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EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILIAN AND POLICE OFFICERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN MESOPOTAMIA.

(NOTES IN THE MILITARY SECRETARY'S BRANCH.)

The recent fighting in Mesopotamia has resulted in the following heavy losses among British Officers of the Indian Army.

From 1st January to 20th April 1916.

Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.	P. of W.	Total.
90	179	14	2	294

So far it has only been possible to send 112* *regular* officers to replace these and the result is that in Mesopotamia there are Regiments badly in need of British Officers while we cannot afford to send any more regular British Officers on service from our already seriously depleted Indian Regiments in India.

There are at present very few Indian Army Reserve Officers fit for service, particularly in Infantry Regiments except those Indian Civil Service and Police Officers whom we may not send out of India.

The sanction accorded by the Secretary of State to the despatch on service of 30 Indian Army Reserve Officers who belong to the Indian Civil Service† and Indian Police with under 10

†17 I. C. S. and 13 Police.
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years' service assisted us in making good the previous losses and it is now for consideration whether more of these valuable officers should be asked for.

†Fagan
Eyton
Tyler
Hankinson
§A. H. Gordon
E. B. Belcher
||E. Jones
¶W. B. Cotton
J. E. B. Hotson
F. H. Puckle
H. G. Haig
P. F. Stuart
W. A. Knyvett
P. E. Higgs
••V. W. Wahl
C. F. Grant
A. F. Freemantle.
A. B. Duncan
††T. P. M. O'Callaghan . Police.

} I.C.S.

} Police.

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In addition to this thirty, sanction has been accorded to the despatch on service of four‡ I.C.S. officers; two§ Police Officers were despatched before the prohibition came into force; one|| I.C.S. officer was appointed while serving in Force "D"; while seven¶ are serving under North-West Frontier Province and Baluchistan, and four** are on service in Sistan; and one†† was sent to 6th Jats in February 1916.

There are still 24 I.C.S. and 6 Police Officers who are available but who under existing orders may not be sent on field service out of India.

The service in their departments of these officers is as follows:—

	I.C.S.	Police.
Under ten years	16	5
Between 10 and 15 years	6	1
Over 15 years	2	0

In view of the condition of Indian Regiments on service and the fact that it is not possible‡‡ to send more regular officers to them, will Your Excellency approve of application being made for permission to send on service all I.C.S. and Police Officers belonging to the Indian Army Reserve, who are still in India.

If the Home Department cannot agree to all these officers being sent on service perhaps the cases of those with under 10 years' service might be considered.

T. E. SCOTT,—31-5-16.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

As proposed.

B. D[UFF],—1-6-16.

T. E. SCOTT,—2-6-16.

The file may be referred to the Home Department with reference to the Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief's note dated the 31st May 1916.

G. D. OGILVIE,—2-6-16.

Home Department.

Two * lists prepared from information obtained informally from the Military Secretary's Branch, showing the names and length of service of the 24 Indian Civil Service and 6 Police Officers

* *Vide* Appendix.

referred to by Colonel Scott are placed below.

It is for orders whether the Secretary of State should be addressed in regard to all the officers concerned or only those with less than 10 years' service. The local Governments and Administrations concerned will also have to be consulted.

A. L.,—7-6-16.

We should first ask the local Governments and Administrations concerned if they agree to let their officers go.

S. R. HIGNELL,—8-6-16.

We shall have to address the Secretary of State eventually if the idea is to be pursued, but we may in the first place ascertain the views of the local Governments concerned, without prejudice to any decision which may ultimately be come to.

H. WHEELER,—8-6-16.

We must ask the local Governments—though I do not anticipate objection.

R. H. C[RADDOCK],—8-6-16.

Wire to those concerned as follows :—"Owing to the urgent demands for officers for Mesopotamia would local Governments object to proceeding on active service if required by Military authorities."

H. WHEELER,—8-6-16.

Pro. No. 556 TELEGRAM TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY, BENGAL, UNITED PROVINCES, BURMA, BIHAR AND ORISSA AND ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES AND ASSAM, NO. 1862, DATED THE 8TH JUNE 1916 AND ENDORSEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB, NO. 1864, DATED THE 8TH JUNE 1916.

Pro. No. 557 TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, NO. 1341-A. D., DATED THE 9TH JUNE 1916.

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Pro. No. 559 TELEGRAM FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL PROVINCES, NO. C-491, DATED THE 9TH JUNE 1916.

Pro. No. 560 TELEGRAM FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF ASSAM, NO. 3491-P., DATED THE 9TH JUNE 1916.

Pro. No. 561 TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, NO. 772, DATED THE 10TH JUNE 1916.

Pro. No. 562 TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED PROVINCES, DATED THE 10TH JUNE 1916.

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR AND ORISSA, NO. 2173-P., DATED THE 10TH PRO. NO. 563
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TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, NO. 309-P., DATED THE 12TH JUNE 1916. PRO. NO. 564

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB, NO. 154-MILY.—1, DATED THE 15TH JUNE PRO. NO. 565
1916.

Submitted with reference to Secretary's note of the 8th instant. None of the local Governments have any objection to their officers proceeding on active service.

A. L.,—17-6-16.

The next step is with His Excellency's approval to ask the Secretary of State to agree to these officers proceeding on active service. I put up a draft telegram. I have assumed the eight civilians with more than 10 years' service will be included in the reference.

S. R. HIGNELL,—19-6-16.

I agree that we should put this to the Secretary of State, although his attitude is doubtful.

Army Department may see the draft before it goes to His Excellency.

H. WHEELER,—19-6-16.

R. H. C[RADDOCK],—19-6-16.

Army Department.

Seen and returned with thanks.

T. E. SCOTT,—20-6-16.

Seen in the Army Department and returned with thanks.

G. D. OGILVIE,—20-6-16.

B. HOLLOWAY,—20-6-16.

Home Department.

The draft telegram to the Secretary of State may now be submitted for His Excellency's approval with the draft summary below.

A. L.,—22-6-16.

S. R. HIGNELL,—22-6-16.

Summary.

This file deals with a proposal to send to Mesopotamia on active service certain of the Indian Civil Service and Police Officers at present in the Indian Army Reserve who are fit for service but who under existing orders of the Secretary of State cannot be sent on service without his express permission.

Appendix.

The Army Department represent that in view of the condition of Indian regiments on service and the fact that it is not possible to send more Regular Officers to them except as wounded officers recover, it is very desirable that all these officers who are now fully trained, be allowed to proceed on service to replace the heavy casualties in British Officers recently suffered by the Indian Regiments in Mesopotamia.

The local Governments and Administrations who have been consulted have all readily agreed to their officers proceeding on service.

With His Excellency's approval it is now proposed to obtain the Secretary of State's concurrence and a draft telegram is accordingly submitted for approval.

H. WHEELER,—22-6-16.

Private Secretary to the Viceroy.

C[HEMSPORD],—23-6-16.

Pro. No. 566

TELEGRAM TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, NO. 1983, DATED THE 24TH JUNE 1916.

Pro. No. 567

TELEGRAM FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DATED THE 26TH JUNE 1916.

The answers to the Secretary of State's queries are as follows :—

- *The number in Mesopotamia is not known. (1) 26 *Civilians on service and seven serving on the North-West Frontier and in Baluchistan.
- (2) There are at present 24 Civilians in the Indian Army Reserve.
- (3) We cannot answer this query without a reference to local Governments and Administrations, as the source of our information with regard to this, the various Civil Lists, is now three months old, so that the information will not be up to date, and besides to make a comparison with the theoretical leave reserves, we will have to know the number of officers on leave in India, and this we are not in a position to ascertain. A draft telegram to local Governments and Administrations is accordingly submitted for approval.

The answer to the last query is in the affirmative.

After issue of the draft, we may ask the Foreign and Political Department kindly to give us similar information with regard to Indian Civil Service officers in the Political Department.

A. L.,—5-7-16.

Let Establishments Branch first see the draft telegram and say if it is likely to elicit the information we require to answer the Secretary of State's question no. 3.

As regards no. 2. Army Department may see after despatch of the telegram. The number may have undergone change. Similarly after issue Foreign and Political Department may be asked as to the last paragraph of the preceding office note.

The reference to that and the Army Department had better be made simultaneously and separately to save time.

S. R. HIGNELL,—6-7-16.

Slight additions have been made to the draft to make matters clear. As regards officers serving directly under the Government of India, we may obtain the necessary information also from the Finance and Commerce and Industry Departments as from the Foreign and Political Department, extracts from the papers being sent simultaneously † to these Departments.

† Done.

R. M. G.,—6-7-16.

S. R. HIGNELL,—7-7-16.

Pro. No. 568 TELEGRAM TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY, BENGAL, UNITED PROVINCES, BURMA, BIHAR AND ORISSA AND ADMINISTRATIONS OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES AND ASSAM, NO. 2108, DATED THE 7TH JULY 1916 AND ENDORSEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB, NO. 2109, DATED THE 7TH JULY 1916.

[NOTES IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.]

The Accounts cadre provides for five civilians in all: three Accountant-Generals and two in class I of the General List with one as reserve for leave. Of these the following are at present absent from India on leave or duty :—

1. W. H. Michael (on leave).
2. M. F. Gauntlett (on deputation under the Board of Admiralty).
3. A. M. Brigstocke (on leave).
4. J. F. Graham (on deputation under the War Office).

Before, however, we give this information to the Home Department, the Comptroller General may see unofficially.

A. A. L. PARSONS,—11-7-16.

Comptroller-General.

Seen. Mr. Graham has been killed in action.

B. A. GAMBLE,—12-7-16.

Finance Department.

May now be passed on to the Home Department.

A. A. L. PARSONS,—12-7-16.

Commerce and Industry Department.

The answers to the Home Department queries are as follows :—

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| (1) Number of Civilians absent on leave from India on 1st July 1916 | 3 |
| (2) Number of Civilians absent on duty from India on 1st July 1916 | Nil |
| (3) Number of Civilians on leave in India on 1st July 1916 | 1 |

I. D. ELLIOTT,—12-7-16.

Foreign and Political Department.

We are asked to state with regard to Indian Civil Service officers in the Political Department the total number absent on 1st July from India, on leave or duty, including military duty, also number on leave in India.

2. No officer of the Indian Civil Service belonging to the Political Department was absent on leave in India on the 1st July. The following were absent from India on leave or duty, including military duty on that date.

1. Mr. H. R. C. Dobbs.—On special duty as Revenue Commissioner, Basrah.
2. Mr. A. T. Holme.—On leave.
3. Mr. F. W. Johnston.—On leave (employed in a civilian capacity in the Ministry of Munitions during leave).
4. Mr. P. J. G. Pipon.—Employed as Interpreter under the War Office.
5. Mr. W. H. J. Wilkinson.—Employed as Interpreter under the War Office.
6. L. W. Reynolds.—Employed as Press Officer under War Office on Interpreter's terms.
7. Mr. E. B. Howell.—Political Agent and Consul, Maskat (An ordinary cadre appointment in Political Department.)
8. Mr. T. B. Copeland.—On leave.
9. Mr. P. B. Warburton.—On leave.

R. C. A.,—12-7-16.

R. CHENEVIX TRENCH,—12-7-16.

Home Department.

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS, NO. 906, DATED THE 8TH JULY 1916. PRO. NO. 569

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, NO. 578-P, DATED THE 10TH JULY 1916. PRO. NO. 570

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL, NO. 6341-A, DATED THE 8TH JULY 1916. PRO. NO. 571

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED PROVINCES, DATED THE 8TH JULY 1916. PRO. NO. 572

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BURMA, NO. 430, DATED THE 8TH JULY 1916. PRO. NO. 573

TELEGRAM FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR AND ORISSA, NO. 3241-A, DATED THE 8TH JULY 1916. PRO. NO. 574

MEMORANDUM FROM THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL PROVINCES, DATED THE 10TH JULY 1916. PRO. NO. 575

TELEGRAM FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ASSAM, NO. 4162-J, DATED THE 8TH JULY 1916. PRO. NO. 576

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB, NO. 318-GAZ.—1, DATED THE 14TH JULY 1916. PRO. NO. 577

The information supplied by the local Governments and Administrations in reply to our telegram of the 8th instant, and that received from the Foreign and Political, Commerce and Industry, and Finance Departments is summarised in the statement below :—

Province or Department.	ABSENT FROM INDIA.		IN INDIA.		On military duty, whether in or out of India uncertain.
	On leave.	On duty.	On leave.	On duty (non-regular.)	
Madras	20	4		5	3
Bombay	19		5		10
Bengal	19	2	0		6
United Provinces	24	7	19	...	
Punjab	21	11	10	8	
Burma	8	...	1		25
Bihar and Orissa	16		1		8
Central Provinces.	13	2	6		
Assam	8	1	1		6
Finance Department	2	1			
Commerce and Industry Department	3		1	...	
Foreign and Political Department	3	5			...
TOTAL	151		46		

Before framing a reply to the Secretary of State's telegram, we may ask the Army Department kindly to state:—

- (1) The number of civilians and military officers permanently borne on the various Indian Civil Service cadres, whose services have been placed at their disposal for employment in a military or semi-military capacity such as the Indian Army Reserve, Censors, etc.
- (2) The number of the officers referred to above, who were on the 1st July serving out of India, and
- (3) the number serving in India.

The Army Department may also be asked kindly to state whether the replies to the Secretary of State's questions (1) and (2), as given in the office note of the 5th instant are correct, and if the information is not up to date kindly to make the necessary corrections.

G. C. S.,—17-7-16.

A. L.,—19-7-16.

(The Secretary of State has reminded and we should be obliged if Army Department will let us have the file back very quickly.)

W. BOOTH-GRAVELY,—19-7-16.

Army Department.

There were on the 1st July 57 Indian Civil Service and 25 Indian Police Officers in the Indian Army Reserve, of whom the following were on field service:—

	Mesopotamia.	East Africa.	Egypt.	France	Aden.	Sistan.
Indian Civil Service	15	1		3		4
Police	9		2	3		

This Branch has no information regarding Indian Civil Service officers acting as Censors.

B. M. NICOLAY,—20-7-16.

Deputy Chief Censor.

The Censorship staff in India includes at present seven Indian Civil Service officers (three at Bombay, two at Karachi, one at Rangoon—all in the Postal Censorship—and one at Simla—Mr. Ker, the 'Press Adviser') and two military civilians (Major Ferrar, Postal Censor, Bombay, and Major Sanford, Assistant in my office.)

C. KAYE,—20-7-16.

There are 57 Indian Civil Service officers in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers. Of these 23 are on active service beyond the frontiers of India, and 34 at ordinary duty in India, seven of this latter number being attached to Frontier Militia in the North-West Frontier Province.

In addition seven Indian Civil Service and two military members of the Punjab Commission are on censor duty.

Total civilian officers on military duty—66, of whom 43 are on duty in India.

G. D. OGILVIE,—22-7-16.

Home Department.

TELEGRAM FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DATED THE 18TH JULY 1916.

Pro. No. 57

The statistics given above are not sufficient for our purposes, as they do not appear to be complete. No mention is made of the military members of the various commissions who have been recalled to active military duty and sent on service. We know that in the beginning of the war quite a number were recalled from Burma, but how many have gone on service we do not know.

The comparison asked for by the Secretary of State in his third question, will presumably have to be made province by province; it would therefore be convenient if the Army Department would kindly let us know separately for each province the number of Indian Civil Service officers and military members of the commissions who have joined military duty. The numbers on duty in India and out of India should be separately shown. The Army Department will also kindly say whether any of the officers named on pages 4 and 5 of these notes are included in their statement.

Through Establishment Section.
R. M. G.

J. A. W.,—25-7-16.

W. BOOTH-GRAVELLY,—26-7-16.

Army Department.

Appendix.

Deputy Chief Censor may see for necessary action, *vide* this Branch lists, etc.

B. M. NICOLAY,—29-7-16.

Deputy Chief Censor.

List of officers of the Indian Civil Service who, on July 1st, 1916, were employed in India on Censorship duty is placed below.

Appendix.

There are also three Military Civilians employed on Censorship duty (my note of 20th July 1916, said two, but this was wrong) whose names are on the list—Major Brown, of the Burma Commission (Postal Censor, Rangoon), and Majors Sanford and Ferrar of the Punjab Commission (Assistant Censor in my office and Postal Censor, Bombay, respectively). Major E. Dawson, I. A. R. O., Cable Censor, Rangoon, is a member of the Burma Provincial service, but not Indian Civil Service; so I suppose that the exclusion of his name is not necessary. There are no Police Officers now employed in the Censorship.

C. KAYE,—29-7-16.

Military Secretary's Branch.

Appendix.

The required information will be found in the lists placed below.

B. M. NICOLAY,—31-7-16.

Secretary.

The file may now be returned to the Home Department.

G. D. OGILVIE,—1-8-16.

Home Department.

The information collected from the various sources mentioned in the previous notes is tabulated in the statement below. The totals

Appendix.

of officers given by the Army Department as serving under them do not in some cases tally with those given by certain local Governments as the total number of their officers absent on military duty. Where this has happened the difference has been taken as representing the number of officers who have obtained permission to undertake military duty from the Secretary of State and these figures have accordingly been included among the number of officers absent on military duty out of India. The figures in the last column include the Indian Civil Service officers of 1914 and probationers attached to Territorial Units in India.

	ABSENT FROM INDIA.		IN INDIA.	
	On leave.	On duty.	On leave.	On duty.
Madras	23	5	2	7
Bombay	19	6	5	6
Bengal	19	5	0	5
United Provinces	27	14	19	7
Punjab	23	12	10	8
Burma	9	7	1	16
Bihar and Orissa	16	4	2	4
Central Provinces	14	2	6	4
Assam	3	3	1	4
Total	153	58	46	63

The following statement shows, province by province, the theoretical leave reserves of the Indian Civil Service available together with the actual number of officers away from their regular duties both in and outside India. It will be seen that in most cases the totals of the latter exceed the leave reserves available, but the Secretary of State's enquiry is only in regard to those on leave or duty out of India. We cannot draw a strict comparison in regard to them, since no proportion has been laid down for leave *ex* India alone. But as those on leave or duty in India are theoretically available for immediate recall there is perhaps no necessity to take them into consideration at all:—

	*Theoretical leave reserves.	ABSENT FROM THEIR REGULAR DUTIES.	
		In India.	Out of India.
Madras	36.0	9	28
Bombay	35.6	11	25
Bengal	38.4	5	24
United Provinces	48.7	26	41
Punjab	31.2	13	35
Burma	35.6	19	16
Bihar and Orissa	24.6	6	20
Central Provinces	21.2	10	16
Assam	10.5	5	6
Total	281.7	109	211

* For basis of calculation please see the Home Department Despatch no. 25 of 1909 (Establishments) and Establishments Branch note, dated the 19th March 1916.

The above information now places us in a position to reply to the Secretary of State's telegram of the 26th June 1916 and a draft telegram is accordingly submitted for approval. A sentence has been added to this draft explaining the circumstances of Mr. C. M. Collett's case and asking for the Secretary of State's concurrence to his remaining in France, in accordance with Deputy Secretary's order of the 4th August on another file.

Before the draft issues the case may be submitted to His Excellency?

J. A. W.,—5-8-16.

I have checked the figures except those relating to the theoretical leave reserve, for checking
Through Establishments Branch. which Establishments Branch may be held responsible.
R. M. G.

2. As regards the other figures I have amended one or two and they are now as correct as can be guaranteed without checking them all with individual names. There may be (and probably are) minor inaccuracies but these are unavoidable on the information before us, and the total must be approximately correct. It would cause delay to obtain further information, and this is to be avoided both because the military authorities want these men quickly and because the Secretary of State has reminded us.

3. The draft is purely technical and His Excellency need hardly be troubled. It includes a reference to Mr. Collett's case, mentioned on another file.

W. BOOTH-GRAVELY,—9-8-16.

The figures for officers in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers and on leave must continually fluctuate, and those shown in the draft are sufficiently accurate for the Secretary of State's purposes. The telegram may issue. His Excellency need not be troubled.

S. R. HIGNELL,—10-8-16.

R. H. C[RAVDOCK],—11-8-16.

TELEGRAM TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, NO. 2373, DATED THE 11TH AUGUST 1916.

Pro. No. 579

TELEGRAM FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DATED THE 9TH AUGUST 1916.

Pro. No. 580

The file on this subject has been submitted.

J. A. W.,—11-8-16.

Orders have been passed. Get out the telegram at once.

W. BOOTH-GRAVELY,—11-8-16.

TELEGRAM FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DATED THE 16TH AUGUST 1916.

Pro. No. 581

Submitted. No reference to local Governments and Administrations regarding the subject matter of the communications from the India Office which are referred to in this telegram has been made as yet and it would therefore appear difficult to obtain expeditiously their further views with regard to these Indian Civil Service officers proceeding out of this country on active service in special reference to the correspondence referred to by the Secretary of State. In our first telegram to the Secretary of State on this subject,—that of the 24th June 1916,—we informed him that local Governments and Administrations had readily agreed to their officers proceeding on service, but this does not appear to have been sufficient. It will be noticed that the Secretary of State has made no reference to the case of Mr. C. M. Collett. We may therefore take it that he has no desire to have him recalled.

As regards the Police Officers, the Army Department may be informed that the five named in the list below can now be sent on service.

Appendix.

J. A. W.,—18-8-16.

I have informed Captain Ogilvie of the Secretary of State's decision that the five police officers may be sent on active service.

2. Most of the papers referred to by the Secretary of State in connection with the Indian civilians are with Secretary, and as I have not seen them, I am not aware of their effect. I think, however, that the Secretary of State exaggerates the present difficulties, for local Governments would never have consented to allow additional officers to go to the Indian Army Reserve if they could not have spared them.

3. As regards the future, we must surely trust local Governments not to let more men go than they can anticipate to spare until the end of the war. Any how whether these 24 civilians are sent on active service or not, it will make no difference to the civil administration for they are just as unavailable for that purpose while in India as they would be in Mesopotamia.

4. The only point, therefore, is whether so many of them are likely to be killed or invalidated or otherwise rendered unavailable for future service as to make an appreciable difference to the future civil administration. This is hardly likely and in any case I think that the present military necessities are so urgent that we should, if necessary, face this difficulty as regards the future.

5. Apparently, however, under the terms of the Secretary of State's telegram, we shall have to consult local Governments again as regards these 24 officers; but unless any of them now raises objection, we may definitely decide that they should be allowed to go.

W. BOOTH-GRAVELY,—19-8-16.

By the time the Secretary of State's telegram dated August 1916, reached us the *Mr. C. M. Collett's case has been dealt with emergent necessity for sending the 23 * Civilians separately. concerned to Mesopotamia had passed and in view of the Secretary of State's reluctant consent I

S. R. HIGNELL. arranged with Colonel Deane (Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief) that he would only apply to us in individual cases, where urgent necessity existed, for permission to send these officers overseas. In pursuance of this policy Military Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has from time to time sent us applications for the services of a certain number of the officers concerned, which have been dealt with on the merits. In two cases—those of Messrs. Andrew and Dewar—the military authorities withdrew their original request for the employment of these officers overseas. In cases where permission was given—as also in the case of Messrs. Andrew and Dewar—a request was made for a copy of the papers to be sent us to complete our file—but this I think has not been done in all cases. It is also possible that in one or two cases either through inadvertence or in consequence of extreme urgency our consent has not been obtained. Military Secretary's office has however sent me a list which is put up in another file of all Civilians in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers, showing those on Foreign Service and where the officers concerned are serving. From this I have extracted that the following of those in List T are on Foreign Service—Messrs. Garratt, C. M. Collett (in France), Stewart, Doyle, Neild, Russell, Prior, Vickers, Rhodes. Of the deaths of Messrs. G. R. Murray and Arbuthnot on service intimation has been given us. I have kept this file to enable me to deal promptly with applications from Military Secretary for the services (overseas) of other officers mentioned in List T. As Major Maclean (Military Secretary's office) tells me that we are not likely to receive for the present further applications, the file may be kept in office in suspense.

S. R. HIGNELL,—3-2-17.

Appendix.

List of Indian Civil Service officers in the Indian Army Reserve of officers who are available for active service.

Name.	Province.	Length of Years.	Service. Months.
1. M. G. Sykes	Madras	12	8
2. F. W. Stewart	Madras	6	7
3. P. B. Haigh	Bombay	13	6
4. L. N. Brown	Bombay	4	7
5. G. T. Garratt	Bombay	2	7
6. R. F. Mudie	Bengal	Probationary.	
7. H. J. Twynam	Bengal	5	7
8. A. J. Dash	Bengal	5	7
9. G. R. Murray	United Provinces	12	7
10. C. M. Collett	United Provinces	15	6
11. J. P. Andrew	Burma	16	6
12. R. Casson	Burma	13	6
13. J. A. Stewart	Burma	10	6
14. J. P. Doyle	Burma	9	6
15. R. Neild	Burma	1	6
16. R. E. Swamy	Bihar and Orissa	3	7
17. A. E. Russell	Bihar and Orissa	2	6
18. H. C. Prior	Bihar and Orissa	1	7
19. S. L. Marwood	Bihar and Orissa	Probationary.	
20. F. Dewar	Central Provinces	18	7
21. K. Cantlie	Assam	6	6
22. W. J. Arbuthnot	Assam	6	6
23. H. G. M. Vickers	Assam	5	7
24. C. K. Rhodes	Assam	2	6½

List of officers of the Indian Civil Service who are employed in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers showing province to which they belong and whether on field service or not.

Officer.	Province.	Field Service in Force.
P. P. Stuart	Punjab	N. W. F. P. Militia.
J. S. Thompson	Punjab	F. S. "A."
W. B. Cotton	United Provinces	N. W. F. P. Militia.
J. E. B. Hotsan	Bombay	Ditto.
C. G. Crawford	Punjab	F. S. "D."
J. W. C. Laurie	Bihar and Orissa	F. S. "D."
G. P. Andrew	Burma	No.
C. H. Bristow	Bombay	F. S. "D."

List of officers of the Indian Civil Service who are employed in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers showing province to which they belong and whether on field service or not—contd.

Officer.	Province.	Field Service in Force.
F. H. Puckle	Punjab	N. W. F. P. Militia.
L. N. Brown	Bombay	No.
H. P. Hewitt	Burma	F. S. "D."
G. T. Garrett	Bombay	No.
B. Hamilton	Central Provinces	F. S. "D."
J. P. Doyle	Burma	No.
A. B. Duncan	Bihar and Orissa	Sistan.
G. R. Murray	United Provinces	No.
K. Cantlie	Assam	No.
A. W. Ibbotson	United Provinces	F. S. "B."
A. F. Freemantle	United Provinces	Sistan.
M. Thorp	Bengal	F. S. "D."
H. G. Haig	United Provinces	N. W. F. P. Militia.
J. A. Stewart	Burma	No.
H. J. Twymen	Bengal	No.
F. Dewar	Central Provinces	No.
H. Graham	Bengal	F. S. "D."
C. F. Grant	Burma	Sistan.
L. S. L. Dacres	United Provinces	F. S. "D."
W. H. Carter	Bengal	No.
B. W. Wahl	United Provinces	Sistan.
J. H. Wise	Burma	F. S. "D."
C. K. Rhodes	Assam	No.
F. C. M. Cruickshank	United Provinces	F. S. "D."
H. G. M. Vickers	Assam	No.
A. W. Fagan	Assam	F. S. "D."
J. S. Eyton	United Provinces	F. S. "A."
H. G. Donnelly	Assam	F. S. "D."
M. G. Sykes	Madras	No.
B. Casson	Burma	No.
A. J. Dash	Bengal	No.
J. P. J. Rhine	Bihar and Orissa	F. S. "D."
R. E. Swanzy	Bihar and Orissa	No.
H. H. F. M. Tyler	Madras	F. S. "D."
R. Neild	Burma	No.
H. C. Prior	Bihar and Orissa	No.
B. E. Russell	Bihar and Orissa	No.
B. F. Mudie	Bengal	No.
F. W. Stewart	Madras	No.
W. J. Arbuthnot	Assam	No.
E. Jones	Burma	F. S. "D."

List of officers of the Indian Civil Service who are employed in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers showing province to which they belong and whether on field service or not—consolid.

Officer.	Province.	Field Service in Force.
S. L. Marwood	Probationer	No.
P. B. Haigh	Bombay	No.
R. P. Hankinson	United Provinces	F. S. Under orders for.
A. P. Collett	United Provinces	No.
L. C. Horwill	Madras	No.
K. L. F. Armitage	Central Provinces	No.
J. H. Davies	Madras	No.
C. M. Collett	United Provinces	F. S. "A."

Summary of the Lists of Indian Civil Service and Indian Police officers who are on the Indian Army Reserve of Officers, showing by Provinces the numbers on field service and in India.

Province.	NUMBERS IN INDIA.		NUMBERS ON FIELD SERVICE.		TOTAL.	
	Indian Civil Service.	Police.	Police.	Indian Civil Service.	Indian Civil Service.	Police.
Punjab	2	3	...	2	4	3
United Provinces	5		1	7	12	1
Bombay	4	1	4	1	5	5
Bihar and Orissa	3	2	4	3	6	6
Burma	5			4	9	
Central Provinces	2	1	1	1	3	2
Assam	4	3	2	2	6	5
Madras	4	1		1	5	1
Bengal	4		2	2	6	2
Probationer	1				1	...
					57	25

The officers' names appearing on pages 4-5 notes are not on these lists.

B. M. NICOLAY,—29-7-16.

List of officers of the Indian Civil Service who, on July 1st, 1916, were employed in India on Censorship duty.

Officer.

Province.

1. Mr. C. D'A. Crofton

Madras.

2. Mr. J. S. Ker

Bombay.

3. Mr. E. L. Norton

United Provinces.

4. Dewan Tek Chand

Punjab.

5. Mr. C. C. Garbett

Punjab.

6. Mr. M. V. Bhide

Burma.

7. Mr. A. S. A. S. Gilbert

Burma.

1, 3 and 6 are employed as Assistant Postal Censors, Bombay.

4 and 5 " " " " " " Karachi.

7 is " " " " " " Censor, Rangoon.

2 " " " " " " 'Press Adviser' at Army Headquarters.

C. KAYE,—29-7-16.

Military officers of the various commissions who were at military duty on the 1st July 1916.

	In India.	On Field Service.
<i>Burma Commission.</i>		
Major S. Bazett	Yes.	
Major H. F. M. Browne	Yes.	...
Major H. P. M. Lord	Yes.	
Major A. S. B. Roberts	Yes.	
Major A. P. Sandeman	Yes.	...
Captain (Tempy. Major) E. Butterfield, D. S. O.		Yes.
Captain D. N. Stuart	Yes.	
Captain J. E. D. Prothero		Yes.
Captain H. H. Batten	Yes.	...
Captain W. A. S. Grey	Lv. ex India.	
Captain V. Beadon	Yes.	
Captain G. C. Slacke		Yes.
Captain H. R. Pelly	Yes.	
Captain J. W. J. Alves	Yes.	
Captain T. D. H. Hackett	Yes.	
<i>Punjab Commission.</i>		
Major M. L. Ferrar	Yes.	...
Major G. B. Sanford	Yes.	...

	Officers temporarily reverted to military duty.	Now in India.	On Field Service.	Leave ex India.	Total.
Burma Commission	15	11	3	1	15
Punjab Commission	2	2			2

List of Imperial Police officers in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers who are available for active service.

Name.	Province.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	
		Years.	Months.
1. G. H. R. Halland	Punjab	7	5
2. H. R. C. Guise	Bihar and Orissa	2	4
3. C. S. Hitchins	Assam	2	6
4. W. A. Smith	"	2	4
5. T. E. Furze		7	7

List of Officers of the Indian Police who are employed in the Indian Army Reserve of Officers, showing the province to which they belong and whether on field service or not.

Officer.	Province.	Field Service in Force.
A. C. deClermont	Assam	F. S. "D."
E. W. C. Wace	Punjab	F. S. Under orders for.
F. W. Gerrard	Bombay	F. S. "D."
H. M. Haslehurst	Do.	F. S. Under orders for.
H. R. C. Guise	Bihar and Orissa	No.
C. E. B. Murray	Do.	F. S. "E."
G. H. Puckle	Do.	Do.
T. J. Kelly	Do.	F. S. "D."
J. W. Rowland	Bombay	Do.
P. R. Higgs	Punjab	N. W. F. P. Militia.
B. D. Blandy	Central Provinces	F. S. "D."
J. R. Gregory	Bombay	Do.
J. E. Lloyd-Williams	Bihar and Orissa	Do.
W. A. Knyvett	Do.	N. W. F. P. Militia.
F. S. Sheridan	Bengal	F. S. "D."
A. E. F. Wood	Do.	F. S. "A."
C. S. Hitchins	Assam	No.
W. A. Smith	Do.	No.
T. P. M. O'Callaghan	Do.	F. S. "D."
G. H. R. Halland	Punjab	No.
A. H. Gordon	Bombay	F. S. "A."
E. B. Belcher	United Provinces	Do.
T. E. Furze	Assam	No.
W. D. F. Liston	Madras	No.
T. W. G. Davis	Central Provinces	No, but sanction received.

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**EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILIAN AND POLICE OFFICERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE
IN MESOPOTAMIA.**

Telegram no. 1862, dated the 8th June 1916.

No. 556

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department,
 { The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
 { The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.
 { The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.
 { The Chief Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces.
 To—{ The Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma.
 { The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar and Orissa,
 { The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces.
 { The Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Assam.

Owing to the urgent demands for officers for Mesopotamia would

local Government you	object to	Sykes and Stewart of Civil Service
		Haigh, Brown and Garratt of Civil Service
		Mudie, Twynam and Dash of Civil Service
		Murray and Collett of Civil Service
		Andrew, Casson, Stewart, Doyle and Neild of Civil Service
		Swanzy, Russell, Prior and Marwood of Civil Service and Guise of Police
		Dewar of Civil Service
		Cantile, Arbuthnot, Vickers and Rhodes of Civil Service and Hitchins, Smith and Furze of Police

proceeding on active service if required by Military authorities.

No. 1864.

Copy forwarded to the Government of the Punjab for information and favour of necessary action with regard to Mr. Halland of the Imperial Police Service.

Telegram no. 1341 A. D., dated the 9th June 1916.

No. 557

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal,
 To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your number 1863, dated eighteenth June. Governor in Council has no objection to Mudie, Twynam and Dash proceeding on active service.

Telegram no. 378-C., dated the 9th June 1916.

No. 558

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma,
 To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your 1862. This Government has no objection to Andrew, Casson, Stewart, Doyle and Neild proceeding on active service.

Telegram no. C.-491, dated the 9th June 1916.

No. 559

From—The Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble the Commissioner, Central Provinces,
 To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your number 1862. Chief Commissioner has no objection to Dewar proceeding on active service.

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Pro. No. 560. Empt. of Civilian & Police Officers on active service in Mesopotamia.

No. 560

Telegram no. 3491-P., dated the 9th June 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Assam,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your telegram no. 1862, dated 9th June. Chief Commissioner will be glad to meet the wishes of the Military authorities if they desire to send Cantlie, Arbutnot, Vickers, Rhodes, Hitchins, Smith and Furze on active service.

No. 561

Telegram no. 772, dated the 10th June 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your telegram no. 1862, eighth. Madras has no objection to Sykes and Stewart proceeding Mesopotamia on active service.

No. 562

Telegram, dated the 10th June 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your telegram 1862 of eighth instant. No objection to Murray and Collett proceeding on active service.

No. 563

Telegram no. 2173-P., dated the 10th June 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar and Orissa,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Reference telegram 1862, eighth instant. Local Government have no objection to Russell, Swanzy, Prior, Marwood of Civil Service and Guise of Police proceeding on active service if required.

No. 564

Telegram no. 309-P., dated the 12th June 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your 1862, dated 8th June. This Government have no objection to Haigh, Brown and Garratt going on active service.

No. 565

No. 154-Mily.—I, dated the 15th June 1916.

From—The Hon'ble Mr. J. P. THOMPSON, I.C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab,

To—The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

In reply to your endorsement no. 1864, dated 8th June 1916, I am directed to state that the Lieutenant-Governor has no objection to Mr. G. H. R. Halland, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Punjab, who is at present serving under the Army Department, Simla, proceeding on active service if his services can be spared from his present special duties.

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Telegram no. 1983, dated the 24th June 1916.

No. 566

From—His Excellency the Viceroy,

To—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Please refer correspondence ending with your telegram, dated January 20th, 1916. Employment Civilian and Police members, Indian Army Reserve Officers, Mesopotamia. To make good further heavy losses amongst British Officers of Indian Army now very desirable send active service twenty-four additional civilians and five police officers. Local Governments concerned have readily agreed. Of civilians eight have more than ten years' service. We think primary consideration is to employ these men in manner most useful to State and we would let them go. Military requirements urgent while civil administration can spare them.

Your concurrence by telegram requested.

Telegram, dated the 26th June 1916.

No. 567

From—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India,

To—His Excellency the Viceroy.

Your telegram dated 24th June. Employment Civilian and Police Officers on active service Mesopotamia. (1) Please say how many civilians have already gone there from the Indian Army Reserve of Officers, and (2) how many are at present in the Reserve. (3) How do total number of Indian Civilians at present absent from India on leave or duty, including military duty, compare with theoretical leaves available. (4) Is leave still subject to special restrictions?

Telegram no. 2108, dated the 7th July 1916.

No. 568

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department,

To—All local Governments and Administrations (excepting Coorg, North-West Frontier Province and Delhi).

Please state urgently total number of Indian Civilians (and members of () To Commission) on ^{Madras} cadre, excluding officers serving directly under Govern- ^{Punjab, Bar-}ment, India, absent on 1st July from India on leave or duty, including military ^{ma, Central} duty, also number on leave in India. ^{Provinces and} ^{Assam only.}

No. 2109.

A copy is forwarded to the Government of the Punjab for information and the favour of necessary action.

Telegram no. 906, dated the 8th July 1916.

No. 569

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your telegram 2108, seventh. Twenty absent from India on leave, four on duty. Figures exclude three in Indian Army Reserve—Sykes, Stewart, Tyler of whom Tyler believed to be in Mesopotamia. Two officers on leave in India.

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Telegram no. 578-P., dated the 10th July 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your telegram 2108 of 7th July. Total cadre on 1st July 183. Of these 15 serving under Government, India directly. Nineteen on leave out of India. Ten absent on duty including military duty. Five on leave in India. Net number-actually serving under Bombay Government 1st July, 134.

No. 571

Telegram no. 6341-A., dated the 8th July 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your telegram 2108 of sixth instant. Total number of Indian Civilians on Bengal cadre, excluding officers serving directly under Government, India, absent on first July from India on leave was twenty-one, of these two are on military duty with British Army in Europe. Five officers have been deputed to Indian Army Reserve of Officers. It is believed that three of these are serving out of India. Besides these officers Mr. Blair is attached to the British Army in India. No officer was on leave in India.

No. 572

Telegram, dated the 8th July 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your telegram no. 2108 of 7th July. Twenty-eight officers of United Provinces cadre were on 1st July on leave out of India. This number includes Dewar and Johnstone mentioned in list received with your no. 1735, dated 26th May 1916, A. B. fforde and also Charles Kendall referred to in correspondence ending with your *no. 1895, dated 13th June 1916. Three officers were on duty out of India including military duty and 19 officers were on leave in India.

*Pol. B., June 1916, nos. 193—194.

No. 573

Telegram no. 430, dated the 8th July 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your telegram 2108, dated 7th. Number of Indian Civilian and other members of Burma Commission on leave out of India on 1st July was 8. Number on leave in India was 1. Number absent from Burma on duty was 25. All these are on military duty and this Government is not informed how many are employed in or out of India.

No. 574

Telegram no. 3241-A., dated the 8th July 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bihar and Orissa,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Your telegram no. 2108, dated 7th July. Excluding ten officers serving directly under Government of India, total number of Indian Civilians on Bihar and Orissa cadre on 1st July was one hundred and seven of whom sixteen

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were on leave out of India, one on leave in India, and ninety on duty including eight on military duty.

Home Department telegram no. 2108, dated 7th July. The number of No. 575 officers of the Central Provinces Commission absent on leave or duty outside India and on leave in India on July 1st, was as follows:—

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| (i) Absent on duty outside India. | Two. Both on Military duty. |
| (ii) On leave out of India. | Fourteen, including Mr. Brigstocke who is serving under the Government of India. |
| (iii) On leave in India. | Six. All on privilege leave. |

F. SLOCOCK.

Dated the 10th July 1916.

This was handed to me by Mr. Slocock to-day. It is a reply to our telegram dated 7th July.

S. R. HIGNELL

Dated the 10th July 1916.

Telegram no. 4162-J., dated the 8th July 1916.

From—The Chief Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Commissioner of Assam,
To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

No. 576

Your 2108, dated July 8th. On July 1st, three Indian Civilians were on leave out of India and one in India, one Military Civilian was employed on military duty in Ireland, six Indian Civilians were serving with the Indian Army Reserve Officers but number actually serving out of India is not known.

No. 318-Gaz.-1, dated the 14th July 1916.

No. 577

From—The Hon'ble Mr. J. P. THOMPSON, I.C.S., Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

In compliance with the request contained in Mr. Booth-Gravely's endorsement no. 2109, dated the 8th July 1916, I am directed to forward, herewith, for the information of the Government of India, a statement showing the officers of the Punjab Commission absent on 1st July 1916 from India on leave or duty, including military duty, and also the number on leave in India.

2. Those on military duty in India have been shown separately. Though they are not covered by the terms of the reference, it is thought that the information may possibly be required.

Statement showing the officers of the Punjab Commission absent on 1st July 1916, from India on leave or duty, including Military Duty, also number on leave and military duty in India.

Serial No.	Names of Officers.	REMARKS.
	<i>Absent on leave or duty out of India.</i>	
1	Sir A. H. Diack, K.C.I.E., C.V.O.	Leave (Preparatory to retirement.)
2	Sir M. W. Fenton, K.C.S.I.	Leave (Preparatory to retirement.)
3	Lieutenant-Colonel C. M. Dallas, C.S.I.	Leave (Preparatory to retirement.)
4	Lieutenant-Colonel R. M. Lewis	Military Duty.

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Serial No.	Names of Officers.	REMARKS.
	<i>Absent on leave or duty out of India—contd.</i>	
5	Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Egerton	. Given permission to take up Military duty.
6	Lieutenant-Colonel P. S. M. Burlton	. Leave (Urgent Private Affairs).
7	Mr. A. B. Kettlewell, C.I.E.	. Leave.
8	Mr. R. Humphreys	.
9	Mr. B. T. Clarke	.
10	Mr. A. Langley	.
11	Major A. A. Irvine	.
12	Mr. B. H. Bird	.
13	Mr. T. P. Ellis.	. (M. C.)
14	Mr. A. H. Parker	. Military Duty.
15	Mr. C. F. Usborne	. Leave.
16	Mr. G. C. L. Howell	. Given permission to take up Military duty.
17	Mr. J. Coldstream	. Military Duty.
18	Mr. H. S. Williamson	. Leave.
19	Mr. R. C. Bolster	.
20	Mr. G. M. Boughey	. (M. C.)
21	Mr. J. Addison	. "
22	Mr. B. H. Dobson .	. Military Duty.
23	Mr. E. G. F. Abraham	. Military Duty.
24	Mr. H. H. Jenkyns	. Leave (M. C.)
25	Mr. F. L. Brayne	. Military Duty.
26	Mr. M. M. L. Currie	. Leave (M. C.)
27	Mr. R. D. Thomson	.
28	Mr. C. W. Jacob	. (M. C.)
29	Mr. H. St. J. B. Philby	. Political Duty in Mesopotamia.
30	Mr. J. W. Hearn	. Leave (Urgent Private Affairs).
31	Mr. J. S. Thomson	. Military Duty (I. A. R. O.)
32	Mr. C. G. Crawford	. "

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Serial No.	Names of Officers.	REMARKS.
	<i>Absent on leave in India.</i>	
1	Mr. W. C. Renouf .	. Combined leave.
2	Mr. C. A. Barron, C.I.E.	. Privilege
3	Mr. A. J. W. Kitchin	. "
4	Major J. C. C. Angelo	. Leave on M. C.
5	Mr. F. W. Kennaway	. Privilege leave.
6	Mr. J. R. S. Parsons	. "
7	Mr. G. M. Young	. "
8	Mr. J. D. Penny	. "
9	Mr. J. F. Mitchell .	. "
10	Mr. C. King	. "
	<i>Absent on Military duty in India.</i>	
1	Diwan Tek Chand	. Censor Duty.
2	Major G. B. Sanford	. "
3	Major M. L. Ferrar	. "
4	Mr. C. C. Garbett	. "
5	Mr. M. V. Bhide	. "
6	Mr. P. P. Stuart	. I. A. R. O.
7	Mr. F. H. Puckle	. "
8	Mr. W. G. Bradford	. Military Duty.

Total number of Absentees .	- 50
Absent out of India	- 32
On military duty	- 11
On leave	- 21
On leave in India	- 10
On military duty in India	- 8

Telegram, dated the 18th July 1916.

No. 578

From—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India,

To—His Excellency the Viceroy.

My telegram dated 26th June. Civilian and police officers for Mesopotamia. Please telegraph reply as quickly as possible.

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No. 579

Telegram, no. 2378, dated the 11th August 1916.

From—His Excellency the Viceroy,*

To—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Your telegram dated 26th June. Employment of civilian and police officers on active service, Mesopotamia. Total number of civilians already there from Indian Army Reserve is 15. Total number in Reserve 57. Total theoretical leave reserve is 282 and there are absent from India on leave or duty 211. Leave is still restricted. In this connection we have to report that Military authorities through oversight sent C. M. Collett, United Provinces, civilian on field service France without your prior consent. We now solicit sanction his remaining there. He is one of 24 officers referred to in my telegram dated 24th June.

No. 580

Telegram, dated the 9th August 1916.

From—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India

To—His Excellency the Viceroy.

My telegram dated 26th June. Civilians and Police Officers for Mesopotamia. When may I expect to receive a reply?

No. 581

Telegram, dated the 16th August 1916.

From—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India,

To—His Excellency the Viceroy.

Your telegrams dated 24th June and 11th August. Employment of civilians and police officers on active service, Mesopotamia. Discussions of effect of short recruitment during war contained in notes sent† in my Public Secretary's letter dated 25th May and referred to in my telegram dated June 20th, will have shown you my anxiety on this score. Your telegram dated August 11th does not remove this anxiety as its figures seem to show that only by severe restrictions on leave are present administrative requirements met if indeed they are met in full. Strain must further increase as time goes on. If you and local Governments are still satisfied that 24 civilians can be sent on active service without injuring civil administration, I will not refuse concurrence; but before you decide please consider matter from above points of view. No objection to five police officers being sent.