that he may be granted this privilege, as he holds the rank of a Warrant Officer, and has conducted himself well during the 8 years of his service.

3. Feeling doubtful as to the propriety of complying with this application, we have considered it advisable to refer it for the orders of your Honorable Court.

4. Whether complied with or not, we would still strongly recommend the early engagement of two Armourers, fully qualified to instruct others in every thing pertaining to the Minie Rifle as well as Arms in general.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th *January* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 14 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to our despatch of the 12th October 1855, No. 132, submitting a letter from the Medical Board regarding the inconvenience occasioned by the non-receipt in time of the Medical supplies on Indent, No. 19, we beg to state that the Board have now addressed us, requesting, with a view to obviate a similar occurrence, that such measures may be taken as to ensure the despatch from England of the stores on Indent, No. 20, dated 1st January 1855, enclosed in our despatch of 28th July 1855, No. 29, so as to reach Madras in all June or July of the present year.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th January 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 15 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to report for the information of your Honorable Court that, consequent on the departure for Calcutta on the 17th Instant, of His Excellency General the Honorable George Anson, to assume the Chief Command of the Army in India, the temporary Command of the Madras Army has devolved upon Major General Marcus Beresford of Her Majesty's Service as next Senior Officer on the Staff.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29 January 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 16 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We beg to report to your Honorable Court that upon the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, and with the sanction of the Government of India, we granted a special pension of Rupees 3 per mensem to Moollapah, late a private in the 40th Regiment Native Infantry, who, after a service of 12 years and 228 days, was discharged, on the report of a Medical Committee, in consequence of "opacity of both eyes, contracted during general service."

Dy. to Cons. 18*th September* 1855, *Nos.* 15 & 16
Cons. 20*th November* „ „ 76—7

Collection No. 3 *in the Packet.*

2. Lieutenant J. C. Middleton, 23d Madras Native Infantry submitted an appeal against a retrenchment of Pay and Allowances from the 16th August to the 30th September 1854, the former being the date of his arrival at Calcutta from on leave to Europe, and the latter, the date prior to that of his joining his Regiment, in the Saugor Division.

Dy. to Cons. 6*th November* 1855, *Nos.* 35—6.

No. 4 *in the Packet.*

3. The ground for the retrenchment was, that Lieutenant Middleton had been absent from India more than three years, by fifteen days, and that under para 13, page 6, of the Pay and Audit Regulations, he was not entitled to Pay or Allowances until he actually arrived at some port or station under his own Presidency, or rejoined his Regiment.

4. We however stated our opinion that under the terms of the Regulation by which Officers belonging to Regiments stationed at places nearer to Calcutta than to Madras are entitled to return to their duty by way of Calcutta—arrival at the latter place must be considered equivalent to arrival at their own Presidency,—and we accordingly authorised the removal of the retrenchment.

5. The Commissary General laid before us a letter from the Officer in charge of the Remount Depôt at Oossoor, advocating the abolition of the Auxiliary Depôt maintained at Koonghul, for the following reasons; —its distance,—about 70 miles—from the Principal Depôt at Oossoor; its offering no particular advantages, which could overrule the inconvenience of its distance; the circumstances of the Remount Department not requiring it to be retained, and the sacrifice in the way of buildings &c. by the abolition being inconsiderable: and at the same time recommending the formation of an Establishment, to the extent specified in the margin, for keeping the horses at the Oossoor Depôt in regular exercise, not for the purpose of handing over trained horses to the Mounted Corps, but to give the animals increased means of developing their muscular powers, and as contributing to their health, and soundness of constitution.

Dy. to Cons. 11*th September* 1855, *Nos.* 61 @ 64.
do. 6*th November* „ „ 45—6.
Cons. 20*th* „ „ „ 80—1.

Collection No. 5 *in the Packet.*

5	*Chabook Sawars at Rs.*	12	*each*	60 0 0.
10	*do.*	9	*do.*	90 0 0.
15	*do.*	7	*do.*	105 0 0.
			Rupees	255 0 0.

6. These suggestions were concurred in by Lieutenant Colonel Hill, Deputy Commissary General, who presided for a long time over the Remount Depôt, and Stud Department, as well as by the Commissary General himself, and the Commander-in-Chief.

7. Having accordingly submitted the proposed arrangements to the Government of India, with our recommendation for their being carried into effect, with the proviso that the Riding Establishment at Oossoor should be considered temporary only, and to be specially reported upon as soon as Corps shall have received horses which have been subjected to the proposed preparatory training,—that Government accorded their sanction to the same.

8. We forward the correspondence noted in the margin relative to the withdrawal, under the orders of the Government of India, from the 12th Regiment Native Infantry, of Lieut. C. G. Finlay—in excess of the authorised number of absentees—for Civil employment in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts

Dy. to Cons. 9th Oct. 1855, *Nos.* 135 @ 7.
„ 23*d* „ „ „ 40—1, & 52 @ 55.
„ 6*th Nov.* *do.* 78—9

Collection No. 6 *in the Packet.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *February* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 11 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Dy. to Cons. 4th January 1856, Nos. 1 and 2.
No. 8 in the Packet.

We forward a Supplemental Medal Roll of a Medical Subordinate who served with the Madras Artillery in Burmah.

2. We have the honor to transmit the accompanying report from the Adjutant General of the Army, of the removal of Lieut. Col. (Bt. Col.) J. Davidson, from the 23rd L. I. to the 2d N. I., and of Lieut. Col. A. Pinson, from the latter to the former Corps, in compliance with the wish of these Officers to exchange.

Dy. to Cons. 8th January 1856. Nos. 29 and 30.
No. 9 in the Packet.

3. We submit for your favorable consideration the case of Gunner F. Murphy, A Troop Horse Artillery, who has been discharged the service in consequence of ill health occasioned by a severe wound inflicted on him by an Arab at Jaulnah in June 1854, and whom the Commander-in-Chief recommends for a small pension as a special case.

Cons. 15th January 1856, Nos. 103 to 106.
No. 10 in the Packet.

4. With reference to para 9 of your despatch dated 27th June 1855, No. 50, intimating that your Honorable Court will attend to our communication of the 28th March 1855, No. 47, bringing to notice the omission of the name of Major H. Colbeck of the Retired List, in the List of Lieut. Colonels in the Brevet awarded by Her Majesty to Officers of the East India Company's Service retired on full pay—with a view to the necessary steps being taken for having the same rectified,—we beg again to solicit the attention of your Honorable Court to the above communication.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *February* 1856.

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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No. 18 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to forward for your consideration the accompanying letter from the Military Board, dated 8th January 1856, No. 257, containing their replies to the remarks made in your Honorable Court's Despatch, of 29th August 1855, No. 65, on certain demands in their Annual Indent No. 55, for Military Stores.

Dy. to Cons. 29th Jany. 1856, *Nos.* 19 & 20.
No. 12 in the Packet.

2. It will be observed that the Board urge the early supply of Copper in sheet, instead of in Hoops, and the provision of a cutting machine.

3. They also assign reasons for a larger supply of Buff leather being sent out from England, than that stated to be under provision.

4. With reference to the sentiments expressed by your Honorable Court in para 6 of the despatch under notice, on the subject of encouraging the local manufacture of Buff, we solicit your attention to the observations made in para 9, of the Military Board's present letter, regarding the difficulties experienced in the manufacture, owing to the great want of professionally qualified persons from England as Overseers and Foremen—a subject on which we had the honor of addressing you on former* occasions.

* *To Court* 10*th Jany.* 1840, *No.* 20, *p.* 17—18.
„ 20*th Feby.* 1845, *No.* 10, *p.* 4—5.
„ 23*rd March* 1854, *No.* 45, *p.* 6.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
12/5 *February* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 19 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We transmit an Extra Indent for certain Surgical Instruments required for the use of this Presidency, together with a letter from the Medical Board which gave cover to it, explaining the necessity for the demand, and soliciting that the supply indented for may be despatched from England at an early date by the overland route.

Cons. 29th January 1856, *Nos.* 126—7. *Nos. 4 & 5 in the Packet.*

2. In para 4 of the above letter, the Board state their reasons for the delay which will take place in the preparation this year of their General Indent for Medical Stores.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 11th *February* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 20 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit for your consideration, a Memorial to your address from Captain W. Leggatt of the 1st N. V. Batalion Commanding General Depot of European Pensioners at Cuddalore, setting forth his services, and soliciting to be promoted to the Rank of Major on the Invalid Establishment—accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army.

Dy. to Cons. 29th January 1856, *Nos. 8 and 9. No. 17 in the Packet.*

2. Adverting to the circumstance of Captain Leggatt's not having yet completed 50 years service, which is the only objection noticed by the Commander-in-Chief, we think it right to observe that Captain Leggatt has been 32 years a Commissioned Officer, of which he served 21 in the rank of Lieutenant.

3. We forward the accompanying report from the Adjutant General of the Army, of certain removals of Lieutenant-Colonels, which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has found it necessary to order, to provide Field Officers for the Command of the 10th, 29th, and 50th Regiments N. I,—Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Wright, of the first, having sent an application to retire from the service, Colonel Thomson, of the second, having left on Medical Certificate, and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Rose, in Command of the last, having been reported to be physically unfit for Command.

Dy. to Cons. 29th January 1856, *Nos* 10 *and* 11. *No. 18 in the Packet.*

4. Upon the grounds stated in the accompanying correspondence, we have, with the sanction of the Government of India, authorised a permanent addition of 60 Rupees a month to the Police Establishment at Masulipatam, for the purpose of augmenting the wages of 40 second class Peons, from Rs. 3-8 to Rupees 5 each, per mensem.

Cons. 30th October 1855, *Nos* 105@107
,, *15th January* 1856, *Nos.* 130 *and* 131
Collection No. 19 in the Packet,

5. We have also sanctioned, under the authority of the Supreme Government, the grant of Horse Allowance at the rate of 10 Rupees a month, to the Road Serjeants at Bangalore, Trichinopoly and Bellary.

Dy. to Cons. 18th September 1855, *Nos.* 17 *and* 18.
,, *27th November* ,, ,, 36 *and* 37.
Cons. 15th January 1856, *Nos.* 128 *and* 129.
Collection No. 20 in the Packet.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th February 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 21 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. The Commander-in-Chief, in submitting Lists of Soldier's Necessaries required by the Artillery, Sappers and Miners, Cavalry and Infantry, European and Native, with a view to our sanctioning their publication, agreeably to para 135, of the New Clothing Regulations for India, brought to notice the present custom of wearing Sandals by the Native Troops, and proposed the substitution of the shoe as an article of Regimental Necessaries,—stating that the cost of the latter is generally considered to be a little more than that of the former, but that any extra expense likely to be incurred by the Soldier will be more than compensated, were the system of supplying Knapsacks at the expense of the state, which appears to obtain in Bengal and Bombay, made applicable to Madras, as suggested in a previous communication from the Adjutant General.

Dy. to Cons. 6th November 1855, Nos. 61—62.
Dy. to Cons. 29th January 1856, Nos. 6—7.
With
Dy. to Cons. 19th June 1855, Nos. 13—14.

Collection No. 22 in the Packet.

2. Having been informed by Government that the above proposition would be submitted to your Honorable Court, but with an intimation that Government were not prepared to recommend its adoption, the Commander-in-Chief has caused a further communication to be submitted laying before Government the opinons of Commanding Officers of several Regiments on the subject.

3. It does not appear to us to be proved that the shoe is in all respects to be preferred to the Sandal, and we are of opinion that while it may advantageously be left optional with Regiments as at present, it would not be advisable to issue any order, requiring its adoption.

4. We have therefore authorised the publication of the Lists referred to, substituting for "Shoes," "Sandals or shoes," allowing Corps to continue as at present.

5. The suggestions for supplying Knapsacks to the Native Troops at the public expense, is under reference to the Government of India.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *February* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 22 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We forward an Indent received from the Commissary General for Flannel, Blankets and Worsted Socks required for the use of the Commissariat Department for the year 1855—56.

Cons. 5th Feby. 1856, *Nos.* 139–140. *No.* 22 *in the Packet.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE, *11th February* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 23 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We forward the Annual Indent No. 59 for Military Stores for this Presidency, required to be shipped from England in the season 1856-57, accompanied by a Packet containing Pattern Screw Cards.

Nos. 2 to 8 in the Packet.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th February* 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 24 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

In continuation of our letter of the 25th January 1856, No. 10, we have now the honor to forward copy of a further communication from the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, stating the particular duties upon which he is desirous that Mr. Curran and the three Artificers should be severally employed during their stay in England.

Dy. to Cons. 29*th January* 1856, *Nos.* 71—2
do. 29*th do.* „ „ 100—1
do. 5*th February* 1856 „ 155—7
do. *do.* 1856 „ 7—8

Collection No. 30 *in the Packet.*

2. We trust your Honorable Court will be pleased to comply with Major Maitland's request in regard to supplying the men with instruments &c. and defraying such expenses as may be incurred in carring out the objects in view—and we would further recommend that should the pay allowed to the Artificers be found insufficient for their maintenance in England such addition may be made to it as you may consider necessary.

3. The Agent of the P. & O. C. having stated that he is precluded from granting passages of the 2nd Class from India to England, Mr. Curran has been embarked as a 1st class passenger, and the three Artificers as his servants—We would solicit your attention to this, as it appears to us to be very desirable that Warrant Officers and others in similar circumstances, having occasion to proceed to Europe on furlough or Medical Certificate, should have the option of doing so overland, from which, however, they must generally be debarred if required to pay for a first class passage.

4. No such difficulty exists in regard to second class passages from England to India.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th February* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 25 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Dy. to Cons. 5th February 1856. *No.* 84. *No. 30A in the Packet.*

We have permitted Major George Gordon, 48th Regiment N.I., to retire from the service on the pension of a Colonel, from the 30th January 1856.

Dy. to Cons. 12*th Feb.* 1856, *Nos* 15 *to* 17. *No. 30C in the Packet.*

2. We submit a Memorial to your address from Mrs. M. Brunette, widow of the late Mr. W. R. Brunette, Manager of the Adjutant Generals Office, representing her distressed condition, having a large family consisting of 8 children wholly dependent on her, without any means of support beyond a small pension derived from the Madras Widow's Fund, and terminable on her death, the circumstances of the deceased and the many and urgent wants of his family not having enabled him to make any further provision—and soliciting that in consideration of the untiring zeal and the efficiency with which he labored in the various situations in which he was placed both in the Military and Uncovenanted services, during a period extending to 25 years, as shown by the very high testimonials accorded to him by the Officers under whom he had served, your Honorable Court will look upon Memorialists case as a special one, and as an act of compassion grant some allowance for the maintenance and education of her children.

3. The Memorial is accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army in its support, and a report from the Military Auditor General—and in concurrence with the sentiments of the Commander-in-Chief, we beg to recommend its prayer to your favorable consideration, as a special case.

Dy. to Cons. 12*th Feby.* 1856, *Nos.* 22&23. *No. 30D in the Packet.*

4. The Military Board brought to notice the success in the manufacture of Bugles in this country, and that the Commander-in-Chief recommended their adoption as the established pattern for all Native Infantry Regiments.

5. Our sanction was therefore requested to the Board undertaking their manufacture in this country—the new pattern being introduced when the present stock shall have been exhausted.

6. We have complied with their request, subject to reconsideration hereafter, if found advisable.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 14 *February* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 26 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to report for the information of your Honorable Court that being of opinion that it would be for the advantage of the Public Service to place the issue of Equipments or Equipment allowance to Officers of H. M's. Service, under the Qr. Mr. Genl. of the Army—in common with all others—we directed it to be done.

Dy. to Cons. 27th. Feby. 1855, Nos. 17 at 19.
Viz. Ext. Qr. Mr. Genl's letter p. 1 at 3.
Mily. Adr. Genl's report. p. 3 & 4.
M. C. p. 3.
Cons. 27th March 1855, Nos. 72—3.
,, 17th April 1855, Nos. 38—9.
Dy. to Cons. 16th. Oct. 1855, Nos. 10—11.
Collection No. 2 in the Packet.

2. We further directed that the rules applicable to Equipments of Officers of the Company's Service, should, as in Bengal, also be applicable to Officers of H. M's Army.

3. In continuation of our dispatch, 11th August 1855, No. 108, paras. 6 & 7, we beg to state that the Military Board reported to us the discharge of 6 of the 27 Lascars authorized to be temporarily kept up at the Grand Arsenal in the room of an equal number of Absentees of the regular Establishment on Foreign Service and detached duty,—and submitted a renewed application for the continuance of the remaining 21, for a further period of six months,—and,—in order to avoid repeated applications to us for authority to maintain the Arsenal Establishment at its full strength,—they further solicited our sanction to their permitting the temporary employment of Lascars, in lieu of all Absentees on regular and authorized duties.

Cons. 23d. October 1855, Nos. 72 at 74.
No. 3 in the Packet

4. We accorded our sanction to the above proposals, but limited the Military Board's authority for the future employment of temporary Lascars to cases in which permanent Lascars might be detached on other duty for a period of more than three months.

5. Adverting to your Honorable Court's dispatch, dated 1st July 1852, No. 49, paras 24 & 25, respecting the selection of qualified men as Artisans from Public Establishments in India, we beg to report that the Military Board brought to notice the difficulty in obtaining Artisans from the Army, and recommended, as an inducement to men to come forward to have their qualifications fully ascertained, that a remuneration might be granted to them whilst under trial at the Grand Arsenal.

Cons. 3d July 1855, Nos. 76—7.
,, 24th July 1855, Nos. 86—7,
,, 23d October 1855, Nos. 82—3
Collection No. 4 in the Packet.

6. We accordingly authorised, as a general rule, the grant, in such cases, of a remuneration equal to the Pay and Allowances of Store Serjeant, with the proviso that it be limited to a period of not more than two months, in any individual case.

7. Lieutenant G. F. J. Lewin, of the 2nd. European Light Infantry, quartered in the European Barracks in Fort Saint George, having submitted a representation of the hardship of having his House Rent deducted during leave of absence on private affairs, we brought the case under the consideration of the Go-

Con. 10th July 1855, Nos. 121 at 124.
,, 25th September 1855, Nos. 130 & 131.
Dy. to Con. 9th October 1855, Nos. 54 and with
Cons. 16th January 1852, Nos. 161 at 164.
Dy. to Cons. 30th March 1852, Nos 87 at 89.
Collection No. 5 in the Packet.

vernment of India, and, under the decision of that Government, published a G. O.,* directing that Officers for whom Public Quarters are provided shall be relieved from the forfeiture of House Rent, whenever the Quarters may be vacated by them in consequence of their absence on leave.

* *5th. October* 1855, *No.* 251.

8. Referring to your Honorable Court's Public Dispatch, 2nd. May 1855, No. 24, and to its reply in the same Department, 20th. July 1855, No. 30, paras. 19 at 27, connected with the subject of the grant of rewards to those who chiefly aided Major Maitland in his exertions in conducting the Artificer School founded by that Officer,—we beg to report that in compliance with Major Maitland's recommendation for promoting Conductor I. Curran to the next higher grade, as an acknowledgment of his services, instead of granting him a donation of money, and with the sanction of the Government of India, we conferred on him the rank of Deputy Assistant Commissary,—directing that he be borne on the Ordnance Establishment as Supernumerary, until all Conductors Senior to him shall have been promoted or otherwise disposed.

Cons. 24*th July* 1855, *Nos.* 121 *at* 123.
„ 18*th September* 1855, *Nos.* 105 *at* 107.
Collection No. 6 *in the Packet.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th *February* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 27 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have permited Major (Brevet Lieutenant Colonel) George Wright, 10th Regiment N. I., to retire from the service on the pension of a Colonel from 31st January 1856.

Cons. 22nd January 1856, Nos. 118.
No. 8 in the Packet.

2. The Commander-in-Chief having brought to notice that in consequence of the augmented strength of the Corps of Sappers, now as in the margin, and of the number and distance of its detachments, it is no longer practicable for one Officer to discharge the duties both of Adjutant and Quarter Master as heretofore, we have, with the sanction of the Government of India, published a G. O. separating the two appointments, and allowing Staff salaries to both at the same rates as authorised for the corresponding appointments in the Bengal Sappers.

Commandant.	1
Subalterns.	8
Assistant Surgeon.	1
Subadars.	9
Jamadars.	9
Conductor.	1
Serjeant Major.	0
Quarter Master Serjeant.	0
Serjeants.	12
1st Corporals.	12
2nd "	12
European Privates.	0
Havildar Major.	1
Havildars.	38
Naigues.	76
Buglers.	18
Privates.	1039

Cons. 23rd Oct. 1855, Nos. 61 at 63.
Dy. to " 18th Decr. " " 125—6.
G. O. G. 14th " " " 318.
Collection No. 9 in the Packet.

3. With reference to para. 18 of your despatch dated 13th June 1855, No. 47, desiring to be furnished with information as to the high charges made for certain articles supplied by the Commissariat and Arsenal Departments to the Gun Carriage Manfuactory, as compared with the rates at which they were stated to be procurable in the Market, we submit the accompanying communications from the Military Board and Commissary General on the subject.

Dy. to Cons. 5th Feb. 1856, Nos. 50 at 52.
No. 10 in the Packet.

4. We forward the enclosed letter from the Military Board dated 23rd January 1856, No. 279, noticing that your Hon'ble Court have, in your despatch to the Government of India, No. 5, of 10th January 1855, para. 13, stated that a few

Dy. to Cons. 29th Jan. 1856, Nos. 93 & 94.
No. 11 in the Packet.

Cylinder Guages, as used in the Royal Arsenal for the examination of shot and shell, will be provided for the service of the Bengal Arsenal,—and applying for the same means to ensure efficiency in the Ordnance service of this Presidency,

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th February 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 28 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to reply to your Military Despatches dated the 17th, 24th and 31st October and 7th November 1855, Nos. 73 to 87.

Letter dated 17th October 1855, *No.* 73.

Certain Officers permitted to return to their duty, granted extension of leave, and allowed to retire from the Service. — 2. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 17th October 1855, *No.* 74.

Paras 1 to 5. — 3. Need no reply.

6 to 9. With reference to the general question of granting Commissions to Warrant Officers, repeat the order authorising the occasional grant of the Local Commission of Lieutenant on the Invalid Establishment to distinguished Warrant Officers of the classes above the rank of Conductor, contained in their Military Letter to Bengal, dated 3rd February 1841, No. 12, para 9, which has been acted upon without difficulty by their several Governments. I intimate that they cannot consent to establish a general rule that all Warrant Officers promoted to the grade of Deputy Assistant Commissary be advanced to the Commissioned ranks, each case must be considered on its own merits. State that the Regulation authorising the grant of unattached Commissions, specially limits the grant to distinguished service in the Field: but Commissions on the Veteran Establishment to old and meritorious Warrant Officers, is not so limited, although distinguished service in the Field will always form the best ground on which the recommendation can be founded. Observe that Government will now be able to furnish their opinion and that of the Commander-in-Chief on the Memorials of Deputy Assistant Commissaries Simpson, FitzGibbon and Tomlinson. — 4. Replied to, in letter dated 25th January 1856, No. 9, paras 1 to 3.

10. Approve of the decision under which Assistant Surgeon Hilbers received only the undrawn moiety of the Staff salary during the time he acted for Assistant Surgeon Duff, as Medical Officer in charge of the Cattle Depôt at Hoonsoor. — 5. Communicated to to the Commander-in-Chief and Military Auditor General.

11 to 15. — 6. Need no reply.

16. Confirm the admission of certain Widows on Lord Clive's Fund. Notice that an affidavit of marriage has been received from Mrs. Richardson, in lieu of her marriage certificate, but as the marriage took place in India and was duly recorded, the certificate should have been produced. — 7. Communicated to the Departments concerned.

17 and 18. — 8. Need no reply.

19. With reference to the authority given for the Establishment of Medical Subordinates, subject to a reduction in the grade of Assistant Apothecaries, when the Supernumeraries allowed on account of the service in Burmah can be dispensed with, intimate that it would have been more satisfactory if the proceedings on this subject had been accompanied by a detailed statement, shewing the present and proposed Establishment of Medical Subordinates in each grade, together with a report by the Military Auditor General, as required, when additions to Establishments are proposed for sanction. Desire that this information may now be furnished. — 9. We beg to observe that a revised Establishment has been since* recommended, and that the Military Auditor General's report on the proposition, accompanies the correspondence.

**Letter to Court 25th Oct. 1855, No. 133.*

20 to 35. — 10. Need no reply.

Letter dated 17*th October* 1855, *No.* 75.

Intimate that certain Officers have been ordered to proceed with Recruits to Bombay, and state the advantages they will be entitled to, in respect to Indian Pay and Allowances and a free passage.

11. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 17*th October* 1855, *No.* 76.

State that 60 copies of a work entitled "Precedents in Military Law" by Lieut. Col. Hough, formerly Deputy Judge Advocate General, Bengal, have been forwarded per ship "Clive" for the use of Departments.

12. Will be distributed, when received.

Letter dated 17*th October* 1855, *No.* 77.

Intimate that a box containing 486 Pegu Medals, for Corps and Departments specified in Military letters, Nos. 17 and 53 of 1855, was forwarded by the Steamer of 20th September, and observe that this completes the number required for the European portion of the force of the Madras Presidency.

13. The box of Medals referred to, has been received and forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief.

Letter dated 24*th October* 1855, *No.* 78.

Certain Officers allowed to return to their duty, granted extension of leave, and permitted to retire from the service.

14. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 31*st October* 1855, *No.* 79.

Paras 1 to 3. Intimate that 9 copies of abstracts from the Meteorological observations taken at the station of the Royal Engineers in the year 1853-54 have been shipped on the "Clive" for distribution to the several Meteorological stations at the Madras Presidency, call particular attention to the accurate and complete manner in which they have been made and registered, and observe that no similar record of the observation made at stations established in India have as yet been received, but hope that the efforts of their scientific Medical Officers entrusted with the duty will be attended with equal success, and that shortly they may be able to publish a set of abstracts of equal interest and value. Desire that in transmitting copies of the work to the Medical Officers alluded to, Court's sentiments may be communicated to them.

15. Transferred to the Public Department.

4. State that the 500 Douay Bibles included in the Indent which accompanied Military letter, No. 162 of 1854, were forwarded by the ship "Graham" in June last.

16. We transmit the accompanying letter from the Military Board, intimating the receipt of the Bibles—but observing that the Edition sent is in small type, and requesting to be furnished with a supply of an Edition in larger sized type, for Hospitals.

Cons. 29*th Jan.* 1856 *Nos.* 122—3. *No.* 13 *in the Packet.*

Letter dated 31*st October* 1855, *No.* 80.

Paras 1 and 2. State that a claim has been preferred by Private Nicholas Gaffney, H. M. 51st Foot to Burmah Donation Batta (Rupees 38) due to him under the Will of Private Thomas Gaffney, late of the 4th Battalion Artillery at Madras, and also to a sum of Rupees 4-6, the cost of a blanket issued to the deceased in Burmah, charged to the Estate and subsequently remitted. Observe that by the Roll of 1st August 1855, the Donation was paid on the 26th July 1855 to "Private J. Griffin, Legatee," but as by the Will of the deceased the amount appears to be due to Private M. Gaffney, H. M. 51st Foot, desire that explanation on the above payment may be given as early as possible. Also desire, how the sum of Rupees 4-6, which appears to have been transmitted by the Officer Commanding 4th Battalion Artillery to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, on the 14th December 1854, but has not yet been transferred for payment in England, has been disposed of.

17. We beg to state that the first sum of Rupees 38, was remitted to England for payment to the Legatee on the 12th September 1855, and the second sum of Rupees 4-6 on the 9th November 1855.*

* *Secy's letters Nos.* 45 *and* 52 *of* 1855.

18. We communicated this dispatch to the Commander-in-Chief, for notice of the error apparently contained in the Roll dated 1st August 1855, as pointed out by your Honorable Court.

Letter dated 31*st October* 1855, *No.* 81.

Forward for report, copy of a correspondence respecting the claim to pension of Jessey Buckley, late a Gunner, 2d Battalion Artillery, Madras Presidency.

19. We forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General, reporting on the case of Jessey Buckley, who is stated to have served 12 years and 113 days with a very good character, and conveying the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation in his favor.

Dy. Cons. 5th February 1856, *Nos.* 31—32. *No. 4 in the Packet.*

Letter dated 31*st October* 1855, *No.* 82.

Transmit copy of a letter from the Deputy Secretary at War, with four copies of the "Addenda to the War Office Regulations of the 1st July 1848," therein referred to.

20. Distributed.

Letter dated 7*th November* 1855, *No.* 83.

Paras 1 and 2. Intimate that the two sets of Steam Pill Driving Machines and Apparatus, upon requisition, No. 142, of 23d September 1854, have been shipped direct from Liverpool, upon the "Euphrates," Bill of Lading of which is enclosed. Also intimate that an Engineer (Mr. Thompkinson), well acquainted with the mode of fixing and working the Machinery, accompanies it on the same vessel.

21. This Despatch has been communicated to the proper Departments, with the necessary instructions.

22. Mr. Thompkinson will, on arrival, be under the orders of the Chief Engineer.

Letter dated 7*th November* 1855, *No.* 84.

Intimate that as they sanctioned, upon a requisition from the Department Public Works, dated 6th January 1855, No. 2, the provision for the Madras Presidency of eleven of Hall's Patent Brick making Machines, together with large supplies of other apparatus, Court conclude that such requisition must have anticipated the necessity for the demand contained in Military Letter, No. 85 of 1855, and withhold this supply until the receipt of further information. Observe that the course adopted of Indenting through two different Departments, for the same objects, is fraught with inconvenience, and hazards the provision of a double supply.

23. Communicated to the Military Board.

Letter dated 7*th November* 1855, *No.* 85.

State that the Secretary at War has advised the stoppage of 5 d. per day from the pension of Chelsea Out Pensioner, Robert Greenwood, 13th Dragoons at 1 s. 5 d. for the quarter ending 31st December 1855, on account of his wife at the Madras Presidency, and desire to be informed if his wife is still residing at Poonamallee, and has been paid the amounts previously stopped from her husband's pension for her support; observe that enquiry on this subject was made in their despatch of 18th August 1855, No. 60.

24. Communicated to the proper departments.

25. Your Honorable Court were informed in letter dated 9th November 1855, No. 139, paras 32 and 33, that Mrs Greenwood is still alive, and that the authorised payments to her, have been continued.

Letter dated 7*th November* 1855, *No.* 86.

In continuation of their letter dated 26th July 1854, No. 61, forward statements of payments made into their Treasury by Messrs. Cox and Co., on account of the stoppages from the pay, &c., of Gun Lascars serving in China, for the five Quarters from 1st April 1854 to 30th June 1855.

26. Forwarded to the Accountant General.

Paras 1 to 7.

8. With reference to the transfer to the effective supernumeraries with the rank of Serjeant, of Private M. Chesterfield, 2d E. L. I., employed for upwards of five years as the head of the Pottery Department, School of Industrial Arts, state that the Regulations of the other Presidencies require that no Soldier shall receive any allowance for any Civil Employment for more than one year, without purchasing his discharge, and forward copy of those Regulations for introduction at the Madras Presidency, to take effect as regards Soldiers now so employed, one year after date of promulgation.

9 to 34.

27. Need no reply

28. We beg to observe that the regulation referred to has been in force at this Presidency since February 1833,* and in general application; but Serjeant Chesterfield was not considered as coming under its operation, he being looked upon as in a position similar to that of the Non Commissioned Officers employed in the Department Public Works who are retained on the strength of the Army, and to whom this rule is not held to apply.

*G. O. G. 15th February 1833 No. 49.

29. Need no reply.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th February 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 29 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We forward a Memorial from Sungiah, late a Private in the 14th Regiment N. I., who has been declared unfit for further service from disease of spine, arising—from a fall not contracted on duty or service—praying to be granted a pension as a special case, or to be re-admitted into the service, accompanied by a report from the Adjutant General.

Dy. to Cons. 5th February 1856, *Nos.* 26 *to* 28. *No. 16 in the Packet.*

2. In continuation of our despatch of 11th January 1856, No. 4, we beg to transmit the accompanying copy of a letter from the Accountant General, dated 24th idem, No. 340, reporting the disbursement by the Paymaster at Bangalore of the sums remitted by the individuals named in the margin, of H. M's. 12th Lancers, to their Families at the above station, amounting to £ (4) Four, together with two receipts in duplicate, duly signed, for the payments so made—and to request that your Honorable Court will obtain re-imbursement of the same from the War Office.

Dy. to Cons. 29th January 1856, *Nos* 38 *&* 39. *No. 19 in the Packet*

Serjeant John Rogers. —£ 2.
Private John Jude. —£ 2.
£ 4.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th February 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 30 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We submit for your favorable consideration a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, conveying the recommendation of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief for the grant of a pension, in consequence of their length of service and good character, to the men* named in the margin, who have been ordered to be discharged, being unfit for any further service and not having served the prescribed period to entitle them to the provisions of the Invalid or Pension Establishment.

Dy. to Cons. 22d January 1856, Nos. 73–4. No. 20 in the Packet.

*Private John Hughes, No. 1245.
" John Scoble, No. 1326.
" Bartholomew Horan, No. 1570.
} 1st E. L. I.

2. We beg to report to your Honorable Court that we have complied with an application received through the Accountant General for remitting through the Company's Treasury the sum of Rupees 964-14-5 or the equivalent of £ 98-10-0, for the purpose of paying for Marsala Wine and Corks for the use of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of H. M.'s 84th Regiment, on service in Burmah; but we have directed that the Officer Commanding the above Corps be informed that no future similar application can be complied with.

Dy. to Cons. 5th February 1856, Nos. 101 & 102. No. 21 in the Packet.

3. We have the honor to request that the sum of Rupees 40, remitted to England by Private Dennis Driscoll of the 3d Madras European Regiment, for the benefit of his mother, and included in the General Roll for the quarter ending 31st December 1855, forwarded with our Secretary's letter 25th January 1856, No. 2, may be retransferred to this Presidency, as the Private has since received intelligence of his mother's death.

Dy. to Cons. 5th Feb. 1856, Nos. 124 & 125. No. 22 in the Packet.

4. As the remittance in question was made by the last Mail and will not be payable before the receipt of this Despatch, the amount thereof has been returned to the remitter.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th February 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 31 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to our letter dated 25th January 1856, No. 5, paras. 2 to 4, we forward the accompanying correspondence relating to the defences of Singapore.

Dy. to Cons. 12th February 1856, Nos. 27 to 30.
Ad 24 in the Packet.

2. We have approved of the Military Board dispatching to Singapere (4) four 68 Pounders of 98 Cwt., as well as a sufficient number of Rounds to complete the Projectiles for the 56 Pounder Pieces to 1500 Rounds, and for the (4) four 68 Pounder Gun's Projectiles to the same extent, including hollow shot, shells and cannister.

3. We have directed that the 56 Pounder Guns be retained at Singapore until the several Batteries shall have been armed with 68 Pounder Pieces.

4. It will be seen that the Military Board urge the necessity for a supply of Ordnance to the following extent.

(22) Twenty two 68 Pounder Guns, being 10 for Singapore (including 1 in reserve), and 12 for Fort Saint George.

With solid shof and shells for 25* Pieces of this discription in the proportion of 1500 Rounds per piece, 300 being shell and spherical case and 1200 shot—all of high guage.

* 13 *for Singapore (its entire allotment)* 12 *for Fort Saint George.*

5. We solicit your Honorable Court's attention to the Board's suggestion that the (10) ten 68 Pounder Guns of 96 Cwt., for Singapore, be sent direct to that port by your Honorable Court, with solid shot and shells for 13 Pieces. The Board undertake to send thither 10 or 12 Carriages and Platforms complete, as well as Cannister, Tier shot and Grape and all small stores.

6. The suggestion to have Gun Boats mounting one or two Pieces as Batteries at Singapore, has been submitted for the consideration of the Government of India.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th *February* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 32 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We have permitted Lieutenant Colonel Edward Down of the 8th Regt. L. C., to retire from the service from the 1st February 1856, on the pension of his rank.

Dy. to Cons. 12th February 1856, No. 49. No. 26 in the Packet.

2. We beg to lay before your Honorable Court the accompanying communication from the Adjutant General of the Army, bringing to notice the circumstances which have induced the Commander-in-Chief to direct the assembly of a special Committee at Secunderabad for examinging into the fitness for Regimental Command of Lieutenant Colonel Rose (promoted to that rank regimentally by G. O. G. 25th January 1856, No. 31) and forwarding the Proceedings of the Committee declaring their opinion that Lieutenant Colonel Rose is from deafness, physically unfit for such command.

Cons. 12th February 1856, Nos. 121—2 No. 27 in the Packet.

3. It will be seen from the Adjutant General's letter, that the above named Officer has expressed his desire of proceeding on Sick Certificate for two years to the Neilgherries, with the understanding that unless he recovers his hearing he will not join the Regiment to which he may stand posted; but will Invalid or retire from the service

4. We beg to report that, at the recommendation of the Military Board, we authorised the purchase of 100 copies of the Artillery Records (the only professional Artillery work of the kind published in India) for distribution among the several Arsenals, &c. at a monthly cost of Rs. 25 or 4 annas per copy.

Dy. to Cons. 14th Nov. 1855, Nos. 57—8 No. 28 in the Packet.

5. The Commissary General brought to notice that the population which on the formation of the Cantonment at Jackatalla in February 1853, consisted only of about 150 Europeans and 20 Natives, had since that date increased to upwards of 5000 inhabitants, and that the strength of the Military Police, as originally established, was under the altered circumstances of the Cantonment wholly inadequate for the due security of property, and for the detection and apprehension of offenders.

Cons. 6th Nov. 1855, Nos. 123—5
„ 29th Jany. 1856, Nos. 142—3

Collection No. 29 in the Packet.

* *Original scale.*

1 *Cutwall*	*Rs.*	21
1 *Police Writer*	„	15
6 *Peons, at* 6 *Rs. each*	„	36
		72

Altered scale.

1 *Cutwall*	*Rs.*	35
1 *Police Writer*	„	21
2 *Duffadars at Rs.* 9. *each* ... „		18
3 *Daloyets, at Rs.* 7. „ ... „		21
22 *Peons, at Rs.* 6. „ ... ... „		132
		227
Increase	*Rs.*	155

6. An application was accordingly submitted for raising the Police Force to the extent noted in the margin,* at an additional expense of Rs. 155, per mensem.

7. The same having been recommended by us to the Government of India, received their sanction.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th February 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 33 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 5th February 1856, *Nos.* 168, 171 & 174. *No. 31 in the Packet.*

1. We have permitted the undermentioned Officers to retire from the Service.

Physician General John William Sherman, Medical Establishment, from the 12th February 1856, on a pension of £ 700 per annum.

Surgeon John Hichens, Medical Establishment, from the 10th February 1856, on the pension of £ 250 per annum.

Dy. to Cons. 12th February 1856, *Nos.* 85 & 86. *No. 32 in the Packet.*

2. We forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, giving cover to a report from the Medical Board on the state of health of Brevet Captain T. J. M. Cunningham of the 2nd Regiment N. I., who has been permitted to return to Europe on Medical Certificate, in G. O. G. 22nd January 1856, No. 24.

Dy. to Cons. 12th February 1856, *Nos.* 83 & 84. *No. 33 in the Packet.*

3. We beg to forward for the favorable consideration of your Honorable Court the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General, conveying the recommendation of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief for the grant of a special pension, in consideration of length of service and good character, to Gunner William O'Donnell, No. 3106, of the 2nd Battalion Artillery, who has been ordered to be discharged being unfit for any further service, and not having served the prescribed period to entitle him to the provisions of the Invalid or Pension Establishment.

Dy. to Cons. 12th February 1856, *Nos.* 1 & 2. *No. 34 in the Packet.*

4. We have granted authority for the Wives of Solders not in receipt of Government allowance who may be allowed passage on Government Steamers or Transports, receiving provisions from the Government stores on payment.

5. The actual cost of each ration is 5 annas and 6 pice; but, the Provincial Commander-in-Chief having pointed out that this is beyond the means of parties not in receipt of the Government allowance, the charge is to be reduced to 3 annas per ration.

Cons. 8th January 1856, *Nos.* 14 & 15. *No. 35 in the Packet.*

6. We beg to report for your Honorable Court's information that the Military Board in a letter dated 21st December 1855, No. 255, submitted a proposal from the Indian Iron Company, Beypoor, to be allowed to supply shot and shell, to meet the requirements of our Arsenals.

7. The Company expressed their assurance as to the capability of their Foundry to turn out Projectiles in every respect equal to those obtained from England—and the Board recommended our acceptance of the offer, as one tending to ultimate advantage, and suggested that 200 Tons of Projectiles be ordered to be cast as an experiment.

8. We accordingly sanctioned the measure, at an average cost not exceeding Rupees 1019-6-9 per Ton.

9. We left the details of the transaction to be arranged by the Board, and observed that it was to be clearly understood that inferior articles would positively be rejected.

10. The Military Board also took occasion to direct our attention to the question of this Government undertaking the casting of its own Projectiles, and to lay before us a Memo prepared at their request by Major W. R. Worster of the Artillery, furnishing hints on the subject of erecting Furnaces at our principal Arsenals, and on the method of casting.

11. As an experiment, therefore, we sanctioned the erection of a Furnace in the Grand Arsenal, on the principle proposed by Major Worster, and directed that the results be specially reported to us at the expiration of 6 months from the commencement of its operations.

Cons. 6*th November* 1855, *Nos.* 119—20.
Dy. to Cons. 20*th do.* ,, 27—8.
4*th December*.....28—9.
Dy. end of the year 1855,.....24—5.
Collection No. 30 *in the Packet.*
* *Store Serjt. W. P. Godfrey, Ord. Department.*
Key Serjeant M. Gleeson, Effect. Supernumeraries.
Apothecary J. Flynn, Pension Establishment.
Serjeant F. Unger..... *do.*
Captain R. D. Armstrong, Vet Establishment.
Store Serjeant H. Carr, Ord. Department.
Gunner J. Wheeler alias Warwick, Foot Artillery.

12. We have admitted the Widows of the individuals named in the margin,* to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund—and their pensions will be paid in India.

Cons. 30*th October* 1855, *Nos.* 58—9.
Dy. to Cons. 4*th December* ,, ,, 13—14.
Cons. 11*th do.* ,, ,, 102—3.
Dy. to Cons. 18*th do.* ,, ,, 51—2.
* *Serjeant James Lloyd.*
Private Patrick Murphy.
Gunner T. Sullivan.

13. The pensioners named in the margin, * whose Certificates have been attested, will be entitled to admission on Lord Clive's Fund on arrival in England.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25*th February* 1856.

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 34 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Adverting to your dispatch of 31st October 1855, No. 80, and to our letter dated 25th February 1856, No. 28, paras 17 and 18, we beg to state that the sum of Rupees 38 due to Private Nicholas Gaffney under the will of the late Private Thomas Gaffney was not paid to Private J. Griffin, and the entry to that effect in the Register dated 1st August 1855, is erroneous and sholud be corrected.

2 Payment of the amount to the Legatee was ordered under the supposition that he continued in India; but it having been discovered after the dispatch of the Register that he had proceeded to England, it was remitted thither, as stated in the above letter of 25th February last.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27th Feby. 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 35 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to our despatch No. 23, dated the 11th Instant, submitting the Military Board's Annual General Indent No. 59, we have the honor to transmit the accompanying letter from the Board, soliciting special attention to an enclosed memorandum from the Deputy Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, affording full explanation in support of the items of demand for Machinery, Apparatus and Stores required for the Public Works, as entered in the above Indent.

Dy. to Cons. Feby. 1855, No. 45 & 46.
No. 2 in the Packet.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th March 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 36 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have the honor to submit to your Honorable Court the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, relative to the temporary introduction into the 5th Regiment N. I. of Red Cloth Caps of the Glengary pattern.

Cons. 12th Feby. 1856. Nos. 177 & 178. No. 4 in the Packet.

2. It is reported that in the year 1852, while the above Regiment was in Burmah, it became necessary, in consequence of nearly the total destruction of the black-wicker-work Turbands on service, and particularly in boat expeditions, to establish some new head dress regimentally. Colonel Poole, Commanding the Regiment, having consulted with the Native Officers of the Corps, and having ascertained the feelings of the men, decided upon complying with a suggestion emanating from themselves, that they should be allowed to wear Bonnets or Caps of the Glengary kind, as worn in the Sikh Regiments, and from which they obtained the idea, but to be made up of red cloth, as their old Red Jackets would thus always supply the material for good caps, when no longer fit to be worn in the ranks.

3. The Regiment being unanimous (only two Privates objecting to the change, one of whom afterwards speedily conformed to it), the red Glengary Cap was temporarily introduced, with the approval of His Excellency the late Sir Richard Armstrong, who sanctioned its being continued till worn out.

4. The Cap in question is stated to have been since worn by the Regiment with great pride and satisfaction, associated as it has been in their minds with their reminiscences of Burmah and the service they saw there,—and the Major General Commanding the Northern Division, in his report of the recent inspection of the Corps, states that the Cap looks extremely well and gives the men a good soldier-like appearance, and that it is a more becoming and convenient head dress than the established pattern Turband.

5. Under the above circumstances, the Provincial Commander-in-Chief has applied for special sanction for the 5th Regiment N. I. being allowed to retain the Red Glengary Cap in lieu of the Turband—an application with which we beg to recommend compliance.

6. We have meanwhile authorised the continuance of the Cap.

7. We submit for your consideration the case of Assistant Apothecary E. M. Antonio, who has been declared unfit for further employment, after a service of 12 years and 311 days, of which 5 years and 320 days have been in the Warrant grade.

Cons. 12th Feby. 1856, Nos. 184 & 185. No. 6 in the Packet.

8. Mr. Antonio is certified to have been disabled in Burmah from disease contracted on actual service.

9. We have observed that the circumstances of Mr. Antonio's case do not appear to be such as to entitle him to the grant of the full Invalid pension of his rank; but we have directed his transfer to the Pension Establishment upon a stipend of Rs. 25 per mensem, being the pay of his rank, subject to your confirmation.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th March 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 37 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

The Military Auditor General, with particular reference to the New Furlough Regulations under which Officers Officiating in Staff Appointments will frequently draw the full Staff salary of Absentees, brought under our consideration the circumstance that under the rule * noted in the margin, Officers belonging to Corps at Full Batta stations, when nominated to officiate in such appointments, would be entitled to the scale of batta receivable by their Corps, and that, by being so entitled, they would, when acting in full vacancies to which Full Batta does not attach, receive more than if confirmed therein.

Cons. 24th July 1855, *Nos.* 107—8.
„ *30th Oct.* „ „ 136—7.
Dy. to Cons. 27th Nov. „ „ 66.
G. O. G. 23d Nov. „ 292.
Collection No. 8 in the Packet.

* *Madras Code of Pay and Audit Regulations* 1848. *Section 5, page 75 "Duty" para* 1.

2. The only rule * at Madras precluding an Acting Officer from drawing higher allowances than those attached to the permanent appointment, appeared to be applicable only to Staff Officers performing the duties of two situations in the same Department.

* *Pay Code, Section* 21. "*Gen. Rules*" *Page* 445, *Para* 6.

3. It was therefore suggested that a reference should be made to the Government of India with a view to their decision being obtained on the question.

4. Having made the required reference, that Government declared that an Officer can receive only half batta while Acting on full Staff Pay in a situation in which, if he permanently held it, he would be restricted to half batta.

5. We accordingly published a G. O. founded upon the above decision.

6. The quality of Straw to European Troops in movement, allowed under the regulation contained in para 33 of G. O. G. 16th February 1853, No 36, viz. at the rate of 4 lbs. per man, having been found to be practically insufficient to ensure the health and comfort of the Troops, we sanctioned its increase to 6 lbs., and published a G. O. accordingly.

Dy. to Cons. 23*d October.* 1855, *Nos.* 7 *and* 8.
„ 14*th November* „ 75 *and*
G. O. G. 9th „ „ „ 278.
Collection No. 9 in the Packet.

7. Upon the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, and in assimilation with the practice in Bengal, we published a G. O. authorising the provision of a Tent (Native) each, for Orderly Room Clerks and Armourer Serjeants in like manner as for other Staff Serjeants of European Corps as specified in para 20 G. O. G. No. 118 of 1853.

Dy. to Cons. 11*th December* 1855, *No.* 86. & *G. O. G.* 7*th December* „ „ 311.
No. 10 *in the Packet.*

8. The Commissary General, on a representation from the Officer of his Department in charge of the Remount Depôt at Oossoor regarding the insufficiency of the Establishment attached to the Remount and Stud Lines, arising from the introduction of Castration which has become a very important portion of the Veterinary duties, strongly recommended the expediency of placing the Establishment attached to the Veterinary Surgeon of the Depôt, on a more efficient, and, in relation to the interests of the State, on a more advantageous footing, and accordingly submitted a proposition for adding a Farrier Major and two Veterinary Pupils to the Establishment.

Cons. 27*th November* 1855, *Nos.* 90 *at* 92.
„ 29*th January* 1856, *Nos.* 140 *and* 141.
Collection No. 11 *in the Packet.*

9. After ascertaining, by reference to the Commander-in-Chief, that no Veterinary Pupils could be spared from Cavalry Corps for the purpose required, we submitted the Commissary General's application to the Government of India and obtained their sanction for providing the additional Establishment required, at a monthly increase of Rs. 74—12—4. as shown in the margin.

	Rs.	*A.*	*Pice.*
Farrier Major	44	8	8.
2 Veterinary Pupils at Rs. 16-5-10 each.	33	11	8.
	78	4	4.
Deduct saving effected on the retirement of one of the Salustries.	3	8	0.
Total increase Rs.	74	12	4.

10. We have transferred the undermentioned Non Commissioned Officers to the Non Effective Establishment, on the Superior pension authorised to Serjeants in G. O. G. 20th March 1820, subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Court.

Dy to Cons. February 1856, *Nos.* 8 *and* 9.
No. 12 *in the Packet.*

Serjeant Major W. Atwell, 21st Regiment Native Infantry.

Quarter Master Serjeant J. Ballard, 5th Regiment Light Cavalry.

Quarter Master Serjeant N. Harkin alias Neil S. Currey, 27th Regiment N. I.

Serjeant D. Lyons, E. A. V. Company, Staff Serjeant J. Atkins, Commissariat Department.

Collection No. 13 *in the Packet.*

* *Corporal Thomas Kelly, Artillery.*	*Dy. to Cons.* 8*th Jany.* 1856, *Nos.* 1 & 2.
Gunner Richardson Agar, Artillery.	*Cons,* 15*th* „ „ 98—9.
Lieutenant William Owers, 1*st N. V. Battalion.*	*Dy. to Cons.* 5*th Feby.* „ *Nos.* 5 & 6.
Corporal Michael Hogan, Horse Artly.	
Store Serjeant Joseph Watkinson, Ordnance Department.	
Gunner William Henry Eccles, Foot Artillery.	

11. We have admitted the widows of the individuals named in the margin,* to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund, and their pensions will be paid in India.

* *Private Dennis Murphy.*
„ *Patrick Neill.*
„ *Robert Baker.*

Dy. to Cons. 22d Jany. 1856, Nos. 51—2.

21. The Pensioners named in the margin* whose Certificates have been attested, will be entitled to admission on Lord Clive's Fund on arrival in England.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *March* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 38 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit a Memorial to your address from Lieut. John French, of the 1st Native Vet. Battalion, and Assistant Commissary of Ordnance, soliciting that, in consideration of his long service of nearly 43 years and approved character, your Honorable Court will be pleased to confer on him the rank of Captain on the Invalid Establishment.

Dy. to Cons. 4th March 1856, No. No. 15 in the Packet.

2. The Memorial is accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army in its support; and, in concurrence with the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, we beg to recommend that it may receive your favorable consideration.

3. We have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, giving cover to a report from the Medical Board on the health of Lieutenant J. A. W. F. Wilson, of the 2nd Native Vet. Battalion, who obtained leave to proceed to Europe on Medical Certificate in G. O. G. 5th Feby. 1856, No. 40—and annexing a statement showing that Officer's service.

Con. 5th February 1856, Nos. 170 & 74.
Dy. to Cons. 26th February 1856, Nos. 151 & 152
Collection No. 16 in the Packet.

4. We transmit the Quarterly Return of the number of Officers absent from each Regiment of Cavalry, Artillery, and Infantry, on Staff and detached employ, on the 31st December 1855,—with a List of the Officers appointed to Staff situations, General and Regimental, and to detached employ, during the quarter ending on that day.

No. 17 in the Packet.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *March* 1856.

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 39 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to transmit an Extra Indent for certain Instruments which the Medical Officer in charge of the Lying in Hospital and Dispensary and of the Eye Infirmary, represents to be much required for those Institutions, and which the Medical Board request may be supplied by the earliest opportunity.

No. 19 in the Packet.

We also forward an Indent for a supply of Salt Provisions required for the use of the Commissariat Department.

No. 20 in the Packet.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th March 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 40 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We beg to inform your Hon'ble Court that we have received the following Memorials to your address and have forwarded them to the Government of India for submission to you,—and we beg to express our hope that they will receive your serious consideration.

Dy. to Cons. 4th March 1856, *Nos.* 101—4. *No. 22 in the Packet.*

2. From Lieutenant Colonel H. Marshall, 33d Regiment N. I., Deputy Secretary to Government, Military Department, praying "that the orders recently promulgated on the subject of promotion may be so modified as to permit him to qualify for the rank of Colonel either by service in his present Department or by the simple fulfilment of 3 years' service in his present rank of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel."

3. From Lt. Col. F. C. Cotton, of the Engineers, praying "that the Government of India may be instructed to promote the Senior Lieutenant Colonels of the Indian Army to the rank of Colonel in succession to the Colonels promoted to Major Generals on the 28th November 1854, and thus assign to your Memorialist his rank as Lieutenant Colonel from that date."

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 11*th March* 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 41 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We beg to forward an Emergent Indent on your Honorable Court for Woollens required for the Clothing of the Malabar Police Corps,—together with a letter which accompanied it from the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, requesting that the Woollens may be despatched in time to arrive here in the early part of 1857.

Dy. to Cons. 11*th March* 1856, *Nos.* 42—43. *with Judl. Cons.* 26*th February* 1856. *Collection No.* 2425 *in the Packet.*

2. A sample of the color of the Cloths required is attached to the Indent.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th March* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 42 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to report to your Hon'ble Court that the Provincial Commander-in-Chief submitted for our consideration a letter from the Medical Board enclosing one from Assistant Apothecary D. Hanson of the Medical Department, communicating an offer made to him of an Acting Assistant Surgeoncy in the Turkish Contingent, and soliciting that he might be permitted to avail himself of the offer, retaining his rank and position in the Company's Service, and allowed to proceed to join the Force at the public expense, not having any property or resources other than his pay to enable him to do so at his own.

Dy. to Cons. 26th February 1856, Nos. 25—6 and 138—9. Collection No. 2 in the Packet.

2. Mr. Hanson prayed for this privilege, in consideration of his having been in the public service for a period of nearly 23 years—the last 17, in his present grade—during which time he served in two Campaigns, viz. with the Field Forces in Coorg and China.

3. The Surgeon of the General Hospital, to which Assistant Apothecary Hanson was attached, testified to the very marked fidelity, zeal and intelligence evinced by him in the performance of his public duties, and the Medical Board fully supported that testimony, adding the expression of their hope that any indulgence that could be conceded, would be "granted to this very worthy and most deserving man."

4. Under the circumstances of the case, and in compliance with the strong recommendation in Mr. Hanson's favor, we have granted authority for his proceeding to join the Contingent, and for his being borne on the roll of the Medical Department, during the period of his absence, as on detached duty—also for his being provided with a free passage to Constantinople.

5. Mr. Hanson has been authorised to draw one month's Pay and Allowances in advance calculated from the date of his embarkation—after which he will cease to be entitled to Company's Pay till he may return to India.

6. With reference to para 2 of our despatch 25th February 1856, No. 32, giving cover to a communication from the Adjutant General, and to the Proceedings of a Board of Officers assembled to ascertain and report on the fitness of Lieutenant Colonel A. R. Rose for further Effective service, we beg to inform your Hon'ble Court that the Provincial Commander-in-Chief has intimated to us that that Officer has been granted leave on Medical Certificate to the Presidency and Eastern Coast until 11th August 1857.

Dy. to Cons. 4th March 1856, Nos. 93 and 94. No. 3 in the Packet.

Dy. to Cons. 4th March 1856, *Nos.* 95 *and* 96.
No. 4 *in the Packet.*

7. We forward the accompanying report from the Adjutant General of the Army, of certain removals of Lieutenant Colonels which the Provincial Commander-in-Chief has ordered, for the reasons therein stated.

Dy. to Cons. 4th March 1856, *Nos.* 56 *and* 57.
No. 5 *in the Packet.*

8. We have the honor to transmit a letter from the Medical Board giving cover to the Annual Report on the Eye Infirmary for the year 1855.

9. We have noticed with pleasure the increasing usefulness and popularity of the Institution under the benevolent and skilful management of Surgeon Shaw—and have directed that Extracts from the Report be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

10. We have transferred Road Serjeant William Richards of the Effective Supernumeraries to the Non-Effective Establishment on the superior pension authorised to Serjeants in G. O. G. 20th March 1820, from the 2d January 1856, being the date of his embarkation for England, subject to your confirmation.

Dy. to Cons. 4th March 1856, *Nos.*
No. 7 *in the Packet.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th March 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 43 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to reply to your Military Despatches dated 14th, 21st, and 28th November and 5th December 1855, Nos. 88 to 99.

Letter dated 14th November 1855, No. 88.

Mr. George Tranter, abroad, appointed an Assistant Surgeon on the Madras Establishment, subject to the usual conditions.

2. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 14th November 1855, No. 89.

Mr. A. C. Havelock, abroad, appointed a Cadet of Infantry on the Madras Establishment, subject to the usual conditions.

3. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 21st November 1855, No. 90.

Forward for consideration and report, copy of aletter from Ensign H. Cherry, 42nd Regiment N. I., representing the circumstances under which he was sent to England under the old Furlough Regulations, and soliciting that the order may be rectified and that he may be considered as on sick furlough under the new Rules.

4. The leave to return to Europe on Medical Certificate granted to Ensign Cherry, has been converted into leave under the new regulations, vide G. O. G. 17th January 1856, No. 18.

Letter dated 21st November 1855, No. 91.

Forward copy of a letter from the War Office requesting to be furnished with a list of Savings' Bank Balances of men of H. M. 25th Regiment, showing date to which interest has been added in India, and desire that the statement may be furnished as early as practicable, for communication to the War Office.

5. Communicated to the Accountant General with a view to the required List being furnished without delay.

Letter dated 21st November 1855, No. 92.

Intimate that they have stated, in reply to a requisition of H. M's. Government for the supply of 10,000 lbs. of L. G. Gunpowder for the Royal Artillery Depart. at Hong Kong, that the Madras Government will be requested to take steps for complying with the above.

6. We have issued orders for meeting this requisition.

Letter dated 21st November 1855, No. 93.

Mr. G. F. Faber, abroad, appointed a Cadet of Cavalry upon the Madras Establishment, subject to the usual conditions.

7. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 28th November 1855, No. 94.

Paras 1 to 3. State that a proposed alteration in the Pattern of Infantry Accoutrements, by the late Commander-in-Chief, Bombay, reported on by the Supreme Government, has been under consideration, and as H. M. Government have very recently adopted Patterns differing very little from what was suggested from Bengal, Court have decided upon forwarding to that Government a set of the approved Patterns, for adoption in their Army. Promise to forward a similar set to the Madras Presidency for guidance, but observe that it be clearly understood that such a measure is not to lead to the condemnation of the Accoutrements now in use, till fairly worn out, nor even to alteration, unless carried out at an inconsiderable expence.	8. Communicated to the Commander of the Forces and to the Military Board.

Letter dated 28th November 1855, No. 95.

Transmit, as applicable to H. M. Officers serving in India, 3 Copies of H. M. Warrant, regarding the grant of fixed rates in lieu of pensions to the widows and families of those killed in action.	9. One copy of the Warrant has been forwarded to the Commander of the Forces and another to the Military Auditor General. 10. The despatch and its enclosure have been published in G. O.

Letter dated 5th December 1855, No. 96.

Paras 1 to 9.	11. Need no reply.
10. State that as Mrs. Granger, widow of Gunner Granger, was deprived of the Government allowance in consequence of immoral conduct, and her name removed from the Muster Roll of her husband's Company, from December 1852, to the date of her husband's death, 13th October 1853, they cannot depart from their decision communicated in Military despatch, No. 7 of 1855, p. 21.	12. We have directed the discontinuance of Mrs. Granger's Pension.
11 to 14.	13. Need no reply.
15. State that as the modified Regulation declaring the authority of the Commander-in-Chief sufficient for passing the allowances of a permanent Brigadier to Officers on whom the Command may temporarily devolve, is general to the three Presidencies, it should be referred for the consideration of the Government of India. *Dy. to Cons. 5th Feby. 1856. No. 176. No. 9 in the Packet.*	14. We have made a reference to the Government of India on this subject.
16 to 27.	15. Need no reply.

Letter dated 5th December 1855, No. 97.

Paras 1 & 2.	16. Need no reply.
3. Approve of the encouragement given to Captain Barrow, Commissary of Ordnance, Secunderabad, to make experiments in the manufacture of rope and paper. Request to be furnished with specimens of the products obtained, and an accurate statement of the cost.	17. Communicated to the Military Board, with the necessary instructions.
4. Intimate that they have perused with satisfaction Major Maitland's letter, showing that the process pursued at the Gun Carriage Manufactory for seasoning half-wroughts is found to be successful and that reports on Saul Wood Carriages set up in 1848—49, are favorable; trust that this report may be confirmed by the Artillery authorities.	18. Communicated to the Military Board.
5 to 11.	19. Need no reply.

12. With reference to the subject of Mamooties and the instructions given to the Military Board, to send to England patterns of those required, refer to their letter 12th Sept. 1855, No. 69, to which they await a reply.	20. Communicated to the Military Board.
13 to 19.	21. Need no reply.
20. In reference to the petition from Khyroonissa Begum, who has survived her son, to whom a pension was granted in consideration of the very distinguished services of his father the late Subadar Sheikh Mohudeen Khan, Bahadoor, sanction the continuance to herself of one half of the amount of the said pension from date of the decease of her son, but to terminate with her life, when all allowances on account of the late Subadar's services will cease.	22. Communicated to Khyroonissa Begum and to the proper Departments.
21 to 26.	23. Need no reply.

Letter dated 5th December 1855, *No.* 98.

Forward articles of Agreement with Messrs. Hanbury, Buxton and Co. for the supply of Ale for the European Troops of the Madras Presidency, for the year 1856.	24. Communicated to Departments. with the usual instructions.

Letter dated 5th December 1855, *No.* 99.

Certain Officers permitted to return to their duty, granted extensions of leave, and allowed to retire from the service.	25. Notified in G. O.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th *March* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 44 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have much satisfaction in laying before your Honorable Court the accompanying letter from the Military Board enclosing a correspondence received from the Commissary General, showing that there appears to be a fair prospect of the Hoonsoor Tannery being enabled to supply Buff Accoutrements of perfectly good quality.

Dy. to Cons. 4th March 1856, *Nos.* 99 & 100. *No. // in the Packet.*

As the Tannery, however, is stated to be unable at present to meet demands for Buff to more than a limited extent, and as the Military Board represent their wants to be exceedingly urgent, as they did in their communication forwarded with our despatch of 11th February 1856, No. 18, we beg to request that your Honorable Court will comply with their requisition for a supply of One thousand Buff Hides in addition to an equal number advised in para 6 of your despatch 29th August 1855, No. 65, to be under provision.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th *March* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

95

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 45 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 11th March 1856, Nos. 92 to 94.

No. 13 in the Packet.

Captain Lawder, Assistant Quarter Master General of the Army, who is proceeding to Europe on Medical Certificate under the Regulations of 1854, having requested to be allowed to draw all Pay and Allowances to which he may be entitled during his absence through his Agents in this Country, we have complied with his application so far as regards the moiety of Staff salary and Indian Allowances; but being uncertain whether the arrangement can be authorised with respect to the pay of an Officer's rank after the expiration of 3 months from date of embarkation, we beg to refer the point for your Honorable Court's decision.

2. Under the Old Regulations, Officers who proceeded to the Colonies were entitled to draw the whole of their Pay and Allowances through their Agents in India—and as under the Regulations of 1854, Officers are placed on the same footing whether they proceed to the Colonies or to Europe, they would appear to be entitled to draw their Pay and Allowances in the same manner.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th March 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 46 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to report to your Honorable Court that we have sanctioned the entertainment on the Boy Establishment of the 32nd Regt. N. I., of one of the sons of Abdool Mulleek, late a Private of that Corps, who, after a service of about 6 years with a good character, was discharged on the 24th August 1838, on account of disease, and who has a family of a wife, two sons and a daughter totally unprovided for.

Dy. to Cons. 18th March 1856, Nos. 23 & 24.
No. 15 in the Packet.

2. We have the honor to forward the accompanying report from the Adjutant General of the Army, of the removals of certain Lieutenant Colonels which the Provincial Commander-in-Chief has ordered, for the reasons stated therein.

Dy. to Cons. 18th March 1856, Nos. 48 & 49.
No. 16 in the Packet.

Collection No. 17 in the Packet.
Dy. to Cons. 26th Feb. 1856, Nos. 10, 11 & 27—28.
„ 11th March „ „ 22 & 23.

3. We have admitted the Widows of the individuals named in the margin to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund—and their Pensions will be paid in India.

Overseer S. Wells, Commissariat Department.
Assist. Apothy. P. Stutz, Medical Department.
Private G. Etches, Infantry.
Assist. Apothy. J. J. West, Medical Department.
Sub Conductor P. Sullivan, Ordnance Department.
Gunner T. Harrington, E. A. V. Company.
Private G. Wootten, 2nd E. L. I.

Cons. 12th Feby. 1856, Nos. 107-8.
„ 26th „ „ „ 108-9.

4. The Pensioners named in the margin, whose Certificates have been attested, will be entitled to admission on Lord Clive's Fund on their arrival in England.

Gunner Joseph Dunlop,
„ John Campbell.
„ John Handlon.
„ Edward Sweeney.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th March 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

99

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 47 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We have the honor to report for the information of your Hon'ble Court, that Major General T. B. Forster the Military Auditor General whose promotion to the above rank was announced in G. O. G. No. 99 of 4th April 1855, had to vacate his Office on the 14th Instant, under the instructions conveyed in G. O. G. G. 21st September 1855.

Dy. to Cons. 18*th March* 1856, *Nos.* 9—10. *No.* 19 *in the Packet.*

2. But having, in consequence of absence on Medical Certificate to Europe whence he returned on the 21st Ultimo, been deprived of the full advantage of the six months' grace intended by the last mentioned Order to be accorded to all General Officers holding Appointments or Brigades, we have, under the circumstances of the case, specially permitted that Officer to retain his Appointment for a period not exceeding six months from the 14th Instant.

3. Copy of our Presidents Minute accompanies this despatch.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th *March* 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 48 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Adverting to para. 51. of your Honorable Court's despatch 5th March 1851, No. 9, approving of the patronage accorded by us to the publication of the "Hindustani Selections" for the use of Students in the language, we beg to intimate to your Honorable Court that the 1st Edition of the work being out of print, we have sanctioned the purchase of 24 copies of a 2nd and improved Edition of it, at the rate of 8 Rupees a copy—18 of these for distribution among Military Examining Committees at the Presidency and out Stations, and 6 for the use of your Honorable Court.

Dy. to Cons. 4th March 1856, Nos. 97 & 98. Nos. 2 & 3 in the Packet.

2. The latter are herewith forwarded.

3. With reference to our despatch dated 24th November 1855, No. 145, paras. 3 to 5, forwarding a correspondence advocating the grant to European Soldiers of the Company's Service of Sick Furlough to Europe, we have the honor to submit for your consideration a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army with one from the Medical Board enclosing a communication from the Superintendent Eye Infirmary, reporting upon the cases of certain men returned from service in Burmah who have been under treatment in that Institution, showing that the Ophthalmic affection in the above cases has not yielded to treatment in this climate, although the Soldiers, whose names are given in the margin, are said to be young and otherwise healthy; and recommending in these and the like cases, a sea voyage and a short residence in Europe as affording a hope of recovery, rather than that the men should be at once discharged or pensioned.

Dy. to Cons. 11th March 1856, Nos. 8 to 10. No. 4 in the Packet.

			Character.
Gunner	*G. Williams,*	*No. 3053, 2nd Bt. Arty.*	*Good.*
,,	*D. Oneil,*	,, 3823, ,, ,,	*Good.*
,,	*J. Campbell,*	,, 2343, 4th ,,	*Very good.*
,,	*P. Reardon,*	,, 3476, ,, ,,	*Indifferent.*

4. Under these circumstances, we have granted authority for the men in question being sent to England on Medical furlough with the Invalids of the Season.

5. The Military Board having recommended the desirableness of deputing one of the Officers of the Railway Department to visit our Grand Arsenal and the Gun Carriage Manufactory, with a view to our being furnished with practical suggestions connected with the wants of those Establishments

Cons. 22nd May 1855, Nos. 97—8. Dy. to Cons. 12th June 1855, Nos. 48—9. Cons. 26th February 1856, Nos. 168—9. Collection No. 5 in the Packet.

in respect to Machinery worked by steam, in order to facilitate and expedite work and economise labor, we have, in accordance with a request made by us to the above effect, received, and have the honor to forward in connection with former* correspondence, an interesting and valuable report from the Locomotive Superintendent of the Railway, Mr. W. B. Wright, on the Machinery in use in the two Establishments referred to—those recently sent out by your Honorable Court, and those which are considered necessary to render the above Establishments efficient.

* *To Court.*
25th September 1855, *No.* 128, *para.* 1.
9th November „ „ 139, „ 28.
24th December „ „ 146, & 159.
25th January 1856, „ 10,
11th February „ „ 24,

6. In reply to your despatch of 23rd January 1856, No. 5, we have the honor to inform your Hon'ble Court that the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing has intimated to us that the balance of Off Reckonings for the year 1853, due to Major General G. Conran, of the Artillery, has not been disbursed in India; and that a Certificate was granted in May 1854, to the Major General to enable him to receive payment of this balance and of that for 1854 in England.

Cons. 11*th March* 1856, *Nos.* 107 & 108.
No. 6 *in the Packet.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *April* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 49 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have the honor to lay before your Honorable Court, transcript of a letter from the Military Auditor General 13th March 1856, A, with a Statement of Special pensions granted by Government during the year 1855.

Cons. 13th March 1856, Nos. 86 & 87. No. 8 in the Packet.

2. The several cases embraced in the Statement have been already reported to your Honorable Court.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 11th April 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 50 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to your despatch 20th October 1852, No 77, para. 55, promising to reply hereafter to the subject of the recovery in England of the sum of Rs. 304- 7- 8, due by Lt. (now Captain) W. H. Stone, to the Band and Mess Funds of the 44th Regiment N. I., we have the honor to submit the accompanying communication from the Adjutant General of the Army, from which it would appear that the sum in question was retrenched from the above named Officer through Messrs. Grindlay & Co. in June 1853, and to request that should it have been handed over to your Honorable Court, the same may be remitted to this Country for payment to the Regiment.

Dy. to Cons. 1st April 1856, Nos. 15 & 16.

No. 10 in the Packet.

2. In reply to your despatch No. 91, of 21st November 1855, desiring to be furnished with a List of the Savings' Bank Balances of Men of Her Majesty's 25th Regiment, we have the honor to transmit a letter from the Accountant General, reporting that the Balances on account of the Savings of the above Regiment are exhibited in the Rolls of Remittances to England forwarded with our Secretary's letters 12th October 1855, No. 47, and 11th March 1856, No. 9.

Dy. to Cons. 1st April 1856, Nos. 21 & 22.

No // in the Packet.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
// 15th April 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 57 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to submit for your decision an application from the Commissary General at Madras, referring to the altered position in which he is placed consequent on the appointment of a Commissariat Auditor, inasmuch as he no longer makes any disbursements of Cash or renders any accounts, and soliciting that he may therefore, in common with the Commissary Generals at the other Presidencies, be relieved from the necessity of furnishing Security as heretofore.

Diary to Cons. 1st April 1856, Nos. 23 at 25 with Mins. of Cons. 2nd September 1851, No. 2844.

Collection No. 13 in the Packet.

2. A report from the Accountant General is forwarded with the application.

3. We see no objection to the Commissary General at Madras being exempted from giving security as those at Fort William and Bombay are.

4. With reference to the last para of the Accountant General's report, we append a Statement showing the amount of Security required from all other Commissariat Officers at the three Presidencies.

	Bengal.	*Madras.*	*Bombay.*
Deputy Commissary General. - - -	30,000 Rs. - -	30,000 Rs. - -	20,000 Rs.
Assistant do. - - - - -	20,000 ,, - -	20,000 ,, - -	20,000 ,,
Deputy Assistant do. - - - - -	15,000 ,, - -	10,000 ,, - -	10,000 ,,
Sub Assistant do. - - - - -	10,000 ,, - -	5,000 ,, - -	5,000 ,,

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *April* 1856.

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 52 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Concurring with the Military Board in considering it unadvisable to employ Ordnance Lascars upon duties foreign to their proper line of employment, such as moving Office furniture, pulling Punkahs, and the ordinary work of Messengers or Peons in public Offices, a practice which had been pursued for many years, but which it was found impaired the efficiency of the Ordnance Department, we directed that the employment of the Lascars for the purposes noted in the margin should be for the future discontinued, with the exception that two or more might be detached with the Fire Engines when required at Government House, in order to the Engines being kept under their charge.

Dy. to Cons. 21st November 1854, *Nos.* 15 *&* 16
,, *6th February* 1855, ,, 40 *&* 41
,, *5th June* ,, ,, 41 & 42
,, 11*th December* ,, ,, 3 & 4

Collection No 15 in the Packet.

Government House.
Public Offices for moving Almirahs, &c.
Church and Court Martial Rooms for Punkahs.
Military Board Office.

2. The duties above referred to for which Lascars were hitherto detached, will be provided for more economically by the hire of Coolies when necessary. In lieu of the 5 Lascars who had been employed in the Military Board's Office, we sanctioned the entertainment of a corresponding number of Peons, at a monthly cost of 32 Rupees.

3. Under the circumstances represented in the Military Board's letter, dated 15th January 1855, it was not thought advisable to make any reduction in the establishment of Ordnance Lascars.

4. To remedy the inconvenience experienced in converting English into Country weights, and vice versa, in transactions between departments connected with the duties of supply, as well as with the Presidencies of Bombay and Calcutta, where English weights are said to be exclusively used, the Military Board, in concurrence with the Commissary General, suggested the publication of a G. O. which we accordingly sanctioned, declaring that in future the articles enumerated in a list subjoined thereto, will be received and issued by weights of the English denomination—to have effect from the 1st May 1856, the commencement of the ensuing Official year.

Dy to Cons. 23rd October 1855, *Nos.* 13 *&* 14
,, 18*th December* ,, ,, 39 *&* 40

Collection No 16 in the Packet.

5. The correspondence noted in the margin relates to the publication of a G. O., directing that Grain shall be issued to all Mounted Corps by weight instead of measurement, and sanctioning the carriage at the public expense of the Triangles, Scales, and Weights necessary to give effect to this measure, when the Regiment is on the line of march.

Dy. to Cons. 21*st August* 1855, *Nos.* 95—6
,, 18*th December* ,, ,, ,, —71

Collection No. 17 *in the Packet.*

6. With reference to former correspondence, we beg to report that the Superintendent of Pensions forwarded an application from the Officer charged with the duty of paying Pension and Family Certificates at Madras, praying that his Office Establishment might be made a public and a permanent one.

To Court 9*th March* 1854, *No.* 35.
From ,, 14*th June* ,, ,, 46 *p* 2.

Dy. to Cons. 4*th December* 1855, *Nos.* 15 to 17.
Rs. 18 *in the Packet.*

7. It was stated that out of the monthly allowance of 135 Rs. drawn by this Officer, he maintained an Office establishment amounting to Rs. 85, and that the expense of finding the means of proceeding to and from his Office could scarcely be effected under 35 Rs. a month, leaving thus as his sole remuneration about 15 Rs. per mensem for duties nearly as onerous and responsible as those of the subordinate Paymasters.

8. The Superintendent of Pensions therefore suggested that an establishment should be fixed for the Office and paid by Government, and that the allowance to the Paying Officer should be regulated according to the number of Certificates, the maximum being Rs. 100.

9. We did not comply with the above application, but granted authority for the additional allowance of 35 Rupees per mensem specially sanctioned by *Mins. Cons. 31st July 1852, No. 1823, being continued, so long as the number of Certificates to be paid exceeds 2500, instead of 3000 as originally ordered.

*To Court 9th March 1854, No. 35, p 2.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *April* 1856.

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 53 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

To Court 7th June 1855, *No.* 74.
From ,, 12*th Sept*, ,, ,, 69.

Cons. 30th Oct. ,, *Nos.* 77 *and* 78.
Dy. end of the year ,, ,, 30 *and* 31.
Cons. 5th Feby. 1856, *Nos.* 163 *and* 164.
Dy. to ,,28*th March*,, ,, 32 *and* 33.

Collection No. 20 in the Packet.

1. With reference to former correspondence, we have the honor to forward the accompanying papers connected with the experimental manufacture of Tools at the Gun Carriage Manufactory, to meet the wants of the Public Service.

2. We solicit your attention to the letters from the Military Board, dated 25th January and 12th March 1856, Nos. 283 and 323, together with their enclosures, affording information regarding the results of the experiment, and exhibiting particulars of cost of the articles manufactured and their number and description, with comparisons of prices of articles received from England and those paid for by the Railway authorities.

3. The difficulties at first experienced by the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory in prosecuting the manufacture, are thus stated by that Officer.

**Letter dated 21st January* 1856, *para* 5.

"When the experiment *commenced, there were a few Smiths at the Manufactory imperfectly trained at making Tools, who could scarcely make a 10 lb. Pick Axe, Mamoty, or Sledge Hammer; and as the demand for Artizans for the Railroad and Public Works Department was very great, I was compelled to entertain indifferent workmen who at first could give up only $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, or even $\frac{3}{8}$ of a full day's work, but by degrees, as they acquired experience, they have all improved, and now most of them can work very fairly; while a few are becoming very superior to the ordinary men of what are considered, in the labor market, good workmen."

**Letter 12th March* 1856, *No.*323, *para* 8.

4. The Military Board *observe that they "do not view the rates at which the Tools have been made up at the Gun Carriage Manufactory as representing the cost at which they may eventually be produced," nor do they "consider the Tools as at present made to be so well turned out as they will be when the workmen become more experienced," and they ask that the experiment should be allowed a fair time before either the minimum of cost or a maximum quality in the Tools turned out should be required. They add that, with all the disadvantages they had to contend with in opening out the new branch of business, they have sufficiently satisfactory proofs that Tools can be turned out as cheap as the English made ones.

5. The Establishment of workmen sanctioned to the Gun Carriage Manufactory in Mins. Cons. 1st June *1855, No. 1627, has been allowed to continue.

*To Court 7th June 1855, No. 74.

6. Adverting to the correspondence noted in the margin, we transmit a communication from the Military Board, submitting the opinions of the Principal Commissary of Ordnance and the Director of the Artillery Depot, on the manufacture of Buff Leather in this country, and the desirableness of obtaining the services of a person of ability and experience from Europe, in connexion with the manufacture.

To Court 11*th February* 1856, *No.* 18, *para* 4.
,, 20*th March* ,, ,, 44.
Dy. to Cons. 1*st April* ,, *Nos.* 26 *and* 27.

No. 21. *in the Packet.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th April* 1856.

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 54 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Major General Sir S. W. Steel, K. C. B., having attained our permission to return to Europe on Medical Certificate, it affords us great pleasure to bring to the special notice of your Honorable Court, the accompanying copy of a communication from the Adjutant General of the Army, forwarding a Statement of that Officers services, and of a G. O. which we have published, expressive of the high sense entertained by us of the meritorious services of that distinguished Officer.

Cons. 8th April 1856, Nos. 82 & 83.
A 23 in the Packet

We have &c.,
(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th April* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 55 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

The Adjutant General of the Army brought to notice the want of means for drying the Clothes of the Madras Troops serving in Pegu during the Monsoon—as the men while proceeding to and from their Guards could not avoid getting wet, and once so, the humidity of the atmosphere and the absence of sunshine for days together, prevented their getting their Clothes dry.

Cons. 18th December 1855, Nos. 155 & 156

No. 2 in the Packet.

2. We, therefore, sanctioned the issue from the 1st May to the 31st October next, of fire Pans, Charcoal, and drying Baskets at the expense of the State, for the purpose required; and directed that the expenditure should be restricted to the most moderate scale consistent with efficiency, and that such stringent Barrack regulations should be issued as may appear best calculated to prevent loss or accident from fire, or the fumes of charcoal in imperfectly ventilated buildings.

3. We observed that the above measure being experimental only, reports of its results, both financial and sanatory, should be submitted to us at the close of the season.

4. The Officer commanding Her Majesty's 74th Highlanders represented the necessity for the issue of fuel for the Guard Rooms of that Regiment on the Neilgherries.

Diary to Cons. 15th January 1856, Nos. 81 to 85.

No. 3 in the Packet.

5. Upon a reference to the Commander-in-Chief, we were informed that it would be highly desirable that fuel should be supplied in confirmed wet or cold weather—the Regimental Surgeon being permitted to decide on the propriety of its issue.

6. It was also stated that, as the burning of charcoal was considered highly objectionable and injurious to health, Peat, which is a cheaper description of fuel and obtainable in any quantity on the Hills, might be substituted for wood.

7. We accordingly authorised the issue of fuel (wood or peat) for use in confirmed wet or cold weather, as recommended,—the maximum issue, for the above purpose, being restricted to 150 lbs. daily, and being made by the local Commissariat Officer on Indents signed by the Officer Commanding the Regiment, supported by a Certificate from the Medical Officer, of fires being absolutely necessary for the health of the Troops.

8. With reference to former correspondence connected with the establishment of a Sanatarium at Ramandroog for the European Troops at Bellary, we have the honor to report that, upon the recommendation of the Medical Authorities and the Commander in Chief, that Sick Soldiers from Secunderabad requiring change should be sent to Ramandroog in preference to St. Thomas' Mount,

To Court	*3rd April*	1852, *No.*	37, *p*	5.
From ,,	*21st July*	,, ,,	57, ,,	19.
To ,,	*27th June*	1853, ,,	69, ,,	4 & 5.
From ,,	*12th October*	,, ,,	69, ,,	19.
To ,,	*11th August*	1854, ,,	120, ,,	8.
From ,,	*22nd Novr.*	,, ,,	99, ,,	2.

Diary to Cons. 15th January 1856, Nos. 50 & 51.

No. 4 in the Packet.

the former being more advantageous in every respect, and having sufficient accommodation for the purpose, consisting of a Barrack for 80 Convalescent Europeans—an Hospital for 12 Sick—and a temporary Thatched Barrack for 30 Invalids,—we approved of the proposal, and authorised the necessary arrangements being made for the permanent establishment of the Convalescent Depot at Ramandroog, including the supply of provisions and Hospital Servants.

Dy. to Cons. 5*th Decr.* 1854, *Nos.* 18 *to* 21.
„ 15*th May* 1855, „ 15 *to* 18.
Cons. 7*th Aug.* „ „ 126 *and* 127.
Dy. to Cons. 9*th Oct.* „ „ 60 *and* 61.
Cons. 29*th Jany.* 1856, „ 130 *and* 131.
„ 12*th Feby.* „ „ 143 *and* 144.
G. O. G. 15*th* „ „ *No.* 53.

Collection No. 5 *in the Packet.*

9. We beg to inform your Honorable Court that, with the sanction of the Government of India, we published a G. O. placing Hospital Writers of European Regiments serving in the Madras Presidency, upon the same footing in respect to Pay and other advantages as those in Bengal.

10. A reference was made to us in respect to a retrenchment issued by the Auditor of Commissariat Accounts on the Commissariat Account Disbursements of Secunderabad for compensation paid to the *Hired* Dooly Bearers serving with the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force between the price of Rice sold in the Bazar and that guaranteed by Government for non-issue of Rice from the Public Stores.

Cons. 27*th Novr.* 1855, *Nos.* 100 *to* 102.
„ 12*th Feby.* 1856, „ 138 *to* 140.

Collection No. 6 *in the Packet.*

11. The retrenchment was made by the Auditor on the ground that Hired Dooly Bearers were not included in the classes entitled to compensation in lieu of Rice enumerated in para. 1, "Rice", page 158, of the Pay and Audit regulations.

12. The Commissary General, being called upon to explain the terms on which these Bearers were employed, stated that the instructions communicated by his predecessor to the Commissariat Officer at Secunderabad did not provide for the issue of Rice or payments of compensation, it appearing to have been overlooked at the time; but he urged in behalf of their claim to the privilege, that being regularly entertained and mustered monthly as attached to the Hyderabad Subsidiary Force, they were in a manner identified with, and performed exactly the same duties as, Bearers of the 2d Dooly Corps.

13. Under these circumstances we sanctioned the admission of the charge on account of Rice money paid to the Hired bearers at Secunderabad, but directed that in future it should not be allowed.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25*th April* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 56 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

In accordance with the recommendation of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief in behalf of Pensioned Bombardier W. Tustain, who has been medically certified to be blind of both eyes, we have sanctioned the grant to him, as a special case, of a monthly allowance of Rs. three and annas eight in addition to his established pension, for the payment of a boy to lead him.

Dy. to Cons. 26th Feby. 1856, Nos. 126 to 128.

No. 8 in the Packet.

2. The Military Board reported to us that in consequence of the remarkable increase at present in the demand for Artizans at Madras, they were apprehensive that it would be difficult to procure trained men to replace Native Artificers of the Ordnance Store Department employed at Moulmein, entitled after a service of 6 years to be relieved at the public expense, and that it would be impracticable to obtain them on the low rates of wages which formerly prevailed.

Dy. to Cons. 4th Jany. 1856, Nos. 29 and 30.

No. 9 in the Packet.

3. Under these circumstances, we expressed our desire that every encouragement should be held out to this class of Public servants to extend their period of service abroad,—and with this view, we intimated that we would be prepared to authorise free passage, to and fro, to the families of such Artificers as may be desirous of joining their relatives there, and further to sanction such moderate increase of pay to the Artificers themselves, at the close of such period of 6 years passed on Foreign Service, completed with certified "good conduct," as the Military Board after due enquiry, may think it reasonable to recommend.

4. We directed the Military Board therefore, prior to taking steps for the relief of such Artificers on Foreign Service, as may have completed the prescribed period of 6 years, to make a reference to the Officer Commanding in Pegu, with the view of ascertaining what proportion of those workmen, may be willing to extend their period of service in that country on the above terms—and to regulate the arrangement for their relief accordingly.

5. We also granted authority for the employment on the same terms, of any additional workmen whom it may eventually become necessary to entertain for the relief—care being taken to secure their due observance by all who may avail themselves of these advantages.

6. We beg to report to your Honorable Court that, subject to your approval, we have, at the recommendation of the Military Board, authorised the special grant of pensions of Rs. 4 and 3 respectively, per mensem, to 2nd and 3rd class Carpenters Vencatachellum and Mootoosawmy attached to the

Dy. to Cons. 8th April 1856, Nos. 35 and 36.

No. 10 in the Packet.

Grand Arsenal, who from age and the infirmities consequent thereto, after serving 46 and 38 years respectively, with good character, are quite worn out and unequal to the duties required of them; but who have no near relatives who could be admitted as their successors.

7. We have transferred Staff Serjeant William Rowland, of the Commissariat Department, to the Non-Effective Establishment on the superior pension authorised to Serjeants in G. O. G. 20th March 1820, subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Court.

Dy. to Cons. 1st April 1856, Nos. 6 and 7.

No. // in the Packet.

8. With reference to your Honorable Court's despatch 7th November 1855, No. 86, and the statements therewith received, of payments made into your Treasury by Messrs Cox and Co., on account of stoppages from the Pay, &c., of certain Gun Lascars serving in China, for the five quarters from the 1st April 1854 to 30th June 1855, we have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Accountant General reporting that the sums referred to in the above statements agree with the items adjusted in the accounts of the Superintendent of Family Payments, with certain exceptions pointed out; and requesting information as to whether it is intended that the sum of Rs. 6- 10- 3 deducted from the pay of Private Francis, for May and June 1854, on account of Imprisonment, and paid into your Treasury, but regarding which the Superintendent of Family Payments has received no intimation from the Officer Commanding Gun Lascars in China, should be paid in this country to the relatives of the Private.

Dy. to Cons. 8th April 1856, Nos. 44 and 45.

No. 12 in the Packet.

9. We beg to forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, soliciting that your Honorable Court will be pleased to make application to the War Office for the adjustment of a claim preferred by Private John Sharvin of the European Infantry Veteran Company, to the proceeds of the Estate of his deceased son Drummer John Sharvin, of H. M's 84th Regiment.

Cons. 1st April 1856, Nos. 53 & 54.

No. 13 in the Packet.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th April 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 57 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Dy. to Cons. 1st April 1856, Nos. 74 at 76.

No. 15 in the Packet.

The Chief Engineer, D. P. W., in applying for the services of three Recruits of the Sappers and Miners recently arrived from England, for employment as Assistant Overseers in that Department, observed that it was not the first occasion on which the employment of men in the Public Works Department immediately on their disembarkation had been solicited, and adverted to the advantages to the service of thus obtaining trained men on the eve of important changes.

2. The Provincial Commander-in-Chief placed the services of these men at the disposal of the Chief Engineer, but suggested a reference to your Honorable Court for the purpose of ascertaining whether Recruits arriving from England for the Sappers and Miners should in future be placed under the orders of that Officer for employment in the Department of Public Works, instead of being sent to join their Corps for instruction in military duties.

3. We are of opinion that the arrangement may be allowed so long as the demands of the Public Works Department are of such importance and of so pressing a nature as at present.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th April 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 58 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Dy. to Cons. 8th April 1856, Nos. 4 & 5.

Nos. 17/18 in the Packet.

We have the honor to forward the printed Parchment Certificate of admission on the Out Pension of Chelsea Hospital, of Private John Hartnett, late of H. M's 25th Foot, who it would appear died at Madras on the 13th March 1855, in the General Hospital.

2. We beg to transmit the Commission issued to Captain Francis Tower, late of the 45th Regiment N. I., whom your Honorable Court permitted to retire from the Service, and to request that the Stamp due thereon may be recovered from that Officer, and its recovery intimated to us for communication to the Accountant General, with a view to the same being adjusted in the Books, to the debit of London.

Cons. 8th April 1856, Nos. 88 & 89.

Nos. 19 & 20 in the Packet.

3. We beg to lay before your Honorable Court the accompanying copy of a *letter from Retired Senior Apothecary Thomas Hogg, late of the Madras Medical Establishment, who had been permitted to reside and draw his stipend of £ 112 - 10 per annum at New South Wales, as intimated to your Honorable Court in para. 3 of our Military Despatch, 28th September 1852, No. 111, representing that he is there subjected to a deduction from his Retiring Pension for Income Tax, and submitting his appeal against it—and to request that your Honorable Court will be pleased to communicate with H. M's Government with a view to Mr. Hogg being relieved from the payment of the Tax, and that we may be advised of the result.

Dy. to Cons. 15th April 1856, Nos. 48 & 49.

No. 21 in the Packet.

**dated 8th February 1856.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 25th April 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 59 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit a Memorial to your address from Nunnee Bee, widow of the late Subadar Major Khader Sherriffe, 49th Regiment N. I., praying that in consideration of her late husband's services, she may be granted a pension, or that her son may be employed in the Company's Service.

Cons. 15th April 1856, Nos. 85 to 87.

No. 23 in the Packet.

2. The Memorial is accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, stating that the deceased's services were not such as to induce the Major General to recommend the widow for a special pension—and that, with regard to the second prayer, should Petitioner's son be found eligible for enlistment, measures will be adopted for his admission into the Service.

3. In continuation of paras. 3 and 4 of our despatch No. 48, dated the 11th Instant, we have the honor to inform your Honorable Court that the four men therein alluded to, have, with the families of two of them, been embarked for England on the "Windsor," with the Honorable Company's Invalids of the Season—and to forward their last Pay Certificates as a Number in the Packet.

Dy. to Con. 8th April 1856, Nos. 58 & 59.

Nos. 24 & 25 in the Packet.

4. We have transferred Serjeant James Bryan, of the Horse Artillery, to the Non-Effective Establishment on the Superior Pension authorised to Serjeants in G. O. G. 20th March 1820, subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Court.

Dy. to Cons. 8th April 1856, Nos. 52 & 53.

No. 26 in the Packet.

5. With reference to para. 10 of our despatch 20th March 1856, No. 42, reporting the transfer of Road Serjeant W. Richards to the Non-Effective Establishment from the 2nd Jany. 1856, the date of his embarkation for England, we beg to transmit the Serjeants Pension Certificate in Duplicate, the original for delivery to him, and the duplicate for retention at the India House after obtaining his signature to them.

Cons. 8th April 1856, Nos. 73 & 74 with Dy. to the end of the year 1855, Nos. 68 & 69.

Collection Nos. 27 & 28 in the Packet.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th April 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 60 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to your despatch, No. 48, of 13th June 1855, transmitting copy of a Draft Mutiny Act for the Honorable Company's Forces, with a view to your being informed whether any alterations in it are deemed necessary for local purposes, we have the honor to forward herewith the observations which have been severally submitted thereon by the Judge Advocate General of the Army, the Advocate General, and our Military Secretary,—a copy whereof we have also forwarded to the Government of India.

Dy. to Cons. 25th April 1856, *Nos.* 21627

Collection No. 30 *in the Packet.*

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th *April* 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 61 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Referring to the assistance which your Honorable Court were pleased to afford to Major Simpson, Director of the Madras Artillery Depot, during his stay in England on leave of absence, enabling him to visit the several Ordnance and Military Establishments there, we have the honor to lay before your Honorable Court copy of a report from that Officer detailing the observations made by him in the course of his visits, on the various improvements deemed worthy of attention for our Ordnance Establishments at Madras.

Dy. to Con. 25th April 1856, *Nos.* 41 *to* 44. *No.* 2 *in the Packet.*

2. The above report is accompanied by a communication from the Military Board, supporting Major Simpson in the practical suggestions submitted by him—and we beg to solicit your special attention to the several points which they have particularly noticed.

3. In respect to the course proposed by the Board in paras 2 & 8 of their letter on the subject of the advisability of introducing machinery for all purposes to which it can be applied in this country, we beg to refer your Honorable Court to the sentiments expressed by our President in a Minute recorded with the present papers.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE, 6th *May* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 62 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Judicial Con. 25th April 1856, *Nos.* 14 *&* 15.
Nos. 4 & 5 *in the Packet.*

We forward an Emergent Indent for Woollens required for the Clothing of the Sibbundies at Ganjam and Vizagapatam, and beg to request that the Articles indented for may be despatched as early as practicable.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
6th *May* 1856.

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Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 63 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

*To Court	14th Feby.	1855,	No. 21	paras. 2 & 3.
From ,,	6th June	,,	,, 45	,, 14.
To ,,	12th Septr.	,,	,, 123	,, 4.
Dy. to Cons.	15th May	1855,	Nos. 63	to 68.
Cons.	12th June	,,	,, 96	& 97.
,,	19th ,,	,,	,, 86	& 87.
Dy. to Cons.	26th ,,	,,	,, 45	to 48.
,,	17th July	,,	,, 60	& 61.
Cons.	4th Sepr.	,,	,, 139	& 140.
Dy. to Cons.	2nd Octr.	,.	,, 39	& 40.
,,	18th Decr.	,,	,, 46	to 50.
Cons.	5th Feby.	1856,	,, 165	& 166.
,,	28th March	,,	,, 66	& 67.

Collection No. 2 in the Packet.

With reference to *former correspondence, we have the honor to forward for the information of your Honorable Court the accompanying papers, relating to the arrangements connected with the Office Establishment of the Auditor of Commissariat Accounts and to the duties of the new Office—also to the alterations in the Establishment of the Commissary General and to the duties devolving on it, on the separation of those of Audit.

2. In accordance with the suggestion of the Commissary General, we directed the new Auditor to commence the Audit of the Commissariat Accounts for the Divisional Offices in this Presidency, from February 1855—and the Straits, Moulmein and Rangoon, from May 1854.

3. As the War Accounts of Burmah rest on the responsibility of Major Budd (the Commissariat Auditor) who was Executive Officer at the time in Burmah, we requested the Commissary General to compile, examine and forward them for final Audit, as heretofore, by the Military Auditor General and Military Board.

4. We approved generally of the adoption of the suggestions of the Commissary General contained in paras. 13 to 16 and 18 of his letter of 20th April 1855, No 45, in regard to the preparation and transmission of Accounts, and to the duties of the Auditor, leaving it to Major Budd to bring forward hereafter for consideration, such alterations as he may deem advisable.

5. We have continued to the Commissary General, the authority vested in him under existing regulations, to sanction the entertainment of temporary Establishments on occasions of Troops marching and other emergencies, as well as the incurring of trifling contingent charges.

6. Out of the allowance granted to the Commissary General for his Establishment, vizt. - - - Rs. 5,116 4 0
we approved of the transfer to the Commissariat Auditor, of the Establishment of Auditors, Compilers, Journalizers &ca.,
to the extent of - - - - - - - ,, 3,196 0 0

leaving to the former Officer an Establishment of - - - ,, 1,920 4 0

7. To the last mentioned amount, the Commissary General applied for a permanent addition of Rupees 125 per Mensem, for the purpose of augmenting the salary of his Head Clerk and Accountant, but proposed to dispense eventually with six individuals of his permanent Establishment receiving salaries amounting to Rupees *87 a month, whereby the eventual increase on the whole Establishment would be only 38 Rupees.

*Rupees 15
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12
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87

8. That Officer also applied to be allowed temporarily to retain the six individuals above mentioned and to be granted a further temporary aid of Rupees 176 a month, for the employment of extra hands and for small additions to the salaries of Writers, with a view to complete the preparation and examination of the Commissariat Accounts for periods prior to which the work had to be commenced by the Auditor.

9. The Government of India, upon a review of the grounds set forth by the Commissary General in support of his application, accorded their sanction thereto, in their despatch dated 17th January 1856, No. 507.

10. With respect to the Establishment of the Commissariat Auditor, we have the honor to state, that upon a report from that Officer after a trial of six months, the Supreme Government have sanctioned the following Establishment.

Permanent.

Transferred from the Commissary General's Office, - -				Rs.	3196 0 0
Sundry increases, for the Classification of the Clerks. - - - - -	Rs.	79	8 0		
Additional Abstractor. - - - -	,,	30	0 0		
Do. Record Keeper. - - - -	,,	30	0 0		
Minor Establishment of Peons &ca. - -	,,	52	8 0		192 0 0
				Total Rs.	3,388 0 0

Temporary, for 7 Months, for bringing up arrears of Audit for the stations beyond sea.

Two 1st Class Auditors at 55 Rs. each - -	Rs.	110	0 0	
Two do. Calculators at 35 ,, ,, -	,,	70	0 0	
Total	Rs.	180	0 0	per Month.

11. There not being suitable accommodation in the Commissary General's Office, nor any Public Building available for the Office of the Auditor of Commissariat Accounts, we sanctioned the purchase for the above purpose, of the Premises situated on the 2nd Line

Collection No. 3 in the Packet.

Dy. to Cons. 13*th April* 1855, *Nos.* 101 *&* 102.
,, 24*th* ,, ,, ,, 35 *to* 36.
Cons. 18*th Decr.* ,, ,, 163 *to* 166.

Beach, occupied by the late Firm of Messrs. Morrison & Co, and tendered by Messrs. Ashton Richardson & Co. for Rupees 17,500,—the property being favorably reported upon as to its accommodation, value, and proximity to the Commissary General's Office, affording facilities for business,—and we authorised its being put into proper repair at an estimated cost of 2,500 Rupees.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th May 1856.

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 64 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit for your consideration a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, giving cover to a Memorial from Mrs. Priscilla Hawkes, wife of Ensign G. F. C. B. Hawkes, 9th Regiment M. N. I., now in Europe, soliciting your Honorable Court's interference, with a view to ensure the payment by her husband of a portion of his allowance, for her support.

Dy. to Cons. 25th April 1856, Nos. 54 & 55.

No. 5 in the Packet.

2. We submit a Memorial to your address from Captain N. Hobart, 1st Native Veteran Battalion, soliciting that in consideration of his faithful services during a period of nearly 39 years, your Honorable Court will be pleased to bestow on him the rank of Major.

Dy. to Cons. 25th April 1856, Nos. 58 & 59.

No. 6 in the Packet.

3. The prayer of the Memorialist is strongly supported by the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, in concurrence with whom we beg to recommend that it may receive your favorable consideration.

4. We forward to your Honorable Court the accompanying Tabular Statements of the progress in professional acquirements, during the year 1855, of the 2nd and Assistant Apothecaries and 1st and 2nd Dressers who have been educated at the Medical College, together with a letter received therewith from the Medical Board.

Cons. 15th April 1856, Nos. 89 & 90.

No. 7 in the Packet.

5. We have directed that the latter be published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

6. We have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Accountant General bringing to notice that the sum of Rupees (44-10-11) forty four, annans ten and pice eleven, objected to by the Military Auditor General in the accounts of the Paymaster of Her Majesty's 25th Regiment for a period during which Lieutenant Poyntz was acting in that capacity on the responsibility of Paymaster Brumell who proceeded to Europe, remains unadjusted, in consequence of the latter Officer's security, viz. Captain Browne of the same Corps, but since transferred to Her Majesty's 35th Regiment on the Bengal Establishment,

Dy to Cons. 25th April 1856, Nos. 90 & 91.

No. 8 in the Packet.

having also proceeded to Europe ; and to request that your Honorable Court will be pleased to recover the amount in England and intimate the recovery to us, for communication to the Accountant General, in order to the same being adjusted to the debit of the London Account.

Dy. to Cons. 25th April 1856, *Nos.* 86 & 87.

Nos. 9 & 10 *in the Packet.*

7. We beg to forward a Packing Account of Clothing Stores received from England per Ship "Clive," and to report that the damaged Woollens therein referred to, will be returned to the Agents of the vessel, and their value, Rupees 583, deducted from her Freight Bill.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th *May* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 65 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Dy. to Cons. 16*th August* 1853, *Nos.* 12 *to* 14. } *Vizt. abstract*
Dy. to Cons. 12*th April* 1854, *Nos.* 32 *to* 35. } *of letters with orders in full*

Dy. to Cons. 16*th January* 1855, *Nos.* 18 *to* 20.
Dy. to Cons. 28*th August* 1855, *Nos.* 67 *to* 69.
Dy. to Cons. 5*th February* 1856, *Nos.* 111 *to* 114.

Collection No. 12 *in the Packet.*

1. We forward the accompanying correspondence which has taken place on the subject of the maintenance of Roads, Bridges and Drains in Military Cantonments under this Presidency.

2. We called upon the Military Board for a Statement of the manner in which such Roads &c. were kept in repair.

3. The Board reported that no system had been observed—that the expense for the conservation of Roads was met by a variety of means, such as by monies obtained under direct sanction of Government—by Indents on the Ordnance and Commissariat Departments for stores—by the use of Public Cattle, Lascars and other Followers, Convicts, Rents of Lands in Military Cantonments, Police Fines &c.—and that, therefore, it became a complicated question to arrive at even an approximate average of the actual outlay. They suggested that, for the future, not only should the local resources be continued, but that the Roads should be classified and a mileage allowance for each class granted by Government.

4. This was referred to the Commander-in-Chief, and information was at the same time solicited from the Government of India as to the system obtaining in Bengal and the North Western Provinces.

5. The Government of India replied that the Roads, Bridges, and Drains, were in the first instance constructed and subsequently kept up by Government through the Department of Public Works,—that in some few Cantonments where local funds existed they were applied under the supervision of local Committees towards keeping up the roads &c., any necessary repairs or renewals over and above such funds being made by Government through the Public Works Department.

6. The Commander-in-Chief was of opinion that the Quarter Master General being entrusted with the formation and conservation of Cantonments and with authority over all Buildings and ground in them, should have the supervision also of the repair of Roads &c., leaving the Executive part to the Public Works Department, as in the case of Public Buildings. His Excellency proposed that Local Conservancy Committees* should be appointed—that, as suggested by the Military Board, the roads should be divided into classes—that information on certain points should be ob-

* *Composed of the Commanding Officer—Staff Officer or Brigade Major and another Officer to be appointed by the Commanding Officer.*

tained from each station for the collection of data upon which to fix a mileage rate— and that an account of Receipts and Expenditure should be required yearly or half yearly.

7. The Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works was of opinion that as the repair of Roads needs frequent and minute inspection and almost constant residence at each station, while they demand little or no professional skill or science, it would be inexpedient to charge the Public Works with the executive duties, but that they should be entrusted to the Station Staff Officer, the local Engineer being only a consulting Member of the Committee, which might otherwise consist of the Officer Commanding, the Senior Medical Officer, and, at Head Quarter Stations, the Quarter Master General of Division.

8. We granted authority for the Roads &c. in all Cantonments under this Presidency being in accordance with the Bengal system, constructed and subsequently maintained by Government, local funds being made use of wherever available.

9. The work will be carried out under the orders of the Quarter Master General, the executive part of it being entrusted to the Station Staff Officer.

10. The Accounts furnished to the Quarter Master General are to be forwarded to the Public Works Department, with a view to the expenditure being included in the Annual Budget.

11. We approved of the formation of Station Conservancy Committees and requested the Commander of the Forces to detail in G. O. the Officers he may wish to employ on the above duty—the local or District Engineer Officers being in all cases, where available, Exofficio Members of such Committees.

12. We observed that it also appeared desirable that all designs for masonry works executed under the above order should be countersigned by the local or District Engineers prior to their being carried into effect.

13. The Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory laid before us the fact that in consequence of the very great increase in the work done in his Establishment, additional superintendence was urgently needed in the grades of Warrant and Non Commissioned Officers, in order to exercise a proper surveillance over the workmen, and a check over the materials issued, as well as to watch over the stock of Timber, Iron, Brass, Tools, and Carriages in store—and accordingly applied for

Dy. to Cons. 11*th September* 1855, *Nos.* 51-2
Cons. 9*th October* ,, ,, 88-9
Dy. to end of the year ,, ,, 39-40
Cons. 4*th March* 1856, ,, 132--3.

Collection No. 13 *in the Packet.*

1 Conductor Rupees 115-7-0.
1 Sub Do. Rupees 73-4-2.
1 Store Serjt. ,, 48-7-8, proposing to keep the Conductorship vacant so long as Deputy Assistant Commissary Curran, attached to the Manufactory, remained there.

14. Upon a reference to the Military Board, we were informed that it was not practicable to provide for the increase solicited by the Superintendent, by effecting corresponding reductions either in the Grand Arsenal or the Ordnance Department at large.

15. We accordingly forwarded the application to the Government of India, who accorded their sanction thereto.

16. We beg also to report for the information of your Honorable Court that upon a representation from the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory regarding the great increase in the scriptory duties of his Office, we have obtained the sanction of the Government of India to an addition of 50 Rupees to the existing Establishment of Rupees 300, per mensem, to provide for the employment of a Clerk on 30 Rupees and for the grant of increases to those on the Establishment, to the extent of 20 Rupees a month.

Dy. to Cons. 15*th January* 1856, *Nos.* 63 *to* 65.
Cons. 28*th March* 1856. *Nos.* 75 & 76.

Collection No. 14 *in the Packet.*

17. The Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing submitted the Proceedings of a Committee of Survey on certain condemned Chacos supplied to the 3rd Madras European Regiment at Secunderabad, and solicited our orders regarding their disposal.

Dy. to Cons. 26*th February* 1856, *Nos.* 144—6.

No. 15 *in the Packet.*

18. After ascertaining by a reference to the Commander of the Forces that they could not by any process be rendered properly serviceable, we directed that they should be disposed of on account of Government.

19. We beg, however, to solicit your attention to the remarks of the Committee, who attribute the damage to "bad packing and soldering" and to the observations of the Clothing Agent that the cases containing the Chacos were forwarded with care in the very same state in which they were received from your Honorable Court, and that the instance under notice is not the only one in which a considerable number of this article has been found on examination to be damaged.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20*th May* 1856.

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 16 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, giving cover to a report from the Medical Board on the state of health of Captain C. G. Cottell, of the 45th Regiment N. I., who has proceeded to Europe on Medical Certificate, and annexing a statement showing that Officer's service.

Cons. 6th May 1856, Nos. 72 & 73.
No. 17 in the Packet.

2. We submit a Memorial from Noor Bee, widow of the late Pensioned Subadar Syed Nutter, formerly of the 3rd Regiment L. C., praying that in consideration of her husbands services, and her present destitute condition, she may be granted a small pension.

Cons. 6th May 1856, Nos. 132 to 134.
No. 18 in the Packet.

3. The prayer of the Memorialist, who is advanced in years, has received the support of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, in concurrence with whom we beg to recommend that it may be favorably considered by your Honorable Court.

4. With reference to your dispatch of the 23d January 1856, No. 4, we have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Accountant General, reporting that the Savings Bank balances due to Corporal A. May, Serjeant W. Calderhead, and Private Daniel Ryan, of Her Majesty's 25th Regiment, and Miss E. C. Paxton, have been included in the Rolls of Remittances to England, dated 8th and 24th March, and 25th April 1856.

Dy. to Cons. 6th May 1856, Nos. 5 & 6.
No. 19 in the Packet.

5. The Rolls of the two first mentioned dates were forwarded with our Secretary's letter of the 11th March and 11th April 1856, Nos. 9 and 13, and that of the last, forms an enclosure to his letter of the 6th May 1856, No. 17.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th May 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 67 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have the honor to submit, for the information of your Honorable Court, the accompanying copy of a correspondence on the subject of a proposal from the Officer Commanding the Madras Sappers and Miners, to form an Invalid Company of Sappers.

Dy. to Cons. 13th May 1856, Nos. 1 to 5.
No. 21 in the Packet.

2. Being of opinion that the proposed arrangement would be of much advantage to the public service, as calculated at once to relieve the pension list and to afford valuable assistance to the Department of Public Works in which the services of trained men as Native Overseers are much required—we have forwarded the correspondence to the Government of India with our recommendation that the formation of an Invalid Company of Sappers may be sanctioned upon the following plan.

1st. The Company to be attached to the Head Quarters of the Corps of Sappers under the Adjutant, and its Establishment to consist of

1 Native Officer, (Subadar or Jemadar as may be found advisable from time to time).

5 Non Commissioned Officers, (Havildars or Naigues as circumstances may render advisable.)

100 Privates.

2nd. No man to be eligible for the Company who is not certified to be unfit for further duty with the Sappers, and of unexceptionable character.

3rd. The Privates generally to be available for employment in the Public Works Department—such number only being retaind at Head Quarters as may be required for duty.

4th. The pay of the Invalid Company to be the same as while effective, excluding good conduct pay—with compensation at the established rates in lieu of Clothing.

5th. The total pay of men employed in the Public Works, together with such additional pay as individuals may be considered entitled to according to the work on which employed, to be disbursed in that Department.

6th. The arrangement to be in the first instance experimental, subject to reconsideration after it shall have been one year in operation.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 20th May 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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No. 68 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 29th April 1856, No. 53.

No. 2 in the Packet.

We have permitted Lieutenant Colonel (Brevet Colonel) George Alcock of the Artillery, to retire from the service on the pension of a Colonel from the 7th June 1856.

2. In continuation of paras. 5 to 7 of our despatch dated 12th September 1855, No. 121, we have the honor to forward the accompanying communications containing Reports from Officers commanding Her Majesty's and the Honorable Company's European Regiments serving under the Madras Establishment, as to the soundness or otherwise of the Beer and Porter supplied to them.

Cons. 1st April 1856, Nos. 66 & 67.

Dy. to Cons. 13th May 1856, Nos. 9 & 10.

Collection No. 3 in the Packet.

3. We transmit a letter from the Medical Board intimating the receipt by the Overland Mail, of the medicines marginally noted in good condition and in the quantity set forth in the Invoice dated 28th January 1856.

Cons. 6th May 1856, Nos. 148 and 149.

No. 4 in the Packet.

Quini et Ferri Citras lbs 20.
Maiphiæ Hydrochloras ,, 10.

4. We beg to forward a communication from the Accountant General bringing to notice that certain sums on account of Off Reckonings due to Madras Officers who had returned to Europe prior to the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette of the shares allotted to them, have not been claimed in India, and requesting information as to whether your Honorable Court have made payments in England on the above account, with a view to the same being transferred to the credit of " supplies between India and London".

Cons. 6th May 1856, Nos. 152 & 153.

No. 5 in the Packet.

5. With reference to your despatch dated 23d January 1856, No. 7, authorising the grant of Gunner Orme's discharge from the service and the provision of a passage to England for him at the public expense, we beg to report that the above named individual having obtained private employment on board the ship

Dy. to Cons. 25th April 1856, Nos. 7 to 9.

No. 6 in the Packet.

"Kent", we have sanctioned the payment to him of the regulated sum of £ 12 on account of his passage. The difference between this amount and that paid by his friends at home will consequently have to be returned to them by your Honorable Court.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16th *June* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 69 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We beg to submit to your Honorable Court the accompanying correspondence from the Adjutant General of the Army, bringing to notice the hardship inflicted under the existing regulations on Native Artificers attached to the Corps of Sappers and Miners, by depriving them, after returning from Foreign service, of the privilege of leave of absence to visit their families without forfeiture of pay, and to report that we have published a G. O. modifying the rules mentioned in the margin to the extent of authorising Commanding Officers to grant a limited furlough, without loss of pay, to the classes therein named—viz. Native Artificers, Moonshees, Puckallies &c.—on their return from Foreign service, provided arrangements can be made for the due performance of their duties without expense to Government.

Dy. to Cons. 25th April 1856, Nos. 47 to 49.
Cons. 6th May 1856, No. 162.
Collection No. 8 in the Packet.

Code of Pay and Audit Regulations, Section 1, pages 8 & 9, paras 23 & 24.

2. We forward a Supplemental Medal Roll of an Officer and certain men for service in Pegu, together with copy of a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army requesting that the medals for those Europeans marked thus * in the Roll may be sent without their names being engraved thereon, and that a further supply of ribbon may be furnished at an early date, the number of medals for which it is required being five hundred, exclusive of those now applied for.

Dy. to Con. 13th May 1856, Nos. 55 & 56.
No. 9 in the Packet.

3. We submit to your Honorable Court the accompanying letter from the Military Board, on the subject of making up tools for the extensive works carried on in the District of Bellary from local resourses, and to report that we have sanctioned the proposed manufacture as an experimental measure for one year, at a cost not exceeding Rupees 200 per mensem.

Cons. 6th May 1856, Nos. 100 & 101.
No. 10 in the Packet.

4. We forward the annual return of patients treated in the Lunatic Asylum during the year 1855, and a statement of the expenses incurred on account of the Institution for the same period, together with a letter from the Medical Board that gave cover to the same.

Dy. to Con. 4th March 1856, Nos. 58 & 59. with
Cons. 3rd April 1855, Nos. 101 to 103.
,, 13th ,, ,, ,, 176 & 177.
Dy. to Cons. 16th Octr. ,, ,, 21 & 22.
Collection No. 11 in the Packet.

5. With reference to our letter of the 13th April 1855, No. 53, para 5, we have the honor to report that we authorised the purchase of the site known as Lococks Gardens as well as two adjoining pieces of ground on the south side, containing altogether about 44 *cawnies, for the proposed New Lunatic Asylum, with a view of facilitating the preparation of the required plans and estimates, which when received shall be submitted to the Government of India, as directed in your public dispatch of the 14th September 1853, No. 39, p. 35.

*About 57 Acres.

6. We have transferred the Non Commissioned Officers named in the margin to the Non Effective Establishment, on the superior pension authorised to Serjeants in G. O. G. 20th March 1820, subject to your confirmation.

Dy. to Cons. 13*th May* 1856, *Nos.* 51 *&* 52.
No. 12 *in the Packet.*
Cantonment Serjt. Major Walter Davies.
Serjt. Major Charles Mersh, 5th Infy. Hydd. Contingent.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16th *June* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 70 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit a Memorial to your address from Narrainen, late Private 5th Battalion Artillery, appealing against his dismissal from the service, and praying that he may be enlisted in the 2nd. Battalion Artillery as a Gun Lascar,—accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army.

Dy. to Cons. 13*th May* 1856, *Nos.* 71 *to* 73.
No. 14 *in the Packet.*

2. In continuation of our letter of the 25th April 1856, No. 56, paras. 2 to 5, we have the honor to report that the Military Board having brought to notice the great difficulty of obtaining qualified Native Artificers for Foreign Service without holding out to them an assurance of being retained in Government employ on their return to the Coast, and represented that the arrangement would not occasion much extra expense to the State as vacancies frequently occur in the Establishment, we granted authority for their retention in the service accordingly as Supernumeraries until absorbed, and directed the Military Auditor General to furnish an Annual report of the additional expense caused thereby.

Dy. to Cons. 22*nd Jany.* 1856, *Nos.* 13 & 14.
" 12*th Feby.* " " 109 & 110.
" 25*th April* " " 70 & 71.
Collection No. 15 *in the Packet.*

3. We beg to forward the Commission issued to Lieutenant J. U. Donaldson, late of the 46th Regt. N. I., whom your Honorable Court permitted to retire from the service, and to request that the stamp due thereon may be recovered from that Officer, and its recovery intimated to us for communication to the Accountant General, with a view to the same being adjusted in the Books, to the debit of London.

Dy. to Cons. 25*th April* 1856, *Nos.* 138 & 139.
No. 16 *in the Packet.*

4. A question having arisen as to whether pensioned soldiers were entitled to the benefits of the Saving's Bank arrangements as established for the effective soldiery, we submitted the subject for the consideration of the Government of India, who decided that the advantages should be exteded to the class refferred to.

Cons. 25*th Septr.* 1855, *Nos.* 111 & 112.
Dy. to Cons. 23*rd Octr.* 1855, *Nos* 38 & 39.
" 26*th Feby.* 1856, " 41 & 42.
" 8*th April* " *No.* 22. *with Cons.* (*Finl. Dept.*) 15*th May* 1855, *Nos.* 14 & 15.
Collection No. 18 *in the Packet.*

5. We have accordingly published a G. O. declaring pensioned soldiers both of Her Majesty's and the Honorable Company's Services, as well as Invalids, women and children, entitled to interest at the higher rate of Rs. 3¾ per Cent per Annum on their deposits, and directing that the former be subjected to the provisions of Article IX of the Royal Warrant of 11th October 1843.

6. With reference to our despatch dated 11th August 1855, No. 108, p. 3, and to your reply dated 5th December 1855, No. 96, p. 15, we have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Government of India dated 5th April 1856, No. 179, stating that, in the Bengal Presidency, when an Officer succeeds temporarily to the Command of a permanent Brigadier's District or Station, on the death of the latter, or on his absence or departure beyond its limits, he obtains Rs. 800 a month on confirmation by the Commander-in-Chief in the casual command, without the formality of the sanction of Government to his claim.

Dy. to Cons. 29th April 1856, Nos. 10 & 11.
No. 19 in the Packet.

7. With reference to your letter of the 30th May 1850, No. 36, requesting that it be ascertained after 7 year's experience whether the public interest would not be better protected by a revival of some of the Committees of Survey discontinued by G. O. G. No. 177 of 1848, we have the honor to submit the accompanying reports from the Adjutant and Quarter Master Generals of the Army, Military Board and Commissary General, on the subject, and to observe that the substitution of individual responsibility for Committees of Survey as regulated by the G. O. referred to, has, in every respect, worked well for the Public Service.

Dy. to Cons. 13th May 1856, Nos. 14 to 18.
No. 20 in the Packet.

8. We have admitted the widows of the individuals named in the margin to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund; and their pensions will be paid in India and Burmah.

Collection No. 21 in the Packet.
Dy. to Cons. 8th April 1856, Nos. 56 & 57.
" " " " " 94 & 95.
Store Serjt. James Bliss, Ordnance Department.
Staff Serjt. Charles Macalister, Commissariat Department.
Serjeant Joseph Slater, Pension Establishment.
Gunner Edward Jones, 2nd. Battalion Artillery.

9. The Pensioners named in the margin, whose Certificates have been attested, will be entitled to admission on Lord Clive's Fund on arrival in England.

Serjt. William Atwell.
" William Richards.
Gunner James Daly.
Private Thomas Taylor.
Dy. to Cons. 8th April 1856, Nos. 9 & 10.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16th *June* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 11 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 8th Jany. 1856, *Nos.* 21 *to* 24.
„ *6th May* „ „ 113 & 114.

Collection No. 23 in the Packet.

We have the honor to forward the accompanying correspondence connected with the Command Allowance of the Corps of Sappers and Miners at Madras.

2. The Adjutant General of the Army represented the importance of the Corps being efficiently commanded, and of the Commandant being an Officer of high standing in the Army, as well as of ability. This it was pointed out could not be secured as the situation of Civil Engineer offered much higher allowances; and to obviate the difficulty, it was proposed that the Commandant of the Sappers should be granted, in addition to the established Command Allowance, such extra remuneration as would place him on a par with a 1st Class District Civil Engineer.

3. Concurring with the Commander-in-Chief in his view of the subject, we recommended the proposition to the Government of India.

4. That Government however considered it unnecessary to raise the salary of the Commandant to an equality with the existing allowances of Civil Engineers at this Presidency, but decided that the Command Allowance of the Madras Sappers and Miners should be increased to 500 Rupees per mensem.

5. We transmit the accompanying report from the Adjutant General of the Army of the removals of certain Lieutenant Colonels, in order to provide the 35th Regiment N. I. with an effective Field Officer, vice Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Boulderson appointed Superintendent of Police.

Dy. to Cons. 20th May 1856, *Nos.* 4 & 5.
No. 24 in the Packet.

6. We beg to submit, for favorable consideration, the accompanying letter from the Military Board recommending that Overseer Patterson, employed in the Arsenal at Fort St. George, who is represented to be a skilled Artizan, and to have proved himself well deserving of advancement, may be promoted to the rank of Assistant Supervisor, on the pay and allowances fixed for that grade in Bengal, as in the case of Supervisor *Brookes, who has lately been pensioned.

Dy. to Cons. 20th May 1856, *Nos.* 14 *to* 16.
No. 25 in the Packet.

**From Court 23rd Augt.* 1854, *No.* 72 *p* 7.

7. We have the honor to forward for your consideration the accompanying letter from the Military Board regarding the necessity that exists for having in this country the means of recutting old Files, and supporting a proposition from the Principal Commissary of Ordnance for Machinery being sent out from England for the purpose.

Cons. 20*th May* 1856, *Nos.* 87 & 88.
No. 26 *in the Packet.*

Cons. 13*th May* 1856, *Nos.* 108 & 109.
No. 27 *in the Packet.*

8. We have admitted the widows of the individuals named in the margin to the benefits of Lord Clives Fund,— and their pensions will be paid in India.

Condr. J. Anderson, Ordnance Department.
Sr. Apothecary W. Long, Medical Dept.
Serjt. W. Henderson, Artillery.
Gunner G. Benson, ,,
,, *W. Gravel,* ,,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
16*th June* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 72 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We submit a Petition to your address from T. Narrainsawmy Pillay, an inhabitant of Madras, complaining of two houses at St. Thomas' Mount mortgaged to his late father having been sold by order of the Police Authorities, and of their having been purchased by the Cutwal, and praying that the sale in question may be cancelled and the houses restored to him.

Dy. to Cons. 23*rd Octr.* 1855, *Nos.* 31 *to* 35.
" " 15*th Jany.* 1856, " 54 *to* 56.
Cons. 15*th April* " " 100 & 101.
" 13*th May* " " 166 & 167.

Collection No. 2 *in the Packet.*

2. We beg to explain that the houses were sold in execution of an award of a Court of Requests against Rungasawmy and Veerasawmy Pillay, the registered proprietors of those houses, for a debt due by them to one Vencatalutchmoo.

3. Narrainsawmy Pillay originally appealed to us, and upon enquiring into the matter, we noticed certain irregularities in the Proceedings, and altho' we declined to interfere in the case, we only refrained from directing the sale of the property to the Cutwal to be quashed from the apprehension that a fresh sale would imply a recognition on the part of Government of the propriety of the proceedings on which the original sale was founded, and complicate injuriously the interests of the Petitioner.

4. It having been reported by the Officer Commanding the Mount that Sales under Act XI of 1841 were conducted by any Peon verbally authorised by the Superintendent of Police, we directed that in future they should always be conducted by the Cutwal or other superior Officer of Police, under written orders from the Superintendent, and that the employment of Peons for such purposes, or of any person, on mere verbal orders should be discontinued. The purchase of property at such sales, either by the Cutwal or by any public servant connected with the Establishment under the Superintendent of Police has been strictly prohibited, and the Commander-in-Chief has been requested to issue the necessary orders making the above decisions applicable to all Military Bazars.

5. Accompanying the present petition to your Honorable Court is a report thereon from the Government Pleader, in attention to whose observations at the close of the 11th para, we have informed the Petitioner that it is open to him to take legal proceedings if he sees good against the Cutwal of the Mount.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th June 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 73 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to forward a Memorial to your address from Adjutant J. Mitchell, of the 1st Native Veteran Battalion, praying that, in consideration of his long and faithful service, he may be granted the Commission of Lieutenant on the Invalid Establishment.

Dy to Cons. 27th May 1856, Nos. 77 & 78.
No. 4 in the Packet.

2. The Memorial is accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army in support of its prayer, which we beg to recommend may receive your favorable consideration.

3. We submit for consideration a letter from Major E. Clutterbuck, of the Retired List, bringing to notice the omission of his name in the London Gazette for promotion to the advanced rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Dy. to Cons. 27th May 1856, Nos. 4 & 5.
No. 5 in the Packet.

4. Major Clutterbuck retired* from the service, on the pension of Lieutenant Colonel, from 25th June 1853.

* *G. O. G. 5th July 1853, No. 132.*

5. We transmit to your Honorable Court the Quarterly Return of the number of Officers absent from each Regiment of Cavalry, Artillery, and Infantry on Staff and detached employ on the 31st March 1856, with a list of the Officers appointed to Staff situations, General, and Regimental, and to detached employ during the quarter ending on that day.

No. 6 in the Packet.

6. We have the honor to submit the accompanying correspondence, relating to the grant by the Government of India of a special pension of Rupees 3 per mensem to Private Mariah, of the 31st Regiment M. L. I., who has not served the prescribed period, but has been declared unfit for further service in consequence of having lost the use of a hand from leprosy.

Dy. to Cons. 1st April 1856, Nos. 19 & 20.
" " 13th May 1856, Nos. 84 & 85.
Collection No. 7 in the Packet.

7. We beg to report that, in anticipation of your Honorable Courts sanction, we have, at the recommendation of the Military Board, authorised the grant, as a special case, of a pension of half pay, viz. Rupees 6 per mensem, to 1st Class Filer Charles Larive, attached to the Gun Carriage Manufactory, who has been pronounced unfit for further effective duty, after a service of forty-one years with good character, but who, does not come under the provisions of the Pension Regulations.

Cons. 20th May 1856, Nos. 117 to 119.
No. 8 in the Packet.

Cons. 25th April 1856, Nos. 200 to 202.
No. 9 in the Packet.

Para 4, Sec. 21, page 438 of the Code of Pay and Audit Regulations.

8. We beg to report that, on an appeal from the Commissary General against an objection taken by the Audit Department to the Allowances of the superior grade drawn, under the rule marginally quoted, by Lieutenant Newlyn, Sub Assistant Commissary General, while in charge of the Commissariat Department at Prome and at Rangoon, on the plea that those stations could not be considered as Field stations since the promulgation of the order placing the Force in Burmah on the Peace Establishment, we expressed our opinion that although Rangoon, Moulmein, and Tonghoo, the three Executive Commissariat charges now established in the Pegu Division, could not be considered as Field stations in the literal sense of the term as used in the Regulation noted in the margin, yet they were, from the importance and extent of the duties involved, such as fairly to entitle a Sub Assistant Commissary General in independent charge to the benefit of the rule first cited as applied to an Officer of the same grade in charge of a Bazar station in India, who draws the superior allowance referred to.

N. B. to para 1, "Field Service" page 78, of the Pay and Audit Regulations.

9. We accordingly authorised the above stations being so considered, and declared such Sub Assistants as may have been in charge of them since the cessation of hostilities to be entitled to the allowance specified.

10. With reference to paras 28 to 30 of your despatch of the 20th February 1856, No. 17, we beg to forward the accompanying letter from Major Scott, Deputy Quarter Master General of the Army, stating that the supply of 500 copies of his Map, which your Honorable Court have promised to furnish in the first instance, will not sufficiently meet the large demands that may be expected.

Cons. 27th May 1856, Nos. 116 & 117.
No. 10 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th June 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 74 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to reply to your Military Despatches dated 12th, 19th and 28th December 1855, Nos. 100 to 107, and 2d, 9th and 23d January and 6th February 1856, Nos. 1 to 13 ; and to your Financial letter 13th February 1856, No. 7.

Letter dated 12th December 1855, *No.* 100.

Forward, for the observation of Medical authorities, five copies of Dr. George Johnson's work "on Epidemic Cholera and Diarrhœa:" also thirty copies of a pamphlet by Dr. Forbes Watson, Assistant Surgeon, Bombay Establishment, on the sanatory influence of Charcoal.

2. Forwarded to the Medical Board for distribution.

Letter dated 12th December 1855, *No.* 101.

Forward copy of the explanation of Major General Howden, Madras Establishment, relative to an extra charge of Rupees 41-6-7 occasioned by a Subadar of the 42d Native Infantry, being detained with the Corps beyond the stipulated period after being pensioned, and observe that the Major General has been relieved from liability to defray the amount.

3. Communicated to the proper Departments.

Letter dated 12th December 1855, *No.* 102.

Paras 1 to 5. Convey Court's sentiments as to how Government should proceed in the matter connected with the correspondence between the Resident of Travancore, and Lieutenant Colonel Grant, Commanding the Nair Brigade, on the subject of certain letters published in the "Athenæum" Newspaper, under the signature of Captain Drury, Commanding the Resident's Escort, and the anonymous signature "Veritas," having reference to a letter signed by Captain Daly, a local Officer of the Nair Brigade, and another, as Trustees of a Chapel at Trivanderam, and published in the same Newspaper.

4. Transferred to the Political Department.

Letter dated 12th December 1855, *No.* 103.

Transmit three copies of a Royal Warrant granting increased pay and honorary rank to Regimental Quarter Masters of H. M's. service on retirement.

5. Communicated to the Departments concerned, and published in G. O.

Letter dated 19th December 1855, *No.* 104.

Promise compliance with extra Indent for Medical Stores required to meet demands from the Hyderabad Contingent, and state that portion will be sent overland.

6. Your Honorable Court will have learnt from our letter dated 6th June 1856 No. 68, para 3, that the Medicines sent overland were duly received.

2. In reference to the Commissariat Indent for Steel yards and other articles for Troops in Burmah, promise to supply one half of the Steel yards, viz. 65 (and the other stores); but desire that the remaining half be supplied from local sources.	7. Communicated to the Commissary General.

Letter (Reply) dated 19th December 1855, No. 105.

Paras 1 to 20.	8. Need no reply.

Letter dated 19th December 1855, No. 106.

Intimate the despatch of a pattern set of the new accoutrements.	9 We have caused the set of accoutrements to be forwarded first to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief for inspection, and then to the Military Board for deposit.

Letter dated 28th December 1855, No. 107

Mr. George Adam Young, abroad, appointed a Cadet of Infantry.	10. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 2d January 1856, No. 1.

Mr. William Johnston Long, M. D., abroad, appointed an Assistant Surgeon.	11. Notified in G. O.

Letter dated 9th January 1856, No. 2.

Paras 1 to 4. Certain Officers permitted to return to their duty, granted extensions of leave, and permitted to resign the service. 5. Lieutenant F. A. R. M. Macgregor, 52d Bengal N. I., appointed to do duty with the detachment of Recruits proceeding to Madras on Ship "Essex"; allowances he will be entitled to, and date from which he will count service, stated.	12. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 23d January 1856, No. 3.

Forward, for distribution, 15 copies of the Seventh Edition of a work by J. R. Martin, Esq., M. D., formerly a Surgeon of the Bengal Establishment, on "the influence of "Tropical climates on European constitutions, "including practical observations on the diseases of Europeans on their return from Tropical climates."	13. Ordered to be forwarded to the Medical Board.

Letter dated 23d January 1856, No. 4.

Forward in the Packet, a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel H. F. Strange, Commanding H. M's. 25th Regiment, relative to the non-remittance of certain sums of money invested in Indian Government Securities and deposited in the Saving's Bank at Madras, and desire that should any of the sums in question remain unremitted, the amount may be included in the next Remittance Roll.	14. Replied to in letter dated 20th May 1856, No. 66, paras 4 and 5.

Letter dated 23d January 1856, No. 5.

Intimate that Major General G. Conran of the Artillery, now in England, has been paid his share of the Balance of Off-Reckonings for the year 1853, upon his undertaking to refund the amount should it hereafter appear that the same has been issued on his account at Madras.	15. Noticed in letter dated 11th April 1856, No. 48, para 6.

Letter dated 23d January 1856, No. 6.

Mr Charles Arkcoll Mackenzie, abroad, appointed a Cadet of Infantry.

16. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 23d January 1856, *No.* 7.

Authorise the grant of his discharge to Gunner C. H. Orme, No. 4114, 1st Battalion Artillery, and the provision of a passage to England at the public expense.

17. Replied to in letter dated 6th June 1856 No. 68, para 5.

Letter dated 6th February 1856, *No.* 8.

Intimate the shipment of 1000 Minie Muskets per "Northumberland," and that further quantities will be shipped from time to time. That the Army may make themselves fully acquainted by practice with these arms, Court have made provision of the ammunition and materials for making up the same; including Bullets, Paper, and Twine of the precise description used in the Royal Laboratory. Forward a description of the method of making up the ammunition, to which the greatest attention should be enforced, and promise a very perfect Machine for compressing the Lead Balls.

18. Communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief—and to the Military Board, whose attention has been particularly directed to the concluding part of para 5 regarding the making up of the ammunition.

Letter dated 6th February 1856, *No.* 9.

Certain officers permitted to return to their duty, granted extensions of leave, and permitted to retire from the service.

19. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 6th February 1856, *No.* 10.

Transmit a communication intimating that H. M's. Secretary of State for Home Affairs, before submitting to the Queen a Memorial from Sarah and Hannah Howard, praying for commutation of the sentence of transportation passed on William Howard, late a Gunner in the Madras Artillery, is desirous to obtain the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief on William Howard's case.

Dy. to Cons. 3d June 1856, Nos. 22 & 23.

No. 12 in the Packet.

2. Transmit also a copy of the Memorial.

20. We forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, conveying the opinion of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief on the case of William Howard.

Letter dated 6th February 1856, *No.* 11.

Intimate that measures have been taken for providing Boilers and Apparatus for the Nasmyth's Hammers and that they will endeavour to obtain at an early period the services of a Forgeman for working the same.

21. Communicated to the Military Board.

Letter dated 6th February 1856, *No.* 12.

Desire that the sum of 5*d.* per diem may be paid to the wife of Pensioner R. Greenwood for the quarter ending 31st March 1856, and charged to the Chelsea Hospital Account.

22. Attended to.

Letter dated 6th February 1856, *No.* 13.

Forward three copies of the Royal Warrant dated 17th December 1855, conferring the honorary rank of Captain, with the half pay of ten shillings a day, on Regimental Quarter Masters of H. M's service who may retire after having served for an aggregate period of 30 years, ten of which shall have been as Quarter Master.

23. Communicated to the proper Departments and published in G. O.

Financial letter dated 13*th February* 1856, *No.* 7.

Convey decision on a reference as to the mode of charging the Per Centage for departmental expenses on European Stores supplied to Her Majesty's Navy or Colonial Governments.

24. Communicated to Departments concerned.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th *June* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 75 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to reply to your Military Despatches dated 13th and 20th February 1856, Nos. 14 to 21.

Letter dated 13th February 1856, No. 14.

Forward Articles of Agreement with Messrs. Mena and Co. for the supply of Porter for the Madras European Troops for the year 1856.	2. Communicated to Departments, with the usual instructions.

Letter dated 13th February 1856, No. 15.

With reference to Court's Public Letter to Government of India 3d October 1855, No. 101, approving of the removal of Assistant Surgeon W. Trail from Malacca, state that Mr. Trail has since produced evidence, tending to alter the conclusion come to regarding certain allegations against him. Consider it undesirable to re-open the evidence adduced; and express unwillingness that what has occurred should militate against his future prospects.	3. Communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief.

Letter (Reply) dated 13th February 1856, No. 16.

Paras. 1 to 8.	4. Need no reply.
9 & 10. Approve of the sums remitted by Soldiers of Her Majesty's 12th Lancers being paid to their families in India, upon letters of advice transmitted through the War Office; and desire that the receipts given by the several parties for payments made to them may be forwarded to Court from time to time, in order that they may recover the amount from Her Majesty's Government.	5. Communicated to the Accountant General and Military Auditor General.

Letter (Reply) dated 20th February 1856, No. 17.

Paras. 1 to 10.	6. Need no reply.
11 & 12. Consider the report on the Gun Powder manufactured at the Madras Powder Mills for 1854-55, satisfactory, and desire that proof reports of the powder be sent to them periodically, together with the returns of quantity and cost.	7. Communicated to the Military Board.
13 to 18.	8. Need no reply.

19. State that before adopting the resolution of granting free passage to such of the wives and children of Soldiers, Drummers, Farriers, &c., whether serving with European or Native Corps, as are in receipt of the Government Subsistence Allowance, a reference should have been made to Bengal to ascertain the practice at that Presidency, and observe that this course should still be taken. *Cons. 15th April 1856, No. 105.* *No. 14 in the Packet.*	9. Reference has been made to the Government of India on this subject.
20. to 22.	10 Need no reply.
23. Await a reply to their communications on two preceding Quarterly Returns of Staff Absentees, equally applicable to the return forwarded with their letter No. 125 of 1855.	11. We beg to refer to our letter of 11th December 1855, No. 148, paras. 1 & 2, and to state that this para. has been communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief.
24 to 27.	12. Need no reply.
28 to 30. Intimate having directed 500 copies of Major Scott's Map of India to be printed for transmission to this Government, of which 300 will be sent in sheets and 200 mounted in the manner specified; observe, with reference to the demand for 2000 copies of the Map at once, that when Maps are engraved it is not usual to print off the whole edition in the first instance, as additions can be inserted from time to time; and state the price at which they can be sold.	13. A letter from Major Scott on the subject of these paras, accompanies our despatch. No 73 dated 20th June 1856 para 10.
31 & 32.	14. Need no reply.
Letter (Reply) dated 20th February 1856, No. 18.	
Paras. 1 to 4.	15. Need no reply.
5 to 7. Notice the report of Sick treated on the Neilgherries in 1854; approve of a para from that report, relative to the conduct of the Surgeon in charge of the Regiment stationed there, in refusing to give any information as to the heavy rate of mortality which took place in the months of May and June of the same year, having been transmitted to the Commander-in-Chief; and hope that means will have been taken to prevent the recurrence of such unusual conduct in a Surgeon in charge of a European Regiment.	16. Communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief and Medical Board.
8. Observe that the time of service of Brevet Major P. E. L. Rickards, 49th N. I., permitted to retire from the service on the pension of a Captain, has not been correctly computed; and that agreeably to the formula given in their letter to the Government of India, 20th September 1854, No. 25, para. 25, the total service which he is allowed to count for Retiring Pension is years 24, months 0, days 22, which, therefore, entitles him to the pension of Major.	17. Vide our letter dated 11th December 1855, No. 153, para. 2.
10 to 12.	18. Need no reply.
Letter (Reply) dated 20th February 1856, No. 19.	
Paras. 1 to 3.	19. Need no reply.
4. State that they are in communication with the Military Authorities of Her Majesty's Government on the case of the wife of Private Gorman, Her Majesty's 84th Regiment, who, together with her illegitimate child, was provided with a passage to Europe.	20. We beg to observe that passage to England was not required, Private Gorman having wished his wife to join him, and the child having been otherwise provided for.
5 to 12.	21. Need no reply.

Letter dated 20*th* F*ebruary* 1856, *No.* 20.

In reply to letter dated 25th October 1855, No. 133, relating to reports for the years 1853 and 1854, on the progress in professional attainments of Apothecaries and Dressers who have been educated at the Medical College, and to certain propositions for improving the prospects of the Subordinate Medical Department generally, state that they are under the necessity of deferring the consideration of these propositions until furnished with the opinion of the Government of India, on the whole subject, to whom they desire that a reference should be made. *Dy. to Cons. 25th April 1856, No. 132.* *No. 15 in the Packet.*	22. The required reference has been made to the Government of India.

Letter dated 20*th* F*ebruary* 1856, *No.* 21.

Paras. 1 to 3. Certain Officers permitted to return to their duty, and granted extensions of leave. 4. The request of Lt. James Michael, 39th Regiment N. I., that his leave of absence for 15 months may reckon from the date of his embarkation from Bombay, instead of from the date of the G. O. granting him leave, complied with. 5. Certain Officers placed at the disposal of Her Majesty's Government.	23. Published in G. O.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20*th* *June* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 76 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to para. 6 of your despatch dated 10th May 1854, No. 38, stating that the request that application might be made to the Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury respecting the payment to Mrs. Smith of her pension from Lord Clive's Fund would be attended to, we forward, for early consideration, the accompanying copy of a letter from that lady, representing that she is still without the receipt of any pension from Clive's Fund.

Cons. 27th May 1856, *Nos.* 152 *to* 154.
No. 17 *in the Packet.*

2. We submit, for the favorable consideration of your Honorable Court, the cases of the Privates of the 1st Madras Fusiliers named in the margin, described in the accompanying extract from the Proceedings of a Special Medical Invaliding Committee, who have not served the prescribed period to entitle them to pension, but who are recommended by the Commander-in-Chief in consequence of their length of service and good character.

Cons. 27th May 1856, *Nos.* 89 & 90.
No. 18 *in the Packet.*

Private George Conghen Harrison.
" John Cowan.
" John Knox.

3. With reference to our letter dated 25th February 1856, No. 31, we forward one from the Military Board giving cover to a report from the Officer commanding Artillery at Singapore on the Batteries and Ordnance at that station.

Cons. 27th May 1856, *Nos.* 122 *to* 124.
No. 19 *in the Packet.*

4. The attention of the Government of India has been called to the subject of the extent of accommodation there for Gunpowder, noticed by the Military Board.

5. We beg to forward a packing account of Clothing Stores received from England per "Cheapside," and to report that the damaged woollens therein referred to will be returned to the Agents of the vessel, and their value, Rs. 10-10-8, deducted from her freight bill.

Dy. to Cons. 27th May 1856, *Nos.* 29 & 30.
Nos 20 & 21 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th June 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 77 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We have the honor to report that in consequence of its having been found impracticable to maintain the European and Native Infantry Depôts at the Mount and Palaveram in an efficient state of discipline without proper Establishments, the Government of India have sanctioned the following arrangements.

Cons. 12th Septr. 1854, Nos. 56 to 59.
Dy. to Cons. 5th Jany. 1855, Nos. 91 & 92.
Cons. 30th Jany. 1855, Nos. 124 & 125.
Dy. to Cons. 6th March 1855, Nos. 18 to 20.
Cons. 18th March 1856, Nos. 77 & 78.
G. O. G. 28th March 1856, No. 96.

Collection No. 23 in the Packet.

First. The following to be the future Establishment for the European Infantry Depôt, viz.

1 Commandant, Field Officer, or Captain of European Infantry - -	on	Rs. 200
1 Adjutant, Subaltern of European Infantry - - - - - -	,,	100
with Office Allowance of - - - - - - - - - - -	,,	50

in addition to the Pay and Allowances of their Regimental rank,—also a Serjeant Major and Quarter Master Serjeant, as at present, and two Pay Serjeants, at Rupees 3½ each per month, with a Non Commissioned Officer and Corporal from each of the European Corps to be selected for employment at the Depôt, but to continue to be borne on the strength of their own Regiments. The Medical duties to be conducted under local arrangements by the Medical Officers and Subordinates at the Mount.

Second. The following to be the Establishment for the Native Infantry Depôt, viz.

1 Commandant, Field Officer, or Captain of European Infantry - -		on	Rs. 200
1 Adjutant and Quarter Master	Staff Pay - - 122 Office Allowance 60	,,	182
1 Assistant Surgeon - - - - - - - - - -		,,	165

in addition to the pay and allowances of their Regimental rank. Also the Subordinate Medical Establishment of a Native Regiment,—with a Serjeant Major, Drill Havildar and Drill Naigue; with such proportion of *Non Commissioned Rank and File selected from Regiments of Native Infantry, as the Commander-in-Chief may deem necessary from time to time for the instruction of Recruits.

**To be allowed to draw while so employed the batta of their rank.*

2. The monthly Expense to the State which the above arrangements will entail beyond the charge hitherto incurred is shown below.

Existing Charge.

		Euro. Infy. Depôt.				Nat. Infy. Depôt.			
Average Command Allowance	Rs.	100	0	0	- -	Rs.	0		
Assistant Surgeon	,,	0	0	0	- -	,,	165		
Havildar Major	,,	0	0	0	- -	,,	10		
Serjeant Major	,,	49	3	10	- -	,,	0		
Quarter Master Serjeant	,,	43	3	10	- -	,,	0		
		192	7	8			175		
		175	0	0					
	Rupees	367	7	8 *A*					

Sanctioned Charge.

		Euro. Infy. Depôt.				Nat. Infy. Depôt.			
Commandant	Rs.	200	0	0	-	Rs.	200	0	0
Adjutant and Office Allowance	,,	150	0	0	-	,,	0	0	0
Adjutant and Quarter Master	,,	0	0	0	-	,,	182	0	0
Assistant Surgeon	,,	0	0	0	-	,,	165	0	0
2 Pay Serjeants	,,	42	4	8	-	,,	0	0	0
Serjeant Major	,,	49	3	10	-	,,	49	3	10
Quarter Master Serjeant	,,	43	3	10	-	,,	0	0	0
Drill Havildar	,,	0	0	0	-	,,	19	4	0
Drill Naigue	,,	0	0	0	-	,,	15	8	0
		484	12	4			630	15	10
							484	12	4
	Rupees						1115	12	2 *B*

B	1115	12	2	
A	367	7	8	
Rupees	748	4	6	Total.

Extra charge.

3. We beg to submit for your information the correspondence marginally noted, in which the Commander-in-Chief brought to notice the expenses incurred by Officers of the Judge Advocate General's Department while undergoing the prescribed course of instruction at the Presidency,—and the losses to which they were subjected by non receipt of allowances, under the operation of the rule contained in para. 3, " General Rules " Section 21, page 444, of the Code of Pay and Audit Regulations—which has long ceased to be applicable to the Subordinate Officers of the Commissariat Department—and to report that we have published a G. O. cancelling the rule referred to, and authorising the payment to Officers while employed on probation as Deputies Judge Advocate General of a moiety of the salary of the appointment, commencing from the date of their joining the Judge Advocate General's Office, provided no extra charge be occasioned thereby.

Dy. to Cons 18*th March* 1856, *Nos.* 50 *to* 52.
G. O. G 18*th April* 1856, *No.* 120.
No. 24 *in the Packet.*

4. It having been represented by the Commander-in Chief that the services of a Shipping Serjeant are essentially necessary to the Officer of the Quarter Master General's Department at Rangoon in the embarkation and debarkation of Troops, and the shipment and landing of baggage—duties which had been performed by a Line Serjeant, appointed on the embarkation of the Force proceeding to Burmah in 1852,—we have obtained the authority of the Government of India for the appointment of a Non Commissioned Officer of the former designation, on the usual pay and allowances of an Ordnance Staff Serjeant, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees 49-12-9 a month, abolishing at the same time the situation of Line Serjeant.

Dy. to Cons. 4th Jany. 1856, *Nos.* 19 *&* 20.
Cons. 29th Jany. 1856, *Nos. 95 to* 97.
Cons. 1st April 1856, *Nos. 55 &* 56.
Collection No. 25 in the Packet.

5. In consequence of a representation of the great want of a Sweeper and Waterman for the use of the Office of the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, the Government of India have, upon our recommendation, sanctioned a permanent increase of Rupees 3-8-0 per mensem to the Establishment of that Office for the employment of the required description of servants.

Dy. to Cons. 15th Jany. 1856, *Nos.* 47 *A to D.*
Cons. 4th March 1856, *Nos.* 134 *&* 135.
Collection No. 26 in the Packet.

6. The Officer Commanding the Right Honorable the Governor's Body Guard having brought to our notice the hardship that would be occasioned to the Men of his Corps, who, under the new Clothing Code (page 37 para. 132), would be required to supply themselves with boots, hitherto furnished biennially at the cost of Government, the wear and tear of boots being much gaeater in the Body Guard than in any Corps from the men being obliged to wear them constantly on dismounted duty,—we specially sanctioned the continuance of the supply as heretofore.

Cons. 15*th August* 1854, *Nos:* 120 *&* 121.
„ 7*th* „ 1855, „ 116.
Dy. to Cons. 4th March 1856, *Nos.* 32 *&* 33.
Cons. 4th March 1856, *Nos.* 121 *&* 122.
Collection No. 27 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20*th June* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 78 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Dy. to Cons. 24 June 1856, *Nos.* 15 & 16.
Nos. 15 & 16 in the Packet.

We beg to forward an Emergent Indent received from the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, for Woollens urgently required to be sent out in the present year for Trowsers for the Madras Army and the Hyderabad Contingent, and to request that the same may be despatched as early as practicable.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20*th June* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 19 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

*To Court 10th June 1850, No. 63, para. 3.
From „ 13th Novr. „ „ 76, „ 7.

*Cons. 12th Feby. 1856, Nos. 147 to 149.
„ 25th April „ „ 196 to 199.
Dy. to Cons 3rd June 1856, Nos. 40 & 41.

Collection No. 2 in the Packet.

1. Referring to former* correspondence, we have the honor to submit, for the consideration of your Honorable Court, the accompanying papers containing a revival of the proposition, and an earnest recommendation from the Military Board, for granting the same Allowances to Troops and Companies of Artillery at this Presidency, for Command and Stationery, as are granted in Bengal and Bombay.

2. We are of opinion that it would be advisable to grant to the Madras Army generally, the same rates as are allowed in Bengal and Bombay for Command and Stationery—excluding all allowances paid under those Presidencies for Repairs of Arms and Petty Stores.

3. We beg to forward the accompanying correspondence connected with the publication by us of a G. O., effecting, in accordance with the decision of the Government of India, the transfer to the Government of the North Western Provinces, of the Department of Public Works in the Saugor Division, hitherto subordinate to this Government in the Military Department.

*Cons. 6th May 1856, Nos. 87 to 92.
G. O. G. 6th May 1856, No. 143.

No. 3 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th July 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ Patrick Grant
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 80 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit a petition to your address from Kadoo Bee, widow of the late Pensioned Subadar Shaik Ibrahim, 6th Regiment Light Cavalry, praying that, in consideration of her husband's protracted service of upwards of 43 years and in consequence of the fidelity and devotion he evinced to the Government during the mutinous conduct of the 6th Light Cavalry at Jubbulpore as well as subsequently at the trial of the men at Arcot, she may be granted a pension.

Dy. to Cons. 10th June 1856, Nos. 33 to 35.

No. 5 in the Packet.

2. We beg, in concurrence with the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, to recommend the prayer of the Memorial to the favorable consideration of your Honorable Court.

3. We have the honor to forward the accompanying correspondence having reference to representations made to the Government of India by the Commissioner of Nagpore, on the conduct of Captain J. M. Macgregor, 6th Madras Light Cavalry, in having taken part in recommending a European Agent to the Ranees of that State at a time when their supposed intention of contesting the measures of Government in relation to the annexation of the province was notorious,—and on the conduct of Lieutenant J. D. Vallance, 40th Regiment Madras Native Infantry, in refusing to parade with his Company, in compliance with the Commissioner's requisition, on the occasion of his visiting the palace of the Ranees in consequence of the death of Her Highness Unsoorna Baee.

Dy. to Cons. 22*d Jany.* 1856, *Nos.* 24 & 25.
„ 12*th Feby.* „ „ 35 *to* 37.
„ 4*th March* „ „ 91 & 92.
„ 6*th May* „ „ 64 *to* 67.
Cons. 3*rd June* „ „ 100 & 101.

Collection No. 6 in the Packet.

4. We solicit your attention to the observations on the subject contained in a Minute by our President, recorded in our Consultation of the 6th May 1856, and to the orders which we have considered it necessary to pass.

Dy. to Cons. 3d June 1856, Nos. 59 & 60.
No. 7 in the Packet.

Serjeant Major D. McBeath, 6th Light Cavalry.
„ W. Eate, 1st Madras Fusiliers.

5. We have transferred the individuals named in the margin to the Non Effective Establishment on the superior pension authorised to Serjeants in G. O. G. 20th March 1820, subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Court.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th/11 *July* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ Patrick Grant
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 81 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 27th May 1856, No. 157.
No. 9 in the Packet.

We have permitted Lieutenant W. F. W. Meyers, of the 38th Regiment Native Infantry, to resign the Service at his own request from the 30th April 1856.

2. In continuation of our despatch of the 6th May 1856, No. 61, we forward for your consideration a further letter from the Military Board giving cover to one from the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, having reference to the suggestions offered by Major Simpson, of the Artillery, in his communication which formed an enclosure to the above despatch, in respect to the utility of employing Machinery in this country to a greater extent than at present, the advantage of securing the services of professional persons from England in connection therewith, and the desirableness of obtaining information and reports on the several particulars noted in the Memorandum appended to Major Simpson's communication, as well as patterns of the new Sick Cart and new Light Field Axletree referred to by that Officer.

Cons. 27th May 1856, Nos. 118 & 119.
No. 10 in the Packet.

3. We beg to submit a letter from the Accountant General reporting that the sums due on the Commissions of the Officers named in the Statement enclosed therein are irrecoverable in this country, for the reasons assigned, and to request that your Honorable Court will be pleased to obtain payment in England, and advise us of the recovery, for communication to the Accountant General, in view to the necessary adjustment being made in the books to the debit of London.

Dy. to Cons. 13th June 1856, Nos. 1 & 2.
No. 11-12 in the Packet.

Dy. to Cons. 3rd June 1856, Nos. 12 & 13.
No. 13 in the Packet.

**Apothy. A. F. Smith.*
Asst. Apothecary John Minns.
Serjeant Thomas McNamara, Infantry.
Pensd. Serjt. Major H. C. Ramsden, Arty.
" Bombardier Daniel Brown.
Private Daniel Johnson, 1st. Madras Fusiliers.

4. We have admitted the widows of the individuals named in the *margin to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund—and their pensions will be paid in India.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th July 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" Patrick Grant
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 82 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to our despatch of the 25th April 1856, No. 57, we beg to forward the accompanying communication from the Adjutant General of the Army, giving cover to one from the Officer commanding the Sappers, and Miners submitting his reasons for considering it inexpedient that Recruits arriving from England for the above Corps should be placed under the orders of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, for employment in that Department, before passing the usual term of service in their Corps—together with a letter from the Chief Engineer, containing his observations thereon.

Dy. to Cons. 10*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 86 *to* 88.
No. 15 *in the Packet.*

2. Upon further consideration of the subject, we beg to state that we concur in the views expressed by the Officer commanding the Sappers.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th *July* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" Patrick Grant
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 83 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to reply to your Military Despatches dated 5th, 12th, 19th and 28th March 1856, Nos. 22 to 30.

Letter (Reply) dated 5th March 1856, No. 22.

Paras. 1 to 6.

2. Need no reply.

7. State that the letter from the Military Board relative to the desirableness of sending out skilled foremen acquainted with the use of the Machinery of Nasmyth's Steam Hammer, is under consideration.

3. Communicated to the Military Board.

8 to 10.

4. Need no reply.

11. State that the Quarterly Return of Officers absent on Staff and detached employ on the 30th September 1855, furnishes instances of deviation from the Regulations as adverted to in their letters Nos. 47 and 68 of 1855, to which replies are required.

5. We beg to refer to our letter dated 11th December 1855, No. 148, paras. 1 and 2.

12 and 13. Remark upon the two half-bred Stallions sent from England in 1852 for improving the Mysore breed of horses; and promise to bear in mind the request to be supplied with two thorough-bred English Stallions, but observe that great difficulty is found in procuring horses of this description, possessed of the requisite bone and substance.

6. Communicated to the Commissary General.

14.

7. Needs no reply.

Letter dated 5th March 1856, No. 23.

Advise (paras. 1 and 2) the arrangements made for giving Officers who may be in England on Furlough, the opportunity of acquiring such knowledge of the use of the Minie Rifle as will enable them on their return to India to instruct others in the use of that weapon :—state (paras. 3 to 5.) that certain Officers have gone through a course of instruction; and forward copy of a report, and certificates of their fitness.

8. We have communicated this Despatch to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief, and published the 1st and 2nd paras. of it in G. O.

Letter (Reply) dated 5th March 1856, No. 24.

Para. 1.

9. Needs no reply.

2. Observe that the Pension Boy Establishment was not intended for such a case as that of George Pasoo, son of a private Musician formerly in the 21st Regiment N. I., and desire that the measure be not drawn into a precedent.

10. Communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief.

3. to 6.

11. Need no reply.

7. Observe that the provision of Hospital accommodation at Bellary and Secunderabad for Native followers "is," as reported by the Military Board, "a "novel measure and one "not hitherto entertained by Government" and that it should not have been undertaken until its whole scope and bearing as applicable to the three Presidencies had been ascertained and considered by the Government of India.

Cons. 6th May 1856, No. 178.

No. 17 in the Packet.

Desire that the proceedings may be referred to that Government in order that they may be enabled to report their views thereon for the Court's final orders.

12. A communication has been addressed to the Government of India on the subject of this para.

8 to 12.

13. Need no reply.

13. Subject of Machinery for the use of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and Artificers for Superintending it, noticed in their separate Military letter dated 6th February 1856, No. 11.

14. Communicated to the Military Board.

Letter dated 12th March 1856, No. 25.

Paras. 1 and 2. Direct the payment of increased pensions to certain Chelsea Out Pensioners at Bangalore, and forward new Pension Certificates.

15. Attended to.

Letter dated 12th March 1856, No. 26.

Forward a List of Remittances made by Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of H. M.'s 12th Lancers for their families at Bangalore, and desire that the equivolent of the several remittances be paid to the persons specified.

16. The necessary instructions have been issued for the payment of these remittances.

Letter dated 19th March 1856, No. 27.

Paras. 1 and 2. Approve of Assistant Apothecary J. Keess' furlough to Europe having been allowed to take effect from the date of his final departure from this Presidency, and state that they have resolved to grant him a donation of £ 100.

17. Communicated to the Departments concerned.

Letter dated 19th March 1856, No. 28.

Intimate that a set of books for the Soldiers' Library of the 3d European Regiment will be forwarded by an early opportunity.

18. Communicated to the proper Departments.

Letter dated 19th March 1856, No. 29.

State that special information and plans of the buildings are required to enable Court to comply with the demands made for articles of machinery for the Gun Carriage Manufactory, and that on the arrival in England of Mr. Curran and the Artificers that accompained him, the wishes of Government with regard to their instruction in the setting up and working of the machinery in question, shall be duly attended to.

Dy. to Cons. 10th June 1856, Nos. 42 and 43.

No. 18 in the Packet.

19. We submit the accompanying communication from the Military Board, stating that Plans of the Buildings and other information have been supplied to Mr. Curran, and offering certain suggestions—which we have for your consideration with reference to the present employment of Mr. Curran in England.

Letter dated 28th March 1856, No. 30.

Transmit Certificate, authorising the payment at Bangalore of Chelsea out pension to James Eagan, 12th Dragoons, at 9*d.* per diem, who is certified to have been paid in England to 31st March 1856, and whose pension is conditional for three years ceasing 27th November 1858.

20. Attended to.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 5th *July* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" Patrick Grant
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 84 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 13*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 28 & 29.
No. 20 *in the Packet.*

With reference to para. 4 of your Honorable Court's despatch, dated 8th August 1855, No. 57, we forward the Medical Board's report on the state of health of Captain A. J. de H. Harris, 1st Madras Fusiliers.

2. We beg to submit the accompanying letter from the Medical Board, bringing to notice that certain Medicines are procurable in this country quite equal to those obtained from England and at prices below the English cost, and suggesting the propriety of discontinuing the demand for these articles on your Honorable Court—and which suggestion we beg to recommend.

Cons. 10*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 136 & 137.
No. 21 *in the Packet.*

Cons. 17*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 24 & 25.
No. 22 *in the Packet.*

3. We have the honor to forward a statement showing the total cost and keep of all descriptions of Horses and Colts at the Remount Depot, Ossoor, from 1st May 1855 to 30th April 1856.

Cons. 13*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 44 & 45.
Nos. 23 & 24 *in the Packet.*

4. In continuation of the Statement forwarded with para. 4 of our letter, dated 21st June 1855, No. 79, we beg to transmit an Account Current, received from the Town Major, and Statement of particulars connected with the Estate of Pensioned Sub Conductor R. Smith, closed up to 31st May 1856.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th *July* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 85 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

In continuation of our former correspondence, we beg to submit, for your consideration, the accompanying letter from the Military Board, with one from the Superintendent Gun Carriage Manufactory, strongly recommending the sending out to this country of certain machines described by Mr. Deputy Assistant Commissary Curran as being worked at Woolwich with great advantage, and as being applicable to the wants of our Ordnance Establishments.

Cons. 24th June 1856, *Nos.* 91 & 92.

To Court 25th Jany. 1856, *No.* 10.
„ 11*th Feby.* „ „ 24.
„ 11*th April* „ „ 48, *p* 5.
„ 6*th May* „ „ 61.
„ 5th *July* „ „ 81 p. 2.
„ 5th „ „ „ 83 p. 19

No. 26 *in the Packet.*

FORT ST. GEORGE,
5th *July* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 86 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Dy to Cons. 8th July 1856. Nos. 103 & 104.
No. 28 in the Packet.

We submit for your consideration and orders, the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army and its enclosures, relating to the fitness for service of Lieutenant Colonel Musgrove, of the 43rd Regiment Native Infantry.

2. In continuation of the correspondence noted in the margin, we have the honor to forward a communication from the Military Board, dated 3rd Instant, giving cover to a correspondence addressed to the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory by Mr. James Nasmyth and Deputy Assistant Commissary Curran, on the subject of additional Machinery which will be required for the Gun Carriage Manufactory to render the working of that Establishment efficient—and we would, in concurrence with the Board, strongly recommend your Honorable Court to sanction the supply of such machinery as may be considered by the abovementioned parties to be necessary for the manufactory.

To Court 11th April 1856, No. 48, p. 5.
" 6th May " " 61.
" 5th July " " 81, p. 2.
" 5th July " " 83, p. 19.
Dy. to Cons. 8th July 1856, Nos. 101 & 102.
No. 29 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th July 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" PATRICK GRANT,
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 87 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 17th June 1856, *Nos.* 47 & 48.

No. 2 in the Packet.

We forward a report from the Adjutant General of the Army, of the removals of certain Lieutenant Colonels, which the Commander-in-Chief has considered it desirable to make for the reasons assigned.

2. With reference to your Honorable Court's Financial Despatch to the Government of India, No. 28 of 19th July 1848, we have the honor to return 48 Prize Rolls of the Company's Troops entitled under Her Majesty's Royal Warrant, dated 27th May 1847, to share in the third and final distribution of the General Captures of the Deccan Booty, together with a Statement showing the total amount, paid and unpaid, on account of the shares of the above distribution.

Dy to Cons. 17th June 1856, *Nos.* 13 & 14.

Nos 3 & 5 in the Packet.

3. With reference to your Despatch of the 8th April 1856, No. 31, we have the honor to forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Military Board, intimating that the 2000 Barrels of Gun Powder required by Her Majesty's Government for Australia are available for shipment at a short notice, and promising to furnish the information desired by your Honorable Court, regarding the amount debitable to the Crown.

Dy. to Cons. 10th June 1856, *Nos.* 91 & 92.

No. 6 in the Packet.

4. Referring to para. 7 of your Despatch, dated 2d May 1855, No. 32, requiring Patterns of Mamooties, &c. to be procured from practical persons at this Presidency and sent home, we transmit the accompanying communication from the Military Board, apprising us that they have collected various Patterns of the description of tools referred to, in use in the several Districts, and have caused them to be packed for despatch to your Honorable Court.

Dy. to Cons. 10th June 1856, *Nos.* 112 & 113.

No. 7 in the Packet.

5. The Board enclose a Statement containing detailed information regarding the cost of making up the Mamooties, and offer observations on the feasibility of manufacturing these articles economically in this country.

6. We have communicated the above to the Department of Public Works with a view to enquiry being instituted for the purpose of ascertaining the opinions of working men with respect to the several descriptions of tools in use—namely those of English manufacture—those made up in Arsenals—and those supplied from Native sources.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th July 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" PATRICK GRANT,
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 88 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We forward for consideration a letter from Captain T. J. Ryves, of the Retired List, bringing to notice the omission of his name in the London Gazette for Brevet rank

Dy to Cons. 8th July 1856, Nos. 13 & 14.

No. 9 in the Packet.

2. We submit for the favorable consideration of your Honorable Court the cases of the individuals named in the margin and described in the accompanying extracts from the proceedings of Special Medical Invaliding Committees, who have not served the prescribed period to entitle them to pension but who are recommended for it by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in consequence of their service and good character.

Dy. to Cons. 1st July 1856, Nos. 60 & 61.

No. 10 in the Packet.

Gunner William Abercrombie, No. 3820, 3rd Battalion Artillery.

Private William Mulholland, No. 2561, 1st Madras Fusiliers.

3. We beg to report that we have allowed Lieutenant W. Johnston, of the 31st Regiment Light Infantry, who was permitted to proceed to Europe on Medical Certificate in G. O. G. 25th June 1850, No. 128, and who arrived at Madras on the 25th March 1855, to return to England for a further period of eighteen months, to enable him to have the benefit of treatment by a professed Aurist in a European climate, which the Medical Board are of opinion may be effectual in leading to such a restoration of his hearing as to render him again fit for service.

Memo. from Adjutant General, 26th June 1856, No. 224.

Cons. 1st July 1856, Nos. 134 & 135.

No. 11 in the Packet.

4. For the reasons stated in the accompanying communication from the Military Board, we have approved of the abolition of the Arsenal at Palamcottah, and of the transfer of its entire Establishment for the present to the Arsenal at Trichinopoly.

Dy. to Cons. 10th June 1856, Nos. 19 & 20.

No. 12 in the Packet.

5. We beg to report that the Military Board having recommended to our favorable consideration the case of Peon Sinthaloo, lately attached to the Gun Powder Manufactory, and discharged after a service of upwards of 25 years, in consequence of physical inability to attend to his duties—the effect of old age—we have authorised the grant to him of a gratuity of six month's pay.

Dy. to Cons. 1st July 1856, Nos. 21 to 23.

No. 13 in the Packet.

Cons. 1st July 1856, Nos. 74 & 75.

No. 14 in the Packet.
Serjeant John McNamara, European Artillery Veteran Company.
Serjeant David Delay, European Artillery Veteran Company.

6. We have transferred the Non-Commissioned Officers named in the margin to the Non-Effective Establishment on the Superior pension authorised to Serjeants in G. O. G. 20th March 1820, subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Court.

7. In reply to your despatch of 16th April 1856, No. 37, we have the honor to forward the accompanying communication from the Military Auditor General, from which it will be observed that the usual Donation of Rupees twenty-five each, authorised to be paid to Orphans on quitting India, does not appear to have been claimed or drawn in this country on account of the children named in the margin, who embarked for England on the "Lord George Bentinck" in April 1854.

Dy. to Cons. 8th July 1856, Nos. 83 & 84.
No. 15 in the Packet.

Eli George Fox.
James Fox.
Henry Thomas Fox.

8. The Accountant General having submitted for our orders a letter of advice from Messrs. Downes & Son, Warwick Street, Charing Cross, London, dated 2nd May 1856, for the issue of £ 0-7-10 to Serjeant James Gooding, Her Majesty's 43rd Regiment at Bangalore, on account of the Effects and Credits of his deceased brother, William Gooding, Her Majesty's 50th Regiment, we beg to inform your Honorable Court that we have authorised payment of the same, and to enclose the Serjeant's Receipt in Duplicate, with a view to your Honorable Court obtaining reimbursement of the amount from the War Office.

Dy. to Cons. 1st July 1856, Nos. 64 & 65.
Nos 16 & 17 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th July 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 89 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit a Memorial to your address from Surgeon F. Cooper, Superintending Surgeon Northern Division, soliciting that he may be granted, from the 24th December 1854 to the 23rd June 1855—being the first six months of the period he officiated in that appointment during the absence of Superintending Surgeon Cumming on leave to Europe under the new regulations—a moiety of the Staff salary of his permanent appointment of Garrison Surgeon of Vizagapatam, in addition to the forfeited moiety of the Staff salary of Superintending Surgeon.

Dy. to Cons. 15*th Jany.* 1856, *Nos.* 76 *to* 78.
„ 1*st July* „ „ 15 *to* 17 *with*
Cons. 22*nd May* 1855, *Nos.* 66 *to* 68.
„ 28*th August* „ „ 3 *to* 5.

Collection No. 19 *in the Packet.*

2. Surgeon Cooper, in a communication recorded in our Consultation of the 15th January 1856, laid before us a claim to the above allowance; but we observed that it was not admissible—as under G. O. G,. 28th May 1850, No. 107, para. 5, a Garrison or other Staff Surgeon, when appointed to officiate as Superintending Surgeon, is considered entitled to the moiety of the salary of his permanent situation, only when that salary is higher in amount than the forfeited portion which he receives of the salary of Superintending Surgeon.

3. In the case under notice the Staff salary attached to the Garrison Surgeoncy is Rupees 500 per mensem, while the forfeited moiety of the Superintending Surgeon's salary is Rupees 579-13-0.

4. We transmit a Memorial to the address of your Honorable Court from Ameer Bee, widowed daughter of the late Pensioned Subadar Syed Nutter, formerly of the 3rd Light Cavalry, soliciting that, in consideration of her late father's services, a pension may be conferred on her, for the support of herself and two other widowed members of the deceased's family.

Dy. to Cons. 8*th July* 1856, *Nos.* 45 *to* 47.
No. 20 *in the Packet.*

5. With paras. 2 and 3 of our letter of 20th May 1856, No. 66, we had the honor to submit a Memorial from Noor Bee, the late Subadar's widow, praying for a pensionary grant, supported by the recommendation of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief.

6. The present Memorial is accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, conveying the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief that any grant which your Honorable Court may be pleased to sanction should be for the benefit of the whole family.

7. We have the honor to forward the accompanying report from the Adjutant General of the Army, of the removals of certain Lieutenant Colonels which have been made in order to provide a Commandant for the 31st Regiment Light Infantry, consequent on Lieut. Colonel Musgrove having obtained leave on emergent Medical Certificate.

Cons. 24*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 31 *&* 32.
No. 21 *in the Packet.*

8. We have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, giving cover to a report from the Medical Board on the state of health of Captain R. R. Little, of the Artillery, who obtained leave to proceed to Europe on Medical Certificate in G. O. G. 3rd June, No. 177; and annexing a Statement showing that Officer's service.

Dy. to Cons. 8th July 1856, *Nos.* 33 & 34.
No. 22 in the Packet.

9. On a representation from the Military Board of the great inconvenience occasioned by the frequent changes in the charge of Ordnance Stores at this Presidency, in consequence of the constant removals and transfers of Warrant Officers from the Grand Arsenal to Out Stations, we submitted to the Government of India a proposition for increasing the number of permanent Conductors in the Arsenal of Fort Saint George from 2 to 4, and for reducing the number of Conductors from 7 to 5, which they have accordingly sanctioned.

Cons. 22nd January 1856, *Nos.* 107 *to* 109.
,, *15th April* ,, *No.* 77 *with Tabular Statement.*
Cons. 13th June 1856, *Nos.* 52 & 53.

Collection No. 23 in the Packet.

10. The above arrangement will occasion an extra expense to the State of Rupees 60 per mensem.

11. The Military Board submitted a report from the Principal Commissary of Ordnance on the efficiency of Serjeant J. Bell, 1st Madras Fusiliers, employed on probation at the Grand Arsenal as a Superintendent of the Carpenter's and Turner's Workshops, and recommended that he should be promoted to Assistant Overseer—and granted the pay and allowances of a Store Serjeant.

Cons. 1st July 1856, *Nos.* 106 *to* 108.
No. 24 in the Packet.

12. Subject to your Honorable Court's approval, we have sanctioned his employment in the Arsenal as a Sub Assistant Overseer, upon the pay and allowances recommended by the Board.

13. The individuals named in the margin will be entitled to admission to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund on their arrival in England.

Dy. to Cons. 27th May 1856, *Nos.* 31 & 32.
Serjeant William Dore.
Gunner William Skeahan.
,, *John Murphy.*
,, *Andrew Baningan.*

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th July 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
,, PATRICK GRANT,
,, WALTER ELLIOT,
,, H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 90 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit for consideration a Memorial to your address from Captain (Brevet Major) B. W. Black, Assistant Adjutant General of Artillery, praying for an increase of Rupees 100 per month to his salary, as was accorded in 1826 to the Officer holding the corresponding appointment in Bengal—together with a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army which gave cover to it, and a report from the Military Auditor General

Dy. to Cons. 15th July 1856, Nos. 20 to 22.
No. 26 in the Packet.

2. The Commander-in-Chief having urged the necessity of supplying one or more Fire Engines to every Station at which a large body of Europeans is located and valuable Government property stored, in order to provide against cases of Fire, and it having been reported to us that the number of Engines available, including what is expected from England on the last General Military Indent, will not be sufficient to meet the wants of all Cantonments, we have authorised the Military Board to submit an Indent for transmission to your Honorable Court for the requisite supply; and have directed them to arrange, in communication with the Commander-in-Chief, the details connected with the custody, preservation, and use of the Engines.

Cons. 27th May 1856, Nos. 147 & 148.
" 1st July " " 101 to 103.
Collection No. 27 in the Packet.

3. Referring to the correspondence noted in the margin, we have, at the request of the Commander-in-Chief, sanctioned the following modifications of para. 13 of the Mess rules in the case of the Sappers and Miners.

To Court 14th Feby. 1855, No. 24, ps. 2 to 4.
From " 6th June " " 45, p. 26.

Cons. 24th June 1856, Nos. 49 & 50.

No. 28 in the Packet.

Para. 13.—All Officers of Engineers will pay donation to the Sappers Mess, but are exempt from subscription except when doing duty with the Regiment, and are to be considered as Honorary Members from the date on which they may quit their Corps.

1st That Officers of Engineers not doing duty with the Corps of Sappers and Miners, who to suit their own convenience avail themselves of the resources of the Sapper Mess, be required to pay monthly subscription.

2nd That all Infantry Officers doing duty with the Sappers and Miners present at its Head Quarters, be required to pay monthly subscription to the Sapper Mess, without reference to their being in charge of Companies or otherwise.

4. We have the honor to enclose a Bill of Lading for two cases containing the Pattern Tools referred to in para. 4 of our despatch of the 19th Instant No. 87, shipped on board the Barque "Templeman", accompanied by a letter from the Military Board expressing their desire to be favored with the information requested in the 5th para. of their communication forwarded with the above despatch, as to the cost at which Tools of the like patterns can be made up in England.

Dy. to Cons. 8th July 1856, *Nos.* 54 & 55.

No. 29 & 30 *in the Packet.*

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th *July* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 91 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We forward for your consideration a letter from the Military Auditor General, submitting the claim of Lieutenant General P. Grant C. B., Commander-in-Chief, to draw Wound Pension at 300 £ per annum, and pay proper as Lieutenant General at 1 £ 12s. 6d. per diem, in addition to the consolidated salary and allowance of his Office; together with a Memorandum containing the remarks of the other Members of Government, and a Minute recorded by the Commander-in-Chief himself on the subject.

Dy. to Cons. 22nd July 1856, Nos. 64 to 67.
No. 32 in the Packet.

2. Pending your Honorable Court's decision, we have sanctioned the admission of His Excellency's claim.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22d July 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 92 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Dy. to Cons. 22nd July 1856, Nos. 75 & 76.
Nos. 34/38 in the Packet.

We forward an Indent (No. 21) on your Honorable Court, for Medicines for the General and Veterinary Stores of this Presidency, together with a letter from the Medical Board which gave cover to it.

2. We beg to solicit your attention to the request contained in para. 7 of the above letter, that arrangements may be made for the early despatch of the Stores, so as to ensure their arrival here in all July next year, and that 100 lbs of Quinine may be sent by a speedy and special opportunity viâ the Cape—and we submit for your orders the suggestion of the Board in the 2nd para. of their communication, that the date of the Annual Indent may be hereafter changed from 1st January to April.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd July 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 93 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 8th July 1856, *Nos.* 146 *to* 148.
No. 2 in the Packet.

We forward a Memorial to your address from Anthony, late a Tent Lascar, who was discharged the service, praying for re-employment accompanied by a report from the Quarter Master General of the Army.

2. We beg to submit a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, requesting information regarding the death of Quarter Master Serjeant John Timbermouth, of the Effective Supernumeraries, who was discharged as a time-expired man, and embarked for England on the "Henry Porcher" on the 16th February 1828,—in order to comply with an application from his wife for a Certificate to enable her to claim some property left to her.

Dy. to Cons. 8th July 1856, *Nos.* 66 *&* 67.
No. 3 in the Packet.

3. We beg to inform your Honorable Court that we have, on the recommendation of the Military Board, and subject to your confirmation, granted a special pension of Rupees 3-12-0 per mensem to Chickledar Shashen, a Native Artificer, in consideration of his having served for a period of 42 years, of which 26 were passed on Foreign service in Moulmein.

Cons. 8th July 1856, *Nos.* 137 *to* 139.
No. 4 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th July 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 94 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to reply to your Military despatches, dated 8th, 16th and 30th April 1856, Nos. 31 to 44.

Letter dated 8th April 1856, No. 31.

Paras. 1 & 2. Enclosing a letter from the War Department requesting that the arrangement made for supplying from Madras 4000 or 5000 barrels of Gunpowder for Her Majesty's Service, including 1000 barrels for Store at Hong Kong, may be modified to the extent of holding 2000 barrels in readiness for shipment to Sydney, and by releasing that Department from any responsibility; and calling for information on the arrangements made on this subject, and in regard to the amount of responsibility which may have been incurred by Her Majesty's Government in consequence of the instructions formerly given to this Government at their desire.

2. Noticed in para. 3 of our letter dated 19th July 1856, No. 87.

Letter dated 8th April 1856, No. 32.

Forward in the packet in continuati on of their Military despatch, 12th March 1856, No. 26, copy of a letter from Mr. G. S. Collyer, 19th March 1856, enclosing a listof remittances made by a Non-Commissioned Officer and Privates of Her Majesty's 12th Lancers for their families at Bangalore, amounting to £ 21; and desire that the equivalent of the several remittances may be issued to the persons specified.

3. The necessary instructions have been issued for the payment of these remittances.

Letter dated 8th April 1856, No. 33.

Intimate having resolved to set apart the sum of £ 70 a year out of Captain S. Hay's retired pay, namely, £ 50 for the maintenance of his wife, and £ 20 for that of his child at this Presidency, and direct that the sum be issued accordingly for the purpose specified, commencing from the 31st January 1856.

4. We have ordered the disbursement of the sum of 50 £ and 20 £ per annum respectively by quarterly payments in arrears, to the parties who may have had charge of Mrs. Hay and child from 31st January 1856.

Letter dated 16th April 1856, No. 34.

Paras. 1 to 4. Officers permitted to return to their duty, granted extensions of leave, and allowed to retire from the service.

5. Published in G. O.

Letter (Reply) dated 16th April 1856, No. 35.

Paras. 1 to 6.

6. Need no reply.

7. Observe with regret the remarks made on the dilatory character of the proceedings of Lieutenant Colonel Atkinson, Superintending Engineer Presidency Division, in bringing up his accounts; approve of Government having stated, when granting an increase to his Establishment for four months, to bring up arrears, that it fully expected the work to be then finally disposed of, and desire information of the result, and whether the Department is now efficiently conducted.

7. The required report will be made to your Honorable Court in the Public Works Department.

8 to 21.

8. Need no reply.

Letter dated 16th April 1856, No. 36.

Paras. 1 to 3. Direct the removal of the name of Lieut. T. H. H. Gahagan, 3d Madras European Regt., from the List of the Army, from 1st Nov. 1855, should he not have already returned to his Corps; and state that no Officer should be struck off the Army List until their orders shall have been obtained to that effect, except in cases of dismissal by Court Martial.

Cons. 10*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 106 *&* 107.
Dy. to Cons. 8*th July* 1856, *Nos.* 89 *to* 91.
Dy. to Cons. 15*th July* 1856, *Nos.* 78 *&* 79.

Collection No. 6 *in the packet.*

9. Your Honorable Court will learn from the accompanying correspondence that Lieut. Gahagan was on the 16th June 1856 at Calcutta, where he was in prison for debt. We requested the Government of India to cause him to be placed under arrest as soon as released from jail, and to order him to proceed to Madras. Meanwhile Lieut. Gahagan, under date the 22d June 1856, has notified to the Adjutant General his intention to quit India for a distant Colony and not to return to the Service. We are now awaiting further intelligence.

Letter dated 16th April 1856, No. 37.

Forward in the packet copy of a letter from Major Anderson Commanding the Depôt Her Majesty's 51st Regiment, dated 26th March 1856, with enclosure, preferring a claim on behalf of the children named below who embarked at Madras for England on board the "Lord George Bentinck" in April 1854, to the Donations granted to Orphans on leaving India, and desire to be furnished with a report thereon as early as practicable.

Eli. George Fox.
James Fox.
Henry Thomas Fox.

10. Replied to in letter dated 19th July 1856, No. 88, para. 7.

Letter dated 16th April 1856, No. 38.

Intimate that the pension of Chelsea Out Pensioner George Pratt, 94th Foot, has been increased from 1*s.* 10*d.* to 2*s.* per day, from the date he commenced receiving pension, and desire that the necessary instructions may be issued for the payment of the same to him at Madras.

11. Instructions have been issued accordingly.

Letter dated 16th April 1856, No. 39.

Paras. 1 to 3. State that certain Machinery for making compressed bullets for the new Minie Arms is in course of preparation and will soon be ready for despatch, and that there is no doubt that a duly qualified individual can be obtained by them to Superintend the setting up and proper working of the same. Meanwhile, forward two Tracings with explanations of the nature and description of buildings that will be required for the Steam Engine Boiler, Ball Compressing Machine, and Lead squirting apparatus, with a view to steps being taken for the preparation of the necessary buildings for the reception of the Engines on their arrival. Request to be furnished with a plan of the Bullet Factory, when a proper and convenient site for the same has been determined upon.

ALSO,

Letter from Secretary East India House, 8th April 1856. Forwards a packet containing Tracings of the buildings required for Machinery, &c., for making Balls for Minie Rifles.

12. We have furnished a copy of this despatch, with the Tracings referred to, to the Military Board and to the Chief Engineer Department Public Works—and directed the latter to report, in communication with the former, what arrangements should be made for providing the required buildings, and to submit at the same time a Plan and an Estimate.

Letter dated 16th April 1856, No. 40.

Forward 15 copies of the revised edition of the "Instruction of Musketry," as circulated under a General Order, dated Horse Guards, 1st January 1856.

13. Forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief.

Letter dated 30th April 1856, No. 41.

Transmit a list of certain Chelsea Out Pensioners authorised to draw their pensions at this Presidency, with a parchment Certificate for each man.

14. Communicated to the proper Departments.

Letter dated 30th April 1856, No. 42.

Desire that the sum of *5d.* per diem may be paid to the wife of Chelsea Pensioner R. Greenwood, for the quarter ending 30th June 1856, and charged to the Chelsea Hospital account.

15. Orders have been issued accordingly.

Letter dated 30th April 1856, No. 43.

Forward letters from the War Department reporting that authority has been granted to the Officers Commanding Her Majesty's 43d, 74th and 84th Regiments, for the investment in the Govt. Saving's Bank of the gratuities awarded to certain men of those Corps for good conduct and long service.

16. Communicated to the Accountant General.

Letter (Reply) dated 30th April 1856, No. 44.

Paras. 1 to 6.

17. Need no reply.

Para. 7. State that they will be glad to hear that the object had in view for publishing a G. O. establishing revised rules in substitution for those under the head of "Rice" in the Pay Code, in order to obviate the inconvenience experienced in consequence of difference of measure in calculating the compensation to be allowed for dearness of grain—has been fully realised.

18. The Commander-in-Chief has been requested to cause a report to be furnished on this subject.

8 to 19.

19. Need no reply.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th *August* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ PATRICK GRANT,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 95 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit a Memorial to your address from Pensioner James Clark, late Barrack Serjeant Fort Saint George, complaining of his having been summarily removed from the above appointment, and praying that the allowances he lost thereby may be restored to him for the period he remained in the service after that event.

Dy. to Cons. 22nd July 1856, Nos. 55 to 57, with Cons. 17th „ 1855, „ 172 & 173. „ 31st „ „ „ 100 & 101.

Collection No. 8 in the Packet.

2. For an explanation of the circumstances under which Barrack Serjeant Clark was remanded to Regimental duty, we beg to refer your Honorable Court to a letter from the Town Major, dated 9th July 1856, No. 2208.

3. It may be necessary at the same time to notice that Courts Martial have not power to award removal from Staff appointments as a punishment, and that consequently recourse is had to Courts Martial in such cases only when the offence is considered to call for some still more severe penalty.

4. We transmit a Memorial to your address from Mootien, 2nd Class Pensioned Private of the Sappers and Miners, soliciting that, in consideration of his having lost his right arm from an injury received while in the execution of his duty in China, he may be granted full pay pension,—accompanied by a report from the Adjutant General of the Army, on the case of the Memorialist.

Dy. to Cons. 15th July 1856, Nos. 132 to 134.

No. 9 in the Packet.

5. In submitting to your Honorable Court the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General, laying before us a communication from Ensign Thomas Weldon, 42nd Regiment Native Infantry, claiming to reckon as service, the period passed by him at Addiscombe, we beg to bring to your notice that we have not been furnished with a continuation of the List received with your despatch dated 29th March 1848, No. 16, of Officers entitled to benefit by the Regulation of the 22nd November 1837 as to time passed at the Military Seminary after attaining the age of 16 years.

Dy. to Cons. 15th July 1856, Nos. 118 & 119.

No. 10 in the Packet.

6. In continuation of paras. 3 and 4 of our despatch of 20th June 1856, No. 76, we have the honor to transmit copy of a further letter from the Military Board and of the detailed reports therein mentioned from the Officer Commanding the Artillery at Singapore, on the maga-

Dy. to Cons. 15th July 1856, Nos. 123 & 124.

No. 11 in the Packet.

zine accommodation for Gun Powder—and which we have communicated to the Government of India.

7. We beg to lay before your Honorable Court the accompanying correspondence on the case of Private M. Lynch of the 1st Madras Fusiliers, placed under the orders of the Town Major, for embarkation to Europe, in consequence of unfitness for further Effective service.

Dy. to Cons. 22nd July 1856, Nos. 24 to 26.

No. 12 in the Packet.

8. The Private has submitted an earnest appeal to be transferred to the ranks of the Veteran Establishment, being declared fit for Garrison duty—but to which Establishment he is ineligible for transfer under regulation, on account of his service falling short of 14 years,—and the Officer Commanding the Regiment supports his appeal, and bears testimony to his good character.

9. With reference to the record on the Proceedings of the Invaliding Medical Committee which accompany the correspondence, that his unfitness is the result of his own imprudence, it is to be observed that the cause of such unfitness arose from youthful indiscretion before the Private entered the service.

10. Under the peculiar circumstances of the case, we have resolved that Private Lynch be specially permitted to do duty with the European Veterans pending the present reference to your Honorable Court.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th *August* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ PATRICK GRANT,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 96 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to submit to your Honorable Court the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, and, with reference to para. 7 of your despatch, 7th February 1855, No. 8, to request that we may be furnished with a Statement of the period which each Officer lately employed by Her Majesty's Government will be entitled to count as service performed in India.

Cons. 15th July 1856, *Nos.* 147 & 148.
No. 14 in the Packet.

2. We beg to report that we have authorised the grant of Gratuities of six month's pay each, on discharge, to Carpenter Maistry—Chensoo, and Peon Mooneappah, belonging to the establishment of the Superintending Engineer in Mysore—the former of whom has been pronounced to be incapacitated for further employment, from infirmity and impaired vision, after a service of 32 years—and the latter from almost total loss of sight after serving 34 years.

Dy. to Cons. 15th July 1856, *Nos.* 35 *to* 38.
No. 15 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
6th August 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 97 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

In continuation of our despatch of 20th June 1856, No. 72, we beg to submit a Supplemental Petition from T. Narrainsawmy Pillay, an inhabitant of Madras, praying that an order may be passed for the restoration to him of the two Houses at Saint Thomas' Mount sold by order of the Police authorities and purchased by the Cutwal—and that he may not be subjected to the necessity of proceeding to law.

Cons. 29th July 1856, Nos. 97 & 98.
No. 17 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th August 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 98 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to reply to your Military Despatches dated 7th, 13th and 21st May 1856, Nos. 45 to 57.

Letter dated 7th May 1856, No. 45.

Forward correspondence on the subject of the application to Soldiers serving in India of certain Royal Warrants and War Office Circulars respecting the grant of Gratuities to Soldiers of Her Majesty's Service "for good conduct, and of annuities for meritorious services," intimate that the Gratuities being payable to the Soldiers after discharge, will be defrayed by Her Majesty's Government, and that the annuities will form a charge on the Government of India so long as the recipients are borne on the strength of a Regiment on the India Establishment,—and promise to apprise Government from time to time of the dates of the grant of such annuities.

2. Communicated to the proper Departments and published in G. O.

Letter (Reply) dated 7th May 1856, No. 46.

Paras. 1 to 4.

3. Need no reply.

5. State that they will be glad to hear that the measures adopted for the treatment of diseased females at Bangalore, have proved successful, and that the necessity for them has ceased.

4. Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, with a request that a report on this subject may be called for and furnished.

6 and 7.

5. Need no reply.

8 to 16. Regret to observe that the averages of the strength of the European and Native Troops as given by the Medical Board in the returns of sickness and mortality amongst them during the year 1853—54, the number of deaths amongst the European Troops and the average rates of mortality, differ very much from those given in the Adjutant General's Return for the same year, as received through the Government of India, and call (para. 8) for an early explanation of these apparent errors. State that the results given by the Medical Board appear, with few exceptions, satisfactory. Desire (para. 14) to be informed of the result of the order of the Command-

6. We have communicated these paras to the Commander-in-Chief, with a request that His Excellency will cause the explanation required in the 8th para, and the information called for in the 14th para to be furnished.

7. Adverting to para. 15, we beg to observe that the proposition in question was, as directed by your Honorable Court, referred to the Government of India, as intimated in our despatch

er-in-Chief, calling the attention of the Officer Commanding the Pegu Division to the evils arising from the Native Troops selling their rations and supplying themselves with inferior provisions. With reference to the repetition of the recommendation of Government in favor of the grant of Staff Allowance to an Assistant Surgeon with each of the Company's European Regiments in addition to that to the Surgeon in charge, state (para. 15) that they do not find that the remark made in their letter No. 82 of 1853, para. 19, that the measure should be submitted for the consideration and report of the Supreme Government, has yet been acted upon. Approve of the Medical Board's attention having been called to the necessity of submitting such Returns as the present at an earlier date.

9th March 1854, No. 40, para 9 ; but that Government replied* to the following effect, viz, that they had negatived a similar proposal made in 1851 in the Bengal Presidency, considering the measure objectionable on several grounds (which however are not stated) ; that this course had been approved by your Honorable Court ; and that for the same reasons they could not entertain our proposition.

* *20th March* 1854 *No.* 780

Letter (Reply) dated 7th May 1856, No. 47.

Paras. 1 to 3.

8. Need no reply.

4 and 5. Intimate willingness to take into consideration, on the receipt of Indents, the requisitions for Sulphur and Copper Hoops,—and call for a fair sample, by return Steamer, of the Sulphur received per "Emma Colvin" (reported to be crude), and also of that by the preceding vessel the "Calcutta."

9. We have called on the Military Board to furnish the required samples.

7 to 17.

10. Need no reply.

11. The order in para 19 will be attended to.

18 to 22. Approve of the introduction of the Printing system into the Military Department of the Government Office—suggest (para. 19) that the type be kept large and distinct—disapprove (para. 20) of the signature of the Members of Government being printed in the Home despatches—and desire (para. 22) that the experience of this Government in the system, be communicated to the Government of Bombay, in order that they may adopt a similar arrangement if considered advantageous.

12. With reference to para 20, we beg to explain that both the original and duplicate despatches have always been signed by the Members of Government. The true *copy*, however, for the Board of Commissioners, certified to be such by our Secretary, includes of course copy of the signatures of the Members, which are now printed as they were formerly transcribed.

13. The communication to the Government of Bombay, directed in para. 22, will be made hereafter.

23 to 25.

14. Need no reply.

Letter dated 7th May 1856, No. 48.

Authorise the discharge of Private Edward Carroll, No. 1774, 2d European Regiment, and the provision of a passage to England for him, his friends having paid for the same.

15. The necessary instructions have been issued accordingly.

Letter dated 7th May 1856, No. 49.

Mr. Clarence Harry Colbeck (abroad,) appointed a Cadet of Infantry on the Madras Establishment subject to the usual conditions.

16. Notified in G. O.

Letter dated 13th May 1856, No. 50.

Decline interfering to shield Captain E. J. Ferrers, 4th Light Cavalry, from the consequences to which under the Mutiny Act and Articles of War, his conduct may have rendered him liable.

17. Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.

Letter dated 13th May 1856, No. 51.

Intimate having granted Major Goldsmid, Assistant Commissioner in Sind, employed with the Turkish Contingent, an extension of leave of absence for three months, without forfeiture of his Staff Appointment, on special public grounds.

18. Communicated to the Commander in-Chief and notified in G. O.

Letter dated 13th May 1856, No. 52.

Forward 30 copies of a work "on the use of "Field Artillery on Service," translated from the German of Tanbert by 1st Lieutenant H. H. Maxwell, Bengal Artillery.

19. Forwarded through the Military Board to the Artillery Select Committee.

Letter dated 13th May 1856, No. 53.

Enclose (paras. 1 & 2) copy of the description of dress established for the Infantry of the Line, as received from the Secretary of State of War, and forward a pattern of the Tunic Coat for the Infantry Private Soldier which will be issued from the 1st April 1857. Direct (para. 3) that certain measures be adopted in view to Court being informed whether—looking to the nature of the service in a tropical climate—the present Infantry Coatee or Jacket should be discontinued and the new pattern Tunic substituted for it, and also (para. 4) of thedifference of the cost between the two patterns. State (para. 5) that on receipt of the patterns fixed upon for the other arms of the service, Court will take the same course with them.

ALSO.

Letter dated 21st May 1856, No. 57. Forward pattern of the Tunic established for the Royal Artillery.

20. We have communicated these despatches and forwarded the patterns referred to therein, to the Commander-in-Chief—and we have requested His Excellency, in attending to your Honorable Court's orders on paras. 3 & 4 of the first despatch, to communicate with the Superintendent of Army Clothing on the point mentioned in the latter para.

Letter dated 21st May 1856, No. 54.

Officers permitted to return to duty and granted extensions of leave.

21. Published in G. O.

Letter dated 21st May 1856, No. 55.

Transmit, for communication to Assistant Surgeon W. H Davids, through the Commander-in-Chief, copy of a letter addressed to Court by Mrs. Davids, requesting that he may be required to support herself and child in England, and desire to be apprised of the Assistant Surgeon's reply.

22. Forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief.

Letter dated 21st May 1856, No. 56.

State that the provision of ten 68 Pounder Guns of 95 Cwt. was sanctioned on application contained in letter No. 121 of 1854 and 12 pieces of the same description on Military Indent of 24th January 1855;—that the further number of 11 pieces included in Indent of 9th February 1856 will have their consideration, and that if they be provided, the total number of 68 Pounder Guns placed at the disposal of Government will be 33, being the number required. Observe that it was never Court's intention to consider the 56 Pounder Guns unfit for service and to replace those already mounted, by 68 Pounders of 95 Cwt.—Intimate that it will still be matter for consideration whether it will be expedient to withdraw the former from Singapore as contemplated, unless the measure be warranted by considerations of which Court are not at present aware.

23. Communicated to the Military Board.

Letter dated 21st May 1856, No. 57.

Forward pattern of the Tunic established for the Royal Artillery.

24. Noticed in para. 20 of this letter.

FORT ST. GEORGE, 9th August 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ PATRICK GRANT,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 99 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Referring to para. 2 of our despatch of 9th July 1856, No. 86, we transmit a further communication from the Military Board, with one from the Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory, strongly urging the supply of the additional Machinery recommended for that Establishment, in order to its efficient and economical working.

Dy. to Cons. 12th August 1856, Nos. 3 & 4.

No. 20 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th August 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ PATRICK GRANT,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 100 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit for your consideration an Indent for Army Clothing Stores required to arrive in India in the year 1858, and beg to request your attention to the remarks contained in the accompanying letter from the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.

Dy. to Cons. 12th August 1856, Nos. 25 & 26, Nos 22/3 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th August 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" PATRICK GRANT,
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 107 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit an Emergent Indent for Woollens required for the Clothing of the Madras Army for the year 1856, together with a letter from the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, requesting that the above may be despatched as early as possible.

Dy. to Cons. 12th August 1856, *Nos.* 27 *&* 28.

No. 25/6 in the Packet.

2. With reference to the demand in the Indent, for Super Oxford Mixture Cloth, in lieu of a quantity received per Ship "Northumberland" and pronounced to be damaged, we beg to intimate that the cause of damage of the condemned Woollen, is under investigation, and that a report thereon will be forwarded hereafter.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *August* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" PATRICK GRANT,
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 102 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Our President having had his attention directed to the system under which the various appointments connected with the Army are made in Bengal as compared with the system which is followed at this Presidency, we beg to submit the subject for your consideration.

2. The main point of difference between the two systems—and the only one of importance—is that whereas at Madras Officers for the Command of Divisions and Brigades are nominated by the President, in Bengal they are selected and recommended to Government by the Commander-in-Chief.

3. We concur with our President in opinion that the course adopted in Bengal is calculated to be more conducive to the efficiency of the Army than that followed at Madras—inasmuch as the Commander-in-Chief is directly responsible for its discipline and has facilities, which the President can rarely possess, of becoming fully acquainted with the merits and capabilities of the Officers.

4. With the exception therefore of the Brigade Command at Vellore, which is as much a Political as a Military appointment,—and the Command on the Neilgherries, which partakes largely of a civil character,—we are of opinion that the Bengal system might at once and with much advantage be adopted—but as the system now in force was established under your Honorable Court's * orders, we have considered it necessary to submit the arrangement for your sanction, which we trust may be accorded at an early date.

* *Military Letters 30th July* 1806, *paras.* 606 *to* 626 *and* 31*st August* 1810, *para.* 2.

5. The appointments would all be made, as at present, in the General Orders of Government— and it would of course always be within the power of Government to object to any particular nomination, should there appear cause for so doing.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
12*th August* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" PATRICK GRANT,
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 103 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to our letter of the 12th September 1855, No. 121, para. 6, we have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, enclosing an abstract of reports on the quality of the Porter supplied to the European Troops during the year 1855.

Dy. to Cons. 12th August 1856, Nos. 11 & 12.

No. 2 in the Packet.

2. We submit a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, enclosing a report from the Medical Board on the state of health of Captain H. W. Hitchins, of the Engineers, who has been permitted to proceed to England on Medical Certificate in G. O. G. 4th July 1856, No. 213—and annexing a statement showing that Officer's service.

Dy. to Cons. 12th August 1856, Nos. 13 & 14.

No. 3 in the Packet.

3. With reference to para. 24 of your despatch of 7th May 1856, No. 47, we transmit a letter from the Medical Board on the subject of the Medical Stores sent out by your Honorable Court by the Ships "Columba" and "Blackfriar."

Dy. to Cons. 12th August 1856, Nos. 53 & 54.

No. 4 in the Packet.

4. We beg to report, for the information of your Honorable Court, that in consequence of a great increase of work in the Presidency Paymaster's Office, as shown in the accompanying correspondence, the Government of India have sanctioned an addition to its Establishment of Rupees 170 per mensem.

Cons. 6th May 1856, Nos. 83 & 84.
Dy. to Cons. 15th July 1856, Nos. 137 & 138.

Collection No. 5 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th August 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" PATRICK GRANT,
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 104 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We have transferred the undermentioned Non-Commissioned Officer to the Non-Effective Establishment, on the superior pension authorised to Serjeants in G. O. G. 20th March 1820, subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Court.

Cons. 5th August 1856, *Nos.* 72 & 73.

No. 1 *in the Packet.*

Serjeant Thomas Pointon, European Artillery, Veteran Company.

2. The Military Board having recommended the acceptance of a tender from Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. of a consignment of Coal Tar and Pitch, at the rates specified in the * margin—considered to be advantageous—we authorised the purchase of 150 Barrels of Tar and 30 of Pitch at a total cost of Rupees 1170—and we transmit a letter from the Military Board, 4th August 1856, No. 114, intimating that this purchase will render it unnecessary for your Honorable Court to send out the balance of 100 Barrels of Coal Tar due on their Annual Indent, No. 59 of 9th February 1856, forwarded with our despatch, No. 23 of 11th Idem.

Cons. 25th April 1856, *Nos.* 187 & 188 *and Dy. to Cons. 12th August* 1856, *Nos.* 93 & 94.

Collection No. 8 *in the Packet.*

	Rs.
* *For an Ordinary sized Barrel of Coal Tar*	6
For a Barrel containing 25 per Cent more Tar	7½
For a Barrel of Pitch - - -	4

3. With reference to para. 3 of our despatch of 5th January 1856, No. 81, requesting the recovery of the Stamps due on the Commissions of certain Officers in Europe, we transmit a letter from the Accountant General intimating that Major General W. Taylor, of the Infantry, one of the Officers referred to, having returned to India, has paid the sum due on his Commission.

Cons. 5th August 1856, *Nos.* 70 & 71.

No. 9 *in the Packet.*

4. The correspondence noted in the margin relates to a recommendation in behalf of Barrack Serjeant G. Smith, for some additional allowance on pension.

Cons. 13th June 1856, *Nos.* 67 *to* 69.
„ *29th July* „ „ 75 & 76. *with*
Cons. 25th July 1854, „ 45 *to* 47.
„ *12th September* 1854, *Nos.* 48 & 49.

Collection No. 10 *in the Packet.*

5. A similar recommendation was submitted to your Honorable Court with our despatch of 11th January 1853, No. 2, para. 1; but, in * reply, your Honorable Court stated your inability to sanction any grant not authorised by the regulations.

**Letter dated 4th May* 1853, *No.* 30, *p.* 10.

6. The Serjeant however has served upwards of 33 years, of which nearly 29 have been as a Non-Commissioned Officer—and testimony is borne to his unexceptionable character and meritorious conduct.

7. But under the orders contained in G. O. G. G. 18th June 1852, No. 388, Serjeant Smith is, as a Staff Serjeant, excluded from the benefits of the Annuity conferred under the Good Conduct Regulations, and enjoyed by Serjeants performing Regimental duty.

8. The present papers are therefore submitted for consideration as an illustration of the unequal working of the above orders—a Serjeant attached to a Native Regiment for example being entitled to the Annuity, while a Barrack or Store Serjeant or other Non-Commissioned Officer on the Staff is excluded from it.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th August 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" PATRICK GRANT,
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 105 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We submit for your consideration the accompanying Memorial from Mrs. Catherine Carr, widow of the late Store Serjeant H. Carr, attached to the Arsenal of Fort Saint George, praying that she may be granted the pension of a widow of a Serjeant of Artillery, instead of that of an Infantry Serjeant's widow, on the ground that, of the 25 years of her late husband's service, the first 20 had been passed in the Artillery, and the last 3 in the Ordnance Department, the intermediate period of 2 years only being that during which he served in a Regiment of Native Infantry as Quarter Master Serjeant, to which he was promoted in consideration of his meritorious conduct.

Cons. 12th August 1856, Nos. 137 to 139.

No. 12 in the Packet.

2. The Memorial is accompanied by a report from the Military Auditor General.

3. We submit a Memorial to your address from Captain A. A. Shaw, 2d Regiment Native Infantry, praying that in consequence of his having been necessitated to proceed to Europe on Sick Certificate from a very dangerous fever contracted while employed on Active Foreign Service in China under Her Majesty's Government, he may be allowed to reckon the period of his absence on the above account—namely, 2 years and 3 months—as service in India, in calculating the period entitling him to retiring pension.

Dy. to Cons. 19th August 1856, Nos. 9 & 10.

No. 13 in the Packet.

4. The Memorial is accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army.

5. We submit for your favorable consideration the case of Private W. Rundall, No. 638, 3d Madras European Regiment, who has been ordered to be discharged from the service in consequence of unfitness for further duty from defective vision, but whom the Commander-in-Chief recommends for pension.

Dy. to Cons. 12th August 1856, Nos. 7 & 8.

No. 14 in the Packet.

Dy. to Cons. 10*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 65 & 66.
„ 13*th June* „ „ 14 & 15.
„ 15*th July* „ „ 72 & 73.

Collection No. 15 *in the Packet.*

Surgeon P. A. Andrew, M. D.
Assistant Apothecary J. Graham.
Gunner J. Barry, Artillery.
Captain E. H. Nightingale, Infantry.
Serjeant F. Magnay, Artillery.
„ *F. Barnes, Alias,*
T. Lindley, Artillery.
Private T. Watkins, Infantry.
Serjeant M. O'Hara, Artillery.
„ *R. Wilkie, Pension Establishment.*
Corporal J. McGrail, Euro. Arty. V. Compy.
Gunner M. Mullen, Artillery.
„ *W. Barker, Pension Establishment.*
„ *H. Davenport, Artillery.*
Private J. Targatt, 1st Madras Fusiliers.
„ *J. Gillard, Pension Establishment.*

6. We have admitted the widows of the individuals named in the margin to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund —and their pensions will be paid in India, with the exception of Mrs. Nightingale, who has been permitted to reside and draw her stipend at the Cape of Good Hope.

7. Private John McKittrick will be entitled to admission to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund on his arrival in England.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th *August* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 106 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 12*th August* 1856, *Nos.* 150 & 151.

No. 17 *in the Packet.*

We beg to report to your Honorable Court that Captain A. J. Kelso, 3d Regiment Light Cavalry, applied for a furlough to Europe for ten months under the new regulations.

2. This Officer—whose service extends to 25 years—had already taken a furlough of 3 years and 2 months under the old regulations, before obtaining which he had served 14 years in India—and the period since his return to duty is 8 years.

**Rule* 7 *G. O. G. No.* 288 *of 5th Decr.* 1854. *G. O. G. No.* 211 *of* 1*st July* 1856, *republishing G. O. G. No.* 859 *of* 1856.

3. But under the *rules cited in the margin, Captain Kelso having taken his first furlough before the completion of 20 years' service, does not appear to be entitled to a second one until the expiration of ten years from the date of his return.

4. But adverting to G. O. G. G. No. 859 of 1856, under which an Officer not taking his first furlough until after 20 years' service is allowed a second furlough after five years' further service, being a deduction of five years out of ten, it has appeared to us that Captain Kelso having served 14 years before taking his first furlough, and having now served eight years since his return, might be allowed a proportionate reduction—or two years from the ten:

5. We have, under these circumstances, and on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, complied with Captain Kelso's request, subject however to the approval of your Honorable Court—and we have intimated that in the event of your sanction not being accorded, this Officer will have to be considered as on furlough without pay.

6. We beg to request an early reply to this reference.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25*th August* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 107 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We forward an Indent for Porter and Ale required for the use of the European Troops of this Presidency for the year 1857-58, together with a letter from the Commissary General which gave cover to it.

Dy. to Cons. 23 September 1856.
No 9 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27th August 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
„ PATRICK GRANT,
„ WALTER ELLIOT,
„ H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 108 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to forward the accompanying Memorial from Kistnasawmy, late Jemadar, 5th Battalion Artillery, appealing against his dismissal from the service and praying, should his innocence not be satisfactorily established, that he may be granted the pension of a Jemadar with arrears.

Dy. to Cons. 19*th August* 1856, *Nos.* 65 *to* 67.

No. 2 *in the Packet.*

2. The Memorial is accompanied by a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, together with a report from the Military Auditor General.

3. The Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that there are no extenuating circumstances in the case to warrant the restoration of the Jemadar to the service, but earnestly recommends that, in consideration of his previous high character and long service, some pensionary support may be granted to him.

4. We submit, for the favorable consideration of your Honorable Court, a Memorial to your address from Lieutenant J. McBride, 1st Native Veteran Battalion, Assistant Commissary of Ordnance, soliciting that in consideration of his long, zealous and faithful services, the advanced rank of Captain may be conferred on him—together with a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army in support of the prayer of the Memorialist.

Dy. to Cons. 19*th August* 1856, *Nos.* 112 & 113.

No. 3 *in the Packet.*

5. We beg to refer to your Honorable Court a claim preferred on behalf of pensioned Gunner P. Rabbitt, late of the 2nd Battalion Artillery, to a pension of 1*s.* 4*d.* per diem.

Cons. 24*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 84 *to* 86.
Dy. to Cons. 12*th Aug.* 1856, *Nos.* 37 *to* 39 *with*
" " 25*th June* 1850, " 79 *to* 81.
" " 8*th April* 1856, " 42 & 43.

Collection No. 4 *in the Packet.*

6. Gunner Rabbitt served upwards of 23 years; and the Commander-in-Chief recommends the grant to him, from the date of his transfer to the Pension Establishment, of the pension now claimed, instead of the ordinary rate of 1*s.* per diem, on the ground of his having received an injury while in the execution of his duty, declared to be permanent, though not of such a nature as to prevent his contributing towards a livelihood.

7. As the Gunner however has not obtained a Certificate of Good Conduct from the proper authorities, his character being returned by his Commanding Officer as "Indifferent", we beg, in referring the above case for decision, to solicit your instructions as to whether men who are pronounced unfit for further service in consequence of injuries sustained in the execution of their duties, and whose character may be merely "indifferent", may be admitted to the rates of pension laid down in page III, para. 6, of the Pay Code.

8. We beg to transmit, for the information of your Honorable Court, extracts from reports of Committees on soldiers' Lending Libraries for the year 1855, and, with reference to the remarks of the Mhow Committee, to recommend that a good supply of popular elementary works on Machinery, Engineering, Mechanics, and other Sciences may be sent out with future consignments.

Cons. 19*th August* 1856, *Nos.* 131 & 132.

No. 5 *in the Packet.*

9. With reference to the accompanying letter from the Accountant General, we beg that we may be informed whether the Family Remittance made by Private Thomas Ryan, 3rd Madras European Regiment, therein alluded to, included in a Roll forwarded with our Secretary's letter, 25th April 1856, No. 22, has been paid.

Dy. to Cons. 12*th August* 1856, *Nos.* 83 & 84.

No. 6 *in the Packet.*

10. We have the honor to forward for your information copy of a letter from the Medical Board giving cover to Reports and returns of Sick treated on the Neilgherries during the year 1855.

Cons. 19*th August* 1856, *Nos.* 153 & 154.

No. 7 *in the Packet.*

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th Septr.* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" ~~PATRICK GRANT,~~

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" ~~H. C. MONTGOMERY,~~

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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No. 109 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to report that we have—with the concurrence of the Government of India—sanctioned a permanent increase of Rupees 20 per mensem to the Office Establishment of the Assistant Adjutant General of Artillery for the employment of an additional writer, in consequence of the great increase of work as shown in the correspondence noted in the margin.

Dy. to Cons. 10*th June* 1856, *Nos.* 9 *to* 13.
,, ,, 5*th Augt.* ,, ,, 26 & 27.

Collection No. 9 *in the Packet.*

2. It having been represented to us that the boarded floor of the temporary barracks occupied by Her Majesty's 74th Highlanders at Jackatalla required to be frequently washed, and that hair-brooms, mops and scrubbers were consequently absolutely needed for this purpose, in order to ensure that cleanliness so desirable in a barrack-room, and so necessary to the health of the men, we requested the Military Board to lay before us a report, prepared in communication with the Adjutant General of the Army, of the probable number of these articles that will be permanently required for the efficient cleansing of the Jackatalla Barracks, and their cost; and having received the desired information, we sanctioned the supply of the above articles to the extent specified by the Board in para. 3 of their letter, 22nd July 1856, No. 87, at a cost not exceeding Rupees (1,000) one thousand per annum.

Cons. 11*th December* 1855, *Nos.* 89 & 90.
Dy. to Cons. 22*nd July* 1856, ,, 11 & 12.

Collection No. 10 *in the Packet.*

3. An application for an increase of Rupees 255 per mensem to his Office Establishment having been submitted by the Deputy Paymaster, Madras Troops, Rangoon, on the ground of inadequacy of establishment, and the distinct understanding that it would be again subject to modification after all arrears of work were fully brought up, the Government of India have—upon our recommendation—sanctioned the same, subject to a further report at the expiration of six months.

Cons. 20*th May* 1856, *Nos.* 123 *to* 125.
,, 5*th Augt.* ,, ,, 30 & 31.

Collection No. 11 *in the Packet.*

4. Adverting to * former correspondence we have the honor to forward, for your information, the accompanying Reports on the working of the Clothing Department in its several branches, under the present system of Agency.

Cons. 24*th April* '1855, *Nos.* 136 & 137.
,, 24*th July* ,, ,, 103 & 104.
,, 6*th Novr.* ,, ,, 135 *to* 137.
,, 29*th July* 1856, ,, 101 *to* 104.

* *From Court* 16*th Feby.* 1853, *No.* 9, *p.* 28 & 29
To ,, 10*th* ,, 1854, ,, 21.
From ,, 10*th May* ,, ,, 38. *p.* 14.

Collection No. 12 *in the Packet.*

5. The Government of India having communicated to us a copy of your Honorable Court's despatch to Bengal, No. 3, of 10th January 1855, and called upon us for a report of our sentiments on the question of separating the appointment of Superintendent of Army Clothing from that of Agent, and uniting it with some other appointment on the Staff, we intimated that after giving the subject our most careful consideration we were fully satisfied that, while no Officer holding another appointment could efficiently perform the duties of Superintendent, the duties of both *Agent* and Superintendent could be well and advantageously combined—and we accordingly recommended that this arrangement might be permanently sanctioned.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th *Septr.* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" ~~PATRICK GRANT~~,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

" ~~H. C. MONTGOMERY~~,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 110 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS
OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to para. 3 of your despatch, No. 39, of 16th April 1856, and to our reply, 9th August 1856, No. 94, para. 12, we have the honor to forward a communication from the Chief Engineer, intimating that until the arrival of the Machinery for the Minie Rifle Bullet Manufactory, no preparations can be made for erecting it, as the description received from your Honorable Court does not show whether there are one or two forcing pumps, and as the plan and section do not agree—and stating that when the Machinery arrives no time will be lost in having it properly put up.

Dy. to Cons. 9th Septr. 1856, *Nos.* 83 & 84.

No. 14 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th Septr. 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

,,

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,, ~~H. C. MONTGOMERY,~~

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 111 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. With reference to our despatch of 11th August 1856, No. 101, we submit a Supplementary Emergent Indent for Super Cavalry Grey Cloth required for the Clothing of the Madras Army, together with a letter from the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing, requesting that the above may be despatched in the early part of 1857.

Dy. to Cons. 16th Septr, 1856, No 2627
No 2627 in the Packet.

2. We solicit your attention to the remarks contained in para. 3 of the Clothing Agent's letter regarding the sizes of Gloves to be supplied for Mounted Corps.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th Septr. 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

"

" WALTER ELLIOT,

"

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 112 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. Referring to the observations contained in para. 8 of your Honorable Court's despatch, 7th May 1856, No. 46, regarding certain discrepancies in the Annual Returns of sickness and mortality among the Troops, European and Native, during the year 1853-54, we have the honor to transmit the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army—with enclosures from the Medical Board—affording explanation on the subject.

Cons. 9th September 1856, *Nos.* 113 *&* 114.

No. 19 in the Packet.

2. We beg to forward the Commission issued to Captain John Wood, late of the 2d European Light Infantry, whom your Honorable Court recently permitted to retire from the Service—and to request that the Stamp duty thereon may be recovered from that Officer and its recovery intimated to us for communication to the Accountant General, with a view to the same being adjusted in the Books of his Office to the Debit of "Supplies between India and London."

Dy. to Cons. 9th September 1856, *Nos.* 12 *&* 13.

No. 20-21 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
12th Septr. 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

,,

,, WALTER ELLIOT,

,,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 113 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 22d July 1856, *No.* 81.

No. 2 *in the Packet.*

We have permitted 2nd Lieutenant A. P. Hensman of the 1st Madras Fusiliers, to resign the service at his own request.

Dy. to Cons. 29th July 1856, *No.* 22.

No: 3 *in the Packet.*

2. We have permitted Captain (Brevet Major) J. S. Freshfield, 1st Regiment Light Cavalry, to retire from the service on the Pension of a Major, from the 25th July 1856.

Cons. 22nd July 1856, *Nos.* 124 & 125.

No. 4 *in the Packet.*

3. We transmit a supplemental Roll received from the Adjutant General of the Army, of an Officer and certain men entitled to Medals for service in Burmah and India; but whose names were omitted in the Rolls already forwarded.

4. With reference to para. 7 of your despatch, 30th April 1856, No. 44, calling for a report on the new arrangements for regulating the issue of Rice compensation, we have the honor to forward a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army on the subject.

Dy. to Cons. 22d *July* 1856, *Nos.* 90 & 91.

No. 5 *in the Packet.*

5. In attention to the instructions contained in your Honorable Court's Financial despatch of 30th May 1855, No. 18, paras. 2 and 3, we forward the accompanying copy of a letter from the Accountant General, 24th July 1856, No. 39, together with its enclosed Statements shewing the charges incurred on account of Her Majesty's 12th Lancers when proceeding to the Crimea.

Dy. to Cons. 5th *August* 1856, *Nos.* 20 & 21.

No. 6 *in the Packet.*

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th Sept. 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,
" PATRICK GRANT,
" WALTER ELLIOT,
" H. C. MONTGOMERY,

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 114 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Adverting to your despatch of 27th May 1856, No. 58, on the case of Lieutenant Colonel A. R. Rose, 52d N. I., we have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army, stating that as the Medical Certificate upon which leave had been granted to that Officer did not testify to the probability of his recovering his hearing, the Commander-in-Chief directed his examination by a Committee of experienced Medical Officers on the Neilgherries—whose report is enclosed—and intimating that His Excellency purposes ordering a final report on Lieutenant Colonel Rose at the close of his leave, unless he intermediately proceeds to Europe as recommended by the Medical Committee.

Dy. to Cons. 2d September 1856, *Nos.* 98 & 99.

No. 8 *in the Packet.*

2. We transmit a letter from the Commissary General enclosing copies of Proceedings of Committees of Survey on Porter landed from the Ships "Cassange," "Sylph," "Palmyra," "Waconsta," "Orator," and "Caroline."

Dy. to Cons. 2d September 1856, *Nos.* 83 & 84.

No. 9 *in the Packet.*

3. It will be observed that the supply received by the "Palmyra" is pronounced to be inferior to that brought out by the other vessels—and that the Casks were found badly coopered.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25th *Septr.* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" PATRICK GRANT,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

"

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 115 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to our despatch No. 107, of 27th August 1856, we submit a letter from the Commissary General giving cover to a Supplementary Indent for Porter and Ale required for the use of the European Troops of this Presidency serving in Burmah, for the year 1857-58.

Dy. to Cons. 23d Septr. 1856, Nos. 37 & 38.

Nos. 11 & 12 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th Septr. 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" PATRICK GRANT,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

"

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 116 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Cons. 2d September 1856, *No.* 196.

No. 14 in the Packet.

We have permitted Captain (Brevet Major) H. W. Wood, 4th Regiment Native Infantry, to retire from the Service on the pension of a Lieutenant Colonel from the 10th September 1856.

2. We beg to recommend for the favorable consideration of your Honorable Court, the accompanying Memorial to your address from Pensioned Syrang Chocalingum, of the Camp Equipage Department, praying for full pay pension from the date of his transfer to the Pension Establishment, in consideration of his length of service, 47 years, his zeal and fidelity, his having been wounded in action, and having twice proceeded on Foreign Service.

Dy. to Cons. 9th Septr. 1856, *Nos.* 70 *to* 72.

No. 15 in the Packet.

3. The memorial is accompanied by a report from the Military Auditor General.

4. We beg to report the grant, under the authority of the Government of India, of a pension of Rs. 3 per mensem, as a special case, to Private Venketswamy, 52d Regiment N. I., who has not served the prescribed period, but has been declared unfit for further duty, in consequence of blindness of the right eye and defective vision of the left.

Cons. 24th June 1856, *Nos.* 38 *&* 39.

Dy. to Cons. 19*th August* 1856, *Nos.* 37 *&* 38.

Collection No. 16 in the Packet.

5. We beg to request that the original note of hand granted to John D'Gama by Captain R. K. Watt, 43d Regiment N. I., and enclosed in that individual's Memorial to your Honorable Court, forwarded with our despatch of 24th August 1855, No. 115, para. 1, may be returned for delivery to him, as he has applied for it.

6. With reference to your Honorable Court's despatch, 11th June 1856, No. 61, paras. 1 to 3, on the subject of the experimental manufacture of shot and shell by the Iron Company at Beypore, we have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Military Board promising to furnish a report of the results---and observing, with reference to your remarks regarding the extent to which we had sanctioned the trial of the experiment by the Beypore Company, that, as it has been made a distinct condition that inferior articles would positively be rejected, and as it is understood that the castings will be regulated with re-

Dy. to Cons. 9th September 1856, *Nos.* 34 *&* 35.

No. 17 in the Packet.

ference to the quantity examined and passed by the Board from time to time, there would be every security against loss.

7. We beg to support the request contained in the 5th para., of the Board's letter that a supply of the most complete instruments for gauging shot and shell and for testing their accuracy as to surface, dentity, &c., may be obtained from Mr. Whitworth and forwarded overland.

8. In continuation of paras. 3 and 4 of our letter No. 80, of 5th July 1856, we have the honor to forward, for your information, the accompanying correspondence between the Commissioner of Nagpore and the Brigadier Commanding the Nagpore Force, on the subject of the observations made by us in Minutes of Consultation 5th May 1856, No. 1036, on the case of Captain Macgregor and Lieutenant Vallance.

Dy. to Cons. 26th August 1856, *Nos.* 43 *to* 46.

No. 18 in the Packet.

9. The Commander-in-Chief having proposed that the Commissioner's letter to the Brigadier, 28th July 1856, No. 49, should be read to the Officers of the Nagpore Force, and which is in accordance with the Commissioner's request in the concluding part of that letter, we intimated that we had no objection to its being done.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
28th *Septr.* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ PATRICK GRANT,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 117 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

With reference to former correspondence regarding the employment of Deputy Assistant Commissary Curran and two Artificers from the Gun Carriage Manufactory, we beg to request that they may not be sent back to India until the Artificers may be reported to be fully qualified in the particular work for which they are required.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
25*th Septr.* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ PATRICK GRANT,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 118 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

Dy. to Cons. 26th August 1856, *No.* 22.

No. 2 *in the Packet.*

1. We have permitted Surgeon John Grant, M. D., to retire from the Service from the 28th August 1856, the date of his embarkation for Europe, on a pension of £191 per annum.

Cons. 26th August 1856, *Nos.* 55 & 56 *with*
,, 12*th February* 1856, *Nos.* 118 *to* 120.
,, 6*th May* 1856, *Nos.* 137 & 138.
Dy. to Cons. 2d Septr. 1856, *Nos.* 116 & 117.

Collection No. 3 *in the Packet.*

2. With reference to para. 5 of your despatch, 7th May 1856, No. 46, we have the honor to transmit for your information the accompanying letter from the Adjutant General of the Army reporting that the establishment of the temporary Hospital at Bangalore for the reception and treatment of diseased females has proved very successful, and to state that on the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief that it should be kept up as at present constituted, we have sanctioned the continuance of the existing arrangements, until further orders.

3. We beg also to submit the enclosed correspondence relating to the grant by the Government of India, on our recommendation, of a conveyance allowance of Rupees 30 per mensem to Assistant Surgeon Kane for such consecutive period as he may have been in sole charge of the Hospital.

Cons. 26*th August* 1856, *Nos.* 59 & 60.

No. 4 *in the Packet.*

4. In reply to your despatch, 21st May 1856, No. 55, we have the honor to forward a letter from Assistant Surgeon W. H. Davids, explaining his reasons for not having of late made any remittances to England for the support of his wife and child, and intimating his intention to renew the payment to her of Rupees 50 (£5) per mensem from September next, and to increase the allowance after his liabilities are paid off.

Cons. 26*th August* 1856, *Nos.* 63 & 64.

No. 5 *in the Packet.*

5. We have the honor to lay before your Honorable Court, the accompanying communication from the Adjutant General of the Army, enclosing one from Brevet Major Hillyard, 14th Regiment N. I., bringing to notice his services during the Chinese War, with a view to Brevet rank being conferred on him, and conveying the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation that that Officer's claim to promotion may be favorably considered.

Dy. to Cons. 8th July 1856, *Nos.* 56 & 57.
„ *29th* „ „ „ 129 & 130.
„ *19th Aug.* „ „ 158 & 159.

Collection No. 647 *in the Packet.*

6. We forward a Packing Account of Clothing Stores received from England per ship "Northumberland"—together with the Proceedings of a Committee thereon.

7. The value of two pieces of Serjeant Major's Oxford Mixture received in a damaged state and certified to be chargeable to the ship, namely, Rupees 449-2-5, will be deducted from her Freight Bill.

8. We beg at the same time to inform your Honorable Court that a quantity of Super Oxford Mixture received by the same vessel having been pronounced unfit for Army purposes, being spotted throughout and otherwise damaged, we instructed the Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing to take measures to have the same specially examined by persons of experience in order to a decisive report being obtained as to the probable cause of damage.

9. The examination having accordingly been made by two Mercantile persons, Mr. Franck and Mr. Norfor, who were considered to be qualified for the duty, the Superintendent and Agent for Clothing submitted their report, in which the damage is attributed to the Clothing having been packed in a damp state—both the inner and outer covering of the bales being found in perfect order.

10. We have therefore, under the instructions conveyed in the 2d para. of your Honorable Court's despatch, 16th June 1847, No. 39, authorised the re-shipment of the Woollens in question to England.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3rd *October* 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ PATRICK GRANT,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 119 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We beg to forward the accompanying correspondence relating to 1st Class Subadar Venkiah, late of the Gun Lascar Establishment attached to the Artillery, who served nearly fifty years, and to report that in consideration of the length and meritorious character of his services, we have authorised his being pensioned on full pay, subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Court.

Cons. 4th January 1856, *No.* 122.
„ 16*th September* 1856, *Nos.* 55 *to* 57.

Collection No. 9 *in the Packet.*

2. We submit for your favorable consideration the case of Gunner A. Brue, No. 3950, of the 2d Battalion Artillery, who has been ordered to be discharged, before having served the prescribed period, in consequence of unfitness for further duty from defective vision contracted while on foreign service, but whom the Commander-in-Chief recommends for pension.

Dy. to Cons. 9th Septr. 1856, *Nos.* 108 & 109.

No. 10 *in the Packet.*

3. Having obtained from the Government of Bombay a Rifle Musket of the pattern proposed for the Army by Lieutenant Colonel J. Jacob, C. B., of the Bombay Artillery, we beg to request, with a view to its trial at this Presidency, that your Honorable Court will cause to be furnished to us twelve copies of a pamphlet by that Officer on Rifle Practice, and of which it is understood that a new edition is being published by Messrs. Smith Elder and Co., 65, Cornhill, London.

4. With reference to the correspondence forwarded with our despatch of 11th April 1856, No. 53, paras 1 to 5, we have the honor to transmit the accompanying papers containing a statement received from the Committee on the produce and resources of India as regards the requirements of the public service, and prepared at our request, exhibiting the comparative cost of certain Tools supplied from England and of similar articles of country manufacture, together with a report of the Committee on the prospect of procuring future supplies of Stores in India, at a cost which will contrast favorably with the price of English articles.

Dy. to Cons. 3*d June* 1856, *Nos.* 71 & 72.
„ 1*st July* „ „ 28 & 29.
„ 9*th Sept.* „ „ 58 & 59.

Collection No. 11 *in the Packet.*

5. Adverting to your despatch of 3d January 1845, No. 2, para. 34, authorising, in consideration of the distinguished services of Pensioned Subadar Major Iyana, Sirdar Bahadoor, formerly of the 38th Regiment N. I., the grant to his son of a reversionary pension of Rupees 15 per month, and your subsequent des-

Dy. to Cons. 9th Septr. 1856, *Nos.* 26 & 27.

No. 12 *in the Packet.*

patch of 24th February 1847, No. 8, para. 41, sanctioning the admission of the Subadar's daughter Naugamah to the above pension—the son having died before his father, we beg to submit, for the consideration of your Honorable Court, an application from Mungamah, the widow of the deceased Subadar, praying that the pension in question, which has been discontinued in consequence of the recent death of the recipient, may now be transferred to her, for her support—together with a letter from the Adjutant General of the Army conveying the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation for a compliance therewith.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3d October 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ PATRICK GRANT,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 120 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS

OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

We beg to reply to your Military Despatches dated 27th May, 11th and 25th June, and 2d and 9th July 1856, Nos. 58—67.

Letter (reply), 27th May 1856, No. 58.

Observe that, with the evidence of the permanent nature of Col. Rose's disqualification before Government, he should have been required to appear immediately before an Invaliding Committee, or to apply for permission to retire from the service. Intimate that if the leave on Medical Certificate until 11th August 1857, has been granted on the production of medical evidence, testifying to the probability of his recovery, they will approve of the indulgence on the distinct understanding that, if at the close of the term, the disability shall still continue, he shall then be invalided, or placed on the Retired List.

2. Replied to in letter dated 25th September 1856, No. 114 para. 1.

Letter, 11th June 1856, No. 59.

Forward, for the use of the Madras Artillery, copy of plans, practice reports, and other documents selected by Captain Hutchinson from the records of the Select Committee of Artillery at Woolwich.

3. Forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief.

Letter, 11th June 1856, No. 60.

Transmit documents connected with certain Chelsea Out Pensioners, whose pensions are payable at the places therein mentioned, and chargeable to the Chelsea Hospital accounts.

4. Attended to.

Letter, 11th June 1856, No. 61.

Paras. 1-3. Remark on the proposition for the supply of Shot and Shell by the Beypore Indian Iron Company, and the manufacture of projectiles by Government. Approve of experiments being made for the supply of projectiles on the spot, but consider however that the experiment might have been sufficiently tried by the Beypore Company on a more limited scale than that specified; and will look with interest for the result. Observe that Shot and Shell can be best obtained in India by contract and not by Government undertaking the manufacture, and that the result of the engagement with the Iron Company should have been ascertained before incurring any expense for erecting a Cupola furnace, and especially in the Arsenal of Fort Saint George, which ought not to be converted into a manufacturing establishment.

5. Noticed in letter dated 25th September 1856, No. 116 paras. 6 & 7.

Letter (reply), 25th June 1856, No. 62.

Sanction the retention permanently by the 5th Regiment Native Infantry of the Red Glengary Cap. State their repugnance to authorise any change in the dress or equipment of Native Troops that would be distasteful to them, but observe that a change in the Head Dress to a Kilmarnock Bonnet or Glengary Cap for the Madras Native Infantry generally might be acceptable and be an improvement in their Military equipment. Observe that they would fully approve of Government complying with propositions coming from Regiments to adopt this change.

6. Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, and the Clothing Department.

Letter (reply), 2d July 1856, No. 63.

Paras. 1-21.

7. Need on reply.

22.—Approve of the decision to manufacture BugleHorns atMadras, and desire to be furnished with a pattern of the same, and with a statement of its cost.

8. Will be attended to.

Letter, 2d July 1856, No. 64.

Desire that a distinct return of all arms, Accoutrements, Great Coats, or other property belonging to the East India Company, put on board ship for the use of H. M.'s Regiments leaving India, be furnished to them, and that special directions be given to the Officer in Command of the Troops on each vessel to forward on his arrival in England, with the least practicable delay, all such property addressed to the Company's Inspector of Military Stores.

9. We have communicated this Despatch to the proper Departments, with the necessary instructions.

Letter, 9th July 1856, No. 65.

Paras. 1, 2. Permit certain Officers to return to their duty, and forward copy of the report of their examining physician under which Lieut. Colonel Russell has received their permission to return.

3. State that the permission to return granted to Lieut. H. A. Graham has been cancelled.

4, 5. Intimate that extension of leave has been granted to certain Officers, and that Captain J. Wood, 2d European Regiment, has been permitted to retire from the service—the vacancy having effect from 6th April 1856.

6. Mention the Officers who have formed the second class to undergo instruction at the School of musketry at Hythe, and forward a copy of a report as to their competency or otherwise to instruct in the theory and practice of musketry.

10. Paras. 2 and 6 have been communicated to the Commander-in-Chief, and the rest published in G. O.

Letter, 9th July 1856, No. 66.

Resolve, with reference to their letter on the examination of Cadets appointed when abroad, that those candidates who are not found qualified on their first examination may be allowed a second trial within the next ensuing twelve months, and that, if not found qualified at a second trial, they are to be deemed ineligible for another examination for a direct appointment.

11. Communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.

Letter, 9th July 1856, No. 67.

Authorise the discharge of Gunner John Yeomans, No. 4194, of the Horse Artillery, and the provision of a passage for him—his friends in England having paid for the same.

12. Instructions have been issued accordingly.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3d October 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" PATRICK GRANT,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

"

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

No. 121 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We have the honor to forward the accompanying report from the Adjutant General of the Army, of the removals of certain Lieutenant Colonels, which the Commander-in-Chief has ordered, for the reasons stated therein.

Dy. to Cons. 23d Septr. 1856, Nos. 116 & 117.

No. 15 in the Packet.

2. We have transferred Store Serjeant G. Perry, of the Ordnance Department, to the Non Effective Establishment on the Superior pension authorised to Serjeants in G. O. G. 20th March 1820, subject to your confirmation.

Dy. to Cons. 16th Septr. 1856, Nos. 44 & 45.

No. 16 in the Packet.

3. In reply to your Honorable Court's despatch, 23d July 1856, No. 78, we beg to report that the Clothing Agent has intimated to us that the shares of the balance of Off-Reckonings for the year 1853 due to Major Generals A. Derville and R. J. H. Vivian have not been paid on their account in this country.

Dy. to Cons. 23d Septr. 1856, Nos. 73 & 74.

No. 17 in the Packet.

4. We beg to request that your Honorable Court will be pleased to cause it to be communicated to Major General T. S. Pratt, C. B., and Colonel O. Felix, late Deputy Adjutant General and Deputy Quarter Master General of Her Majesty's Forces at this Presidency, that they have been admitted to the benefits of the decision passed by your Honorable Court in para. 20 of your Military despatch to the Government of India, No. 93, dated 17th June 1856, in regard to the grant of the full batta of their Regimental rank for the period of their residence in India after relief from their appointments, and that we have issued instructions to the proper Departments here for passing the allowance to them.

Dy. to Cons. 2d Septr. 1856, Nos. 127 & 128.

No. 18 in the Packet.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3d October 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

„ PATRICK GRANT,

„ WALTER ELLIOT,

„

(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

No. 122 OF 1856.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

HONORABLE SIRS,

1. We beg to lay before your Honorable Court the accompanying letter from the Military Board 6th September 1853, No. 153, intimating, with reference to paras. 1 and 2 of your Honorable Court's despatch, 21st May 1856, No. 56, regarding the provision of 68 Pounder Guns of 95 Cwt. for Singapore and Fort Saint George, that they have as yet received only six Pieces of the above description, with 1000 eight inch shells; but without any solid shot—and stating, with reference to the remarks in the 4th para. of the above despatch, regarding the supply of Projectiles for 56 Pounder Guns, that only 1000 have been received.

Dy. to Cons. 16*th Septr.* 1856, *Nos.* 33 *&* 34.
" 23*d* " " " 100 *to* 102.

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2. We solicit your Honorable Court's attention to the earnest request made in Paras. 10 and 11 of the Military Board's letter, that the required number of Guns to complete the allotment to 33, as specified in your despatch under notice may be sent out, with suitable Projectiles for the 68 and 56 Pounder Guns.

3. Final orders regarding the disposal of the 56 Pounders now at Singapore, are meanwhile postponed.

4. We also forward for your consideration a communication from the Military Board observing, with reference to the rates of windage fixed by the Government of India for the condemnation of Iron and Brass Guns, that the adoption of the same scale at this Presidency, with a view to uniformity, will lead to a considerable number of Pieces being pronounced unserviceable—and urging the early despatch to India of all Iron Ordnance of different Calibres applied for by the Board and still due upon their Indents.

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" 2*d* " " " 103 *&* 104.

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5. It being considered desirable to furnish the Medical, Engineer, and other Departments with copies of a Pamphlet, (to which our attention was drawn by the Medical Board) "On the defects with reference to the Plan of Construction and Ventilation of most of our Hospitals for the reception of the sick and wound-

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ed," by John Roberton, L. R. C. S.—reprinted from the 'Transactions of the Manchester Statistical Society'—and reviewed at page 49 of the "Lancet" of 12th July 1856, we beg to request that your Honorable Court will be pleased to obtain and forward to us a hundred copies of the same, for distribution.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
3 & 4 October 1856.

We have &c.,

(Signed.) HARRIS,

" PATRICK GRANT,

" WALTER ELLIOT,

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(True Copy.)

Secretary to Government.

