

ORDERS AND REGULATIONS

RELATIVE TO THE

INDIAN STAFF CORPS

AND

Amalgamation of the British and Indian Armies,

ISSUED FROM

1861 to 1863 ;

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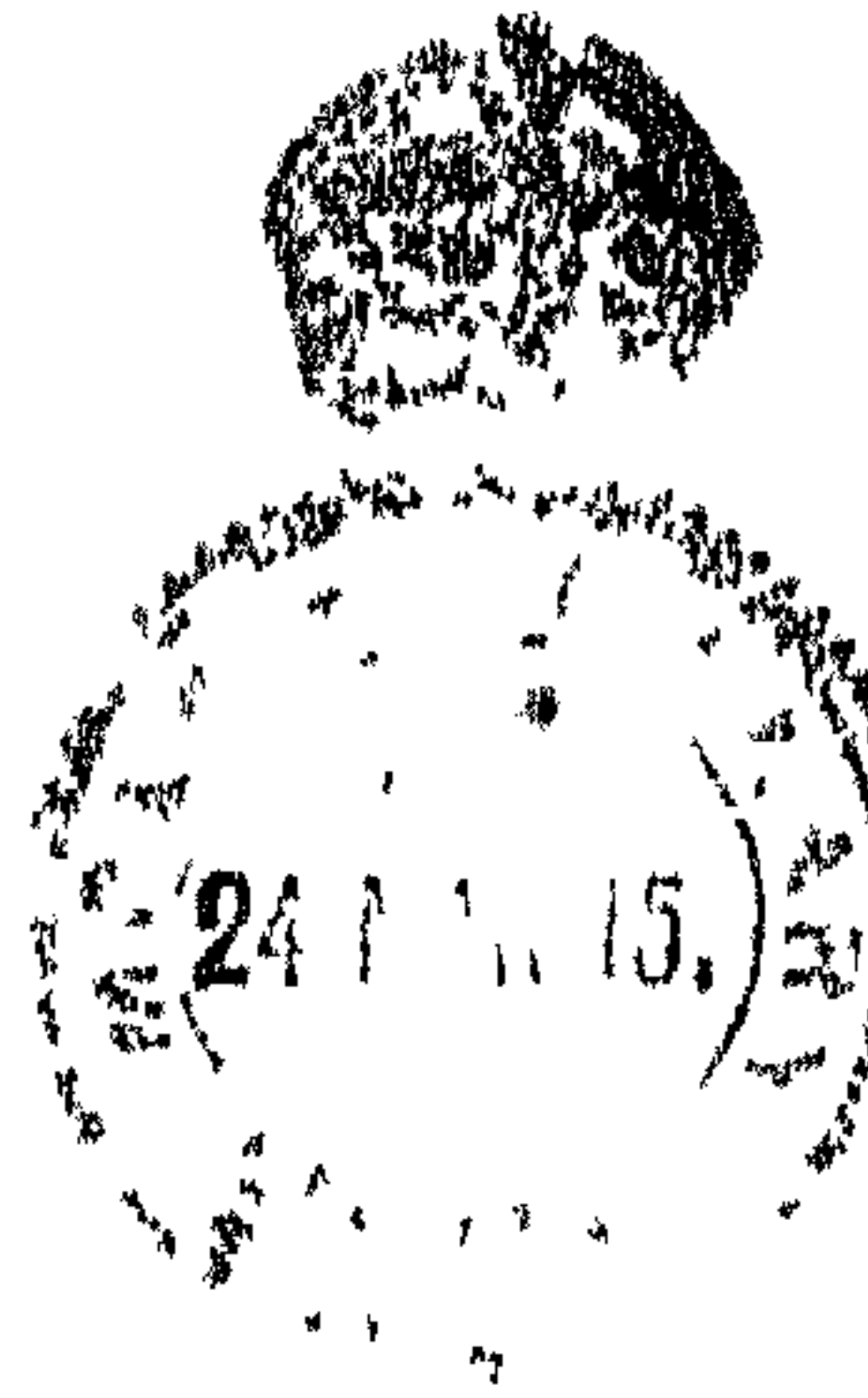
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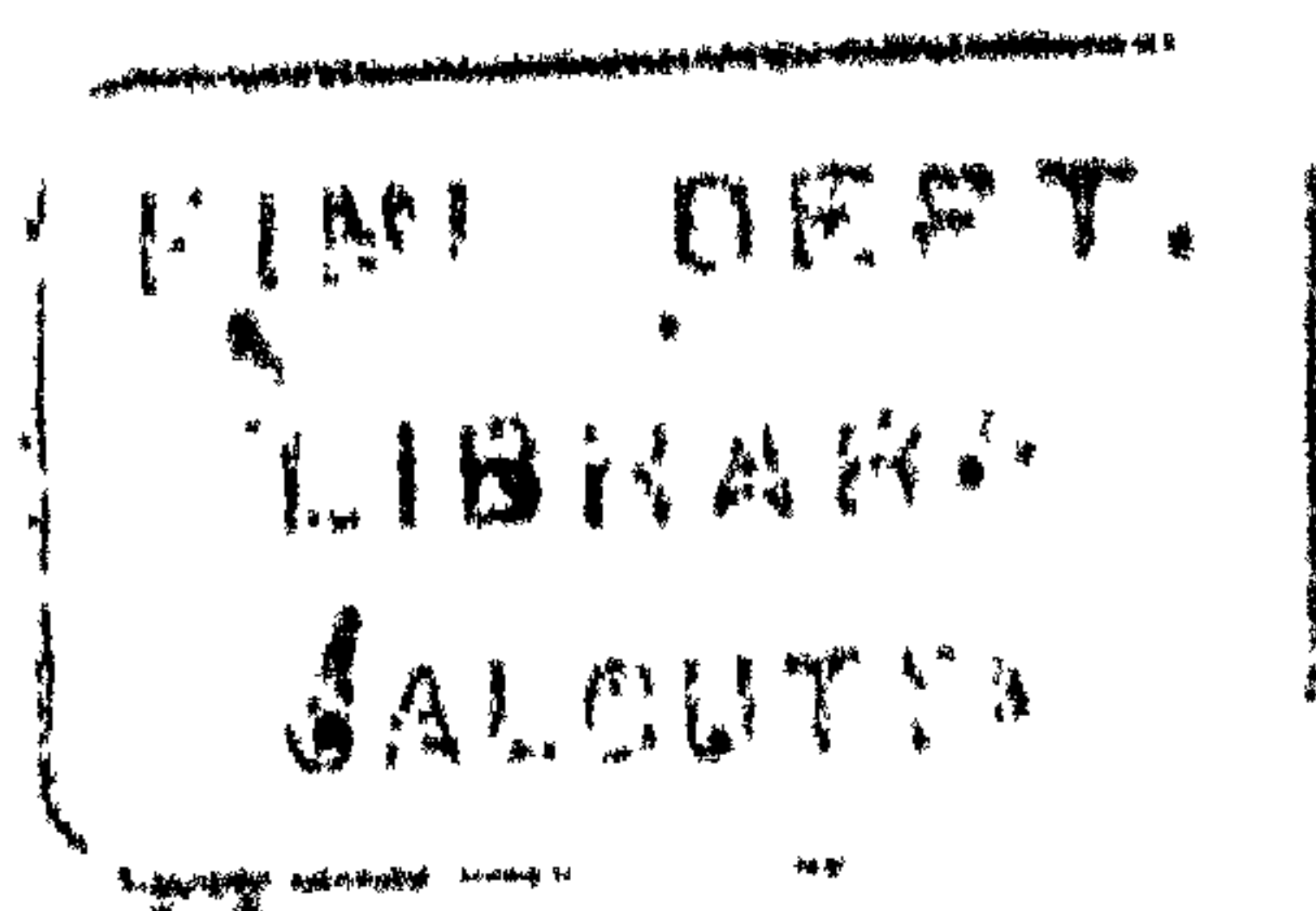
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PREFACE.

THE want, in a concise form, of a compilation of the Orders constituting and relating to the Staff Corps, as well as of those issued consequent on the Amalgamation, has long been felt. At present Officers desirous of knowing how the Rules now in operation affect their furlough, pay, pension, promotion, &c., have not at all times complete files of Orders at hand to refer to, and in the absence of these, are obliged to seek the required information from the Adjutant General's Office and other sources, which necessarily involves delay and inconvenience. To obviate this, and to furnish the Officers of the late Indian Army in the three Presidencies, as also British Officers who have joined or are desirous of entering the Staff Corps or of volunteering for service in India, with a ready reference, the publication of the present volume was undertaken.

The Work now offered to the Officers of the Army affords the following facilities of reference :—

- 1.—A chronological arrangement of the General Orders.
- 2.—Marginal headings of subjects.
- 3.—When a Government Order is published in the Commander-in-Chief's Orders, to avoid repetition, the date of the latter is quoted under the former within parentheses.
- 4.—Foot notes are, in every instance, appended, referring to subsequent Orders, confirming, cancelling, amending, or modifying previous Orders.

5.—A Table showing the numbers and dates of Madras and Bombay General Orders, republishing those issued in the Bengal Presidency and included in the Compilation, is given as an Appendix.

The Compiler hopes that from the labor bestowed upon it, he has been able to furnish a Work which may be found fully to answer the end for which it was designed.

CALCUTTA, }
1st March, 1864. }

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS.

F. D.—Foreign Department.

Fl. D. —Financial Department.

H. D.—Home Department.

G. G. O —Government General Order.

G. O. G. G.—General Order by the Governor General, when absent from his Council.

G. O. P. C.—General Order by the President of the Council of India in Council G. G. O. is also used to mean G. O. P. C.

G. O. C. C.—General Order by the Commander-in-Chief in India.

G. O. H. M. B. F.—General Order by the Commander-in-Chief in India to Her Majesty's British Forces in India, prior to the amalgamation of the General Staff.

R. A. G. O.—Royal Artillery General Order by the Commander-in-Chief in India

R. A. G. R. O.—Royal Artillery General Regimental Order by the Horse Guards

R. E. G. C. O.—Royal Engineer General Corps Order by the Horse Guards.

q. & a.—Question and Answer.

The figures following the paragraphs in the Index with dots (...) *before them, indicate the pages.

For EXAMPLE: (*See page x of the Index.*)

EUROPEAN OFFICERS.

New Line Regiments—strength of Officers of the, paras. 55, 15, 20 11, 53, 74.

means that the subject will be found in para. 55 of page 11, para. 15 of page 33, and para. 20 of page 34.

ORDERS AND REGULATIONS

RELATIVE TO THE

STAFF CORPS AND AMALGAMATION,

ENACTED BY

1861.



G. G. O., No. 332, 10th April.*—His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India in Council publishes for general information, Her Majesty's Warrant, dated the 16th of January last, for the formation of Staff Corps in each of the Presidencies of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, and the subjoined Despatches, recently received from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, announcing the Queen's gracious intentions regarding the Officers and Men of Her Majesty's Indian Forces.

Staff Corps.
Amalgamation.

2. Her Majesty's Government have laid down the general principles of this important measure; but, considering that various questions and points of detail, affecting the interests of the Army, might arise, which could be best considered in India, have entrusted the Governor General of India in Council, in communication with His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, with full discretion to act as may be deemed best for the Public Service, and have authorized him to frame such orders as may be necessary to give full effect to the intentions of Her Majesty's Government.

Details how to be
disposed of

3. The Governor General in Council has now the satisfaction of announcing to the European Officers and men of the Indian Forces, the conditions prescribed and the offers made to them upon their Amalgamation with Her Majesty's General Forces; whereby two Armies will be united, which severally have rendered the most signal services to their Queen and Country.

Amalgamation.
Conditions.

4. Her Majesty's Government have expressed an anxious desire to preserve the proud recollections of distinguished service which belong especially to the older Regiments of each Presidency, and to incorporate with Her Majesty's Army, Corps which have so greatly contributed to the acquisition and maintenance of Her Majesty's Dominions in the East.

Representative
Regiments.

* * The Staff Corps Warrant and Despatches from the Secretary of State for India, Nos. 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, of the 16th January 1861, are appended to this General Order.
For the Commander-in-Chief's subsidiary orders, see G. G. O., 10th April 1861.

**VOLUNTEERING,
Soldiers.**

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND MEN.

Despatch 27, paragraph 11

Despatch 28, paragraphs 1, 7, 10, 10, 22, 23, 26,

Despatch 29, paragraph 10

Warrant Officers.

5. In order to effect these measures, consistently with the determination which has been previously made known to the Army, that no man shall have his present terms of service altered except with his own consent, the Governor General in Council, under the authority of Her Majesty's Government, hereby offers to all Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, without exception, belonging to the European Artillery, Infantry, and Sappers and Miners of the three Presidencies, to the European Cavalry in Bengal, including the Lahore Light Horse, to the German Soldiers of the 3rd Bombay European Regiment, and to all men in the Depôts of the Indian Forces at Dum-Dum, Barrackpore, and other Stations, the option of accepting General Service on the ordinary conditions of Soldiers enlisted for the Artillery, Infantry, and Cavalry of Her Majesty's Line Army, with a Bounty, to all who are not of Warrant Rank, at the rates to be presently stated.

**SOLDIERS,
Pension.**

6. Soldiers who now volunteer will have the option of choosing whether their future Pensions shall be reckoned according to the Regulations of Her Majesty's Army,* or according to those of the Indian Forces.† Their choice may be declared at any time within three months of the date of volunteering.

Soldiers who now volunteer will have the privilege of counting their past service towards completion of their contract service and for pension, under whichever Regulations they may choose.

Artillery.

7. The Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the Artillery of each Presidency, who, under the above conditions, may be willing to transfer their services absolutely to the Royal Regiments of Artillery of Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, will be formed into new Troops and Batteries, composed of men serving under the same conditions as those of the Royal Artillery. The Soldiers who may decline to accept the offer now made, will be formed into Batteries, which will remain under their original conditions, and, as the numbers of the men diminish by casualties, the Batteries will be gradually diminished in number, and will finally disappear.

Sappers & Miners.

8. Non-Commissioned Officers and Men, who have been transferred from other Corps, to the Corps of Sappers and Miners, and who, may now volunteer under the conditions of Her Majesty's General Service, will receive the rates of Bounty stated in paragraph 26. The acceptance of Bounty will not involve their removal from the Sappers and Miners. Those who decline to accept the offer now made, may continue with that Corps on their present conditions.

* See also G. O. O., No. 1117, 19th December, 1902.

† See also Circular, No. 3808A, 17th July, 1901; G. O. O., No. 718, 10th August, 1901; and G. O. O., 21st September, 1903.

9. The European Cavalry will be formed into three Regiments of Light Dragoons of Her Majesty's General Army, to consist of the men, who may now volunteer on the conditions of General Service, and these men will have the option of joining any one of the three Regiments of Light Dragoons to be now formed. These will be designated respectively the 19th, 20th, and 21st Regiments of Light Dragoons.

Cavalry.

10. The Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the European Cavalry and the Lahore Light Horse, who may prefer the existing conditions of Indian Service, will be placed in a Regiment of Cavalry to be formed for that purpose as a Local Regiment, with Officers selected from those who may not volunteer for Line Service.

Local Cavalry Regts.

11. It is desired by Her Majesty's Government to maintain, as integral Regiments, the three oldest European Infantry Regiments of the Bengal Presidency, and all of the three Regiments of the Madras and Bombay Presidencies, and to keep the men who are now in each of those Corps, and who may volunteer for Her Majesty's General Service, in the Regiments which, when transferred to the Line, will represent those to which they now respectively belong.

Representative Regiments.

12. The Men of the 16th and 6th Bengal European Regiments, and the Men of the Bengal European Infantry of the Depot at Barrackpore, will be allowed to volunteer for any one of the three new Regiments of the Line in Bengal. The men of the Bengal European Light Cavalry of the Depot at Barrackpore, will be allowed to volunteer for any one of the three new Regiments of the Cavalry of the Line. The men of the Cavalry and Infantry Arm of the Depot at Barrackpore, who do not volunteer, will join the Local Regiment of their Arm.

13. Her Majesty having graciously determined to mark Her estimation of the services of Her Indian Armies, by conferring the designation of "Royal" upon three of the European Regiments, and by selecting for this honor, one Regiment from each Presidency—the selection of which has been left by Her Majesty, to the judgment and discretion of the Government of India,—the Viceroy and Governor General in Council has much gratification in announcing, that the following Regiments will henceforward bear the honourable designation of "Royal" Regiments :—

"Royal conferred on certain Regts."

The 1st Bengal Fusiliers.

The 1st Madras Fusiliers.

The 1st Bombay Fusiliers.

14. The three older Regiments in the several Presidencies will thus be converted into Regiments of Her Majesty's General Army, and will be numbered and designated as follows :—

INFANTRY.

Numbering and designation.

* See also G. O. C. 18th November, 1861

The 101st Regiment of Foot (Royal Bengal Fusiliers.)
 The 102nd Regiment of Foot (Royal Madras Fusiliers.)
 The 103rd Regiment of Foot (Royal Bombay Fusiliers.)
 The 104th Regiment of Foot (Bengal Fusiliers.)
 The 105th Regiment of Foot (Madras Light Infantry.)
 The 106th Regiment of Foot (Bombay Light Infantry.)
 The 107th Regiment of Foot (Bengal Infantry.)
 The 108th Regiment of Foot (Madras Infantry.)
 The 109th Regiment of Foot (Bombay Infantry.)

Hony. Distincts. 15. The Corps transferred to Her Majesty's Service will retain all honorary distinctions which they have won. These will be borne on appointments and colors, or in the Army List, in such manner as Her Majesty's Government may think best suited to the Arm of the Service to which the Corps belongs.

INFANTRY.
Local Regiments. 16. The Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Infantry who may prefer the conditions of Indian Service, will be placed in one or more Regiments of Infantry, to be formed as Local Regiments in each Presidency with Officers selected from those who may not volunteer for Line Service.

Volunteering. 17. In the Artillery, Cavalry (including the Lahore Light Horse), and Infantry of the Indian Forces, there are many Men, who volunteered from Regiments of the Line. To these Men the Governor General in Council allows the option of returning to the Regiments, whether of Cavalry or Infantry, from which they volunteered, if those Regiments are now in India, or of transfer to other Regiments of British Cavalry or Infantry serving in India, or to the Regiments to be now retained of the Arm to which such men belong. The men of this class electing to be transferred to British Regiments serving in India will not receive Bounty, having received it on entering the Indian Service. To those who accept the conditions of Her Majesty's General Service now offered Bounty will be given on the same terms as to the other Men in the Indian Service. The volunteers here alluded to, will be further allowed the option of discharge, if unwilling to remain in the Service. Those who prefer the existing conditions of the Indian Service, will be allowed to remain with a Local Regiment.

Supernumeraries. 18. The Non-Commissioned Officers of Artillery, of the 4th and 5th Bengal European Cavalry, and of the 4th and 6th Bengal European Infantry, who volunteer for the new Regiments of the Line, will carry their rank with them, and be Supernumeraries in the Regiments for which they volunteer, being made effective in their respective ranks as vacancies occur, in the proportion of three appointments to four vacancies.

Volunteering. 19. To the Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men employed in the several Departments of the Army, to the Non-Commissioned Officers

serving with Native Regiments, and to all other Men borne on the Unattached List in Bengal, and the Lists of Effective Supernumeraries in Madras and Bombay, the Governor General in Council offers the option of accepting the conditions of Her Majesty's General Service, according to the Arm of the Service to which they belong, with Bounty to all Men, not of Warrant Rank who, under the usual conditions of Service, would be entitled to Bounty, or of remaining on the conditions of the Indian Service, if they prefer to do so.

Despatch 28, paragraph 10. 20. The rates of Bounty to be issued will be as follows :—

WARREN OFFICERS.
Bounty.

BOUNTY.
Scale.

To men who have more than 1 years to serve, from the 18th February 1861	...	...	Rs. 50
To men who have more than 3 and less than 4 years to serve from the same date	...	...	" 40
To men who have more than 2 and less than 3 years to serve from the same date	...	...	" 30
To men who have more than 1 and less than 2 years to serve from the same date	...	...	" 20
To men who have 1 year or less to serve from the same date.	...	...	" 10

Any expense caused to a man by his transfer, will be reimbursed to him. No kit, or compensation in lieu of kit, will be given. XII

21. The immediate issue of Bounty to men volunteering is hereby authorized, on their making the Declaration appended to this General Order before a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate. Bounty.

Despatch 28, paragraph 8. 22. The earliest measures will be taken in the three Presidencies, under the orders of their Excellencies the Commanders-in-Chief, to ascertain the wishes of the Men; and the result will be reported to the Government of India without delay. The Commander-in-Chief in India may take the necessary measures for carrying out the final arrangements, for the new constitution of the European Forces of Her Majesty's Indian Army, and for the disposal of the Men who do not volunteer. VOLUNTEERING.
Report.

Despatch 27, paragraph 3. 23. In the execution of the measures to bring about the proposed Amalgamation, it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government that the pledge that due regard shall be paid to the rights and claims of the Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, shall be scrupulously adhered to. OFFICERS.
Rights & Claims.

Despatch 31, paragraph 2, L. 24. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to give to every Officer of Her Indian Armies, a Royal Commission, under the Sign Manual, conferring Rank and Command in Her Majesty's Army in any part of the world. Nominal Rolls of all the Officers of the Armies of the three Presidencies will be immediately transmitted by the several Governments of India to Her Majesty's Commission.
Rolls.

Secretary of State for India, in order to the preparation of the new Commissions.

**ARTILLERY
Establishment.**

25. In order to carry out to the full extent, the plan which has been determined upon, by Her Majesty's Government, for the assimilation and ultimate consolidation of the Indian Regiments of Artillery with the Royal Artillery, the organization of the Indian Regiments will be as follows:—The Bengal Artillery will be formed into seven Brigades, the Madras Artillery into four Brigades, and the Bombay Artillery into three Brigades, in all fourteen Brigades, each with the strength of Officers detailed in the margin. Regimental promotions in the Artillery requisite to complete the formation of Brigades on the new organization, will be made without delay, with effect from the 18th February 1861, the date of the receipt of the Despatches by the Government of India.

Despatch 20, paragraph 2, VI.

- 1 Colonel Commandant.
- 2 Colonels
- 1 Lieutenant-Colonel.
- 8 Captains
- 9 Second Captains, including an Adjutant.
- 21 Lieutenants.

Seconding

26. The Officers of Artillery holding appointments in the Ordnance Department, including Superintendents of Ordnance Manufacturing Establishments, will be seconded, and the promotions consequent thereupon will be made from the same date.*

Despatch 27, paragraph 9.

Col's. allowance

27. Under the Royal Artillery organization, the Colonel's allowance is drawn by Colonels Commandant, and of these, there will be seven only under the new organization, in place of twelve, who now draw Colonel's allowance in Bengal; in Madras, four in place of seven; and in Bombay, three in place of five.

Despatch 20, paragraphs 1, 5.

Supernumeraries.

Eventually the assimilation will be carried out in this respect also. The five Officers, who will be Supernumerary in Bengal, the three in Madras, and the two in Bombay, will continue to receive Colonel's allowance; and the necessary reduction will be gradually carried out, by promoting only three Officers to every four vacancies, in the number of those receiving Colonel's allowance, until the Supernumeraries shall have been absorbed.

COLS. COMM. & COLS.

Rank

28. The Colonels now to be made Colonels Commandant, and the Colonels in excess of the new Establishment, who are also in receipt of the Colonel's allowance, will take Regimental Rank as Colonels Commandant from the date on which they respectively received the Colonel's allowance. All General Officers not being on the new fixed Establishment of Colonels Commandant, and not drawing Colonel's allowance, will be Supernumerary or Unattached, as at present.

Colonels.

29. Colonels of Artillery, under the new organization, who, not being Colonels Commandant, will not draw Colonel's allowance, will be permitted to

Despatch 20, paragraph 5.

draw in India the pay and allowances fixed for the rank of Regimental Colonel (excepting the Colonel's allowance). On Furlough they will receive the Furlough pay of Colonel, viz. 25 shillings a day, and they will enjoy the privileges of Regimental Colonels, in being permitted to reside in England, if not required in India, without forfeiting their position on the Effective List.

Pay

Privileges

Commissions

Pay.

Promotion.

Artillery Regts.

Batteries.

INDIAN ARTILLERY.

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Vacancies.

ESTABLISHMENT

Establishment

80. Artillery Officers willing to serve out of India, and who may be permitted to do so, will receive Commissions in the Royal Artillery, and will draw the pay and allowances fixed by Her Majesty's Regulations for that Arm of the Service, according to the situation and locality in which they may be serving, but their promotion will continue to go on in their original Regiments.

81. The existing Regiments of Artillery in the three Provinces of India will remain distinct from each other and from the Royal Artillery, so long as any Officers now in them, shall continue to be borne on their Rolls.

82. For the Batteries formed of Men who may accept the conditions of Her Majesty's Royal Artillery, Officers will be provided from the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Artillery Regiments respectively, and they will receive Commissions in the Royal Artillery concurrent with those, which they now respectively hold in their Regiments. For the Batteries which may be formed on the conditions of the Indian Service, Officers will be provided from the same Regiments.

83. No new appointments will be made to the Indian Regiments of Artillery, but hereafter, on the occurrence of vacancies in any of the three Indian Regiments, or in the Royal Artillery, appointments of young Officers will be made to the Royal Artillery.

84. After all the Subalterns in any of the Indian Regiments of Artillery shall have been promoted, on the occurrence of the next vacancy in the grade of Second Captain in that Corps, the senior Subaltern of the Royal Artillery shall be promoted to that grade.

85. The same process will be followed in each grade successively, until all the Officers of the Indian Regiments of Artillery have been absorbed, after which the whole Corps will be Royal Artillery.

86. The Engineer Corps of Her Majesty's Indian Forces will be immediately formed into three Battalions for Bengal, and two each for Madras and Bombay, of the following strength respectively :—

- 1 Colonel Commandant.
- 2 Colonels.
- 5 Lieutenant-Colonels.
- 8 Captains.
- 8 Second Captains.
- 21 Lieutenants.

ENGINEERS
Promotion.

37. The promotions in the Engineer Regiments, requisite to complete the formation of Battalions on the new organization, will be made without delay, with effect from the 18th February 1861, the date of the receipt of the Despatches by the Government of India.

Supernumeraries.

38. The Colonels of the Engineers, who will become Supernumerary under the new organization in the three Presidencies, will receive the Regimental Rank of Colonel Commandant from the date on which they came up to the receipt of the Colonel's allowance, and will continue to receive that allowance.

Their number will be reduced to that fixed by the new organization, by omitting to fill up one out of every four vacancies.

Colonels.

39. Colonels of Engineers, not being Colonels Commandant, will be in the same position as Colonels of Artillery, as described in paragraph 29 above.

General Officers.

All General Officers not being on the new fixed Establishment of Colonel Commandant, and not drawing Colonel's allowance, will be Supernumerary or Unattached, as at present.

Commissions.

40. Officers of the Indian Engineers will receive Commissions in the Royal Engineers, but will rise by seniority in their respective Regiments.

Promotion

Service.

41. They will not be required to serve out of India unless at their own request, but will be eligible to serve anywhere, receiving the pay and allowances fixed for Royal Engineers in similar positions.

Pay.

Royal Engineers.

42. The places of Engineer Officers of the Indian Service who may elect, and who may be permitted to serve out of India on the above terms, will be filled up by Officers of the Royal Engineers who may be willing to undertake the several duties required from Engineer Officers in the Public Works Department.

Indian Engineers.

43. The Engineer Corps of the several Presidencies will continue to be, as at present, principally Corps of Officers having no European Soldiers attached to them. But Engineer Officers may be posted, as at present, as far as they can be made available, to the Corps of Native Sappers, which will be maintained on its present footing.

Native Sappers.

Appointments.

44. All fresh appointments of young Officers will be made to the Royal Engineers, and when all the Subalterns of any of the three Indian Regiments shall

have become Captains, the next vacancy in that Regiment will cause the promotion of the senior Subaltern of Royal Engineers, and the same process will be followed in the higher grades until all the Officers of the Indian Engineers shall have disappeared.

Vacancies.

45. Officers of Engineers now in Staff employ, other than appointments in the Public Works or Survey Departments; and Officers of Artillery now in Staff employ, other than appointments with Batteries of Native Artillery, * or in the Ordnance Department, or as Superintendents of Ordnance Manufacturing Establishments in India, will be required to exercise the option of joining the Staff Corps, or of not joining it, in the same way as Officers of Infantry or Cavalry, as hereafter explained. Officers of the Indian Artillery and Engineers now on Staff employ, who may not elect to join the Staff Corps, and Officers of the Indian Artillery and Engineers in general, will, in common with the rest of the Army, be available for any duty to which they may be appointed.

ARTY AND ENGRS.
Staff Corps.

Duties.

46. The General Gradation List of General and other Officers of the Armies of the three Presidencies, and their promotion therein, will remain exactly as at present.†

Genl. Gradation List

47. The promotion of Field Officers of Cavalry and Infantry will go on as usual, in separate Regimental Gradation Lists of "Majors," "Lieutenant-Colonels," and "Colonels;" but a gradual reduction will be made in the number of Regimental Colonels entitled to Colonel's allowance, in due proportion to the reduction in the number of Regiments.

Regtl Gradation List

48. The extent of this reduction will be determined hereafter; but, in pursuance of the instructions given in Despatch No. 27, paragraph 8, the Governor General in Council now announces that the reduction will be commenced at once in Bengal, by promoting only three Lieutenant-Colonels for every four vacancies in the rank of Colonel regimentally, in the Cavalry and Infantry respectively. This arrangement will commence to operate from the 18th February, 1861, and will not include vacancies which occurred previous to that date.‡

CAVY AND INFY
Col's Allowance

49. The course of promotion of Officers who belong to Regiments will, as heretofore, go on to the Regimental rank of Major inclusive, and that of Unposted Officers as directed in the General Orders No. 1687 of 1859, No. 1115 of 1860, and No. 214, 12th March, 1861.

Regtl Promotion

Unposted Officers

50. All the Officers of Cavalry and Infantry of the Indian Forces will be placed on two General Lists of Cavalry and Infantry, respectively, for each Presidency. Those below the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel will however retain their places

General Lists

* See also H. A. G. O., 30th December, 1860.

† See also G. O. No. 828, 18th March, 1861.

‡ Cancelled, see G. O., No. 807, 12th September, 1861, para 17, 18.

NEW LINE REGTS.

Volunteering

Duties.

Volunteering.

Cavalry.

Service.

Position.

German Officers.

in the Cadres of their old Regiments, for the purpose of regulating promotion, as hereafter explained. These General Lists will be distinct from that of the Staff Corps and from the existing Graduation Lists of each Presidency, and the Graduation List of Officers of all Arms of the three Presidencies. From these two General Lists of Officers of Cavalry and Infantry will be invited to volunteer for Her Majesty's General Service, to the number required for the new Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry respectively, according as such Officers belong to either branch of the service. Those Officers who may not be appointed to the new Regiments of Her Majesty's Line Service, or to the Staff Corps, will continue to be available, as heretofore, for their present duty, or for any other duty to which they may be appointed by Government. The General Lists will be immediately formed in the three Presidencies, and measures will be taken by the several Governments to ascertain the wishes of Officers in regard to volunteering for Her Majesty's General Service.

51. The Officers of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bengal Cavalry will be permitted to volunteer for General Service in the three Regiments respectively representing those to which they now belong; and any vacancies that may then remain in the Cadres of Officers on the Establishment of a Dragoon Regiment, as laid down in paragraph 55, will be filled up in the 19th Light Dragoons by volunteers from the remaining Officers of the Bengal Cavalry, in the 20th and 21st Light Dragoons by volunteers from the Officers of the Madras and Bombay Cavalry respectively. In the event of vacancies still remaining in any of the three Regiments they will be filled by Officers who may volunteer, selected from the General Lists of Cavalry in the three Presidencies.

52. It is necessary that the Officers of the three General Service Regiments of European Infantry, to be now formed in each of the three Presidencies, should be generally under the conditions of service of Line Officers,* and it is desired that they should be taken from among the Officers of the Indian Armies, and as far as possible, from the old Regiments, which will be respectively represented by the new.

53. It is the intention of Her Majesty's Government that such of the Officers as may have belonged to the three older Local Regiments shall be appointed respectively to the new Regiments, representing those to which they belonged, and that it should be secured to them that they shall hold a position in the new Regiments as far as possible the same as that which they held in the old ones.

54. Such of the German Officers now attached to the 3rd Bombay European Regiment as may desire it, will receive Commissions in their present grades in the 109th Foot.

* See also G. O. C. Nos. 104 A. and 112 A. 22nd and 31st July, 1858.

55. The new Regiments will consist of Cadres of the strength noted in the margin, exclusive of Regimental Staff. From the Officers who may volunteer for General Service the number who may be required to fill up these Cadres will be appointed by his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, subject to the approval of the Government of India. These Officers will eventually receive new Commissions from Her Majesty, bearing the same dates respectively as the Commissions which they now hold.
- Despatch 29, paragraphs 15, 20.
*Cavalry.**
- 1 Lieutenant-Colonel.
2 Majors.
8 Captains. } Including one Troop
9 Lieutenants } for the Depot
9 Cornets. }
- A Colonel will hereafter be appointed to each Regiment.
- Infantry.*
- 1 Lieutenant-Colonel.
2 Majors.
12 Captains. } Including two com-
14 Lieutenants. } panies at the Depot
10 Ensigns. }
- A Colonel will hereafter be appointed to each Regiment.
56. The system of purchase, as practised in the Queen's Army, is not to be introduced into these Regiments. They will be Seniority Corps; but, in the promotion to Field Officers, the fitness and efficiency of the Officers will be taken into account.†
- Despatch 28, paragraph 14, and Instructions.
57. The Commanding Officers of the two reduced Bengal European Cavalry and Infantry Regiments, the 4th and 5th Bengal Light Cavalry, and the 4th and 6th Bengal Infantry, are allowed to keep their Command allowances for one year, unless otherwise provided for.
58. It is the intention of Her Majesty's Government that, notwithstanding the formation of the two General Lists of Cavalry and Infantry in the several Presidencies, and of the Staff Corps, the names of all Officers shall continue to be borne on the Cadres of their former Regiments. Officers joining the Staff Corps, or the new Line Regiments, will by so doing, forego promotion in their former Cadres, and their names will continue to be borne on their former Cadres in *italics*, only for the purpose of regulating the promotion of their Juniors; but by joining the Staff Corps, or the new Line Regiments, Officers will not prejudice their claims on the Military and Orphan Funds and to Retiring Pensions under the Indian Regulations.
- Despatch 27, paragraphs 18, 14.
- Despatch 28, paragraph 14.
59. Thus the promotion of Officers who do not join the Staff Corps or the new Line Regiments will continue, as heretofore, to depend on their position in their former Cadres; and the rise of Officers in the new Regiments, and in the Staff Corps, will be entirely irrespective of their position in their former Cadres, but will depend in the one case on their promotion in their new Regiments, and in the other on their length of service.
- Despatch 27, paragraphs 18, 14.
60. The same rule will apply to promotion in the Regimental Graduation List of Field Officers, on which the names of Officers transferred will be

NEW LINE REGTS
ESTABLISHMENT

PURCHASE

PROMOTION.

ALLOWANCES.

PROMOTION.

FUNDS

PENSION.

PROMOTION.

REGT GRADATION
LIST

* Establishment reduced by 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, and 1 Cornet. - G. O. No 202, 7th April, 1863.

† See also G. O., Nos 598 and 600, 8th July and 22nd October, 1860, &c &c 18.

Again, suppose F to retire. Then, as he is actually only a Lieutenant on his former Cadre, he gives no step; the only result is, that M becomes Senior Lieutenant on his old Cadre.

Lastly, suppose C to retire. Then M becomes Captain in the 101st Fusiliers and on the General List, and Q also becomes a substantive Captain on the General List.

Also note that F, an Officer of 12 years' service, by joining the Staff Corps, passed over I, his Senior in the Army and in his former Cadre.

The General List will then stand thus:—

Captains B	Lieutenants IJ
D	L
&c.	N
I	O
K	P
J	&c.
M	
Q	

61. It is intended by Her Majesty's Government that the Regular Native Infantry Regiments in Bengal, Madras, and Bombay, and the Regular Native Cavalry Regiments in Madras, shall eventually be officered on the Irregular system, and therefore that the number of their European Officers shall eventually be fewer than at present. This change will be effected gradually, and each Regiment, after the change shall have been made in it, will be officered from the General Lists and from the Staff Corps, and, as far as may be practicable, Officers will be allowed to continue to serve with the Regiments to which they have been attached.

Native Regts

62. It will be the anxious desire of the Government of India to carry out this important change with due regard to the interest and claims of all Officers now serving with the Regular Native Regiments of the Army; and meanwhile Officers Commanding Regiments, and all Officers serving with them, will continue to draw the allowances they now receive.

Regular Native Regts.

Allowances.

63. The position and claims of the Field Officers of the Army who are now unemployed, and for whom it may be difficult to find suitable employment under the new system, are also under consideration by the Governor General in Council.

Unemployed Field Officers

64. It is intended that the Irregular Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry in the three Presidencies shall each have six Officers, besides the Medical Officer.

Irregular Regts

65. It will be observed that, in the Despatches No. 27, paragraphs 12, and 34, and No. 28, paragraph 14, it is distinctly announced that the present and prospective advantages which Officers now in the Service derive from the Military and Orphan Funds will be secured to them; and further that the Retiring Pensions,

Funds.

Pension.

Service.	under the Indian Regulations, will be scrupulously preserved. Officers ordered to serve out of India with their Regiment will be allowed to count such service in completion of the period required, under the Indian Regulations, for the several rates of Pension. Officers who may serve out of India under any other conditions will be allowed to count for Pension, in addition to their services in India, one year for every two years of their service out of India.*
Staff Corps	66. The organization and regulations of the Staff Corps to be formed in the several Presidencies are given in full detail in the Royal Warrant, and the
Object	Despatch No 27, now published. The object of forming the Staff Corps is to supply a body of Officers for service in India, by whom various offices and appointments, hitherto held by Officers borne on the strength of the several Corps of the Indian Forces, shall in future be held; it having been resolved that the practice of withdrawing Officers for such employment, while remaining on the strength of their Regiments, be discontinued, and that, ultimately, all Officers selected for such employment be transferred to Staff Corps.
Denomination.	67. These Corps will be denominated the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Staff Corps respectively, and will consist of such Officers as may be required for employment therein, and may be selected by the Governments of the several Presidencies, with the approbation of the Secretary of State for India in Council.
Admission	68. Officers of the British and Indian Armies now on Staff employ in India, not having the substantive rank of Colonel, are eligible for admission to the Staff Corps; and Officers of either Service under the rank of Field Officer, not now on the Staff, may, now or hereafter, become candidates.
Admission	69. Officers at present holding Civil and Political appointments of every description, and appointments in all Public Offices and Departments; Officers holding Military appointments on the General and Personal Staff, and the appointments of Commandant, Second in Command and Adjutant of Irregular and Local Corps; of Adjutant and Interpreter and Quarter Master of existing Local European and Native Regiments;—will be held to be now on Staff employ, and will be eligible, under the conditions hereafter noted to have their names placed on the List of the Staff Corps; but Officers doing duty with Irregular and Local Regiments will not be regarded as being now in Staff employ.
Native Regts	70. So soon as the proposed changes in the organization of the Regular Native Regiments shall have come into operation, the whole of the Officers who will be permanently attached to them will be held to be on Staff employ.

* See also G. O. O. No. 527, 17th September 1861, paras. 30, 31 and G. O. O. Nos. 399 and 400, 8th April 1862.

71. There will then be, as at present, two great divisions of employment for Officers of the Staff Corps:—

Divisions of employment.

Despatch 27, paragraph 6.

1st. Purely Military, as in Regiments of the Native Army.

2nd. Various Civil appointments, as Political, Public Works, &c.

There will also be practically many sub-divisions of employment, for each of which there will be, as at present, separate Departmental Lists.

72. Officers of the Indian Army now holding Staff appointments of any description will have the option of joining the Staff Corps if they do not possess the substantive rank of Colonel, or of continuing in Staff employment, whatever their Regimental rank, without joining the Staff Corps; and in the latter case they will not, as heretofore, be required to vacate their appointments on the attainment of a certain Regimental rank. This paragraph does not affect the provisions of paragraph 45.

Admission.

Royal Warrant, Clause 2
Despatch 27, paragraphs 13, 17.

Appointments.

73. Officers of the Indian Army not now on the Staff, not having the substantive rank of Colonel, but who, within the last three years, or who, at the commencement of their present unexpired Furlough, may have served permanently on the Staff, and who may make application within the next six months, will be considered eligible to join the Staff Corps on the same terms as those now on Staff employ; provided always that they have passed the prescribed examination in Hindoostanee, and that they did not lose their appointments through misconduct, and are not otherwise disqualified.

Admission.

Royal Warrant, Clause 2
Despatch 27, paragraph 20.

74. Officers of the British Army now in Staff employment will have the option of declaring their desire to be transferred to the Staff Corps, with the consent of the Commander-in-Chief in India, within six months from the date of the Notification of the Royal Warrant in India; or of retaining their appointments on their present footing, if their services are required by Government, for the unexpired portion of a period of five years from the date of their appointment, unless the Regiments to which they belong shall be previously removed from the Indian Establishment.

British Officers

Appointments.

Despatch 27, paragraph 18.

75. Those whose tenure of Staff appointments, at the time of transfer to the Staff Corps, shall have exceeded one year will not be subjected to probation, or to any introductory test other than those already prescribed for any Department in which they may be serving; but Officers who may have held their appointments for less than one year will not be transferred permanently to the Staff Corps unless they possess the requisite qualifications, to be hereafter laid down, and shall have completed the period of probation to be prescribed. The option of joining the Staff Corps will be open to those

Probation.

Selection

Royal Warrant, Clause 2
Despatch 27, paragraphs 18, 19.

Officers only who may be considered by the Governments under which they are serving to be in all respects fit for the Staff Corps.

General Staff.

76. Appointments on the General Staff of the Army specified in the margin, can only be held for five years; they may be held by Officers of the Staff Corps, or by other Officers of either Army, but will be subject henceforward to the limitation as to Rank, which are laid down in the "Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army," in Clauses 30 to 33 of the Section entitled "Duties of General and other Officers employed upon the Staff of the Army."*

Despatch 27, paragraph 15.
Adjutant-General's Department.
Quarter-Master General's Department.
Brigade Majors and Fort Adjutants.
Personal Staff.

77. Officers now holding such appointments will not be required to vacate them for a period of two years from this date, or a period of seven years from the date of their appointment.†

Local Officers.

78. Officers not having the substantive rank of Colonel, now holding appointments on the Staff, as defined in paragraph 69, will at once be called upon to declare whether or not they desire to join the Staff Corps. To enable such Officers to avail themselves of the advantages in the way of promotion, notified in paragraphs 84 and 85, they must communicate their decision to the Adjutant-General within six months of the date of the publication of the Royal Warrant in India.

79. The selection of Officers, hereafter, for the Staff Corps, will rest with the Governments in India, but no Officer serving with any Regiment will be admitted on probation without the consent of the Commander-in-Chief, or without a Certificate from the Commanding Officer of his Regiment, that he has efficiently performed his Regimental duty or the period prescribed in paragraph 80.‡

Selection.

Despatch 27, paragraph 20.

Probation.

Admission.

80. For the future, Officers not on the Staff, will not be eligible for the Staff Corps unless they be below the rank of Regimental Field Officer, and have served three years with a Regiment, of which two must have been in India, and have passed the prescribed examination in Hindoostanee. They will not be permanently appointed to the Staff Corps, unless, after due probation, they shall pass the prescribed tests for the branch of the Indian Service for which they may be selected. This rule applies equally to Officers of the British and Indian Armies.

PROBATION.

Examination.

81. A subsequent Notification will prescribe the period of probation and the test of qualification in the several Departments. ||

82. The promotion of Officers while on probation will go on in their respective Regiments.

Despatch 27, paragraph 21.

Promotion.

* See also G. O. G. No. 72 A, 8th June 1863.

† See also G. O. G. No. 66 20th January 1862.

‡ See also G. O. G. No. 73, 27th January 1863.

|| See Foreign Department (Genl.) Memo. Nos. 408 and 510, 14th and 20th July 1863.

83. Officers of the British Army when permanently transferred to the Staff Corps will be removed from the strength of the Regiment to which they belonged.*
Despatch 27, paragraph 21.
84. The promotion of Officers of the Staff Corps will be regulated as follows:—
Royal Warrant, Clause 3, paragraphs 1 and 2.
 Ensigns, when permanently transferred to the Staff Corps, will have the rank of Lieutenant. Other Officers will have the rank which they may hold in their Regiments.
- Officers of twelve years' service, of which four must have been in the Staff Corps, will become Captains. After twenty years' service, of which six must have been in the Staff Corps, they will become Majors. After twenty-six years' service, of which eight must have been in the Staff Corps, they will become Lieutenant-Colonels.
- Five years' service in the Staff Corps as Lieutenant-Colonel will entitle the Officer so employed to the Brevet rank of Colonel.
85. Officers now in Staff employment will be allowed to count, to the extent laid down in the Royal Warrant, as noted in the preceding paragraph, their past service towards promotion, as if it had been performed in the Staff Corps. One step of rank will be given to every Officer whose period of service would qualify him for it according to the above Rules. An interval of two years at least must intervene between each succeeding step. But these privileges will be restricted to those Officers who, whether now in India or on leave out of India, may declare their desire to be transferred to the Staff Corps within six months of the date of the Notification of the Warrant in India.
86. The Officers referred to in paragraph 73 will also be allowed this privilege, should they be permitted to join the Staff Corps.
87. The past service on the Staff, counting for promotion in the Staff Corps, will include any service of a permanent nature which an Officer now on the Staff may, from the date of his first arrival in India, have passed on the Staff.
88. Officers of the Staff Corps under the substantive rank of Field Officer will be allowed to exchange with Regimental Officers of the Line of the same rank, on the recommendation of the Governments of the several Presidencies, with the concurrence of the Government of India and the Commander-in-Chief in India, and subject to the confirmation of Her Majesty. But it is to be understood that the Regimental Officer entering the Staff Corps by exchange will not necessarily assume the Staff appointment held by the Officer with whom he exchanges. He will merely enter the Staff Corps on

STAFF CORPS.
British Officers.

Rules of Promotion.

Brevet Rank.

Promotion.

Privilege.

Service.

Exchange.

Appointments.

* See also Circular, 6th December, 1862.

STAFF CORPS. Rank.	being found qualified for the Department of the Staff on which the Government may desire to employ him. Officers of the Staff Corps exchanging into a Regiment will become the Juniors of their Regimental rank.
EXCHANGE. Promotion.	89. An Officer of the Staff Corps whose name is borne on the Cadre of an Indian Regiment, exchanging from the Staff Corps with an Officer of a British Regiment other than the new Line Regiments about to be formed, will give an effective step in the Cadre of his former Regiment.
Employment.	90. It will be discretionary with the Governments in India, as at present, to employ the Officers of the Staff Corps in such manner as they may think best, in the situations for which their respective qualifications may render them most fitted. The appointments and promotions in the several Departments will rest, as at present, with the Governments in India, and will be made irrespectively of the rank which the Officer may hold in the Staff Corps. Those appointments, promotions, and recommendations now in the gift of the Commanders-in-Chief remain as heretofore.
Employment.	91. Officers of the Staff Corps of one Presidency may, with the sanction of the Government of India, be employed in any other Presidency.
Unattd. Offrs.	92. Unattached Officers of the Indian Service are eligible for the Staff Corps on the same terms as other Indian Officers.
Furlough Pay.	93. Officers of the Staff Corps while on Furlough will draw the pay of their rank, as laid down in the Clause of the Royal Warrant for Officers out of India, and in case of sickness will have the privilege of drawing for six months the allowances of Officers on Sick leave in India. They will be allowed to retain their appointments during short periods of leave, not exceeding twenty months, during which time they will only receive the unemployed pay of their rank. With the above exceptions, the Officers of the Staff Corps will be under the New Furlough Regulations of the Indian Army.*
Appointments.	
Col.'s allowance.	94. A certain proportion of the Senior Officers of the Staff Corps will receive Colonel's Allowance. Eventually the number will be fixed in the proportion of one for every thirty Officers on the Staff Corps, but this number can only be filled up as the Establishment of Colonels on the old footing diminishes, so that the aggregate number of Officers receiving Colonel's Allowance at one time shall never exceed the regulated number of Colonel's Allowance for each Presidency.†
PENSION. Scale.	95. Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces joining the Staff Corps will be entitled to pensions under the Regulations of the Indian Service. Officers of the British Army entering the Staff Corps will be allowed to retire on the following scale of Pension, provided

* See also G. O., No. 874, 1st October, 1881

† See also G. O., No. 86, 10th January, 1882, paras. 12 to 14.

that not less than half of the required periods of service shall have been passed in the Staff Corps :—

<i>Scale.</i>		<i>£. s. d.</i>			
After 20 years' service in India	...	191	12	0	per annum.
" 24 "	...	292	0	0	"
" 28 "	...	365	0	0	"
" 32 "	...	456	5	0	"

These periods of service will include the proportions of leave of absence in India or elsewhere laid down in the New Furlough Regulations, viz. :—

2 Years in 20 years' service.

3 " 25 " "

4 " 30 " "

96. All Officers of the Staff Corps in England who may not wish to retire, but are unable to return to India, and Officers removed from the Effective List of the Staff Corps who may not be entitled to retire on the above scale of Pension, may, provided they have served three years in India in the Staff Corps, be placed on a Half-pay List, on the same rate of half-pay and on the same conditions as Officers of a similar rank in the British Army. Officers belonging to the Indian Forces who may avail themselves of this privilege will give an effective step in the Cadres of their Regiments. Officers placed on half-pay will be eligible to return to Effective Service, either in the Staff Corps or in Regiments of the Line. In the former case their names will not be restored to their old Cadres.

Half Pay.

97. No unemployed General Officer of the Staff Corps, who is not required by the Governments in India to remain there, will be allowed to receive pay on the Indian scale for a longer period than three years.* At the expiration of that period he will be restricted to the pay fixed for Officers of his rank "out of India." This Rule in no way affects the Colonel's Allowance.

Unemployed General Officers.

Pay.

Col.'s allowance.

98. Officers of the Staff Corps under the rank of Major-General, whom the Governments of India may not see fit to employ in any capacity, will not be allowed to draw pay for more than four years, of which one year may be on the Indian scale, and three years on the scale fixed for Officers "Out of India," after which period they will be placed on half-pay, or on Pension according to the scale of their rank, if entitled thereto.†

Unemployed Officers.

Pay.

99. The pay of Officers of the Staff Corps whilst unemployed has been fixed at the following rates :—

Rates of Pay.

* See also G. G. O. No. 330, 20th March 1862.

† Modified, see G. G. O. Nos. 825 and 826, 17th September, 1861.

Staff Corps.	<i>Whilst required to remain in India.</i>			<i>Out of India.</i>		
	Rs.	As.	P.	£.	s.	d.
General Officers...	1,295	5	0	per mensem*	1	5 0 per diem.
Brevet-Colonel and Lieut.-Colonel }	827	14	0	"	1	0 0 "
Major ...	640	14	0	"	0	16 0 "
Captain ...	374	1	6	"	0	10 6 "
Lieutenant ...	225	12	0	"	0	6 6 "
Pay, &c.	100. The pay and allowances to be established for the several Staff appointments in all Departments of Staff employ, will be announced in a subsequent Notification, and meanwhile the Staff salary and other allowances of all appointments will remain unchanged.†					
Brevet Rank. General Grada- tion List.	101. Officers of the Staff Corps are eligible for Brevet rank, and will take their places on the General Gradation List in common with the rest of the Army. Royal Warrant, Clause 3, paragraphs 4, 5.					
Commands.	Those holding Military appointments will take Military Command according to their Army rank, but Officers whilst holding only Civil appointments, will not be entitled to assume such Command. Civil appointments are those in any Civil branch of the Army, or under the Civil administration of Government.					
Civil Appts.						
Col.'s allowance.	102. Officers of the Staff Corps will succeed to Colonel's Allowance according to their seniority as Lieutenant-Colonels in the Staff Corps. Lieutenant-Colonels entering the Staff Corps on its first establishment will take rank for Colonel's Allowance according to the dates of their Commissions as substantive Lieutenant-Colonels.‡ All Officers entering the Staff Corps will take with them the substantive rank they held at the time of joining it. Should two Officers of the same rank enter the Staff Corps, and be promoted on the same day, they will stand in the Corps according to the dates of their previous substantive Commissions. But Officers of the Staff Corps will take precedence and exercise command among each other, according to their Army rank.					
Rank.						
Precedence.						
Promotion.	103. All promotions in the Staff Corps, in the case of Officers who may join the Staff Corps within six months of the publication of the Royal Warrant, will take effect from the 18th February, 1861, the date of the receipt of the Warrant in India.					
Removals.	104. The power of removing Officers from the Effective List of the Staff Corps will be exercised by Her Majesty through the Secretary of State for India. Royal Warrant, Clause 7.					
Employments.	105. The provisions of paragraph 90 are also applicable to appointments in the Ordnance, Survey, and Public Works Departments.					

* See also G. G. O., No. 36, 10th January 1862, para. 19; and G. G. O., No. 1105, 12th December 1862.

† See G.O.G.G., Nos. 150 A. and 161 A., 13th and 20th October, 1863, and G. G. O., No. 812, 31st December 1863.

‡ See also G. G. O., No. 36, 10th January, 1862, paras. 12 to 14.



106. The promotion of Officers of the Indian Armies, on the occurrence of vacancies, will be notified, as heretofore, by the Governments of India, in the *Official Gazette*, and will be stated to be "subject to Her Majesty's approval." Periodical Lists of these promotions will be submitted to the Secretary of State for India, that measures may be taken for the preparation and signature of corresponding Commissions. Pending the receipt of these Commissions the Officers provisionally promoted by the Indian Governments will enjoy the pay, provision, and privileges of the rank to which they may have been advanced.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

Promotion.

Lists.

Commissions.

Pay, &c.

DECLARATION to be made by a SOLDIER volunteering from Her Majesty's Indian Forces to Regiments of Her Majesty's General Army.*

DECLARATION.

Form.

I. A. B., do declare, that I have been till now a (*Private or Corporal, or Sergeant, as the case may be*) in the Regiment of _____ in Her Majesty's Indian Military Forces: That I enlisted on the _____ day of _____ for a term of _____ Years, of which _____ Years and _____ Months remain unexpired: That I am of the age of _____ Years: That I am willing to be transferred from the Infantry (*or as the case may be*) of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, to the 101st Regiment Royal Bengal Fusiliers (*or as the case may be*), of Her Majesty's Army, for the unexpired residue of my Term of Service; and to accept, according to the Terms of a General Order of His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council, No. 332, of the 10th day of April, 1861, the Bounty of Rupees _____ upon such transfer: And that I will serve Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the said unexpired Term of _____ Years and _____ Months from this date, provided my services should so long be required, and also for such further Term, not exceeding Two Years, as shall be directed by the Commanding Officer on any Foreign Station.

Signature of Soldier.

Signature of Witness.

Declared before me,

(Signature of Justice of the Peace or Magistrate.)

* See also G. G. O., No. 827, 17th September, 1861.

R O Y A L W A R R A N T .

VICTORIA R.

STAFF CORPS.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide a body of Officers for Our Service in India, by whom various offices and appointments hitherto held by Officers borne on the strength of the several Corps or Regiments of Our Forces in India shall in future be held; and whereas Our Secretary of State for India in Council has resolved to charge upon the Revenues of India the sum necessary to provide the pay, half-pay, and pensions of such body of Officers on the scale hereinafter contained, Our will and pleasure is, that a Corps be formed in each of the Presidencies of Our Indian Dominions, to be denominated the Bengal, Madras, and Bombay Staff Corps respectively, to consist of such Officers as may be required for such employment, and are selected for such purpose by Our Governments in India, with the approbation of Our Secretary of State for India in Council.

Denomination.

Admission.

It is also Our will and pleasure that all Officers now holding, or who immediately before the commencement of their present unexpired Furlough may have held such appointments, and in future Officers belonging to any of Our land Forces serving in India, under the rank of Regimental Field Officer, who shall have served three years with a Regiment, of which two shall have been in India, shall be eligible to enter such Staff Corps; but such Officers will not be permanently transferred to the Staff Corps unless fully qualified,* and until they shall have passed such periods of probation as may be determined on for the branch of the Indian Service for which they may be selected.† Officers will receive Commissions in the Staff Corps on their names being submitted to us by Our Secretary of State for India.

Probation.

Commissions.

Rules of Promotion.

It is our further will and pleasure that the promotion and pay of the Staff Corps shall be regulated as follows :—

1. Ensigns, when permanently transferred to the Staff Corps, to have the rank of Lieutenant. Other Officers to have the rank which they may hold in their Regiments.

2. Promotion in the Staff Corps to be governed by length of service. Officers after twelve years' service, of which four must have been in the Staff Corps, to become Captains.

After twenty years' service, of which six must have been in the Staff Corps, to become Majors.

After twenty-six years' service, of which eight must have been in the Staff Corps, to become Lieutenant-Colonels.

Brevet Rank.

Five years' service in the* Staff Corps as Lieutenant-Colonel to entitle the Officer so employed to the Brevet rank of Colonel.

* See also G. G. O., No. 73, 27th January 1863.

† See Foreign Dept. (Genl.) Memo. No. 463, 14th July 1863.

Note.—The order quoted in the above and subsequent paragraphs, refers to the preceding Government General Order.

3. Officers now in Staff employment in India, joining the Staff Corps on its formation, shall count their previous Staff service towards promotion to the following extent:—

STAFF CORPS.
Service.

One step of rank will be given to every Officer whose period of service would qualify him for it, according to the above Rules. An interval of two years at least must intervene between each succeeding step.

Promotion.

General Order, paragraph 101. 4. Officers in the Staff Corps will be eligible for Brevet rank in common with the rest of the Army.

Brevet Rank.

General Order, paragraph 101. 5. Officers of the Staff Corps holding Military appointments will take Military Command according to their Army rank, but Officers whilst holding only Civil appointments will not be entitled to assume such Command.

Commands.

General Order, paragraph 88. 6. Exchanges may be allowed between Officers of the Staff Corps under the substantive rank of Field Officers and Regimental Officers of the same rank on the recommendation of the Indian Governments. Officers of the Staff Corps exchanging into a Regiment will become the Juniors of their Regimental rank.

Exchange.

Rank

General Order, paragraph 104. 7. The power of removing Officers from the effective List of the Staff Corps will be exercised by Us through Our Secretary of State for India.

Removals.

General Order, paragraphs 93, 99. 8. Officers of the Staff Corps will receive pay according to the following scale:—

Rates of pay.

	Whilst required to remain in India.			Out of India.		
	Rs.	As.	P.	£.	s.	d.
General Officers ...	1,295	5	0	per mensem*	1	5 0
Brevet-Colonel and						
Lieut.-Colonel ...	827	14	0	„	1	0 0
Major ...	640	14	0	„	0	16 0
Captain ...	374	1	6	„	0	10 6
Lieutenant ...	225	12	0	„	0	6 6

Every Officer when in active employment will also receive, in addition to the above pay, such a sum as will make his total pay and allowances up to the sum assigned by the Governments in India, with the approval of the Secretary of State for India in Council, as the consolidated pay of the office which he may hold.† Eventually a certain proportion of the senior Officers of the Staff Corps will receive Colonel's allowance.‡

Consolidated Pay.

Col.'s allowance.

* See also G. G. O., No. 36, 10th January, 1862, para. 19; and G. G. O., No. 1105, 12th December, 1862.

† See G. G. O. G., Nos. 156A., and 161A., 13th and 29th October, 1863; and G. G. O., No. 812, 31st December, 1863.

‡ See also G. G. O., No. 36, 10th January, 1862, paras. 12 to 14.

PENSION.
Scale.

9. Officers of the Staff Corps will be allowed to retire on the following scale of pension, provided that not less than half of the required periods of service shall have been passed in the Staff Corps:—

SCALE.

		£	s.	d.	
Staff Corps.	After 20 years' service in India ...	191	12	0	per annum.
	" 24 " ...	292	0	0	"
	" 28 " ...	365	0	0	"
	" 32 " ...	456	5	0	"

Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces joining the Staff Corps will be entitled to pensions under the Regulations of the Indian Service.

Half-pay.

10. Officers of the Staff Corps in England who may not wish to retire, but who are unable to return to India, and Officers removed from the effective List who may not be entitled to retire on the above scale of pension, will be placed on a half-pay list, provided they have served three years in India in the Staff Corps on the same rate of half-pay and on the same conditions as Officers of a similar rank in Our Army.

WARRANT.
Interpretation.

11. It is also Our will and pleasure that this Warrant shall be administered and interpreted by Our Secretary of State for India in Council, who shall be the sole and standing Authority upon the matters therein contained.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, this Sixteenth day of January 1861, in the Twenty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

(Sd.) CHARLES WOOD.

DESPATCH NO. 27.

INDIA OFFICE,

Military.

London, 18th January, 1861.

No. 27.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Notification.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to forward, for your information and guidance, copies of a Royal Warrant authorizing the formation of Staff Corps for each of the three Presidencies in India. You will cause the institution of these Corps to be notified in such manner as may seem to you best calculated to make the provisions contained in the Warrant generally known, and to afford to such Officers as may wish to join the new Corps the opportunity of doing so.

2. I proceed at the same time, to communicate to your Lordship the general views of Her Majesty's Government as to the measures to be adopted in reference to the Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Army.

3. In the execution of those measures the pledge that due regard shall be paid to the rights and claims of the Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces will be scrupulously adhered to.

General Order, paragraph 23.

4. The events of the late Mutiny have impressed upon Her Majesty's Government the absolute necessity of a large reduction of the Native Army, and, with a view to that economy which is imperatively called for by the state of Indian finance, it appears to them that the number of Officers hitherto attached to the Native Regiments organised on what is called the regular system may be considerably reduced. Your Lordship has recommended that six European Officers should be employed with those Regiments which are formed on the irregular system, and your Lordship has already received the sanction of Her Majesty's Government to this arrangement.* I am of opinion that a very considerable saving will thus be effected, as nearly one-half the charge of a regular Regiment consists of the Pay and allowances of its Officers. I am inclined to believe also that the efficiency of the Regiments will in no respect suffer, whilst an opportunity will be given of raising the character and position of the Native Officers, and probably of affording an opening for the employment of Natives of higher position, which I consider to be an object of considerable importance.

5. The Irregular Native Regiments, both of Infantry and Cavalry, have hitherto been officered by Officers specially appointed to them. There is also a large number of appointments of different kinds, Political, Civil, &c., held by Officers, and comprehended under the general name of Staff employment. For both these descriptions of employment Officers, though borne on the strength of their Regiments, have been taken. Indeed the number of Officers borne on the strength of Regiments has been increased beyond that required for Regimental duty expressly in order to allow of their being so taken away. In addition to this, application was some years ago made by the Government in India to the Home Government, that Officers in the Regiments of the Line stationed in India might be similarly employed, and arrangements were made as to the number and rank of the Officers of such Regiments, in order to allow of this being done.

6. This system of withdrawing Officers for such employment while permanently remaining on the strength of their Regiments has been condemned by various high Authorities as impairing the efficiency of the Regiments; and it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government that it should be discontinued, and that ultimately all Officers selected for such employment should be transferred to Staff Corps, which will be formed expressly for this Service. There will be, as at present, two great divisions of employment for Officers of the Staff Corps:—

General Order, paragraph 71.

1st. Purely Military, as in Regiments of the Native Army.

OFFICERS.
Rights & Claims.

NATIVE REGTS.
Establishment.

Native Officers.

Withdrawing Officers.

STAFF CORPS.
Divisions of employment.

Note.—The order quoted in the above and subsequent paragraphs, refers to the preceding Government General Order.

* See also G. G. O., No. 1107, 12th December, 1862.

2nd. Various Civil appointments, as Political, Public Works, &c.

There will also be practically many sub-divisions of employment, for each of which there may be, as at present, separate Departmental Lists.

STAFF CORPS. British Officers. Indian Officers.	The Staff Corps will be drawn from the two classes of Officers which at present furnish Officers for Staff employment, viz. the Officers of Her Majesty's General Army serving in India and those of Her Indian Army.
Genl. Gradation List.	7. The List of General Officers of the Indian Army and their promotion will remain exactly as at present. It will be desirable to provide for the early consolidation of the List of Officers attaining this rank in the General and Indian branches of Her Majesty's Service, but this subject requires further consideration and will form the subject of a separate Despatch.*
CAVY. AND INFY. Regtl. Gradation List.	8. The promotion of Field Officers will go on as usual, in separate Lists of "Majors," "Lieutenant-Colonels," and "Colonels Regimentally" of Cavalry and Infantry; but a gradual reduction will be made in the number of Regimental Colonels entitled to Colonel's allowances, in due proportion to the reduction in the number of Regiments. The extent to which this reduction is to be carried will be determined hereafter; but it must be commenced at once in Bengal, by promoting only three Lieutenant-Colonels for every four vacancies in the Rank of Colonel Regimentally.†
Col.'s Allowance.	9. Officers of the Royal or Indian Corps of Engineers who may be employed in the Public Works or Survey Departments, and Officers of the Royal or Indian Regiments of Artillery doing duty with Batteries of Native Artillery, or employed in the Ordnance Department, or as Superintendents of Ordnance Manufacturing Establishments in India, will not be required to relinquish their Regimental position; but Artillery Officers holding appointments in the Ordnance Department will be seconded‡ and Officers of either of these Regiments accepting any other description of Staff employ than those above specified will be subject to the same Rules as Officers of Infantry or Cavalry of the Line or Local Services respectively.
ARTY. & ENGRS. Position.	
Seconding.	
Employment.	
Enlistment.	10. The Act XXIII. and XXIV. Vic. Cap. C. of the last Session of Parliament, prohibits the further enlistment of Troops for the Local European Army of India; and under the operation of that Act the European Regiments of the Local Army would in course of time be extinguished. But it is the desire of Her Majesty's Government to preserve, in the ranks of the British Army, the names and traditions of certain of the older European Regiments of the late East India Company's Service, and to convert these Regiments at once into Regiments of Her Majesty's Line Army.
Representative Regiments.	

* See G. G. O., No. 325, 18th March, 1862.

† Cancelled, see G. G. O., No. 807, 12th September, 1861, paras. 17, 18.

‡ See also G. G. O., No. 1074, 20th November, 1861.

11. The details of the measures by which this object is to be effected are communicated to you in a separate Despatch of this date; and it is sufficient to state here that no Soldier of the Local Army will have the conditions of his service altered without his own consent; and that the proper Establishment of Officers for the converted Regiments will be filled up with Officers of the Local Army who may volunteer to transfer their services to the Line, and who will thenceforth rise by seniority in the Regiments to which they may be posted.

12. The present and prospective advantage which these Officers derive from the Military and Orphan Funds will be secured to them, and they will be allowed retiring pensions under the present Rule (two years' future service out of India counting as one year in India in completion of the service required for the several grades of Pension.)*

13. In my Despatch No. 31 of this date, you are informed that Commissions from Her Majesty, conferring Rank and Command in Her Armies, will be given to all the European Commissioned Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Army; but these Commissions, like those which they now hold from the Commander-in-Chief in India, will not contain an appointment to particular Regiments. The European Commissioned Officers of Cavalry and Infantry will be placed on two general Lists of Cavalry and Infantry for each Presidency. Those Officers who may not join the Staff Corps or Regiments of the Line will be available for any duty to which they may be appointed, either continuing to serve with the Regiments to which they have been attached, or in Staff employment or otherwise, at the discretion of the Governments of India. The promotion of Officers who have been posted to Regiments will go on to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, in conformity with the usages of the Indian Army, by Regimental Seniority; and that of Unposted Officers in the manner specified in my Despatches Nos. 343, of 30th September, 1859, paragraph 5, and 287, of 31st July, 1860.

14. Officers of the Local Army who may be transferred to the Staff Corps will thenceforward be promoted under the Rules of that Corps. Their names, however (which may be printed in *italics* in the Army List), will remain on the Rolls of the Indian Army, and the promotion of the Officers who do not join the Staff Corps will be unaffected by their removal, and will be made in the same manner as if these Officers had not joined the Staff Corps. The same rule will apply to promotion in the General Lists of Field Officers, on which the names of Officers so transferred will be placed in the same position which they would have held had they not joined the Staff Corps. Thus, until the death or retirement of such Officers, their names will remain on the Rolls of the Indian Army, to regulate the promotion of their Juniors.

New Line Regts.

Officers.
Soldiers.Funds.
Pension.

Commissions.

General Lists.

Employment.

Regtl. Promotion.

Unposted Offrs.

Promotion.

* See G. G. O., No. 827, 17th September, 1861, paras. 30 and 31, and G. G. O., Nos. 309 and 400, 8th April, 1862.

- General Staff.** 15. Appointments on the General Staff of the Army, specified in the margin, can only be held for five years, either by Officers of the Staff Corps or by other Officers, and will be subject to the limitations as to the rank of the Officers holding them, which are laid down in the "Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army," in Clauses 30 to 33 of the Section entitled "Duties of General and other Officers employed upon the Staff of the Army." *
- British Officers.** 16. Officers of Regiments of the Line now in Staff employment other than the appointments specified in the margin, will have the option of joining the Staff Corps, with the consent of the Commander-in-Chief in India, within six months from the date of the Notification of the Warrant in India, or of retaining their appointments on their present footing, if their services are required by your Government, for the unexpired term of a period of five years from the date of their appointment, unless the Regiment to which they belong shall be previously removed from the Indian Establishment.
- Appointments.**
- Indian Officers.** 17. Officers in the Local Army holding such appointments, if they do not join the Staff Corps, may be allowed to continue in Staff employment without vacating their appointments on the attainment of a certain rank, or will be at the disposal of Government for such other service as they may be competent to perform. *
- STAFF CORPS.** 18. Officers now holding Staff appointments, who have held them for short periods only, will not be transferred permanently to the Staff Corps unless they shall possess the requisite qualifications, and until they shall have completed the period of probation that may be prescribed for the Department in which they may be serving. †
- Probation.**
- Admission.** 19. The option of joining the Staff Corps, referred to in the foregoing paragraphs, will be open to those Officers only who may have fulfilled the conditions prescribed for original appointments, previously to their being transferred to it, and who may be considered by your Government to be in all respects fit for the Staff Corps.
- Selection.** 20. The selection of Officers for the Staff Corps will rest with the Governments in India. No Officer, however, should be admitted on probation without the consent of the Commander-in-Chief, and without a certificate from the Commanding Officer of his Regiment that he has efficiently performed his Regimental duty for the prescribed period. ‡ I desire that, after communication with the Governments of Madras and Bombay, your Government will prepare a scheme of the tests and periods of probation suitable for the several Departments of Military and Civil Staff employment.
- Probation.**
- Examination.**

* See also G. O. G. G., No. 72 A., 8th June, 1863.

† See For Gen Dept. (General) Memo. Nos. 468 and 510, 14th and 31st July, 1863.

‡ See also G. O. G. G., No. 73, 27th January, 1863.

21. The promotion of Officers while on probation will go on in their respective Regiments. Officers of the British army, when permanently transferred to the Staff Corps, will be removed from the strength of the Regiment to which they belonged. *
22. It will be discretionary with the Governments of India to employ the Officers of the Staff Corps, in such manner as they may think best, in the situations for which their respective qualifications may render them most fitted. The appointments and promotions in the several Departments will rest with the Governments in India, and will be made respectively of the rank which the Officer may hold in the Staff Corps.
23. Officers of the Staff Corps, whilst employed, will receive, in addition to the pay of their rank, such a sum as will make up the salary and allowances which may be assigned to the Office which they hold. When unemployed they will receive pay, or half-pay, on the scale fixed in the Warrant, according to their Military rank. It is desirable that you should at once prepare a List of all Officers in Staff employ, and of the situation filled by them, with the amount of salary which you consider suitable for each appointment respectively. †
24. The aggregate number of Officers of the Staff Corps will be strictly limited, with a due allowance for Furlough and Sick leave, to the number of appointments which the Governments of India require to be filled by officers of that Corps.
25. In these as in all other matters, the proceedings of the Governments in India will be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for India in Council.
26. It is provided in the Warrant that Officers now in Staff employment in India, on joining the Staff Corps on its formation, may count, to a certain extent, their past Staff service, towards promotion only, as if it had been performed in the Staff Corps. This privilege will be restricted to those Officers who may join the Staff Corps within six months of the date of the Notification of the Warrant in India.
27. The exchange permitted, by the 6th Rule of the Warrant, between Officers of the Staff Corps under the substantive rank of Field Officer and Regimental Officers of the same rank, can only be made with the sanction of the Government and Commander-in-Chief in India, and will be subject to confirmation by Her Majesty. No Officer will be allowed to exchange into the Staff Corps unless he be duly qualified for the department of the Staff on which the Government desire to employ him.
28. Officers of the Staff Corps of one Presidency may, with the sanction of the Government of India, be employed in any other Presidency.

Promotion.

British Officers.

STAFF CORPS.
Employment.

Pay, &c.

Number of Officers.

Secy. of State.

Service.

Privilege.

Exchange.

Employment

* See also Circular, 6th December, 1862.

† See G. O. G., Nos. 156 A., and 161 A., 13th and 20th October, 1863, and G. O., No. 812, 31st December, 1868.

- STAFF CORPS.** 29. The periods of service specified in the 9th Rule, as a title
Pension. General Order, paragraph 95. to Pensions of various amounts, will include the proportions of leave of absence in India or elsewhere, laid down in the New Furlough Regulations, viz. :—
 2 years in 20 years' service.
 3 „ in 25 „ „
 4 „ in 30 „ „
- Col.'s allowance.** 30. The 8th Rule provides that a certain proportion of the
 General Order, paragraph 94. Senior Officers of the Staff Corps shall receive Colonel's Allowance. Eventually the number will be fixed in the proportion of one for every thirty Officers on the Staff Corps, but this number can only be filled up as the Establishment of Colonels on the old footing diminishes, so that the aggregate number of Officers receiving Colonel's allowance at one time shall never exceed the regulated number of Colonel's allowance for each Presidency. *
- Half-pay.** 31. The 10th Rule specifies the circumstances and conditions
 General Order, paragraph 94. under which an Officer of the Staff Corps may be placed on a half-pay List, analogous to that of a Regiment of the British Army. Such Officers will be eligible to return to the Effective Service, either in the Staff Corps or in Regiments of the Line, and will enjoy all the privileges of Officers on the half-pay of the British Army.
- Furlough.** 32. Officers of the Staff Corps while on Furlough will draw the
Pay. General Order, paragraph 93. pay of their rank, as laid down in the Clause of the Royal Warrant for Officers out of India, and in case of sickness will have the privilege of drawing for six months the allowances of Officers in India. They will be allowed to retain their appointments during short periods of leave not exceeding twenty months, during which time they will only receive the unemployed pay of their rank. With the above exceptions the Officers of the Staff Corps will be under the New Furlough Regulations of the Indian Army.†
- Unemployed.** 33. No unemployed General Officer of the Staff Corps, who is
General Officers. General Order, paragraphs 97, 98. not required by the Governments in India to remain there, will be allowed to receive pay on the Indian scale for a longer period than three years.‡ No unemployed Officer of the Staff Corps under the rank of Major-General will be allowed to draw pay for a longer period than one year on the Indian scale, and three years on the lower scale, after which period he will be placed on half-pay.||
- Funds.** 34. The best method of dealing with the Military and Orphan
 General Order, paragraph 65. Funds of the three Presidencies is now under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government. The Governments of India will be prepared to assume the

* See also G. G. O., No. 36, 10th January, 1862, paras. 12 to 14.

† See also G. G. O., No. 874, 1st October, 1861.

‡ See also G. G. O., No. 830, 20th March, 1863.

|| Modified, see G. G. O., Nos. 825 and 826, 17th September, 1861.

liabilities of the funds, as far as may be requisite to maintain existing Pensions, and to secure to the Subscribers and their families the benefits to which they are entitled under the present system.

I have, &c.,
(Sd.) CHARLES WOOD.

DESPATCH No. 28.

Military,
No. 28.

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 18th January, 1861.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—IN my Military Despatch No. 348, dated 5th September, paragraph 15, I communicated to you the intention of Her Majesty's Government that "the European Non-Commisioned Officers and Soldiers who have enlisted for the Indian Forces up to the present time, will continue to serve in India during the term of their engagement, on precisely the same conditions and with the same privileges in regard to Pension as they now enjoy, and that, at the expiration of their contract period of service, they will, if fit, be permitted to re-enlist for general service, with the privilege of counting their past service for Pension under the Regulations of Her Majesty's Army." And in reiterating that pledge in my General Order, paragraph 5. Despatch No. 414 of the 31st October, I added that it is not contemplated by Her Majesty's Government to transfer any Soldier of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, without his own consent, to a Regiment of the Line. Soldiers.

2. At that time it was the intention of Her Majesty's Government to retain, for the present, the existing designations of the European Regiments of Her Majesty's Indian Army to recruit such of them as are to be retained permanently with men raised for general service, on the ordinary conditions of Infantry and Cavalry Soldiers enlisted for Her Majesty's Line Army; and when all the Soldiers engaged for Local Service had been replaced by general service men, to complete the assimilation of these Regiments with the Regiments of Infantry and Cavalry, respectively, of the British Service.

3. Her Majesty's Government were anxious to preserve the General Order, paragraph 4. proud recollections of distinguished service which belong especially to the older Regiments of each Presidency, and to incorporate in Her Majesty's Army those Corps which have so greatly contributed to the acquisition and maintenance of Her Majesty's Dominions in the East. Representative
Regiments.

Note—The order quoted in the above and subsequent paragraphs, refers to the preceding Government General Order.

4. They were not unaware that some difficulties might have been found from placing in the same Regiment men under different conditions of service, but, fully relying on the steady behaviour of the men, they felt confident that by judicious conduct on the part of the Officers any bad result might be avoided.

Local Regiments. 5. They were of opinion that in this manner the discontinuance of a Local Force might gradually be effected with the least disturbance of the existing positions and relations of Officers and Men.

Enlistment. 6. Objections, however, have been raised to this course on legal grounds, and Her Majesty's Government have consequently determined on the adoption of the plan which I shall now proceed to explain to your Lordship.

NEW LINE REGTS. 7. They are unwilling, by allowing the Local Corps to die out, **Formation.** General Order, paragraph 5. which would be the necessary consequence of merely ceasing to fill up their numbers by Recruits, that the names of such Corps as the three older Regiments of each Presidency should cease to be borne on the Rolls of Her Majesty's Army whilst they feel it to be indispensable that no man, except with his own consent, should have his present terms of service altered.

8. The first object will be attained by maintaining these Regiments as Regiments of the Line, the second by retaining in a Local Corps such men as prefer to continue their service only in India.

9. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to sanction the General Order, paragraph 22. necessary increase of the Establishment of Her Army; and orders are transmitted herewith from His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, who will take the necessary measures for this purpose which depend on him.

10. The plan which they have determined upon is as follows:—

To offer to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 1st General Order, paragraphs 5, 12, 17, 20. Bengal Fusiliers the usual bounty given to a man volunteering from one Regiment to another, if they are willing to accept service on the terms of Her Majesty's Line Forces, and to form a Regiment of the Line from such Volunteers, with the addition of such men of good character of the 4th and 6th Regiments of Bengal European Infantry as may volunteer to be transferred to it on similar terms and with similar bounty.

The men who may not volunteer on these terms will be transferred to the 4th Regiment of European Infantry, which will remain a Local Corps. General Order, paragraph 16.

To make to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 2nd General Order, paragraphs 11, 17. Bengal Fusiliers and of the 3rd Bengal European Infantry, a similar offer to that made to the 1st Bengal Fusiliers, and to pursue a similar course in forming from them two new Regiments of the Line.

11. The men of the 1st and 2nd Bengal Fusiliers and of the 3rd Bengal Regiment of Infantry who volunteer for Line Service will be kept in the Regiments representing those to which they respectively belong, and those who volunteer from the 4th and 6th Regiments must be divided so as to equalize, as far as possible, the number in each of the three Line Regiments. If the numbers fall short of 850 in each Regiment, the complement can be made up by men from Regiments leaving India or by Recruits.

12. If the men declining these terms are more than enough to fill up the 4th Bengal European Regiment, the 6th Bengal European Regiment must likewise be retained as a Local Regiment.

13. It is necessary that the Officers of these three General Service Regiments should be generally under the conditions of service of Line Officers, * and that they should be permanently attached to their Regiments. It is considered to be desirable that they should be taken from among the Officers of the Local Armies, and, as far as possible, from the old Regiments, which will be respectively represented by the new ones.

14. By my Despatch of this date, No. 27, you have been directed to place all the Officers of the European and Native Regular Infantry and Cavalry of each Presidency on General Lists, and you will invite, from these Lists, the number of Officers required for the new Line Regiments to volunteer for General Service in these Regiments on the same conditions as Line Officers, except that the system of purchase which prevails in the Army of the Line will not be allowed in these Regiments. The present and prospective advantages which Officers derive from the Military and Orphan Funds will be secured to them, and they will be allowed retiring Pensions under the Indian Regulations, counting their service in India in full, and one year for every two years of their future service out of India, in completion of the periods of service required under those Regulations for the several grades of Pension.†

15. These Officers will be formed into *Cadres* of the Strength noted in the margin exclusive of Regimental Staff, and will be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to do duty with the several new Regiments, and they will eventually receive new Commissions from Her Majesty in those Regiments, bearing the same dates respectively as the Commissions which they now hold. Such of them as may have belonged to the three older Local Regiments will be appointed respectively to the new Regiments representing those to which they belonged.

New Line Regts.
Officers.

General Lists.

Purchase.

Funds.
Pension.

Infantry.

Establishment.

Formation.

1 Lieut.-Colonel.
2 Majors.
12 Captains } Including two
14 Lieutenants } Companies at
10 Ensigns } the Depot.
A Colonel will be appointed
hereafter to each Regiment.

* See also G. O. G. G., Nos. 104 A., and 112 A., 22nd and 31st July, 1863.
† See also G. O. G. G., No. 827, 17th September, 1861, paras. 30 and 31, and G. O. G. G., Nos. 390 and 400, 8th April, 1862.

New Line REGT. Position.	And it should be secured to them that they shall hold a position in the new Regiments as far as possible the same as that which they held in the old ones.	
General List.	16. The names of these Officers will remain on the General List, printed in <i>italics</i> , to regulate the promotion of their Juniors in precisely the same way as if they had been transferred to the Staff Corps under the conditions detailed in my separate Despatch on this subject.	
INFANTRY. Numbering and designation.	17. The three older Regiments of the Bengal Presidency will thus be converted into Regiments of Her Majesty's General Army and will be numbered and designated as follows:— The 101st Regiment of Foot (or 1st Bengal Fusiliers.) The 104th Regiment of Foot (or 2nd Bengal Fusiliers.) The 107th Regiment of Foot.	
Hony. Distincts.	They will be permitted to bear on their colors and appointments the honorary distinctions won by the Regiments of the Indian Army which they will respectively represent.	
Cavalry.	18. In my Despatch No. 374, dated 9th October, you were directed to form into three Regiments of European Light Cavalry the five existing Regiments of that Arm in the Bengal Presidency, and, assuming this consolidation to have been completed, measures will now be taken, analogous to those above prescribed, for the conversion of these Regiments into three Regiments of Light Dragoons of Her Majesty's General Army.	
Soldiers.	19. Such of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of each of the three Regiments as may accept the offer of bounty on the conditions of General Service will form the basis of a new Regiment of Dragoons, which will be made up hereafter to the complement of 500 Sabres. The three Regiments will be respectively designated as follows:—	
Numbering and designation.	19th (Light) Dragoons (now 1st Bengal European Light Cavy.) 20th (Light) Dragoons (now 2nd Bengal European Light Cavy.) 21st (Light) Dragoons (now 3rd Bengal European Light Cavy.)	
Establishment.	20. The Officers on the three Regiments, having been placed on a General List under the instructions of my despatch of this date, No. 27, will be permitted to volunteer for General Service in the Regiments representing those to which they formerly belonged, and any vacancies that may then remain in the <i>Cadres</i> of Officers, calculated on the Establishment of a Dragoon Regiment, as per margin, exclusive of Regimental Staff, will be filled up in the following manner:—	
Formation.	General Order, paragraph 51. 1 Lieut. Colonel.* 2 Majors. 9 Captains. 9 Lieutenants. 9 Cornets. A Colonel will hereafter be appointed to each Regiment.	Including one Troop for the Depot.

* Establishment reduced by 1 Captain, 1 Lieutenant, and 1 Cornet.—G. G. O., No. 252, 7th April, 1868.

General Order, paragraph 55. The 19th Light Dragoons by Volunteers from the remaining Officers of the Bengal Cavalry.

General Order, paragraph 51. The 20th and 21st Light Dragoons by Volunteers from the Officers of the Madras and Bombay Cavalry, respectively.

21. The Non-Commissioned Officers and Men who may prefer the conditions of Local Service will be placed in the 4th Bengal European Light Cavalry which will be re-formed for that purpose, with the Officers who belonged to it, as a Local Regiment. Local Cavy. Regts.

22. The measures for the conversion of the European Regiments in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies into Regiments of the Line, will similar to be those prescribed for adoption in Bengal, but with such modifications as circumstances render necessary. Madras and Bombay.

23. At Madras the Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers accepting the conditions of General Service will be formed into three Regiments of the Line which will be designated as follows :—

The 102nd Regiment of Foot (or Madras Fusiliers.)
The 105th Regiment of Foot (or Madras Light Infantry.)
The 108th Regiment of Foot; Numbering and designation.

and they will bear on their colors and appointments any honorary distinctions belonging to the old Regiments which they will respectively represent. Hony. Distincts.

General Order, paragraph 16. 24. The men who may not accept the offer of bounty will be placed in a separate Corps for Local Service, which may be designated the Madras European Regiment. Local Infy. Regts.

25. To this Corps Officers of the three European Regiments who may not volunteer for General Service, and, if required, other Officers from the General List, will be appointed to do duty.

26. In the Bombay Presidency the three new Regiments of the Line will be formed, in the manner above described, of Volunteers from the three existing Regiments of European Infantry, including the German Soldiers of the 3rd European Regiment, who will also be permitted to volunteer, and will be designated respectively :— German Soldiers.

The 103rd Regiment of Foot (or Bombay Fusiliers.)
The 106th Regiment of Foot.
The 109th Regiment of Foot. Numbering and designation.

They will bear on their colors any honorary distinctions which have been won respectively by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bombay European Regiments. Hony. Distincts.

- Local Infy. Regts. 27. The men who may not accept the offer of bounty will be placed in a separate Corps for Local Service, which may be designated the Bombay European Regiment.
- German Officers. 28. Officers will be provided for these Regiments in the manner above described with reference to Bengal and Madras, except that in the formation of a *Cadre* of Officers for the 109th Bombay Regiment of Foot, the claims of the German Officers whom, after receipt of my Despatch No. 154, of the 5th September, the Government of Bombay may have thought it necessary to retain with the 3rd European Regiment, will be considered. Such of these Officers as may desire it will receive Commissions in their present grades in the 109th Foot.
- NEW LINE REGTS. 29. The new Regiments added, in the manner above described, to the Establishment of Her Majesty's Army, will be available for General Service, and will be twelve in number as follows:—
- Numbering and designation. General Order, paragraphs 9, 14.

- 19th Regiment of (Light) Dragoons.
- 20th Regiment of (Light) Dragoons.
- 21st Regiment of (Light) Dragoons.
- 101st Regiment of Foot (or 1st Bengal Fusiliers.)
- 102nd Regiment of Foot (or Madras Fusiliers.)
- 103rd Regiment of Foot (or Bombay Fusiliers.)
- 104th Regiment of Foot (or 2nd Bengal Fusiliers.)
- 105th Regiment of Foot (or Madras Light Infantry.)
- 106th Regiment of Foot.
- 107th Regiment of Foot.
- 108th Regiment of Foot.
- 109th Regiment of Foot.

I have, &c.,
(Sd.) CHARLES WOOD.

DESPATCH No. 29.

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 18th January, 1861.

Military.

No. 29.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Artillery.

MY LORD,—I HAVE the honor to communicate to your Excellency the details of a plan which has been determined upon by Her Majesty's Government for the assimilation and ultimate consolidation of the Indian Regiments of Artillery with that of the Royal Artillery. It provides the means of maintaining the efficiency of the Artillery Force in India, while it involves no interference with the present course of promotion in either Service.

2. The following are the conditions of the plan which has been determined upon :—

I. That the existing Regiments of Artillery in the three Presidencies of India shall remain distinct from each other and from the Royal Artillery as long as any of the Officers now in them shall continue to be borne on their Rolls.

General Order, paragraph 31.
II. That no new appointments shall be made to the three Indian Regiments.

III. That, on the occurrence of vacancies in any of the three Indian Regiments or in the Royal Artillery, appointments of young Officers should be made to the Royal Artillery.

IV. That after all the Subalterns in any of the Indian Regiments of Artillery have been promoted on the occurrence of the next vacancy in the grade of Second Captain in that Corps, the Senior Subaltern of the Royal Artillery should be promoted to that grade.

V. That the same process should be followed in each grade successively until all the Indian Regiments of Artillery have disappeared, after which the whole Corps will be Royal Artillery.

VI. That in order to carry out this measure to the full extent the organization of Indian Regiments of Artillery will be assimilated to that of the Royal Artillery. The Bengal Artillery will be formed into seven Brigades, the Madras Artillery into four Brigades, and the Bombay Artillery into three Brigades, in all fourteen Brigades with the strength of Officers detailed in the margin, which is believed to be the Establishment of a Brigade of Royal Artillery,

3. The assimilation of the Indian with the Royal Artillery involves considerable alterations of rank. Thus in Bengal seven of the Colonels will become Colonels Commandant, nine Lieutenant-Colonels will become Colonels, thirteen Captains will become Lieutenant-Colonels, and three Captains and nine Second Captains will become Supernumerary. This will cause a stoppage of promotion in the grades of Second Captain and Lieutenant. But there are at present four Lieutenant-Colonels, four Captains, and nine Second Captains in the Ordnance Department, and these, being seconded in accordance with the instruction in the 9th paragraph of my Despatch No. 27, dated this day, will more than compensate for the absorption of the three Captains and nine Second Captains above-mentioned.

4. Under the Royal Artillery organization the Colonel's allowance is drawn only by Colonels Commandant and of these there will be seven only in place of twelve, who now draw Colonel's allowance in the Bengal Artillery.

ARTILLERY.
Plan of assimila-
tion.

Establishment.

Seconding.

Col.'s allowance.

Note.—The General Order quoted in the above and subsequent paragraphs, refers to the preceding Government General Order.

ARTILLERY. Supernumeraries,	5. Eventually the assimilation must be carried out in this respect also. The five Officers who will be Supernumerary will continue to receive that allowance, and this necessary reduction will be gradually carried out by permitting the succession of only three Officers to every four vacancies in the number of those receiving Colonel's allowance until the Supernumeraries shall have been absorbed.
Colonels	6. Colonels of Artillery under the new organization, who, not being Colonels Commandant will not draw Colonel's allowance, will be permitted to draw
Pay.	in India the pay and allowances fixed for the rank of Regimental Colonel (excepting the Colonel's allowance). On furlough they will receive the furlough pay of Colonel, viz. 25 shillings a day, and
Privileges.	they will enjoy the privileges of Regimental Colonels in being permitted to reside in England, if not required in India, without forfeiting their position on the Effective List.
Commissions.	7. Such of the Officers as may be willing to serve out of India, and may be permitted to do so, will receive
Pay.	Commissions in the Royal Artillery, and will draw the pay and allowances fixed by Her Majesty's Regulations for that Arm of the Service according to the situation and locality
Promotion	in which they may be serving, but their promotion will continue to go on in their original Regiments. They will be permitted to
Pension.	reckon one year's service towards retiring pension on the Indian scale for every two years of employment out of India.*
Batteries	8. I have lately carefully considered the best mode of keeping up in efficiency the strength of Batteries and Companies of Artillery required for service in India.
	9. The number of men of the Local Artillery was much reduced under the operation of the General Order of 20th June, 1859, which offered the option of discharge to all Soldiers of the late East India Company's Service.
	10. At Bombay the Establishment of European Artillery has been subsequently recruited to very nearly its proper complement, but in Bengal and Madras
Enlistment.	the numbers are still much below the Establishment. The enlistment of Recruits for local service to complete the Establishment is prohibited by the late Act of Parliament, and there are legal objections to filling up the vacancies with men enlisted for the Royal Artillery. Under these circumstances, it appears advisable to separate at once the men of the Local Artillery, who are willing to transfer their services absolutely to the Royal Regiments of Artillery, from those who may prefer the conditions of local service. To the former you are authorized to offer the usual bounty on their transfer to the Royal Artillery, and the Volunteers who may accept these conditions will be formed into new Troops or Batteries of Royal Artillery, which will be filled up by Recruits enlisted for that Regiment, of whom a large number is now under training at Woolwich, and will be ready for embarkation in the course of next summer.
Bounty.	

* See also G. G. O., No 827, 17th September, 1861, paras. 30 and 31.

11. Officers will be provided for these Batteries from the Officers of the Bengal, Madras and Bombay Artillery, respectively, and will receive Commissions in the Royal Artillery concurrent with those which they now, respectively, hold in their Regiments.

ARTILLERY.
Officers.
Commissions.

12. The Soldiers of the Indian Artillery who may decline to accept the offer will be formed into Batteries which will remain under their original designations and conditions; and as the numbers of the men diminish by casualties, or by completion of their period of service, they will be consolidated into a smaller number of Batteries, and will finally disappear.

Local Batteries.

I have &c.,
(Sd.) CHARLES WOOD.

DESPATCH No. 30.

INDIA OFFICE,

London, 18th January, 1861.

Military.
No 30.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—In continuation of my Despatch No. 29, of this date, on the subject of the assimilation of the Indian Regiments of Artillery with that of the Royal Artillery, I have the honor to communicate to you the following plan, for the assimilation of the Regiments of Bengal, Madras and Bombay Engineers with that of the Royal Engineers.

Engineers.

2. In the case of these Regiments, it will be necessary to deal with the Officers only, as there are no English Soldiers in India under that designation, and the Regiments of Native Sappers and Miners must continue, as at present, on the footing of Local Corps, having the requisite complement of Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers appointed to do duty with them.

Native Sappers.

3. The process by which the Local Regiments of Engineers will die out, and their places be filled by Officers appointed to the Royal Engineers, is precisely similar to that already described for the Artillery.

4. All fresh appointments will be made to the Royal Engineers, and when all the Subalterns of any of the three Indian Regiments have become Captains, the next vacancy in that Regiment will cause the promotion of the Senior Subaltern of Royal Engineers, and the same process will be followed in the higher grades until all the Local Officers have disappeared.

Plan of assimila-
tion.

Note.—The Order quoted in the above and subsequent paragraphs, refers to the preceding Government General Order.

- Engineers.** • 5. The ultimate effect of this measure will be to add seven Battalions of Officers to the Royal Engineers, of which three will take the place of the Bengal Regiment, and two each will be in substitution for those of Madras and Bombay.
- Establishment.** 6. The Engineer Corps of Her Majesty's Indian Forces will be immediately formed into three Battalions for Bengal, and two each for Madras and Bombay, of the established strength of a Battalion of Royal Engineers, as follows:—
- 1 Colonel Commandant
 - 2 Colonels.
 - 5 Lieutenant-Colonels.
 - 8 Captains.
 - 8 Second Captains.
 - 24 Lieutenants.
7. The effect of this measure will be to give considerable promotion in the existing Regiments. In Bengal the number of Field Officers will be increased from fifteen to twenty-four. In Madras and Bombay from nine to sixteen. In Bengal three Colonels will become Colonels Commandant; four Lieutenant-Colonels will become Colonels; nine Captains will become Lieutenant-Colonels; three Second Captains will become Captains, and three Lieutenants will become Supernumerary. In Madras and Bombay two Colonels will become Colonels Commandant; three Lieutenant-Colonels will become Colonels; seven Captains will become Lieutenant-Colonels; five Second Captains will become Captains, and three Lieutenants will become Second Captains.
- Supernumeraries.** 8. On the other hand the Bengal Corps will lose two Colonels' allowances, and the Madras and Bombay Corps will each lose one Colonel's allowance. The number of Officers receiving these allowances will be reduced to that fixed by the new organization by omitting to fill up one out of every four vacancies, in the manner prescribed for the Artillery in my Despatch No. 29.
- Colonels.** 9. Colonels of Engineers, not being Colonels Commandant, will be in the same position as Colonels of Artillery, as described in the 6th paragraph of my Despatch above quoted.
- Commissions.** 10. All the Officers of Indian Engineers will receive Commissions in the Royal Engineers, but as before explained; will rise by Seniority in their respective Regiments.
- Promotion.**
- Service.** 11. They will not be required to serve out of India, unless at their own request, but will be eligible to serve anywhere, receiving the pay and allowances fixed for Royal Engineers in similar positions, and counting one year towards retiring Pension on the Indian scale for every two years' service out of India.
- Pay.**
- Pension.**

- 12 The places of Indian Engineer Officers who may elect, and *Royal Engrs*
 General Order, para- who may be permitted to serve out of India
 graph 42 on the above terms, will be filled up with
 Officers of the Royal Engineers, who may be willing to under- *P. W. Dept.*
 take the several duties required from Engineer Officers in the
 Department of Public Works.
13. The Engineer Corps of the several Presidencies will conti- *Engr. Corps.*
 General Order, para- nue to be, as at present, principally *Corps of*
 graph 43. Officers, having no European Soldiers attach- *Native Sappers.*
 ed to them. But Engineer Officers may be posted, as at present,
 as far as they can be made available, to the Corps of Native Sap-
 pers, which must be maintained on the present footing, which, in
 many points, resembles that of Irregular Native Infantry.
14. It is very desirable to continue the practice of posting a *Eur Non-Commnd.*
 General Order, para- large number of European Non-Commission- *Officers.*
 graph 8. ed Officers to the Native Companies of Sap-
 pers and Miners. These men have hitherto been obtained by sel-
 ection from the men enlisted for Artillery and Infantry, and have
 been liable to be remanded to their Regiments on misbehaviour.
15. The men so selected have undergone a special course of
 training at Chatham, and, after serving in India with the Sappers
 and Miners, and acquiring some knowledge of the native langu-
 age, a portion of them who were able to pass the requisite examina-
 tion were appointed Overseers in the Public Works Department.
16. I have communicated with His Royal Highness the Gener- *P. W. Dept.*
 al Commanding-in-Chief regarding the best method of providing *Soldiers.*
 men for this duty, and for keeping up the supply of vacancies in
 the Public Works Department, a considerable portion of whom
 have hitherto been drawn from the Local European Sappers. His
 Royal Highness is of opinion that it would be advisable to try the
 experiment of obtaining Volunteers from the Royal Engineers,
 such men, as Volunteers, being required to sign a Declaration of
 their willingness to be remanded, in the event of their being guilty
 of gross misconduct, to the Royal Artillery in India, as there are
 no Companies of Royal Engineers in that country. Should a dif-
 ficulty arise in obtaining sufficient Volunteers from the Royal
 Engineers, Volunteers may be taken from the Line, and trained
 at Chatham, like the Engineer Soldiers, who have hitherto been
 selected from the Artillery and Infantry Recruits of the Indian
 Forces.
17. These men could be remanded, in the event of misconduct, *Remand.*
 to any Line Regiment in India.
18. A further communication on this subject will be made to
 you hereafter, and in the meantime I request that you will fur-
 nish me with an estimate of the number of men required to be
 supplied annually for the above purpose.

I have, &c.,

(Sd) CHARLES WOOD.

DESPATCH No. 31.

INDIA OFFICE,

London, 18th January, 1861.

Military.

No. 31.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Commissions.

MY LORD,—I HAVE the honor to acknowledge your Excellency's Despatch No. 264, dated 8th October, informing me that you have decided on discontinuing the issue of Commissions by the Governments in India to the European Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Armies, and submitting for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, whether the Form of Commission issued by the Commander-in-Chief in India should be modified, and whether the Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces should not be placed on the same footing, in respect of their Commissions, as the Officers of Her Majesty's Line Army.

2. These questions having been considered by Her Majesty's Government, I have to convey to you their approval of the discontinuance of the issue of Local Commissions to the Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, and to intimate to you that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify Her intention to give to every Officer of Her Indian Armies a Royal Commission in substitution for those which he now holds from the Governments of India and from the Commanders-in-Chief. But, whereas the Commissions heretofore issued by the Governments of India usually appointed the Officers named therein to particular Indian Regiments, the Commissions about to be granted by Her Majesty will, like those now granted by the Commander-in-Chief in India, confer rank and command in Her Majesty's Army in any part of the world, but will not appoint the Officers holding them to any particular Corps or Arm of the service.

Rank
Command.

3. A Form of the Commission to be adopted for this purpose is forwarded for your information.*

Nominal Rolls.

4. In order to the preparation of these Commissions, I desire to be furnished immediately with nominal Rolls showing the dates of the Commissions held severally by all the Officers of the Armies of the three Presidencies.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE.
Promotion.

5. The promotion of Officers of the Indian Armies, on the occurrence of vacancies, will be notified, as heretofore, by the Governments in India in the *Official Gazette*, and will be stated to be "subject to Her Majesty's approval."

Note—The order quoted in the above and subsequent paragraphs, refers to the preceding Government General Order.

* See next page.

6. A list of the promotions made in each Presidency will be submitted, twice a month to this Office, in order that measures may be taken for the preparation and signature of corresponding Commissions; and, pending the receipt of these Commissions, the Officers provisionally promoted by the Indian Government will enjoy the pay, provision, and privileges of the rank to which they may have been advanced.

PROMOTIONS.

List.

Pay, &c.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) CHARLES WOOD.

COMMISSION.

VICTORIA, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., to Our trusty and well-beloved A. B., Esquire; greeting.

COMMISSION.

Form.

We, reposing especial trust and confidence in your loyalty, courage, and good conduct, do, by these presents constitute and appoint you to hold the Rank of _____ in Our Army from _____

And We do hereby give and grant you full power and authority to Command and take your Rank accordingly. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of _____

by doing and performing all, and all manner of things thereunto belonging. And We do hereby command all Our Officers and Soldiers whom it may concern to acknowledge and obey you as a _____ as aforesaid. And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions from time to time as you shall receive from Us or any of your superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of war, in pursuance of the trust We hereby repose in you.

Given at Our Court at _____ the _____ day of _____ 18____
in the _____ year of Our Reign.

By her Majesty's Command.

(True copies)

R. J. H. BIRCH, Major-General,

Secretary to the Government of India.

G. O. C. C., 10th April.—In publishing to the Army the General Order No. 332 of 1861, by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the Commander-in-Chief, with the view to carry out the final arrangements for the new constitution of the European Forces of Her Majesty's Indian Army, as laid down in that order, and for the disposal of men who do not volunteer for General Service, issues the following instructions.

VOLUNTEERING.

Soldiers.

2 The volunteering of Soldiers of Her Majesty's Indian Army Non Commissioned Off- for Her Majesty's General Army will com-
ceers & Soldiers mence on the date of publication of this Order at Stations, and will close at the expiration of seven days, by which time the Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers must have made their election for the Line, or Local Service.

3. Officers Commanding Divisions, Brigades, and Stations, where there are British Troops of Her Majesty's Indian Army, will appoint an Officer of Her Majesty's Service, if possible a Field Officer, to superintend the volunteering for the new Regiments.

4. The abovementioned Officers Commanding will then call on the British Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry, of Her Majesty's Indian Service, to volunteer with the specified Bounty, for the Royal Artillery, and the new Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry, or to elect to remain in the Local Service.

Declaration

5. Soldiers of the Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry, desirous of volunteering, will present themselves before the superintending Officer, and a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate, who will sit together, and make before the latter Officer the Declaration appended to the Government Order No 332 of 1861, to serve in the Royal Artillery, the—Regiment of Foot, or the—Regiment of Light Dragoons. When the volunteer shall have made this Declaration, the Superintending Officer will enrol his name in the Royal Artillery, or the new Regiment for which he has volunteered; after which the Superintending Officer will pay him his Bounty.

Bounty

6 Officers Superintending the volunteering will apply to Pay Masters, or to Local Treasuries at stations where there are no pay Offices, for the funds required to meet the payment of the Bounty to volunteers.

Arms, &c.

7. Officers Commanding Divisions, Brigades and Stations, will, as the Soldiers of Cavalry and Infantry volunteer, from them into separate Troops and Companies, arranging, as far as possible, that the men who have served together before in the same Troop or Company shall continue so to serve together; and appointing the requisite number of Officers to each Troop and Company. The men will take with them their Arms and Equipments of all kinds.

8. As soon as the Commander-in-Chief is informed of the number of Officers and men who volunteer for General Service, he will issue the necessary order for the formation of the new Regiments of the Line. Meanwhile the new Troops and Companies formed of the Volunteers will remain under the orders of their old Commanding Officers.

9. Officers superintending the volunteering, will pay particular attention to paragraph 11 of the Government General Order, No. 332 of 1861, which directs that the men who are now in each of the three oldest Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry, and who volunteer for Her Majesty's General Service, shall join the new Regiment which represents their former Corps. Volunteering.

10. Should however the Soldiers of a British Regiment of Her Majesty's Indian Service volunteer in a body, or in such numbers as would render it preferable that they should not be formed into New Troops and Companies, in this case, they will retain their original formation, as a regiment, receiving at once their new designation; for example. the 1st Regiment Bengal European Light Cavalry would become the 19th Light Dragoons—the 1st European Bengal Fusiliers would become the 101st Regiment of Foot (Royal Bengal Fusiliers), and so on. Officers of a Regiment so volunteering, electing to remain in the Local Service, would continue to do duty with the Regiment till relieved.

11. The Non-Commissioned Officers of the old Regiments will have the prior claim to be appointed to their representative new Regiments.

12. As stated in paragraph 18 of the Government Order No. 332 of 1861, the Non-Commissioned Officers of all Arms of Her Majesty's Indian Service, volunteering for Her Majesty's General Service, will carry their rank with them to the new Regiments to which they may volunteer; and should they be Supernumeraries, will continue to receive their pay, succeeding to vacancies in the proportion of three to four. Rank.
Supernumeraries.

13. Soldiers who now volunteer will have the option of choosing whether their future pension shall be reckoned according to the regulations of Her Majesty's Army* or according to those of the Indian Forces.† Their choice will be declared any time within three months from date of volunteering. They will also have the privilege of counting their past service towards completion of their contract service, and for pension under whichever regulations they may choose. Pension.

14. Boards will be held hereafter to record, and close the services of Volunteers in their old Regiments, and their choice of pension rules. Boards

15. Officers Commanding the Stations where the 1st and 2nd Bengal Fusiliers, and the 3rd Bengal European Regiment are quartered, will invite the Officers of those Regiments to volunteer into the Regiments, respectively, representing those to which they now belong, as ruled in paragraphs 51, 52 and 53 of Government Order No. 332; that is to say, the Officers of the 1st Bengal Fusiliers, for General Officers.

* See also G. O. No. 1111, 16th December, 1862.

† See also Circular, No. 2898 A, 17th July, 1861; G. O. No. 715, 26th August, 1861; and G. O. C. C., 24th September, 1863.

Service in the 101st Royal Bengal Fusiliers, the Officers of the 2nd Bengal Fusiliers for General Service in the 104th Bengal Fusiliers, and the Officers of the 3rd European Regiment for General Service in the 107th Bengal Infantry.

**NEW LINE REGTS.
Officers.**

16. Officers Commanding Divisions, Brigades and Stations, will, without delay, ascertain the wishes of Officers of Cavalry and Infantry of the Local Service in regard to volunteering to fill vacancies in the new Line Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry, should there be vacancies in them; and will transmit immediately to the Adjutant General of the Army rolls of Officers who elect for the Line; Officers of the old Local Regiments having the prior claim; to be appointed to the representative new Regiments.

17. Officers Commanding Divisions, Brigades, and Stations, will report, as soon as possible, to the Adjutant General of the Army by Telegram, and more fully by Post, the number of Officers and men who have volunteered for Her Majesty's General Service, as well as those who have elected for Local Service.

Movement.

18. For the sake of the health of the Troops, Soldiers volunteering, or electing for Local Service, will not be moved during the hot season. Consequently the Soldiers of the 4th and 5th Bengal Light Cavalry, and of the 4th and 6th Bengal European Infantry, as well as those of the Recruit Depot at Barrackpore, volunteering for General Service, will not join the new Regiments for which they have volunteered till the weather permits.

Prov. Bn.

19. The Soldiers of the 6th Bengal European Regiment, and of the Cavalry and Infantry of Her Majesty's Indian Service at the Depot at Barrackpore, who volunteer for any of the three new Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry of the Line, will be formed into a "Provisional Battalion," of which the number of Troops and Companies will depend on the number of Volunteers.

20. The Officers Commanding at Fort William, and at Barrackpore, and Dum-Dum, will appoint the requisite number of Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers to these Troops and Companies. When the number of Volunteers is known, the Commander-in-Chief will officer the Provisional Battalion.

21. The Provisional Battalion will be stationed either at Barrackpore, or Dum-Dum, as Barrack accommodation will allow, till the weather permits, the Volunteers to join their new Regiments.

22. Officers Commanding Divisions, Brigades and Stations, will transmit to the Adjutant General of the Army the names of Officers of the Artillery willing to serve out of India, on the conditions specified in paragraph 30 of Government Order No. 332.

Commissions.

23. The Officers mentioned in the preceding paragraph, and Officers from the Bengal Artillery, who will receive Commissions in the Royal Artillery, concurrent with those which they now hold, will be appointed to the New Batteries about to be formed.

24. The detached state, and peculiar nature of Artillery, prevent the Commander-in-Chief from at once, ordering the formation of distinct bodies of Volunteers, as in the Cavalry and Infantry; but as soon as His Excellency shall have learnt the number of Volunteers, as well as of the men electing for Local Service, he will issue the necessary orders for the organization of both bodies:—in the meantime the Soldiers of both these classes will continue to serve in their present Troops, Field and Heavy Batteries, and Reserve Companies.

Artillery.

25. Officers Commanding Divisions, Brigades and Stations, will transmit with the least possible delay, by Telegram, and more fully by Post, the names of Officers of Artillery, electing to serve out of India, and a numerical return of the Volunteers for the Royal Artillery; forwarding duplicate rolls to the Commandant of Bengal Artillery.

Service.
Out of India.

26. The position of Officers of Engineers is defined in paragraph 41 of the Government Order No. 332; but the election for General or Local Service by Non-Commissioned Officers of the Bengal Engineers will be carried into effect in the same way as prescribed for the other branches of the Service.

Engineers.

27. Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and men employed in the several Departments of the Army, Non-Commissioned Officers serving with Native Regiments, and all other men borne on the Unattached List, will have the option of accepting the conditions of Her Majesty's General Service, with the specified Bounty to all Soldiers below the Warrant Grade. Their Commanding Officers, and the Heads of Departments will, at the earliest opportunity, take the prescribed Declaration from the Volunteers, and will give them the Bounty, transmitting nominal rolls of the Volunteers to the Adjutant General of the Army.

VOLUNTEERING.
Bounty.

28. Officers Commanding Divisions, Brigades and Stations, will form into Troops and Companies the Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the Cavalry and Infantry of Her Majesty's Indian Service, who elect for Local Service; and will appoint to them the requisite number of Officers, including Field Officers, if required, by the number of Troops and Companies. Men who have served together before in the same Troops or Companies, are, as far as possible, to continue so to serve together. Returns of all Troops and Companies so formed will be forwarded, immediately, to the Adjutant General of the Army, and meanwhile they will remain and duty at the Stations where they are formed, till the season will permit of their being organized into Regiments of each Arm, should their numbers admit of it.

Returns.

29. The Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and men of the Lahore Light Horse, will conform exactly to the rules laid down in this Order, for the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and men of the Regiments of Bengal European Light Cavalry, as regards volunteering for the Line, or remaining in the Local Service.

Lahore Lt. Horse

30. The Commander-in-Chief feels convinced that Officers Commanding Divisions, Brigades and Stations, will use their most strenuous exertions to insure the arrangements prescribed in this General Order being carried out without confusion, or irregularity; and that they will take special care that the changes in Regiments shall not in any way affect good order, or the comfort of Officers, or Soldiers, whether they elect for Her Majesty's General Army, or the Local Force.

31. Sir Hugh Rose requests His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army, and the Major General Commanding the Madras Army, to cause the instructions contained in this General Order to be carried out, making them applicable to the British Troops of Her Majesty's Indian Army, and to local requirements, within their Commands; and to have the goodness to inform him by Telegram, and more fully by Post, of the results of the volunteering, as regards both Officers and men.

STAFF CORPS.
Forms.

G. O. C. C., 6th May.—Officers desirous of joining the Staff Corps, and Officers who wish to retain their present appointments without joining the Staff Corps, will, on application to Officers Commanding Stations, be supplied with printed Forms of applications suitable to their respective positions.

2. Officers in Civil Employ will receive the necessary Forms direct from the Adjutant General of the Army.

3. These Forms will be carefully filled up, and sent to the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, for verification, previous to submission for the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, and the final decision of Government.

LINE REGTS.
Exchange.

G. G. O., No. 558, 25th June. } His Excellency the Governor
(G. O. H. M. B. I., 28th Idem.) } General in Council, under instructions from Her Majesty's Government, is pleased to notify that, in order to obliterate, as far and as soon as possible, the distinctions between Officers of Her Majesty's British and Indian Services, and to afford to such Officers of the Indian Army as may prefer the conditions of general service an opportunity of obtaining a position in the British Army, Her Majesty has been pleased to approve that, for every vacancy caused in a Line Regiment by the transfer of an Officer to the Staff Corps constituted by the Royal Warrant of the 16th January 1861, a transfer of an Officer of corresponding rank in Her Majesty's Indian Army, who may be disposed to accept of such transfer, should be made to the Regiment in which the vacancy takes place.

Appointments.

Appointments of Officers of the Indian Army to the vacancies in Her Majesty's Line Regiments will not, however, be made in India even provisionally; but His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India will submit, through the Government of India, for the

consideration of His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, and for submission to Her Majesty, the name, rank, date of commission, and nature of previous services of the officer whom His Excellency may recommend for each vacancy.

The Officers so transferred will enter Her Majesty's Line Regiments as Junior of their respective Grades, as is the case with Officers of the British Army exchanging into Regiments of the Line, and they will be placed in all respects on the same footing as to pay, half pay, and leave of absence, as other Officers of Her Majesty's British Regiments.

Officers desirous now or hereafter of being transferred to Line Regiments are to submit their application to the Commander-in-Chief of the Presidency to which they belong through the prescribed channel.

The applications from Officers of the Madras and Bombay Armies will be forwarded with the opinions of the Governments of those Presidencies to the Government of India.

G. G. O., No. 598, 9th July.—Inquiries having been received from various quarters respecting the intended operation of some of the provisions of the General Order No. 332, dated the 10th of April last, His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council is pleased to publish, for general information, the subjoined Questions having a general application, with the Answers, given to them by Government. Further Questions, with their Answers, will be published in subsequent *Gazettes* :*

Question 1.—If a Soldier (of either limited or unlimited service) elects to remain in the Indian Service, will he, at the expiration of his present term of contract, be permitted to re-enlist for Indian Service ?

Answer 1.—No. Henceforward no enlistment or re-enlistment for the Indian Service will be legal.† But Soldiers who have elected for the Indian Service, and are men of good character, will be allowed, by the Commander-in-Chief, to volunteer for General Service at the expiration of their present term of contract, and to re-enlist into the Royal Artillery and Regiments of the Line serving in India.

Re-enlistment.

Question 2.—Will the Non-Commissioned Officers of the Public Works Department, and of the Corps of Sappers, be eligible, as heretofore, for the grade of Warrant Officer ?

Answer 2.—Yes. The openings which have hitherto existed for them will still continue.

Non-Comm'd. Offrs.

* See G. G. O., No. 806, 11th July, 1861.

† See also G. O. C. O., 8th January, 1861.

Note.—The paragraphs quoted in the above and subsequent Questions, refer to those of G. G. O., No. 332, 10th April, 1861, page 1 of this book.

NON-COMMISSD.
OFFRS.
Appointments

Question 3.—Will Staff Non-Commissioned Officers of Garrisons, Native Infantry Regiments, &c., who elect for General Service, be permitted to retain their present appointments?

Answer 3.—The order makes no change. These men, however, are under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief.

OFFICERS.
Rights & Claims.

Question 4.—Does an Officer who avails himself of the privilege of remaining on Staff employ without joining the Staff Corps, draw his Regimental Pay and Allowances when on leave, or, in other words, does he retain his present footing?

Answer 4.—Yes. The 23rd paragraph lays down that "the pledge that due regard shall be paid to the rights and claims of the Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces shall be scrupulously adhered to." The conditions of service of Officers electing for Indian Service will therefore in no way be altered.

Election.

Question 5.—Officers being allowed until the 1st October next to decide on their acceptance of £50 bonus, sanctioned by General Order by the Governor General, 8th March, 1861. No. 79, it is presumed that they are allowed up to the same date to give in their election of either General or Local Service, or the Staff Corps? An authoritative decision on this point is much required.

Answer 5.—Yes; but they are further allowed, till the 21st of October inclusive, to elect for General or Local Service, or for the Staff Corps.

LOCAL OFFRS.
Appointments.

Question 6.—An Officer is permanent Second in Command, and Acting Commandant of an Irregular Corps. Will it be necessary for him to join the Staff Corps before he can become permanent Commandant?

Answer 6.—No. It rests with the Commander-in-Chief or with the Government. Officers not joining the Staff Corps "will continue to be available, as heretofore, for their present duty, or for any other duty to which they may be appointed by Government."*

GENERAL SERVICE.
Promotion.

Question 7.—If an Ensign signifies his wish to volunteer for General Service, and after he has done so, but before he is nominated to a British Regiment, a vacancy occurs among the Lieutenants in one of the present Regiments of Native Infantry, would he, by having volunteered, forfeit his claim to

Answer 7.—An Ensign will not be debarred the benefits of intermediate Regimental promotion under existing regulations, occurring up to the date of his transfer to one of the new Line Regiments. *

* See also G. G. O., No. 980, 22nd October, 1861.

the vacant Lieutenancy, supposing him to be the Senior applicant?

Question 8.—If an Officer volunteers for General Service, does he thereby cease to derive any benefit from casualties occurring in his present Regiment, subsequent to his volunteering, but before he is provided for in a British Regiment?

Paras. 50, 51.

Answer 8.—No; volunteering beyond the requirements of the new Line Regiments will not make any difference in the position of Officers. *

GENERAL SERVICE.
Promotion.

Question 9.—An Officer having volunteered for General Service in the Line, will he, in the event of his service not being required in any Regiment of the Line, be then in the same position as before he volunteered; or does he, by merely volunteering, surrender his former position in the Indian Army, and render himself amenable to the Staff Corps Rules?

Para. 50.

Answer 9.—He remains in his former position unaltered. He has nothing to do with the Staff Corps.*

Position.

Question 10.—How does the Amalgamation Order affect Officers belonging to the European Veterans? This question is asked more especially with reference to those employed in Staff situations, such as Ordnance Appointments, Riding Masters, &c., and who have not been transferred to the Veterans, in consequence of their disqualification for active service, but who, as effective men, have been granted Commissions in the Veterans, and draw Infantry rates of pay. If they are to be allowed to volunteer for General Service, and do so, what duties will they be liable to perform?

Para. 50.

Answer 10.—Officers of any description on the Veteran Establishment are not expected to volunteer, and there is no employment known to be accessible to them if they were to volunteer.

Veteran Establt.

There will be no alteration in their present position.

Question 11.—Are the substantive Lieutenant-Colonels of the three Local Corps to be invited to

Paras. 52, 53.

Answer 11.—Lieutenant-Colonels may volunteer, with the chance of being employed in the new Line Regiments or not.

NEW LINE REGTS.
Lieut.-Cols.

join their representative Line Regiments? There are now two to each Local Corps. The Establishment of the new Line Corps has only *one* Lieutenant-Colonel.

But there will be only one Lieutenant-Colonel in each new Line Corps.

NEW LINE REGTS.

Rank.

Question 12.—In the event of the Senior Captain of a Local European Corps, say 2nd European Light Infantry, not volunteering for Line Service, and the Second Captain availing himself of the invitation to join the 105th, will the latter be posted to the 105th as Senior Captain?

Answer 12.—This depends on the number and rank of all the Officers who may volunteer.

Rank.

Question 13.—Will Officers volunteering for General Service be put into the new Corps of the Line according to dates of present Regimental Commissions, or will Brevets count for rank in those Corps?

Answer 13.—They will be placed in the new Corps of the Line according to dates of present Regimental Commissions, but Brevet Rank will not be taken into account.

GENERAL SERVICE.
Posting.

Question 14.—If their services are not required by Government for new Line Corps, are Officers, volunteers for General Service, liable to be posted to any other Corps, and if so, will they enter as Juniors of their rank?

Answer 14.—Such Officers will not be liable to be posted to any other Corps.*

NEW LINE REGTS.
Col's allowance.

Question 15.—A Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel Commands a Regiment of Madras European Infantry. He enquires whether, if he elect for General Service, he will forego all future claim to Off- reckonings and Colonel's allowance?

Answer 15.—His election for General Service, should he be accepted, will disconnect him from the Indian Service, and he will forego all claim to Colonel's allowances in the Indian Line.*

Pay.

Question 16.—Will the Officers who join the new Line Corps enjoy, while in India, the same pay and allowances in every respect as those

Answer 16.—They will receive the rates of pay and allowances now enjoyed by Officers of British Regiments in India.†

* See also G. G. O., No. 987, 22nd October, 1861.

† See also G. O. G. G., No. 112 A., 31st July, 1863, paras. E and F.

who elect to continue on their present conditions?

Question 17.—In the event of either of the new Line Regiments being ordered Home, are any of the Officers who have accepted the invitation to join it liable to be placed on half-pay, consequent on the Regiment being reduced to the strength of the Home Establishment?

Para 55.

Answer 17.—They will be subject to the conditions of Her Majesty's Line Service. The strength of Infantry Regiments on the Home Establishment is at present the same as that of the new Line Regiments in India: in the Cavalry Service the Home Establishment is less by one Troop than the strength of a Regiment in India.*

NEW LINE REGTS.
Half-pay.

Question 18.—How and when is a Major of one of the new Line Regiments to obtain promotion to Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, and from that to Regimental Colonel?

Para 56.

Answer 18.—"In the promotion to the Field Officers, the fitness and efficiency of Officers will be taken into account." As regards Regimental Colonels, no instructions have been received by Government.*

Promotion.

Question 19.—These paragraphs, taken in connection with each other, seem to imply that the admission of those Officers now on Staff employ into the Staff Corps is not a matter of election by themselves, but dependent on their selection by Government. Is it so?

Paras. 67, 68, 69, 72, 73, and 75.

Answer 19.—Officers now on the Staff are allowed to apply for admission, but admission will be given to those Officers only who may be considered by the Governments under which they are serving to be in all respects fit for the Staff Corps.

STAFF CORPS.
Admission.

Question 20.—Are the Officers Commanding the European Infantry and Native Infantry Depôts, and the Depôts at Landour, Wellington, Aboo, Khandalla, &c., and the Adjutants and Quarter-Masters of the same, to be considered to have been on Staff duty while so employed?

Paras. 63, 69.

Answer 20.—Depôt Staff Officers are not on permanent Staff employ, and therefore are not entitled, as such, to enter the Staff Corps. But in the event of their subsequently obtaining admission into the Staff Corps they will be entitled to count as Staff Service the time passed as Depôt Staff Officers.†

Service.

Question 21.—Can an Officer now on Staff employ, and who formerly served as Adjutant to a

Para. 69.

Answer 21.—Yes.†

Service.

* See also G. G. O., No. 960, 22nd October, 1861.

† See also G. G. O., No. 631, 2nd August, 1861, q. & a., 80.

Regiment no longer existing, count as service, under paragraph 69, in the Staff Corps, the period which he passed in that appointment?

STAFF CORPS.
Admission.

Question 22.—Are Officers holding the appointments of Line Adjutant or Station Staff Officer, as also Cantonment Magistrates in charge of Bazars, who, under present rules, vacate their appointments on the removal of their Regiments from the Station where they are serving, eligible for the Staff Corps?

Answer 22.—Appointments held during the period a Regiment may remain at a Station, can only be considered temporary employment. But in Bengal, Cantonment Joint Magistrates are permanent Staff Officers, and are not necessarily selected from Corps at the Station.

Service.

Question 23.—It is concluded that such appointments as Assistant Adjutant-General, Brigade Major, Brigade Quarter-Master, &c., to a Brigade or Division in the Field, do not go towards the periods of Staff employ, qualifying for promotion under the Staff Warrant.

Answer 23.—Such appointments do not of themselves qualify for admission into the Staff Corps. But if Officers holding such appointments should eventually obtain admission into the Staff Corps, they will be entitled to count as Staff Service the time passed in such appointments.

Rank.

Question 24.—In what rank would an Artillery Officer of thirty-one years' service, a Captain on the 18th February, but promoted from that date by the Amalgamation Order to Lieutenant-Colonel, but who may wish to join the Staff Corps within six months, be transferred to that Corps?

Answer 24.—If he be on the Staff, and be approved by Government, he will go in as Lieutenant-Colonel, but he will rank in the Staff Corps with other Lieutenant-Colonels according to their previous relative rank.

Service.

Question 25.—Will the service of an Officer doing duty with the Arracan Battalion count for promotion in the Staff Corps, service of that nature with the Arracan Battalion having always been looked upon as a permanent appointment?

Answer 25.—In paragraph 69 it is provided that "Officers doing duty with Irregular and Local Regiments will not be regarded as being now on Staff employ." But Officers doing duty and receiving pay as such, and being permanently appointed, will be considered as on Staff employ.

Service.

Question 26.—Will an Officer who has held an acting appointment on a full

Answer 26.—No; such an Officer can only be deemed temporarily employed, unless he be eventually appointed

vacancy, for example that of Acting Adjutant or Acting Quarter-Master of his own or any other Corps, be considered to have performed service qualifying for promotion under the Staff Warrant, for such period as he may have been so employed?

Question 27.—Is an Officer who has been doing duty with the Sappers and Miners to be considered to have been on Staff employ while so doing duty?

Paras. 89,
84, and 87.

to the vacant situation. In that case the period of his acting in the full vacancy will reckon as service qualifying for promotion.*

Answer 27.—These Officers are permanently appointed, in the same manner as Officers permanently doing duty with Irregular Corps; and service passed with the Sappers and Miners will count as Staff service.†

STAFF CORPS.
Service.

Question 28.—Can an Officer, under paragraph 72, avail himself of Furlough without losing his appointment?

Para. 72.

Answer 28.—Yes, under the limitations of the new Furlough Regulations. His privileges are unaffected by any portion of this Order.

FURLOUGH.
Appointments.

Question 29.—An Officer, Senior Lieutenant in his Cadre, holds the Adjutancy of an Irregular Corps, and elects to remain as he is, without joining the Staff Corps. On his becoming Captain, will he lose his Adjutancy?

Para. 72.

Answer 29.—He will lose his Adjutancy.‡

LOCAL OFFERS.
Appointments.

Question 30.—Whether Officers, now on the Staff, volunteering and being selected for the new Line Regiments, will be allowed to retain their Staff appointments, under Rule 74?

Para. 74.

Answer 30.—Yes, if the Commander-in-Chief can spare them.†

NEW LINE REGTS.
Appointments.

Question 31.—Can a Staff Officer, more than one year on the Staff, get on the Staff Corps, if promoted to Major before its formation; and if so, will he join as Lieutenant-Colonel, having been twenty-six years in the Service, with thirteen years on the Staff?

Paras. 74, 84,
85, 90.

Answer 31.—He may join the Staff Corps any time before the 21st October next, but he must enter the Staff Corps in the Regimental Rank held by him on the 18th of February, 1861.

STAFF CORPS.
Rank.

* See also G. G. O., No. 801, 10th September, 1861, *q. & a.*, 102, page 75 of this book.

† See also G. G. O., No. 900, 22nd October, 1861.

‡ See also G. G. O., No. 691, 2nd August, 1861, *q. & a.*, 81 and 82.

British Officers. *Question 32.*—Does paragraph 75 apply to British Officers only? *Answer 32.*—To both Services.
Para. 75. It is supposed to be applicable to both British and Local Officers.

Inspers of Musky. *Question 33.*—Are the appointments of Inspectors of Musketry liable to the provisions of paragraph 76 in the same way as Army Staff or Brigade Majors, limiting their service in Department to five years? *Answer 33.*—No. The offices the tenure of which is limited are expressly named in the margin of paragraph 76.

General Staff. *Question 34.*—Do the five years count from date of permanent appointment to a Department? *Answer 34.*—From the date of permanent appointment.

G. G. O., No. 606, 11th July.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council directs the publication of the subjoined Questions on subjects of general interest, and the Answers given by Government, in continuation of those published in the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 10th instant.*

General Staff. *Question 35.*—Will an Officer having, on the 10th April, 1861, been five or even seven years in his present appointment in the Adjutant General's Department, say Deputy Assistant Adjutant General of a Division, have to vacate before the 10th April, 1863? *Answer 35.*—No. He may serve two years in the Department from the date of the Publication of the Order.†

General Staff. *Question 36.*—An Officer having, on the 10th April, 1861, been two years Deputy Adjutant General of the Army, and, previous to his appointment as such, been Assistant Adjutant General of the Army for five years, his service in the Department having been continuous, can he hold his appointment as Deputy Adjutant General until 10th April, 1866? if not, on what date will his tenure of appointment as Deputy Adjutant General expire? *Answer 36.*—He is entitled to two years at any rate. The question has been referred to the Secretary of State, whether the five years' tenure reckons from date of actual appointment or from that of joining a Department.†

* See G. G. O., No. 631, 2nd August, 1861.

† See also G. G. O., No. 65, 20th January, 1862.

Note.—The paragraphs quoted in the above and subsequent Questions, refer to those of G. G. O., No. 332, 10th April, 1861, page 1 of this book.

Question 37.—Is the period of six months, within which Officers must communicate their decision as to entering the Staff Corps, to be reckoned, in the Madras Presidency, from date of publication of the General Order by the Governor General at Fort William, or at Fort Saint George, or at the station where the Officer electing to join the Staff Corps may be serving?

Para. 78.

Answer 37.—From the date of promulgation of the General Order in Calcutta, i. e., the 22nd April, 1861.*

STAFF CORPS.
Election.

Question 38.—With reference to paragraph 78, are Officers on the Staff obliged at once to declare whether they desire to join the Staff Corps, with the option of correcting their election within six months?

Para. 78.

Answer 38.—It is not necessary that an Officer should send his decision into the Adjutant General's Office before the 21st October, 1861, but it must reach the Adjutant General's Office by that date. The decision once announced in General Orders cannot be cancelled.*

Cancelment.

Question 39.—An Officer on the Staff belonging to one of the present European Regiments having accepted the invitation to join his representative Line Corps, can he not have the benefit of paragraph 74, the same as any other Officer of a British Regiment, i. e., elect within six months to join the Staff Corps, and be eligible for promotion under the provisions of the Royal Warrant?

Para. 74.

Answer 39.—Yes.*

NEW LINE REGTS.
Staff Corps.

Question 40.—Will an Officer who has held a Staff appointment on probation, for example in the Commissariat Department or the Madras Police, be considered to have performed service qualifying for promotion under the Staff Warrant, for such period as he may have been so employed?

Paras 82, 84, 85, 87.

Answer 40.—If an officer on probation be eventually confirmed permanently in the Commissariat or other department, he will count the period of probation as permanent service.†

STAFF CORPS.
Service.

* See also G. G. O., No. 960, 22nd October, 1861.

† See also G. G. O., No. 801, 10th September, 1861, g. d. a., 102.

STAFF CORPS.

Leave.
Promotion.

Question 41.—Does the time an Officer of the Staff Corps may be on leave, in or out of India, count towards the period required to be served in the Staff Corps for promotion?

Answer 41.—Yes.*

Service.

Question 42.—To qualify an Officer in the Staff Corps for promotion, after 12 or 20 years' service, from what date is the term of years reckoned,—from date of *first commission* or date of arrival in country?

Answer 42.—From date of first Commission.

Promotion.

Question 43.—A Brevet Colonel of Infantry enters the Staff Corps as Captain, and receives at once the rank of Major in that Corps.—He enquires whether, having served 32 years in the country, of which 26 have been on Staff employ, he would, in accordance with Staff Corps Rules, be promoted two years hence to a Lieutenant Colonelcy, and five years later to a Brevet Colonelcy—a rank which he already possesses;—and asks whether there is not something anomalous in such an arrangement?

Answer 43.—A Brevet Colonel so situated would enter the Staff Corps as Captain, be promoted at once to Major, and at the end of two years to Lieutenant-Colonel. According to the date of his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel his eventual position with respect to Colonel's allowance would be determined. It is therefore necessary that he should go through all these grades.†

Residence.

Question 44.—Will "Brevet Colonels" of the Staff Corps, after five years' service therein as substantive Lieutenant Colonels be permitted to reside in England on 25s. per diem, as provided for Colonels of Artillery in paragraph 29, pending their admission to the benefits of the Colonel's allowance?

Answer 44.—No.

Promotion.

Question 45.—Will a substantive Lieutenant Colonel, and Brevet Colonel joining the Staff Corps on its formation, be eligible to "get one step of rank" on transfer to

Answer 45.—There is no such rank in the Staff Corps as substantive Colonel. No instructions have been received regarding promotion to Major General in the Staff Corps.‡

* Cancelled, see G. G. O., No. 824, 17th September, 1861.

† See also G. G. O., No. 36, 10th January, 1862, paras 12 to 14.

‡ See also G. G. O., No. 960, 22nd October, 1861.

the Staff Corps; *i. e.*, will he be promoted to substantive "Colonel" or "Major General?"

Question 46.—Service in the Crimea having been allowed to count as service in India towards retirement, it has been asked whether Staff employ during such Crimean service will be allowed to go towards the qualifying period for promotion under the Staff Warrant?

Answer 46.—Staff service in the Crimea is not Staff service in India, neither is it permanent. On these grounds it cannot reckon for promotion in the Staff Corps.

STAFF CORPS.
Service.

Question 47.—Officers of the Staff Corps obtaining leave in India, whether on private affairs or sick certificate, will, it is presumed, continue to draw Indian rates of pay?

Answer 47.—Yes. The proportion of pay which they will draw will be the same, but Staff Corps pay will be substitute for former pay.

Pay.

Question 48.—Can an Indian Officer who has joined the Staff Corps retire on the pay of the rank he has attained in the Cadre of his old Regiment, after 22 years' service, under the Regulations of 1796? For example, I shall probably be a Regimental Major after about 22 years' service in India—if I join the Staff Corps, could I retire on a Major's pension after 22 years' service (provided I had attained that rank in the Cadre of my old Regiment,) or must I serve 24 years in India?

Answer 48.—An Officer in the Staff Corps can retire after 22 years' service, under the 30th and 32nd paragraphs of the new Furlough Rules. Government have referred this point, and this construction of it will be acted upon pending further instructions.*

Retirement.

With regard to the allusion made to standing in the Cadre of an Officer's old Regiment, it is observed that, on joining the Staff Corps, an Officer disconnects himself entirely from his old Regiment, and his place in it has no relation to the pension he becomes entitled to.

Question 49.—Should a Major of upwards of 22 years' service retire before the 1st October next, can he claim, in addition to the Major's pension, the extra pension of £50 per annum, offered by the Secretary of State?

Answer 49.—Yes. If he have served twenty two years in India, of which not more than two years may have been passed on leave, he may retire before the 1st October next, on the pension of his actual rank, and will be entitled to the extra pension of £50 in addition.†

Retirement.

* See also G. G. O., No. 790, 10th September, 1861, paras. 1 to 6.
† See also G. G. O., No. 900, 22nd October, 1861.

STAFF CORPS.
Pension

Question 50.—Will an Officer of the Staff Corps after 22 years' service, of which six have been on the Staff (either on full or on half pay,) be entitled to Major's pension?

Para 93.

Answer 50.—He will receive the pension of his substantive rank, if the whole service have been on full pay: if not, the half pay service will be deducted; and to entitle him to the pension of his rank, he will be required to make up the deducted portion.

Leave.
Appointments.

Question 51.—Can Officers of the Staff Corps take 20 months' leave on private affairs, retaining their appointments?

Para. 93.

Answer 51.—Yes. Such is the rule laid down in the 93rd paragraph of the General Order. But a reference has been made to the Secretary of State on this point.*

Question 52.—Are the above twenty months referred to available in one indulgence, or are they the aggregate of sundry short leaves?

Answer 52.—The leave may be in one period, or it may be the aggregate of sundry short leaves, subject to the conditions of the new Furlough Rules; *vide* paragraph 20 of the same.*

Question 53.—Does paragraph 93 apply exclusively to Furlough, or to all leaves (irrespective of privilege leave,) whether in or out of India; and does it not count for service for retiring pension?

Para 93.

Answer 53.—It applies to Furlough only: and such Furlough is subject to the conditions of the new Furlough Rules.

Rank.

Question 54.—Is the substantive rank of Officers in the Staff Corps to be considered to be their only Regimental rank: the Staff Corps being their only Regiment?

Para 93.

Answer 54.—Yes. The Staff Corps is their only Regiment, so to speak; but the term is an incorrect one. †

GENERAL STAFF.
Furlough.

Question 55.—Is sick Furlough to England to count against the five years' tenure of appointment in those Departments in which the tenure is so limited?

Answer 55.—Yes; an Officer is borne on the strength of the Staff, whilst on Furlough, and draws Staff Pay for a portion of the time. As the time passed on Furlough counts for service pension it must necessarily count for Staff service also, and be reckoned within the period of five years.

STAFF CORPS.
Furlough Rules.

Question 56.—Is it compulsory, with reference to the latter

Para 93.

Answer 56.—All will be under the new Furlough Regulations. No option is allowed to

* See G. G. O., No. 874, 1st October, 1861.

† See also G. G. O., No. 960, 22nd October, 1861.

part of paragraph 93, on all Officers joining the Staff Corps, to select the new Furlough Regulations, or is this intended merely for British Officers joining the Staff Corps? And are Indian Officers allowed the option of selecting the old or new Furlough Regulations, as guaranteed to them by General Order by the Governor General, No. 1150 of 17th November, 1854?

an Officer who may join the Staff Corps. He must accept the new Rules as one of the conditions of joining that Corps. *

Question 57.—Can an Officer of the Staff Corps proceed to Europe on leave on private affairs (retaining his appointment) as often as his service can be dispensed with, or does this privilege refer to leave on private affairs in India only?

Answer 57.—Officers of the Staff Corps will be under the new Furlough Rules, except as to the increase of twenty months, explained in the General Order. These Rules prescribe periods of service to be performed in India at intervals between Furloughs. *

STAFF CORPS.
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Leave.
Appointments.

Question 58.—What number of "Colonel's allowances" will be appropriated to the Madras Staff Corps, and from what date will they become available?

Answer 58.—This question is under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government. *

Col.'s allowance.

Question 59.—Should an Officer be placed on the half pay list, or be unemployed, under paragraphs 96 to 99 of the General Order, will his time thus passed in India, count towards retiring pension?

Answer 59.—If on the half pay list, No: as no half pay service counts for pension. Unemployed.
Half-pay

But Officers in the Staff Corps, though not actually employed, will be allowed to reckon their service during such period towards promotion and pension. *

Question 60.—With reference to the latter part of paragraph 98, will an Officer, placed on half pay and entitled to pension, be obliged to take it, or has he the option of doing so, or not?

Answer 60.—An Officer entitled to pension, whom it may be proposed to place on half pay, will have the option of taking his pension.

Half-pay.

Question 61.—If Officers of the Staff Corps are unemployed, merely owing to there being no available

Answer 61.—Employment of some kind will be given to all qualified and deserving Officers of the Staff Corps,

Unemployed.
Officers.

* See also G. G. O., No. 960, 22nd October, 1861.

appointment for them, but not owing to unfitness or other cause, which might induce Government "to decline to employ them in any capacity," will they come under paragraph 99, or are they liable to paragraph 98, there being no limit as to the period for which Indian rates of pay can be drawn in the Royal Warrant, Clause 8?

whenever opportunity may offer. Paragraph 98 has no application whatever to Officers whom Government consider fit for employment, though at the moment it may not be practicable to employ them suitably. The pay of such Officers is provided for in paragraph 99.*

STAFF CORPS.
Half-pay.

Question 62.—Does the period an Officer may be placed on half pay, count towards retiring pension and qualification for promotion?

Answer 62.—No.

Unemployed Officers.

Question 63.—Is it intended by this paragraph (98) of the General Order to authorize the placing of an unemployed Officer on half pay, in such wise as to prevent his completing his term of service for Pension?

Answer 63.—No. Paragraph 98 applies exclusively to Officers whom Government consider "unfit to employ in any capacity."*

Commands.

Question 64.—Will Military appointments with Native Troops (such as the Punjaub Irregular Force, which is under the direct orders of the Civil Administration of Government,) be considered a Civil Branch of the Army, thus debarring such Officers as may be serving on the Punjaub Frontier, although performing strictly Military duties, from all exercise of Command, &c.?

Answer 64.—Military appointments with Native Troops under the Civil Administration, such as the Punjaub Irregular Force, are not Civil appointments. Command has hitherto been exercised by Officers in such appointments, and the order makes no change.

Brevet Rank.

Question 65.—Must a Lieutenant-Colonel joining the Staff Corps, serve two years from the 18th February, 1861, to qualify him for the superior grade under the provisions of Clause 103 of the Amalgamation Order, or five years, counting from the original date of his substantive rank?

Answer 65.—Five years, counting from the original date of his substantive rank, provided he have been on the Staff the whole period; if not five years from the date from which he, as Lieutenant Colonel, held Staff employ,—*Vide* paragraph 85 of the General Order.†

Hony. Rank.

Question 66.—Does an Officer promoted to a Majority in the Staff Corps, and retiring on a

Answer 66.—Yes. All Officers retiring on full pension get a step in rank. No change

* See also G. O., Nos. 825 and 826, 17th September, 1861.

† See also G. O., No. 860, 22nd October, 1861.

Captain's pension, receive a step in rank on retirement, *i. e.*, does he retire as Lieutenant-Colonel?

has been ordered in this respect.*

Question 67.—In the event of a Regimental Captain and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel joining the Staff Corps, will his future conditions of service in the said Staff Corps, vitiate his present right to succeed to a Brevet Colonelcy, after exercising a five years' Command under the provisions of Her Majesty's Royal Warrant of the 14th October, 1858?

Answer 67.—No.

STAFF CORPS.
Brevet Rank.

Question 68.—Is an Officer of the Veteran Establishment, who may retire before the 1st October next, entitled to the extra pension of £50 per annum?

Answer 68.—Yes.—These Officers are entitled to retiring pension, and therefore to all its privileges.

VETERAN ESTABL.
Pension.

Question 69.—A Staff Officer who is admitted into the Staff Corps and who is entitled to his promotion, say from Captain to Major, from 18th February, 1861, will, it is supposed, be entitled to the difference between Captain's and Major's pay and allowances in addition to his Staff salary retrospectively from the above date?

Answer 69.—An Officer is always entitled to the pay of his substantive rank from the date of such rank. It is provided in the 100th paragraph of the General Order, that "the pay and allowances to be established for the several Staff appointments, in all Departments of Staff employ, will be announced in a subsequent Notification, and meanwhile the Staff salary and other allowances of all appointments will remain unchanged. †

STAFF CORPS.
Pay.

Question 70.—The order allowing an addition of £50 to pension on retirement being *limited* to retirements which may take place before the 1st October, 1861, will this extra pension be allowed to Officers who may on the 1st October next have *still* a few months to serve, to entitle them to a higher pension, provided they notify *before* the 1st October their intention to retire, on completing the fixed periods of service?

Answer 70.—The extra £50 requires absolute retirement on the 1st of October; and no relaxation can be made but by the Secretary of State. ‡

Retirement.
Bonus.

* See also G. G. O., No. 784, 5th September, 1861.

† See G. O. G. G., Nos 156 A., and 161 A., 13th, and 20th October, 1863, and G. G. O., No. 812, 31st December, 1863.

‡ See also G. G. O., No. 36, 10th January, 1862, paras, 21 *et seq.*

Clive's Fund

Question 71.—General Order by the Governor General in Council, No. 156 of 1861, provides for the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund being continued to the widows of Soldiers who elect for "General Service," but no allusion is made to personal benefits to themselves; and the cases of Officers, Warrant Officers, and their Widows, are omitted altogether, with reference to their claims on Lord Clive's Fund. A decision on these points is requested.

Answer 71.—Government have referred the question of Lord Clive's Fund to the Secretary of State; and will administer the benefits of the Fund, meanwhile, as heretofore.*

RETIREMENT.
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BONUS.

Question 72.—Will the election by an Officer of "General Service" debar him from the benefit of the £50 bonus, sanctioned by G. O. G., 8th March, 1861, No. 79?

Answer 72.—No. The offer was made to all Officers of the Indian Army.†

General List
Officers,

Question 73.—Should the option be given to young Officers of the General List, who entered the service subsequently to November 1859 to volunteer for General or Local service, or the Staff Corps? One young Officer having stated that, from the terms of the Declaration made by him at the India House, he did not consider that he had any choice in the matter.

Answer 73.—There is nothing in the Declaration made by these Young Officers at the India Office to compel them to elect for General Service. The option must be given to them in common with other Young Officers of the Indian Army.‡

Circular.

No. $\frac{2898}{A.}$ ‡

*Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Calcutta, 17th July.*

SOLDIERS.
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Pension.

Sir,—Doubts having been raised as to the exact interpretation of paragraph 6 of G. G. O., No. 332, dated the 10th April last, I have the honor to acquaint you, for information and guidance, that Government have decided that the Soldiers, who have recently volunteered for General Service, shall be considered entitled to all the privileges of the Indian Service as regards Pension, should they

* See also G. G. O., No. 718, 10th August, 1861, para 2.

† See also G. G. O., No. 960, 22nd October, 1861.

‡ See also Circular, No. 3119 A., 29th July, 1861, page 65 of this book.

desire to avail themselves of those privileges, both in respect to conditions and rates of pension.

I have, &c.,

II. W. NORMAN, *Lieut.-Colonel,*

To Officers Commanding Divisions and Districts, and Commandant of Artillery.

Depy. Adjt. General of the Army.

G. G. O., No. 636, 19th July.*—Pending the notification of the consolidated rates of salaries to be established for the several Staff appointments, Officers of the Staff Corps are to draw the rates of pay assigned to the several Ranks by Her Majesty's Warrant of the 16th January, 1861, with effect from the 18th February last.

STAFF CORPS.
Pay.

2. Those who draw consolidated salaries will receive the salaries they have drawn heretofore.

3. Those who draw consolidated allowances, with pay proper in addition, will be entitled to the present rates of pay proper, but in the Rank they hold in the Staff Corps.

4. Officers who draw pay and allowances, in addition to Staff salary, will draw the scale of pay laid down in Her Majesty's Warrant, according to their Rank in the Staff Corps, and their Staff salaries as heretofore.

5. Those Officers on Field Allowances who have joined the Staff Corps in the Rank they previously held will be allowed, as a special charge, the difference between the Staff Corps scale, and the full Batta rate of pay and allowances.

Batta.
Allowances.

6. Presidency House Rent, where heretofore allowed, will be passed to Officers of the Staff Corps at the usual rates.

House Rent.

Circular.

No. $\frac{3119}{A}$.

*Adjutant General's Office,
Head Quarters, Calcutta, 29th July.*

SIR,—In continuation of this Office Circular, No. 2898 A., of the 17th instant,† I have the honor, by direction of the Commander-in-Chief, to inform you, that unlimited service men, who have volunteered for the British Army, will be allowed the same privileges as regards

Bounty.

* See also G. O. G. G., Nos. 160 A, and 161 A, 13th and 29th October, 1863; and G. G. O., No. 812, 31st December, 1863.

† See preceding page.

bounty, on the completion of the seventeen and twenty years, as if they had remained in the Indian Service.

I have, &c.,

H. W. NORMAN, *Lieut-Colonel,*

Depy. Adj. General of the Army.

To Officers Commanding

Divisions and Districts.

G. G. O., No. 681, 2nd August.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council directs the publication of the subjoined Questions on subjects of general interest, and the Answers given by Government, in continuation of those published in Government General Order, No. 606, of the 11th July, 1861 :—*

Discharge.
Re-enlistment.

Question 74.—A time-expired Artillery-man, bearing under orders for discharge, and awaiting orders for embarkation, is desirous of cancelling his discharge and volunteering for the Royal Artillery ;—for what period is he to be engaged, and for what Bounty ?

Answer 74.—His discharge cannot be cancelled ; but he can at once re-engage in the Royal Artillery, counting his former service in the Madras Artillery.

Local Regts.

Question 75.—In the event of an Officer of one of the present Local European Regiments electing to continue on his present conditions, will he be posted to the Local European Corps according to his position in his present Regiment, or by Army Rank ?

Answer 75.—The number of men who have elected to remain in the local service will not admit of the formation of any new Local European Regiment.

An Officer of one of the old Local Regiments volunteering for Indian service will remain on the cadre of his old Regiment.

BRITISH REGTS
Rank.

Question 76.—If an officer elects for general service, and is nominated to one of Her Majesty's British Regiments, will he enter it as junior of his rank ?

Answer 76.—As Junior.

GENERAL SERVICE.
Duties.

Question 77.—If an Officer volunteers for general service, and there is no vacancy for him in one of the new Line Regiments, will he still be available for Staff employ,

Answer 77.—He will be eligible like any other Officer of the Indian Army, for any Staff employ.

* See also G. G. O., No. 801, 10th September, 1861.
Note.—The paragraphs quoted in the above and subsequent Questions, refer to those of G. G. O., No. 382, 10th April, 1861, page 1 of this book.

and for command of an Irregular Regiment, or only eligible for appointment to one of Her Majesty's British Regiments in India?

Question 78.—If an Officer on Staff employ now elects for "general service," will he be permitted to retain his present Staff appointment, and will it still be open to him to elect to join the Staff Corps?

Answer 78.—If an Officer on Staff employ elects for general service, and he is transferred to a Line Regiment, he may retain his appointment under the conditions of paragraph 74 of the General Order.

It will still be open to him, after his transfer, to apply for admission to the Staff Corps; but, if admitted, he must vacate his place in his Regiment, under paragraph 83 of the General Order.

LINE REGTS.
—
Appointments.

Staff Corps.

Question 79.—Under what Furlough Regulations will Officers who volunteer for the Dragoon and new Line Regiments be brought?

Answer 79.—Under Her Majesty's Regulations generally. Under the new Furlough Regulations while their Corps remain in India.*

NEW LINE REGTS.
—
Furlough Rules.

Question 80.—Will the period that an Officer may have been employed on the Regimental Staff in one of the late Cavalry Regiments or Extra Regiments of Native Infantry, be allowed to count towards the time qualifying for promotion under the Staff Warrant?

Answer 80.—Yes.

STAFF CORPS.
—
Service

Question 81.—If a Quarter Master of a Cavalry Regiment does not offer for the Staff Corps, can he retain his present appointment, not only as a Subaltern, but after promotion to Captain?

Answer 81.—As a Subaltern he may, but not after promotion to Captain.

LOCAL OFFICERS.
—
Appointments.

Question 82.—If an Officer, who is Adjutant of a Regiment of Native Infantry, elects to remain on the present conditions, will he be allowed to retain the appointment of Adjutant?

Answer 82.—Yes, until promotion to Captain.

Appointments.

* See also G. O. G. G., Nos. 104 A., and 112 A., 22nd and 31st July, 1863; and G. O., No. 55, 20th January, 1864.

STAFF CORPS.
—
Leave.
Promotion.

Question 83.—An Officer of the Staff Corps having obtained leave to Europe or in India, does time so spent reckon towards promotion under the Staff Warrant?

Answer 83.—Yes, all authorized leave.*

Addiscombe.

Question 84.—Will time passed at Addiscombe, counting as service for retirement, also reckon towards promotion under the Staff Warrant?

Answer 84.—No.

Unemployed.
Half-pay.

Question 85.—Will the period that an Officer of the Staff Corps is unemployed, in or out of India, or on the Half-pay List, count towards promotion and also towards Retiring Pension?

Answer 85.—The period during which an Officer is unemployed in or out of India will count, but the time passed on half-pay will not count.

Admission.

Question 86.—Should there not be Staff appointments for all Officers who offer themselves as candidates for the Staff Corps? Will the surplus be allowed to remain with their present Regiments, or be placed on the Unemployed List, and at the expiration of four years on the Half-pay List?

Answer 86.—Every Officer who offers will not of necessity be admitted into the Staff Corps. It is intended that the number shall, as nearly as practicable, be equal to the number of appointments, making allowance for leave, &c. Surplus Officers of the Staff Corps will have no claim to remain with their present Regiments, but will be at the disposal of the Government for such service as it may deem fit.

DEPARTMENTS.
—
Promotion.

Question 87.—Will Officers on the Staff, remaining in the Local Regiments, be allowed to rise to the higher appointments in the several Departments?

Answer 87.—Yes under the present system.

ARTILLERY.
—
Service.

Question 88.—Will an Officer of the Artillery, who is ordered to serve out of India at his own wish, be allowed to revert to service in India at any future time?

Answer 88.—If ordered back; but he must serve where ordered.

Staff Service.

Question 89.—Is an Officer entitled to count for service on the Staff from the date he was appointed to the Staff, notwithstanding

Answer 89.—His service on the Staff will count from the date of the General Order appointing him.†

* Cancelled. See G. G. O., No. 824, 17th September, 1861.
† See also G. G. O., No. 1120, 6th December, 1861.

that he did not join the appointment immediately, in consequence of being required with his Regiment on foreign service?

Question 90.—Will Officers of the Staff Corps be considered to have a prior claim to a Staff appointment to Officers not in the Corps holding appointments; that is to say, would the latter have to vacate his appointment if there should be no vacancy for the former?

Answer 90.—It will rest with Government to select Officers for appointments. But an Officer holding a Staff appointment, and not joining the Staff Corps, will not have to vacate his office merely to make way for a Staff Corps Officer.

STAFF CORPS.
Appointments.

Question 91.—If the changes should bring an Officer's name on the cadre of his Regiment among the Captains, can he enter the Staff Corps with that rank, or must he enter with the rank he held on the 18th February, 1861?

Answer 91.—If he applies within the six months he will be restricted to the rank he held on the 18th February. If he is afterwards selected, he will join the Staff Corps with the rank he may at the time hold.

Rank.

G. G. O., No. 718, 16th August.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 284 of the 16th July, 1861, are published for general information:—

1. I have considered in Council your Lordship's Military Despatches No. 63, dated 3rd May, 1861, and 18th May, No. 77, requiring early instructions in regard to the admission, to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund, of the widows of Soldiers who may die after having volunteered from the Local Service to the Royal Artillery or to one of the new Line Regiments; and secondly, with regard to the mode of dealing with the Estates of deceased Officers and Men, who, having now entered Her Majesty's General Service, may die in India.

2. With reference to the first question I observe that, in the 6th Clause of your General Order No. 332 of the 10th April, and in the 13th Clause of the General Order of the Governor General of the same date, Soldiers volunteering for General Service have the option of choosing whether their future Pension shall be reckoned according to the Regulations of Her Majesty's Army, or according to those of the Indian Forces. I am of opinion that the Soldiers electing the latter alternative are entitled to all benefits for themselves or their families claimable under the Indian Regulations, including those of Lord Clive's Fund. I am also of opinion that under a liberal construction of Clauses 65 of the General Order, and of the paragraphs of my Despatches (paragraph 12 of No. 27, and paragraph 14 of 28,) on which it was founded, the Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces electing General Service do not forfeit

Clive's Fund.

for themselves or their families the benefits which they would have derived in the Local Service from Lord Olive's Fund.

Estates

3. * The method of dealing with the Estates of deceased Officers and Men who have been transferred from Local to General Service must be arranged in communication with Her Majesty's Secretary of State for War, to whom a reference has been made. The result will be communicated to you hereafter ; but, in the meantime, the existing practice may be continued.

**NEW LINL REGTS.
Pay-Masters.**

4. I would observe, however, with reference to a remark in the 7th paragraph of your Despatch of the 3rd May, that it was never intended that Pay-masters should not be appointed to the new Line Regiments, or that these Regiments should be deficient in any thing that may be essential to the complete assimilation of their organization and internal economy with those of other Regiments of the Line.

**STAFF CORPS.
Hony. Rank.**

G. G. O., No. 784, 5th September.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 302 of the 2nd August, 1861, are published for general information:—

1. The Royal Warrant establishing the Staff Corps for India permits Officers now in Staff employment, who may join the Corps on its formation, to count their previous Staff service towards promotion to the extent specified in the 3rd Clause of the Warrant.

2. Many Officers, on joining the Corps, will be entitled to a step of substantive rank under this provision.

3. Unless it be carefully guarded against, Officers entitled, by length of service, to the full pay pension may volunteer for the Staff Corps with the view of obtaining the step of rank, and then immediately retire from the service.

4. That this is likely to occur is proved by an enquiry recently made by an Officer on Furlough. This Officer, a Regimental Captain, asks whether he can join the Staff Corps, receive the promised step of substantive rank, thus becoming a Major, and then retire from the Service with the Honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

5. He has been informed that Officers intending to retire from the Service immediately, will not be permitted to join the Corps for the purpose of gaining a step of substantive rank.

6. Previous Staff Service is allowed to reckon for promotion under the Warrant, and the step of rank is conceded for the purpose of inducing experienced Staff Officers to join the Staff Corps, and thus securing the continuance of their services. But it would be quite inconsistent with this object, and would be a gross abuse of the privilege thus conceded, if Officers were permitted to join the Corps with the object of obtaining a step of rank by their transfer to it, and their quitting the Service.

* See also Circular, 28th November, 1862, and G. G. O., No. 353, 22nd May, 1863.

7. This cannot be allowed, and it should be made known that no Officer will be permitted to join the Staff Corps for the purpose of obtaining a step of substantive rank and then retiring immediately.

8. Cases may nevertheless occur, and whenever it shall clearly appear that this has been done intentionally, I desire that each case be reported for my decision, and, under any circumstances, I shall decline to recommend the grant of the step of Honorary rank to which the Officer might otherwise have been eligible.

G. G. O., No. 799, 10th September.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 296, dated 25th July, 1861, are published for general information :—*

STAFF CORPS.
Pension.

1. In your letter dated 18th May, 1861, No. 78, you raise the question whether Officers of the Indian Forces who join the Staff Corps and obtain promotion therein will be entitled to the benefit of the Retiring Regulations of 1796 as well as those of 1836-37. In other words whether such Officers will retain their right to retire on the pension of the substantive rank they may hold, provided they have completed twenty-two years' actual service, should that be more advantageous to them than the scale of pension fixed by the Royal Warrant of the 16th January last.

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the pension of the substantive rank they may hold, provided they have completed twenty-two years' actual service, should that be more advantageous to them than the scale of pension fixed by the Royal Warrant of the 16th January last.

2. The scale of service and pension fixed in the Royal Warrant, which is the Indian scale of pensions under the Regulations of 1836, based on the principle of length of service, is to be applicable to both British and Indian Officers, with the proviso, as regards British Officers, that not less than half the required period of service shall have been passed in the Staff Corps.

British Officers.

3.† Officers of the Indian Army, however, who may, at the time of joining the Staff Corps, have acquired, under the Regulations of 1796, the right of retiring on the pension of their rank, will be allowed to retire on the pension of the rank which they then hold, whenever they may subsequently retire; but they are not to be allowed to retire on a pension according to rank under the above Regulations in respect of any rank subsequently acquired under the rules of promotion of the Staff Corps.

4. The right of retiring on the pension of the rank they hold at the date of joining the Staff Corps will preserve to Local Officers who have been fortunate in their promotion the benefit of the rate of pension they may have acquired by their previous service in the Army.

Local Officers.

* See also G. G. O., No. 1047, 16th November, 1861, *q & a*, 128.
† See also G. G. O., No. 613, 10th June, 1862, paras. 6, 7 and 8.

5. For instance, an Officer on joining the Staff Corps, who has attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel after twenty-two years' service, will retain his right at any time during his subsequent service to retire on the pension of that rank. Were he confined to the Staff Corps scale of retirement, he would be required to serve for a period of six years in that Corps before he could be entitled to retire on the pension of a Lieutenant-Colonel.

6. * On the other hand, it cannot be conceded that Officers shall be entitled to claim the pension according to rank, in respect of rank obtained in Staff Corps. Many Officers on joining the Staff Corps will obtain an immediate step of rank, and some a second step after a short period of service. An Officer, for instance, of the rank of Captain, entitled to count previous service (Army and Staff) for promotion, might join the Staff Corps for one day, and then if he were allowed to retire under the Rule of 1796, he would retire on the pension of a Major. Or if his previous service were sufficient, he might after two years' service in the Staff Corps, gain two steps of rank and then retire with the pension of a Lieutenant-Colonel. This would give him an undue advantage, which was not intended, and cannot be allowed.

STAFF CORPS.
Furlough Rules.

7. † As connected with this subject, I have to inform you that in reply to an inquiry addressed to me by an Officer in this country, who had elected the Old Furlough Regulations. I have stated that his service for pension should reckon under the Old Rules until he joined the Staff Corps, but that, after that date, he would be under the operation of the New Furlough Rules as laid down in the General Orders, 10th April, 1861. (93).

8. This will secure to all Officers their privileges with respect to Furlough, according to the election they had previously made to the date of their joining this Corps.

9. This decision will be duly acted upon by your Government.

G. G. O., No. 801, 10th September.—His Excellency the Governor-General in Council directs the publication of the subjoined Questions on subjects of general interest and the Answers given by Government, in continuation of those published in Government General Order, No. 681, of the 2nd August, 1861 :—†

STAFF CORPS.
Native Languages.

Question 92.—Can an Officer now on the Staff, who entered the Service after the General Order dated 9th January, 1837, not having passed the prescribed examination in Hindoostanee, enter the Staff Corps under paragraph 69; and with reference to paragraphs 75 and 78, does this rule apply to Officers holding the appointment of Adjutant to a Native Corps?

Answer 92.—An Officer who entered the Service after January 1837 is ineligible to hold a permanent Staff appointment without having passed the usual Hindoostanee Examination, and he is consequently ineligible to join the Staff Corps.

And though he may be holding an Adjutancy to a Native Corps, his case does not come

* See also G. G. O., No. 613, 10th June, 1862, paras. 6, 7, and 8.

† See also G. G. O., No. 813, 11th October, 1861, q. & a., 124.

‡ See also G. G. O., No. 833, 17th September, 1861.

within the provisions of paragraphs 75 and 78 of the General Order.

Question 93.—Whether time passed by Officers (not belonging to the Corps of Engineers) in the Department of Public Works prior to its present organization is to count as Staff Service under the Royal Warrant?

N. B.—It is believed that, until within the last few years, any Officer (not of the Corps of Engineers) was usually considered to be “officiating” in the Department of Public Works, though he might have held his appointment for a considerable period, and have been in the receipt of full Staff Salary.

The question is, will time passed in such a position count as Staff Service?

Answer 93.—All substantive appointments, but not appointments held temporarily for absent Staff Officers or otherwise, will count as Staff Service.

Yes, this was the case prior to the revision of the Department in 1854; Officers of Artillery, Cavalry and Infantry, employed in the Department, were styled “officiating” or “in charge.”

The appointments were, however, virtually permanent, for an Officer could only be removed by the appointment of an unemployed Engineer Officer; and there were not Engineer Officers enough for all the appointments.

The time passed in such a position will count as Staff Service, when there was an actual vacancy in contradistinction to a temporary vacancy.

STAFF CORPS.
Service.

Question 94.—Is it intended to be implied in the concluding portion of paragraph 45 of the

Para. 45. General Order No. 332 of 10th April 1861, that Officers on the Staff who do not join the Staff Corps will henceforth be liable to be removed from their present appointments and employed in other duties in a manner that is not now usually done; and will an Officer joining the Staff Corps be guaranteed his Staff appointment so long as he does not prove himself unfit for it? while on the other hand to an Officer not joining the Staff Corps, no such guarantee can be held out?

Answer 94.—The position of Officers who do not join the Staff Corps will be in no respect changed. Both Officers of the Staff Corps and those not joining it will be on the same footing with respect to tenure of Appointment.

LOCAL OFFICERS.
Appointments.

Question 95.—Will Officers of the Indian Army who do not wish to join the Staff Corps be

Answer 95.—When the Staff Corps is once formed, i. e., after 21st October, 1861, such

Employment.

eligible for Staff employ, or will it hereafter be compulsory to join the Staff Corps on getting an appointment?

STAFF CORPS.
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Leave.
Appointments.

Question 96.—An Officer is at Home on two years' Furlough in 1856, and ordered out in consequence of the Mutiny in 1857, having ten months of his leave unexpired, can he, if he joins the Staff Corps, take this balance of Furlough without losing his appointment?

Officers will be available for any employ,—Staff or other at the discretion of the Government of India.

Answer 96.—Yes, he would be allowed the balance of his Furlough retaining his appointment.*

Service.

Question 97.—An Officer proceeds on fifteen months' leave retaining his appointment—he obtains twelve months' additional leave and thereby forfeits his appointment. Is his absence of fifteen months to be reckoned as Staff Service?

Answer 97.—Yes. †

Local Officers.

Question 98.—If an Officer now declares for Local Service, will his having so declared be a bar to his joining the Staff Corps?

Answer 98.—No, it will not.

Retirement.

Question 99.—Can an Officer having entered the Staff Corps retire from the Service and claim the extra £50 as pension offered in G. G. O., dated 8th March last, No. 79, provided he applies to retire before the 1st October next?

Answer 99.—Yes, but as shewn in the Despatch No. 302, dated 2nd August, 1861, published in General Order No. 784 of the 5th September, 1861, it is not the intention of Her Majesty's Government that Officers should enter the Staff Corps for the purpose of immediately retiring.*

LOCAL OFFICERS.
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Employment.

Question 100.—Should an Officer elect for the Local Service, will his claim for Regimental or Brigade Command, or for Staff employ generally, be diminished?

Answer 100.—No.

STAFF CORPS.
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Unattd. Offrs.
Pension.

Question 101.—With reference to paragraph 92, Government General Order No. 332, dated 10th April, 1861, an Unattached Officer being eligible for the Staff Corps, [on the same terms as Indian Officers, and having therefore

Answer 101.—Service towards pension under the Staff Corps Rules must be service as a Commissioned Officer. But the reduced scale of pension specially allowed to Unattached Officers will be continued to

* See also G. G. O., No. 125, 4th February, 1862.

† See also G. G. O., No. 824, 17th September, 1861.

joined the Staff Corps] whether, having served on the Staff for a period of fourteen years and three months will he be entitled to count this or what portion of this period, as service in the Staff Corps?

Question 102.—Whether a Lieutenant in a British Regiment of Foot of eight years' service, who was appointed Officiating Assistant Commissioner, Tenasserim and Maitaban, on the 20th October, 1860, and confirmed in the appointment of 2nd Class Extra Assistant Commissioner, Tenasserim Province, in June, 1861, is eligible for the Staff Corps in India, and whether the service above-mentioned will count as service on the Staff?

them. See General Orders No. 322, dated 6th June, 1861.

Answer 102.—This Officer is eligible at the discretion of Government to join the Staff Corps on probation under paragraph 75 of the General Order. Having been confirmed in permanent employ, his previous temporary employment will count as Staff Service; see Questions and Answers 26 and 40.* But as this Officer held only temporary employment on the 18th of February last, he cannot be admitted into the Staff Corps previously to the 22nd October, 1861. After that date his claims will be considered.†

STAFF CORPS
—
British Offrs.
Service.

Question 103.—Whether the period passed out of India by Officers of the Staff Corps either on furlough or on sick certificate, will be counted towards the four years' unemploy referred to in paragraph 98 of the amalgamation order?

Answer 103.—Yes.‡

Unemployed.
Furlough.

Question 104.—Whether time passed by an Officer of Infantry as probationary Assistant Engineer is to count as Staff service?

Answer 104.—Yes, if he is subsequently appointed permanently.

Service.

Question 105.—Whether, as a special case, the time passed on Foreign service by Officers who volunteered to do duty with Irregular Regiments in China in 1860 counts for promotion in the Staff Corps? (such Officers having given up, during their absence from India, their chance of other permanent appointments.)

Answer 105.—If the Officer held an appointment prior to proceeding on service to China, the time so passed will count for promotion in the Staff Corps, whether he volunteered for the service or not.

Service.

* Published in G. G. O., Nos. 698 and 699, 9th and 11th July, 1861, pages 54 and 57 of this book.

† See also G. G. O., No 125, 4th February, 1862.

‡ See also G. G. O., Nos. 825 and 826, 17th September, 1861.

G. G. O., No. 806, 12th September.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 297 of the 25th July, 1861, are published for general information:—

ARTILLERY.
General Service.

1. The 30th Clause of your General Order, No. 332 of the 10th April, lays down generally the Rule regarding pay and promotion of Officers of the Indian Artillery Regiments "who are willing to serve out of India, and may be permitted to do so."

2. It has now become necessary to determine more specifically the conditions under which Officers of Artillery and Engineers may be permitted to avail themselves of the option of general service.

Employment.

3. It must be clearly understood, in the first place, that India has the first claim to the services of all the Officers who have entered the Indian Armies, and that no Officer can be available for employment out of India (except during Furlough) unless the Government of the Presidency to which he belongs is willing to dispense with his services; and further, that it will rest with His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief to give or not to give employment to Officers volunteering for general service out of India, whose services are placed at his disposal by the Secretary of State, on the recommendation of the Indian Government.

Exchange.

4. * Of the Officers of Artillery, it is not improbable that a proportion may be available for this service without public inconvenience. Their organization into fourteen Brigades provides in each Presidency a surplus of Officers above the complement of the Batteries which it is at present intended to maintain for duty with Irregular Native Artillery and for other detached employment; and irrespective of the Officers who may possibly be spared without detriment to the public interests for service out of India, there would be no objection to permit Artillery Officers of the late Indian Army, who may wish for service out of India, to exchange with Artillery Officers of corresponding rank serving elsewhere, provided that the services of Officers with Indian experience can be spared in that country; but of course no such arrangement can take effect without the formal consent of the General Commanding-in-Chief of the British Army, of the Secretary of State for India, and of the Government of the Presidency to which the Indian Officer wishing to exchange may belong.

ROYAL ARTY.
Position.

5. In such cases, the Officer of Royal Artillery undertaking service in India will be on the same footing as all other Officers of the Royal Artillery serving in that country.

INDIAN ARTY.
Position.
Pension.

6. The Indian Officer exchanging for service out of India will be on the same footing as Officers of Royal Artillery serving out of India, except that he will be permitted to reckon for retiring Pension under the Indian Regulations only half the time of his employment out of India.† His position with respect to the Military

Funds.

* See also R. A. G. R. O., No. 470, 18th July, 1862.

† See also G. G. O., No. 827, 17th September, 1861, paras. 30 and 31.

and Orphan Funds of his Presidency will be governed by the rules of those Institutions respectively. His promotion will go on in the list of the Regiment of late Indian Artillery to which he may have belonged.

ARTILLERY.
Promotion.

7. In accordance with the usual practice in all similar cases, the Officers so exchanging will not be entitled to passage money at the public charge.

Passage.

8. * Exchanges will be permitted, on terms and conditions similar to those above described, between Officers of the Royal and late Indian Engineer Corps; but, in accordance with the provisions of the 42nd paragraph of your General Order, the Officers of Royal Engineers undertaking service in India must be prepared to perform the several duties required from Engineer Officers in the Public Works Department, and will be subject in all respects to the rules of that Department for the time being.

ENGINEERS.
Exchange.

P. W. Dept.

9. Officers of Artillery and Engineers of the former Indian Service wishing to avail themselves of the terms above described may submit their applications through their Commanding Officer or the Heads of their Departments respectively, to the Adjutant-General of the Army in India by whom they will be forwarded, with such remarks as His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may think proper, to the Secretary to Government in the Military Department, and it will rest with the Local Government to transmit the names of such Officers from time to time for the information of the Secretary of State for India.

Applications.

10. The sanction of the Government of India having been obtained, it will rest with Officers of the late Indian Regiments to make arrangements for exchange with Officers of equal rank serving in any other part of the world, and to submit their joint applications to the Adjutant General of the Forces at the Horse Guards for the approval of His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief.

G. G. O., No. 807, 12th September.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 320, dated 10th August, 1861, and the document referred to in paragraph 11 thereof, are published for general information :—

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 10th August, 1861.

MILITARY,
No. 320.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Military Despatch No. 61, dated 4th May, 1861, transmitting a copy of the third Report by the Commission appointed at Calcutta to arrange the details of the re-organization of the Army.

Amalgamation
Commission.

* See also R. E. G. O., No. 482, 1st July, 1862.

2. I have carefully considered in Council the proposal contained in that Report for inducing a large number of the Senior Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces to retire from the Service by the offer of enhanced Pensions, together with the Minutes thereon recorded by the Members of your Government, including that subsequently received from His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief; and I have now to inform you of the conclusions which Her Majesty's Government have arrived at on the perusal of these important papers.

Native Regts.

6. In calculating the number of Officers likely to become Supernumerary under the new arrangements, the Commission have assumed that the complement of Officers with Native Regiments in all the Presidencies will be at once reduced to six; but this assumption, as observed in your Despatch, is erroneous. The ultimate adoption of what has hitherto been called the irregular system in the Native Armies of the three Presidencies has, indeed, been determined upon; but, the introduction of this change in the few Regiments of the Bengal Army, which have retained their old organization, and in the Armies of Madras and Bombay, was intended to be gradual. The views expressed on this subject in the 41st paragraph of your Despatch, No. 65 of the 4th May, are entirely in accordance with the intentions of Her Majesty's Government

7. Under these circumstances there could be no advantage in making so large a reduction of the number of Officers in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies; and even in Bengal the retention of a moderate number of Officers in excess of that exactly calculated for the present wants of the Service will be a measure of prudence and public convenience. It will afford time to test by experience the estimate of the future requirements of the Service, and will furnish for some time, after the first formation of the Staff Corps, a valuable reserve, from which to draw Officers of some Indian experience to fill vacancies, which must otherwise be supplied by taking Officers from the Line Regiments to an inconvenient extent.

Surplus Offrs.

8. The estimates of the number of Officers that will be surplus under the new organization are very discordant; that put forward by the Commission is, as I have before observed, greatly exaggerated, and, on the other hand, I am not prepared to admit the necessity for so large a reserve of Officers for Native Regiments as that proposed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

9. It is certain, however, that, in consequence of the reductions which have been and will be effected in the number of Native Regiments in the Armies of the three Presidencies, there will be a considerable number of Officers in the ranks of Lieutenant-Colonel and Major beyond those for whom suitable employment can now be found in Regimental Commands, and in the higher positions of the Army Staff; and that this is especially the case in the Bengal Presidency, where the old Native Army was almost entirely broken up by the Mutiny, and the new Levies raised to take the place of the Regular Native Regiments were organized and are now commanded by younger men.

10 Under the changes which have thus taken place a considerable proportion of the Field Officers of the Native Armies are deprived of the advantage which they enjoyed under the old system, of continuing to serve in India in Command of Regiments until entitled to Colonel's allowances; and I concur in the opinion expressed by your Government, and by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that it would be just and expedient to facilitate the retirement of such Officers by the offer of any terms which would not entail an undue financial loss on the State.

11. After much consideration I have resolved to offer to the Regimental Field Officers of the three Presidencies annuities (in addition to the Pensions to which they may be entitled under the Regulations) according to the accompanying Graduated Scale, in the preparation of which I have advisedly abstained from attempting to make any accurate calculation of the value of each Officer's position, and have thrown the whole of such Officers into groups, allotting an annuity of the same amount to every Officer in each group.

CAVY. & INFY.
Retirement.
Annuities.

12. With this Scale as your guide, you are authorized to offer to the whole of the Field Officers of Cavalry and Infantry of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, as they stand on the Effective Lists of Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors Regimentally in their several Presidencies, the option of retiring from the Service, at a given prospective date, upon the annuities to which they may become entitled under this scheme.

13. In carrying this plan into effect, I desire that you will cause to be prepared and published, as soon as possible, after the 1st October next, Nominal Rolls of the Field Officers of Cavalry and Infantry as they stand on the Effective Lists of Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors Regimentally, according to the Official Records of the Adjutants-General of the three Presidencies on the 1st of October, grouped after the principle exhibited in the accompanying Scale, with a Notification to these Officers that they will be permitted to retire with the annuities placed opposite their respective names, provided their applications are received and laid before their respective Governments on or before the 15th December next.

Notification.

14. It is to be clearly understood that the annuity granted to each Officer will be that due to his position in the above Nominal Roll, and that no change whatever in that position, or in the annuity assigned to him, will be admitted as a consequence of any casualty that may occur or become known at the Adjutant-General's Office subsequent to the 1st October.

15. All retirements under this scheme will date from the 31st December next, and promotions arising out of such retirements will take effect from 1st January following, and will be carried on in the manner and to the extent to be now explained.

Retirement.
Promotion.

16. In a former Despatch,* I stated my intention of gradually reducing the number of Colonels in receipt of Colonels' allowance, by making for the future three promotions only for every four casualties among their rank.

Col.'s allowance.

* No. 27, para. 8.

CAVY. & INFY.
Col.'s allowance.

17. Considering the very liberal provision now offered to the Senior Effective Officers of the Indian Army, and the very great expense that will be entailed upon the Government of India thereby, the most obvious and equitable mode of effecting the reduction, so as at once to make compensation for the severe strain that would otherwise be imposed upon our Finances, will be to retain upon the list of Lieutenant-Colonels in the several Presidencies the names (printed in italics) of such of their body as retire under the conditions now offered, and to regulate the succession to Colonel and to Colonel's allowance thereby. This arrangement, therefore, will supersede that detailed in paragraph 8 of my Despatch No. 27.*

18. The working of the system may be illustrated thus:—Should the Senior Lieutenant-Colonel be among those who retire under the scheme, his name will remain in the usual place on the list until his death, or until a casualty occurs among the Colonels, in either of which cases his name will be removed, no promotion being made. On another casualty occurring among the Regimental Colonels, should the name then at the head of the list of Lieutenant-Colonels be that of an Officer who has not retired under the operation of the present scheme, he will succeed as usual to the rank and allowances of Colonel, and promotions will be made in succession.†

Retirement.
Promotion.

19. I further propose that promotion in succession to the Lieutenant-Colonels, who retire under this order, shall be made in the proportion of one to two of such retirements, these promotions being made on the principle illustrated in paragraphs 59 and 60 of your General Order of the 10th April, 1861.

20. By this course you will observe that very great promotion will be at once given to the Captains and to the junior Officers of the Army; that the establishment of Lieutenant-Colonels will be immediately reduced to a certain extent; and that of Colonel in receipt of Colonel's allowance, gradually brought down to a strength (to be hereafter defined) proportionate to the number of Commissioned Officers remaining on the General List.

Col.'s allowance.

21. The future strength of the establishment of Colonels in receipt of Colonel's allowance will depend on the result of the several measures, now in progress, connected with the re-organization of the Indian Army. When those results are fully known, I shall be in a position to communicate to you my intentions upon this point.

Retirement.

22. Should the numbers of Field Officers, who make application to retire upon these terms fall short of 800 (in the three Presidencies), you are authorized to offer annuities of £120 per annum to so many of the Regimental Captains of the three Armies as may suffice to make up that number, making the offer to them in succession, according to length of service, reckoned from date of first Commission, and confining the offer to men of or above twenty-five years' service. It will be necessary, therefore, in promulgating this

* See page 26 of this book.

† See also G. G. O., No. 869, 12th September, 1862, paras. 12 et seq.

scheme to call upon all Regimental Captains of or above twenty-five years' service to declare their wishes as to retiring under the above conditions should the opportunity be eventually afforded them.

23. I have considered and adopted the resolution now made known to you, under the impression that it is most desirable to put an end to the suspense under which Officers have been suffering, and in order that they may know their exact position and prospects, and may be enabled to make their election without further delay.

24. It is my wish that the option of retiring upon these terms may be given to all Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors of Cavalry and Infantry on the Effective List of the three Presidencies, including such as may have already elected for the new Line Regiments or the Staff Corps.

25. Notification of this measure will be published in the *London Gazette* for the information of Officers in this country, who will be informed that their applications to be permitted to retire on additional Pension under the above scheme must be addressed to the Secretary to Government in the Military Department of their respective Presidencies, and it will be intimated that it is a final arrangement, and that no further proposals connected with schemes for the retirement of Indian Officers will be entertained.

London Gazette.

Scheme considered final.

26. I desire that you will give a similar intimation in promulgating the scheme to the Officers of the Indian Army.

27. It will be observed that, in accordance with the proposal of the Amalgamation Commission, I have not contemplated extending the option of retirement with enhanced Pension to Field Officers of Artillery and Engineers.* These Regiments stand on a very different footing from the rest of the Army with regard to the recent changes. Their organization is modified, not broken up, and the modifications are, on the whole, very favorable to the Officers. Nor am I prepared to admit any claim of the nature referred to in the 55th paragraph of the Commission's Report, on account of compensation for the presumed extinction of their retiring funds. These funds, though permitted, have never been officially recognized by the late Court of Directors, nor by Her Majesty's Government. The Officers joining them have already received some value for their subscriptions, in the shape of accelerated Regimental promotion, and in a more early succession to Commands and Staff appointments. The routine of promotion being maintained without disturbance in the Indian Ordnance Corps, there is no reason why their retiring funds should now be abruptly closed, should the Officers wish to continue them; but, admitting that some loss may eventually fall on individual Officers on this account, it is not of a nature to form a proper subject for compensation.

ARTY. & ENGRS.
Retirement

FUNDS.
Compensation.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) C. WOOD.

* See also G. O. G. G., No. 80 A, 17th June, 1863.

ANNUITIES.
Scale. — "

Scale of proposed Annuities for Field Officers of the Indian Army, referred to in paragraph 11 of Despatch No. 320, dated 10th August, 1861.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS.

<i>Cavalry.</i>	<i>Bengal.</i>	<i>Madras.</i>	<i>Bombay.</i>
1st	£ 550	1st £ 550	1st £ 500 per annum.
2nd	" 450	2nd " 450	2nd " 300 "
3rd	" 400	3rd " 350	3rd " 250 "
4th	" 350	4th " 300	
5th	" 300	5th " 280	
6th	" 280	6th " 250	
7th	" 260	7th " 250	
8th	" 250	8th " 250	
9th	" 250		
10th	" 250		

Any number of Lieutenant-Colonels in excess of the Establishment, in consequence of the promotion of Lieutenant-Colonels to be Major-Generals, will receive the Pension of the Junior in the above list.

The Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels of Infantry will be divided into groups as shewn in the following Table, an annuity of the same amount being allotted to every Officer of each group:—

Infantry.

Number of group.	Number in each group for Bengal.	Number in each group for Madras.	Number in each group for Bombay	Amount per annum.
1	5	3	2	£ 550
2	5	4	2	£ 500
3	5	3	2	£ 450
4	5	4	2	£ 400
5	5	3	2	£ 350
6	5	4	2	£ 300
7	5	3	2	£ 280
8	5	4	2	£ 260
9	10	7	4	£ 250
10	10	9	4	£ 250
11	10	7	4	£ 200
12	10	9	7	£ 200

The groups have been formed, with reference to the established number of Lieutenant-Colonels of Infantry in the several Presidencies, as they stand for succession to Colonel's allowance.

Any number of Lieutenant-Colonels in excess of that Establishment, in consequence of the promotion of Lieutenant-Colonels to be Major-Generals, will receive the Pension of the last group.

MAJORS.

The Regimental Majors of Cavalry and Infantry of each Presidency will be thrown together into one List according to Regimental seniority, and will be divided into four groups as nearly equal as possible, every Member of each group to receive the offer of annuities according to the following Scale, in addition to any Pensions to which they may be entitled under the Regulations of the Service :—

1st Division	will be	eligible to receive	£	200	per annum.
2nd	"	"	"	180	"
3rd	"	"	"	160	"
4th	"	"	"	150	"

G. G. O., No. 824, 17th September.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 315, of the 9th August, 1861, are published for general information :—

STAFF CORPS.

Leave.
Promotion.

PARA. 1.—In the case of Officers now joining the Staff Corps leave of absence will reckon as part of the period* of general service required for promotion; but, except in the case of Lieutenant-Colonels, no leave of absence, either on Sick Certificate or Private Affairs, beyond the privilege leave of one month in six, will be allowed to reckon towards the Staff Service required by the Royal Warrant as a qualification for promotion in the Staff Corps.

* 12 years for Captain.
20 years for Major.
26 years for Lieut.-Colonel.

† 4 years for Captain.
6 years for Major.
8 years for Lieut.-Colonel.

2. The same rule will apply to Officers hereafter entering the Corps. They will be permitted to reckon their general service from the date of their first Commissions, and no deduction is to be made from this service in consequence of any leave of absence. The full period of Staff Service required by the Royal Warrant as a qualification for promotion is, however, to be rigidly exacted in all cases.

3. A period of five years' service in the Staff Corps is required to entitle a Lieutenant-Colonel to the rank of Brevet-Colonel. As respects Officers of this rank, the present rule, as to leave of absence to be allowed to reckon as part of the service for promotion, will remain in force.

Lieut Cols.

G. G. O., No. 825, 17th September.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 318, dated 10th August 1861, are published for general information :—

STAFF CORPS.
Unemployed Offrs.

PARA. 1.—It appears to me that paragraph 98,* of your General Order does not accurately express the intentions of Her Majesty's Government, and is liable to misapprehensions on the part of the Officers of the Army. The words "Officers of the Staff Corps, under the rank of Major-General, whom the Governments of India may not see fit to employ in any capacity" used in the paragraph, would appear to contemplate Officers whom the Indian Governments, in point of fact, considered to be unfit for employment. Such Officers ought to be removed from the Staff Corps under the authority specified in the 7th paragraph of the Staff Warrant, and placed upon half-pay or pension under the provisions of the 10th paragraph of the same Warrant.

2. The directions contained in paragraph 33 † of my Despatch No 27 of January, 1861, were intended to apply not to Officers, unfit for employment, "whom the Governments of India may not see fit to employ in any capacity," but to Officers who are perfectly fit for employment, but who, from circumstances of one kind or another, may be out of employment, for example, such as those who, in consequence of having overstayed the prescribed limit of absence, with retention of appointment, may find themselves, on their return to India, out of employment.

3. I proceed, therefore, to give you more precise directions on this subject.

4. Such Officers are, on their return to India, to be placed on the rate of pay specified, for their respective ranks, in the Staff Warrant for Officers "while required to remain in India," and they will retain this rate of pay for a year, before the expiration of which I expect that you will have an opportunity of placing them in some suitable situation. This it will be your duty to do at the earliest period, so that the revenues of India may not be charged for more unemployed Officers than is inevitable under the circumstances at the time.

5. If, however, no opportunity should occur within the year of placing such an Officer in a situation that you consider suited to him, you are authorized to continue such allowance until a suitable opening can be found.

Quarterly List.

6. I desire, however, that every such case shall be forthwith reported to me, and that a quarterly list of all such unemployed Officers in India, at the date of their return to India, may be punctually transmitted to me.

7. You will modify the 98th paragraph of your General Order in accordance herewith.

G. G. O., No. 826, 17th September.—With reference to the foregoing Despatch, paragraph 98 of the General Order No. 332, dated 10th of April, 1861, is cancelled, and the following is substituted for it:—

* See page 19 of this book.
† See page 30 of this book.

98. Officers of the Staff Corps under the rank of Major-General, who may be considered unfit for employment, will be removed from the Staff Corps under the authority specified in the 7th paragraph of the Royal Warrant, and placed upon half-pay or pension under the provisions of the 10th paragraph of the same Warrant.

STAFF CORPS.
Unemployed Offrs.

Officers who are perfectly fit for employment, but who, from any circumstances, as, for example, from having exceeded the prescribed limit of leave of absence, with retention of appointment, may be out of employment, will, on their return to India, be placed on the rates of pay specified in the Royal Warrant for Officers respectively "while required to remain in India," and such rates of pay they will retain for one year, within which time it will be the duty of the Government of India to find suitable employment for them if possible, but failing in this, the allowances above noted will be continued until an opening for employing them can be found.

G. G. O., No. 827, 17th September.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 319, dated 10th August, 1861, and the Act referred to in paragraph 16 thereof, are published for general information :—

Staff Corps
Amalgamation.

PARA. 1.—I have received and considered in Council your Despatches, No. 23 of 8th March, 1861, and No. 65 of 4th May, reporting the measures which you have taken for giving effect to the instructions of Her Majesty's Government for the formation of Staff Corps in each of the Presidencies, and the consolidation generally of the two Branches of Her Majesty's Forces serving in India.

2. I have much pleasure in conveying to you the acknowledgments of Her Majesty's Government for the great care with which this important subject has been treated by your Government, and for the anxious consideration which you have given to it, in order to make these great changes as acceptable as possible to the various classes affected by them.

Approbation.

13. A reference has been made to the War Office regarding the retention of honorary distinctions of the Local Artillery Regiments. It was the practice in the Royal Artillery for every Brigade, Battalion, Troop, or Battery to bear its distinctive records of service according to the present usage of the Indian Regiments. But in the year 1832 His late Majesty William IV. determined that the mottoes "Ubique" and "Quo fas et gloria ducunt" should be conferred on the Corps of Royal Artillery and Engineers, in lieu of all other titles and distinctions which had become so ample as to render it impracticable to repeat their enumeration without inconvenience.

ARTY. & ENGRS.
Mottoes.

14. The Secretary of State for War and His Royal Highness the Commanding-in-Chief concur in opinion that the Indian Artillery and Engineers will suffer no loss of honor if the record of their proud achievements, necessarily performed on a less extended field than that which has been open to the Royal Corps, should merge in the comprehensive mottoes which declare the services of the Regiments they join.

These sentiments are quite in accordance with my own views, and I feel confident that they will commend themselves to the judgment and public spirit of the Officers and Men of the Indian Artillery.

Enlistment.

16. With reference to the subject (adverted to in paragraph 23)^{*} of the declaration to be made by the Soldiers volunteering for general service, an Act has lately been passed by the Legislature rendering lawful the enlistment of persons transferred from the Indian to the General Forces of Her Majesty. A copy of this Act is forwarded for your information; 24 and 25 Vic., Cap. 74.

ARTILLERY.
Supy Cols Comdt.
Promotion.

21. It must be borne in mind that the object of assimilating the organization of the Indian Ordnance Corps with those of the British Service was to facilitate the ultimate consolidation of the whole into one Regiment of Royal Artillery, and one of Royal Engineers. It was not supposed that a large increase to the number of Field Officers of Artillery and Engineers was required by the exigencies of the Service; but unless the number of Officers of the several grades in each Brigade had corresponded with the organization of the British Corps, the promotion of a Royal Artillery or Engineer Officer for every vacancy in the Indian Regiments would not have given the requisite proportions in the ultimately consolidated Corps. But there is no reason for carrying the assimilation further than is necessary for this object. The effect of making promotions in place of Supernumerary Colonels-Commandant would be to burthen the Government with the expense of maintaining a large number of Officers, in superior and highly paid grades, for whom there is no suitable employment, and to cause a needless amount of supercession in the other branches of the Service.

Commissions.

22. In paragraph 28 of the Despatch you request some definite instructions in regard to the Officers of the Indian Artillery Regiments to whom Commissions in the Royal Artillery will be given. In my Despatch No. 29,* paragraphs 7 and 11, two classes of Officers were named to receive Commissions in the Royal Artillery, viz., the Officers who may volunteer for general service out of India, and those, even if not volunteers for general service, who may be appointed to do duty with Batteries manned by Gunners who either have originally enlisted for Royal Artillery, or have volunteered for that Regiment from the Local Service. These instructions were given, necessarily in ignorance of the proportions of men that would volunteer for general service, and of those who would remain under their present conditions, and it was desirable to provide Officers for both; but, since there is reason to believe that a great majority of the men have volunteered for general service, there is no longer any reason why all the Officers of the Indian Artillery should not at once receive Commissions in the Royal Artillery.

ENGINEERS.
Commissions.

23. In the case of the Engineer Corps, which had no European Soldiers attached to them, it has been already determined that all the Officers should receive Commissions in the Royal Engineers.

ARTY. & ENGRS.
Employment.

24. In paragraph 30 of your Despatch you advert to the position of Officers of the Indian Artillery and Engineers, now on Staff

* See page 38 and 39 of this book.

employ, who may not elect to join the Staff Corps. You have rightly understood the intention of the Despatch, that such Officers, like all others now in Her Majesty's Indian Forces, may continue to hold Staff appointments without joining the Staff Corps, and that they, as well as Officers of the Indian Artillery and Engineers in general, will, in common with those of the rest of the Army, be available for any duty to which they may be appointed.

25. In the 71st paragraph of the Despatch you propose that, in accordance with the recommendation of the Commission, and with the practice in the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, the Officers of the Indian Brigades of Artillery and Engineers in miscellaneous Staff employ shall be "seconded." It does not seem desirable for the present at least, to adopt that course. The assimilation of the Indian with the British Ordnance Corps is indispensable, so far as it is necessary to their ultimate consolidation: but there may be points, not required for that purpose, in which the principle of assimilation could only be carried out at a sacrifice of the public interests. I would further observe that the practice of "seconding," which obtains in the British Regiments, is connected with their internal economy rather than with their organization, and it is the less necessary in the Indian Brigades of Artillery, because it is not intended to complete the full number of Batteries in each Brigade, so that there will be an available surplus of Officers, and it would be an additional objection that, as admitted by the Commission, the introduction of the practice of seconding in the Indian Corps, by causing the promotion of a great number of Officers, would give these Corps a great advantage over the other Arms of the Service.

ARTY. & ENGRS.
Seconding.

26. I have referred to the Secretary of State for War regarding the nature of the Commissions to be granted to Officers of the new representative Line Regiments, and have been informed that he concurs with His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief in thinking that all Officers of Artillery and Engineers, and all Officers appointed to the several new Regiments of the Line, should receive one Commission only, namely, a Regimental Commission, signed by the Queen, bearing the same date as that which they now hold. The transfer of all those Officers should be published in the *London Gazette*, but such publication and Commission involves no obligation on Officers of Artillery and Engineers who have not volunteered for general service to serve out of India, nor does it affect the scheme for promotion on separate lists, adopted in the General Order of 10th April.

ARTY, ENGRS. &
NEW LINE REGTS.
Commissions.

London Gazette.

27. The course to be followed in regard to the Regular Native Regiments in the three Presidencies, as described in paragraph 41 of the Despatch, is strictly in accordance with the intentions of Her Majesty's Government. It was intended ultimately to reduce the number of Officers serving with these Regiments to six, exclusive of a Medical Officer, and to give them eventually the organization of what has hitherto been called the Irregular system, but it was not contemplated to effect any sudden or violent change in the present position of those Regiments.

Regular Native
Regts.

Pension.

30.* The 65th paragraph of the General Order, referred to in the 44th paragraph of the Despatch, introduces an important change in the conditions of future service, out of India, of the Officers who may be transferred to the new Regiments of the Line, and of the Artillery Officers who may volunteer for general service with the new Brigades of Royal Artillery. Though I cannot altogether concur with your Government as to the necessity or expediency of permitting Officers to reckon towards retiring pension, under Indian Regulations, and payable from Indian revenues, the whole of their future service in any part of the world, I am prepared to ratify the promise held out in your General Order; but it will be necessary to define very carefully the nature of the duty which will confer a claim to reckon service in full or in part for the retiring pension.

31. I am disposed to think that the privilege of reckoning full time should be restricted to the following cases:—

New Line Regts.

1st. That of Officers transferred in the first instance to the twelve new Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry of the Line, who will be entitled to reckon all their future Regimental service in those Regiments in any part of the world.

Artillery.

2nd. That of Officers of Artillery who, having volunteered for general service, and being attached to Batteries of Royal Artillery, may be ordered Home with those Batteries, such Officers will continue to enjoy the privilege as long as they may be performing Regimental service with the Royal Artillery in any part of the world.

Line Regts.

3rd.† That of the Officers of Cavalry and Infantry who may be appointed under the provisions of my Despatch, No. 154, dated 8th April,‡ to fill vacancies in Line Regiments caused by the transfer of Officers from those Regiments to the Staff Corps, such Officers will continue to enjoy the privilege only so long as they may serve Regimentally with the Regiments to which they may be originally transferred, and that all military service performed with the sanction of Government by Indian Officers out of India, otherwise than as above specified, shall be reckoned as service for Indian retiring pension only in the proportion of one year to two.

General Staff.

34. The question as to whether the five years' tenure is intended to apply to the Department in which an Officer may be serving, or to the actual appointment, has been referred for the opinion of the Secretary of State for War and the General Commanding-in-Chief, and I learn that, under the existing rule, Officers hold the appointments on the staff for which they may be selected for five years.

Transfers.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General.
Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master General.
Brigade-Major.

The appointments noted in the margin are considered in the same category; and if an Officer be transferred from one of these situations to another, his whole continuous service would count towards the completion of five years.

* See also G. G. O., No. 380, 8th April, 1862.

† Cancelled, see G. G. O., No. 400, 8th April, 1862.

‡ See G. G. O., No. 558, 25th June, 1861, page 48 of this book.

35. So with Assistant Adjutants-General and Assistant Quar- General Staff, ter-Masters General. If an Officer in either of these positions should be transferred from one Division to another on home service, his previous service in either appointment, would be considered part of the whole period allotted to him, but His Royal Highness reserves to himself the power of considering an Officer on the General Staff, transferred from one Division at home to another abroad, either to have a fresh appointment from the date of transfer, or to count the home service as part of his term, as His Royal Highness may be pleased to determine in each case.

If an Officer on the Staff be promoted to a higher appointment his Reckoning. reckoning of time begins anew.

36. You will observe that, under the system pursued in Her Rank. Majesty's Service the limitation of five years' tenure applies to the office or rank in the Department, and not to employment in the Department generally. It seems desirable to adopt the same principle in the application of the rule to appointments on the General Staff of the Army specified in paragraph 15 of my Despatch No. 27 of January last.*

The general rule only can be given, to which there may be ex- Exceptions. ceptions, under circumstances, to be duly considered by your Government in each case, and referred to me according to existing practice.

39. In the same (55th) paragraph of your Despatch, you ex- Furlough. press an opinion that the boon of twenty months' leave on Sick Appointments. Certificate, with retention of appointment granted to Officers of the Staff Corps, may be extended to all Officers of the other branches of the Service. I have much pleasure in acceding to this recommendation, and I authorize you to give it effect immediately in the three Presidencies. I have no objection to extending this boon to Officers now on Furlough in all cases in which you may think it desirable to recommend it.†

40. In the 96th paragraph of your General Order (paragraph Staff Corps. 56 of Despatch) you have properly ruled that the names of Officers Half-pay. on the Half Pay List of the Staff Corps, returning to effective service in India, will not be restored to their old cadres; but it must be understood, that Officers of the Staff Corps will not be placed on the Half-pay List, except under the operation of one or other of the two Clauses, 7 and 10, of the Royal Warrant, and that such Officers will very rarely be permitted to return to effective service in India.

43. In regard to the question raised in the 69th paragraph of the Despatch, though I am disposed to concur in the opinion expressed by your Government that it would not be advisable, at the present time, to urge the Officers of Artillery to elect at once between local and general service, yet it is desirable that all Officers Artillery. Service.

* See page 28 of this book.

of the Local Artillery, who may desire it, should have their names recorded for general service; and it would be advantageous to arrange, as far as the convenience of the public service will admit, that such Officers should in preference, be posted to the new Batteries of Royal Artillery, which will be formed out of the men who have volunteered for general service, and from the recruits enlisted for Royal Artillery.

STAFF CORPS.
British Officers.
Commissions.

44.* With reference to the question raised in paragraph 67, whether Officers of the Line entering the Staff Corps are to receive the value of their Commissions, I have communicated with the Secretary of State for War, and I am informed that His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief is of opinion that Officers of the Line are not to receive the value of their Commissions on entering the Staff Corps. They transfer their services by their own choice, and must consider for themselves the gain or loss of the proceeding.

49. The point referred to in paragraph 60 of your Despatch is one of the greatest importance to the Officers whose interests may be effected by it; and I desire, therefore, to draw your particular attention to the subject, and to make known to you the construction which I have put upon paragraph 103 of the General Order of 10th April 1861, in replying to inquiries from Officers in England.

NEW LINE REGTS.
STAFF CORPS.
Rank.

50. The paragraph states that "all promotions in the Staff Corps, in the case of Officers, who may join the Staff Corps, within six months of the publication of the Royal Warrant, will take effect from the 18th February, 1861, the date of the receipt of the Warrant in India;" and in your Despatch under acknowledgment, paragraph 60, you observed, "the announcement contained in the 103rd paragraph of the General Order referred to a point of detail adjusted in conformity with the customs and usages of the service;" and you added that, as Officers "are to be allowed six months within which to make up their minds on the subject of most important changes now instituted for the first time, it is but just to all Officers that their Regimental position in the first establishment of the Staff Corps, and not subsequent accidental alterations of rank, should settle their place on entering that Corps."

51. I understand by this that all Officers joining the Staff Corps, within the six months referred to, will be considered as having joined on the 18th February, 1861, in the rank which they held in their Regiments on that date, whether such rank be known at the time or be due to previous casualties and subsequent re-adjustment. The rank here referred to is irrespective of that to which they may claim promotion under Clauses 1, 2 and 3 of the Staff Corps Warrant.†

52. Thus, should an Officer, being a Lieutenant, elect to join the Staff Corps during the six months, he will be considered as having been a Lieutenant at the time of joining, although he should not have expressed his intention till the month of June, and might

* See also G. G. O., No. 1121, 6th December, 1861, g. & a. 27.*

† See pages 22 and 23 of this book.

have been in the month of March promoted to Captain in his own Regiment. On the other hand an Officer, joining the Staff Corps, being a Lieutenant, who should find himself, by a casualty not then known, virtually a Captain, from a date prior to the 18th February, 1861, will be considered as having been a Captain at the time of joining, and his subsequent promotion in the Staff Corps will be regulated accordingly.

53. It is quite clear, with respect to Officers who may be posted to the new Line Regiments, that no change can be made in their position subsequently to the formation of those Regiments, such position being determined with reference to the rank they actually hold in their Regiments on a given day, *viz.*, the 18th February, 1861.

54. The difficulties attending such re-adjustment of rank in their case, affecting, as it would, the whole body of Officers, would be so great, as to be fairly pronounced insuperable. No such serious difficulties, however, would attend the same system of re-adjustment in the case of Officers of the Staff Corps.

You will be guided by this principle, not only on the first formation of the Corps, but in all subsequent appointments to it.

ANNO VICESIMO QUARTO & VICESIMO QUINTO.
VICTORIÆ REGINÆ.

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CAP. LXXIV.

An Act to render lawful the Enlistment of Persons transferred from the *Indian* to the General Forces of Her Majesty, and to provide in certain respects for the Rights of such Persons.

ENLISTMENT.
Act. —

[6th August, 1861.]

WHEREAS by a General Order of His Excellency the Governor General of *India* in Council, dated at *Fort William*, of the Tenth Day of *April* One thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, certain Conditions were prescribed and Offers made to the *European* Officers and Men of the *Indian* Forces of Her Majesty, in order to facilitate the Amalgamation of the said Forces with Her Majesty's General Forces: And whereas certain Parts of the said Conditions and Offers cannot be carried into Effect without the Authority of Parliament: Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, as follows:

1. If any Soldier of Her Majesty's *European* Forces in *India* has volunteered or shall volunteer from the said Forces to enlist in any Regiment of Her

Enlistment of Soldiers transferred from the *Indian* to the General Forces of Her Majesty to be valid for the unexpired portions of the service of such Soldiers.

Majesty's General Army, and has made or shall make the Declaration provided by the said Order of the Governor General, and contained in the Schedule of this present Act, or to the like Effect, any such Enlistment is declared to be and shall be as valid and effectual, for the unexpired portion of the Service of such Soldier, as if such Soldier had originally enlisted in Her Majesty's Land Forces under the Provisions of the Act of the Tenth and Eleventh Year's of Her Majesty, Chapter Thirty seven, intituled *an Act for limiting the Time of Service in the Army*.

2. The Provisions of the Act of the First Year of Her Majesty, Chapter Twenty-nine, intituled *An Act for enabling Her Majesty to grant the Rank of General Officers to Foreigners now bearing Her Majesty's Commission, and to permit the Enlistment of Foreigners under certain Restrictions*, shall not apply to the Case of Officers or Soldiers in the Indian Forces of Her Majesty, not being natural-born Subjects, who have been or may be transferred to Her Majesty's General Forces under the Condition of the said Order ; but every such Officer or Soldier shall be upon the same Footing, for the purposes of Military Service and Promotion, and every Act or Thing done or to be done in respect of the Enlistment and Attestation of any such Soldier shall be as legal for all Purposes as if he were a natural-born Subject of Her Majesty.

3. If any Soldier who has been or shall be so transferred as aforesaid is or shall become entitled to claim any Pension for Service or would have become entitled to claim any Pension if his Service had been wholly performed either in Her Majesty's *Indian* or in Her Majesty's General Forces, it shall be lawful for the Commissioners of *Chelsea Hospital* to take such Claim into consideration in the same manner as they are by law empowered to do in the Case of Soldiers discharged from Her Majesty's General Service, but such Pension shall be calculated in accordance with the Regulations either of Her Majesty's *Indian* or of Her Majesty's General Forces according as such Soldier may choose, but subject to such Conditions as to the Time and Manner of exercising such Choice as have been or may be prescribed by the Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Forces in *India* ; and it shall be lawful for the Secretary of State for *India* in Council and the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to make by Agreement such Regulations as they may deem just and expedient as to the Apportionment of the Pensions aforesaid between the respective Revenues of *India* and of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*.

4. No Enlistment or Attestation of any Soldier or Person into Her Majesty's General or *Indian* Forces which shall have taken place within Her Majesty's Dominions in *India*, or within the Territories of any Foreign State in *India*, prior to the Publication of this Act in the said Dominions,

Persons so transferred to be accounted natural-born Subjects for purposes of Military Service.

Rights of Persons so transferred to Pensions for Service in Her Majesty's General Forces.

No Enlistment in India invalid by reason of the absence of a Warrant from the Secretary at War, or because made out of Her Majesty's Dominions.

before any Person appointed in that Behalf by the Governor of any Presidency in *India*, shall be invalid only by reason that no Warrant had, at the time of such Appointment or of such Enlistment or Attestation, been signed by the Secretary at War in accordance with the Provisions of any Act of Parliament for the punishment of Mutiny and Desertion, or that the Person so appointed had not Authority to act out of Her Majesty's Dominions; but every Soldier or Person so attested shall be deemed to be an attested Soldier to the same Effect as if such Warrant had been signed as aforesaid, and such Enlistment or Attestation had taken place within Her Majesty's Dominions; and no Person so appointed who shall have enlisted and attested any Soldier or Person for Her Majesty's General or *Indian* Forces shall be deemed to have acted illegally in so doing by reason that no such Warrant had been issued as aforesaid, or that such Enlistment or Attestation did not take place within Her Majesty's Dominions.

THE SCHEDULE.

DECLARATION to be made by a Soldier volunteering from Her Majesty's Indian Forces to Regiments of Her Majesty's General Army.

DECLARATION.
Form. —

I, A. B., do declare that I have been till now a [Private, or Corporal, or Sergeant, as the case may be] in the Regiment of in Her Majesty's Indian Military Forces; that I enlisted on the day of for a Term of years, of which years and Months remain unexpired; that I am of the Age of Years; that I am willing to be transferred from the Infantry [or as the case may be] of Her Majesty's Indian forces to the 101st Regiment Royal Bengal Fusiliers [or as the case may be] of Her Majesty's Army, for the unexpired Residue of my Term of Service; and to accept, according to the Terms of a General Order of His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council, No. 332 of the 10th Day of April, 1861, the Bounty of Rupees upon such Transfer; and that I will serve Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, for the said unexpired Term of Years and Months from this Date, provided my Services should so long be required, and also for such further Term, not exceeding Two Years, as shall be directed by the Commanding Officer on any Foreign Station.

_____. *Signature of Soldier.*

_____. *Signature of Witness.*

Declared before me,

_____. *Signature of Justice of the Peace or Magistrate.*

G. G. O., No. 833, 17th September.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council directs the publication of the subjoined Questions on subjects of general interest, and the Answers given by Government in continuation of those published in Government General Order, No. 801, dated 10th September, 1861 :—*

VOLUNTEERING.
Bounty.

Question 106.—An unlimited Paria 10 and service Soldier completed seven-
20. teen years' service on the 15th March, 1861, i. e., twenty-six days after the date fixed in paragraph 20 for regulating the amount of bounty payable to men who volunteer for Her Majesty's General Service, and bounty was paid to him on his re-engagement for a further period of three years from the 15th March, 1861, under the Regulations then in force. The man has volunteered for General Service. How is the case to be dealt with?

Answer 106.—He may be allowed to volunteer, and will receive bounty for the remaining period of his service under paragraph 20.

ARTILLERY.
Pay.

Question 107.—If an Artillery Officer elects Para 30. to serve out of India, will his pay and allowances, while serving in India, undergo any alteration from the existing rates?

Answer 107.—His pay and allowances will not be altered.†

Appointments.

Question 108.—It is presumed that Officers of Artillery, now holding appointments either on the General Staff, with Batteries of Native Artillery, in the Ordnance Department, or as Superintendents of Ordnance Manufacturing Establishments in India, are not required to vacate their appointments should they declare themselves willing to serve out of India, and that Officers now doing Regimental duty, and who are willing to serve out of India, will be eligible for appointment hereafter to Artillery and Ordnance Staff situations.

Answer 108.—Artillery Officers who volunteer will retain their appointments, and those who have no appointments will be eligible to Staff employ.†

* See also G. G. O., No. 913, 11th October, 1861.

† See also G. G. O., No. 125, 4th February, 1862.

Note.—The paragraphs quoted in the above and subsequent questions, refer to those of G. G. O., No. 332, 10th April, 1861, page 1 of this book.

Question 109.—What is the meaning of the term "General Service," and might an Officer's prospects of Promotion, of Command of Station in his present Corps, and his pay and allowances, at any time be effected thereby; in fact, does an Officer by so volunteering relinquish any of the rights guaranteed him by Act of Parliament, and place his services at the disposal of the Crown without reserve?

Para. 50.

Answer 109.—The term "General Service" means service in any part of the world where an Officer might be required by the Crown to serve. The Officers who are placed in the new Line Regiments from among those who volunteer will join on the terms of General Service, but will be allowed their claims to the Indian Pensions. Those who do not join these Corps will remain on precisely the same terms as before, the simple fact of their volunteering making no change.

General Service explained.

Question 110.—A Staff Officer having been directed temporarily to rejoin his Regiment on Field Service or for Garrison duty, when circumstances have required for a time the presence of additional Officers, will the period he may thus have been temporarily serving with his Regiment count as Staff Service for promotion in the Staff Corps?

Para. 84.

Answer 110.—The period during which a Staff Officer may temporarily serve with his Regiment, will not reckon as Staff Service unless he has joined his Regiment in the Field.*

STAFF CORPS.
Service.

Question 111.—Whether the twenty months' leave counts from the date of leaving the Regiment and return to it, or from port of embarkation and return to India?

Answer 111.—The period will be reckoned as at present, from departure from port of embarkation to date of return within the limits of the Presidency to which an Officer belongs.

FURLOUGH.
Reckoning.

Question 112.—An Officer of Her Majesty's British Forces now on the Staff was Interpreter (P) to his Regiment for three years.

Will this be allowed to count as "Staff Employ?" By Article 69 the appointment of Interpreter to Local European Regiments is allowed so to reckon, but no mention is made of Interpreters to Her Majesty's British Regiments although the appointment is exactly the same.

Answer 112.—Yes, provided he has passed the Interpreter's Examination, and has been regularly appointed.

BRITISH OFFICERS.
Staff Service.

* See also G. G. O., No. 125, 14th February, 1862.

Service in India explained. *

Question 113.—Is service in India considered to be within the limits of the Charter of the late East India Company, or only of India Proper? For instance, if an Officer volunteers for service and is sent to Egypt, China, the Mauritius, &c., would such places be considered out of India and come under paragraphs 30 and 65 of the Amalgamation Order?

Answer 113.—If an Officer volunteers for General Service, and is sent to Egypt, China, &c., he would go on the same terms as Officers of Her Majesty's Line Regiments, or of the Royal Artillery, or Royal Engineers. Paragraphs 30 and 65 of the General Order would be applicable to the case. By service in India is meant service in the Territories formerly governed by the East India Company, which were, by Act XXI. and XXII., Vic. cap. 106, declared to be vested in Her Majesty, or in Territories which may become so in virtue of any rights previously vested in or exercised by the East India Company which were declared by the said Act to be vested in Her Majesty, or Service with or attached to any portion of Her Majesty's Indian Military Forces in any Foreign Country whatever to which those Forces may be sent.

STAFF CORPS.
Election.

G. G. O., No. 884, 19th September.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 323 of the 10th August, 1861, are published for general information :—

1. Immediately on the receipt of your letter No 76, dated the 18th May, 1861, I took measures, in compliance with your request, for ascertaining the wishes of Officers on leave of absence in this country, who are now holding Staff appointments, or who had held them since the 18th February, 1858.

2. For this purpose you transmitted five forms applicable to Officers under different circumstances, but there existed in this Office no means of knowing to which category of the five the several Officers belonged. The Circular* herewith enclosed was therefore

* Not received.

prepared and forwarded to all the Officers in question, with a request that they would state whether they wished to join the Staff Corps or not. Question* to be answered by the Officers comprising all the particulars required in the forms transmitted in your letter were annexed to each Circular.

* Not received.
present time.

3. I now enclose the replies* to the Circular which have been received up to the

† These have not been
received by Government.

4. I also transmit a copy of the replies† sent to such of the Officers as have made enquiries on the subject of the questions put to them.

5. You will observe from these replies that it has been stated in answer to enquiries made.

6. That Officers now on the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels, preferring to retain their position as Local Officers, will, as now, succeed to the "Colonels' allowance by seniority," but that no information can, at present, be given as to the number of Colonels' allowances to be authorized for the future.

CAVY. & INFY.
Col.'s allowance.

7. That the measures to be taken with respect to unemployed Field Officers, as referred to in paragraph 63 of the General Order, are under consideration.

Unemployed
Field Officers.

8. That no decision has yet been passed as to the position of the Officers of the Bombay Cavalry Regiments, in consequence of those Regiments having been converted into Silladars.

Bombay Cavy.
Regts.

9. That the selection, in future, of Officers for the Bombay Silladar Cavalry will rest with the Government of Bombay.

10. That the option of joining the Staff Corps will be open to those Officers only who may be considered by the Government under which they are serving to be in all respects fit for the Staff Corps.

STAFF CORPS.
Selection.

11. That Officers electing local service will be employed by the Governments in India in such manner as may appear to them to be most advantageous for the Public Service.

LOCAL OFFICERS.
Employment.

12. That if offer of service in the Staff Corps be accepted, the time passed in permanent Staff employ will reckon; but that information as to an Officer's term of past service must be sought from the Governments in India, who alone are in possession of full information as to the service of each Officer.

STAFF CORPS.
Service.

13. That Officers will be considered to have belonged to the Staff Corps from the 18th February, 1861, in accordance with the 103rd paragraph of General Order of 10th April, 1861.

Rank.

14. That time passed in the performance of Military duty in England since February, 1861, will reckon as service for pension, but not for promotion in the Staff Corps.

Mily. Duty.

15. That Officers joining the Staff Corps will not be called upon to give up any portion of their unexpired Furlough unless their services should be specially required by the Governments in India.

Furlough.

- NEW LINE REGTS.** 16. That an Officer electing general service in a new Line Regiment will be required to join his Regiment at the expiration of his Furlough.
- Furlough.**
- Position.** 17. That if an Officer of the present European Regiment volunteers for general service in the new Line Regiments his present position in his Regiment will, as far as possible, be secured to him.
- Rank.** 18. That Officers of the Bengal Cavalry, other than those of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments, whose offers of service with the new Dragoon Regiments may be accepted, will be placed in those Regiments according to the dates of their respective Regimental Commissions, if this can be done consistently with the promise held out to the Officers of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Regiments of Bengal Cavalry joining the new Corps, as announced in paragraph 53 of the General Order of the 10th April last.
- Exchange.** 19. That the subject of exchange between Regimental Officers is now under consideration.
- GENERAL SERVICE.** 20. That Officers who have volunteered for general service will have the option of joining the Staff Corps hereafter under the conditions specified in paragraph 80 of the General Order.
- Staff Corps.**
- NEW LINE REGTS.** 21. That no vacancies will be caused in the new Line Regiments by the transfer of Officers from the present European Regiments to the Staff Corps.
- Vacancies.**
- LOCAL OFFICERS.** 22. That Officers who may not join the Staff Corps or Regiments of the Line will be available for any duty to which they may be appointed by the Government, or Commander-in-Chief of the Presidency to which they may belong. Their promotion will continue, as heretofore, to depend on their position in their former Cadres.
- Duties.**
- Promotion.**
- STAFF CORPS.** 23. That Officers of the Staff Corps, retiring from the Service on full pay, will be eligible to receive the step of honorary rank.*
- Hony. Rank.**
- Employment.** 24. That the nature of employment to be given to Officers appointed to the Staff Corps will rest with the Governments in India.
25. It is necessary that your decisions on similar cases should be in accordance with the principles here laid down.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) C. WOOD.

BANDS & MESSES.
Regular Native
Regts.

G. O. C. C., 21st September.†—With the concurrence of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to announce that the position of Officers of the old Native regular Regiments of the Bengal Army is not changed

* See also G. G. O., No 784, 5th September, 1861.

† See also G. O. C. C., 26th April, 1862.

by their Regiments being newly numbered, and that they are still subject to the existing rules regarding subscriptions to their Regimental Mess and Band.

2. Those Officers who may be admitted to the Staff Corps become, however, disconnected from their Regiments, and are of course exempt from further subscriptions from the date they become members of the Staff Corps.

Staff Corps
Officers.

G. G. O., No. 868, 27th September.—The following paragraph of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 330 of the 22nd August, 1861, is published for general information :—

STAFF CORPS.
Clive's Fund.

"I have received and considered in Council your Despatch in this Department, dated the 15th June, 1861, No. 106, reporting that you had, pending the receipt of orders on the subject, admitted the claim of Widows of Officers who join the Staff Corps to Pension from Lord Clive's Fund. I approve of this proceeding; being of opinion that Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, joining the Staff Corps, do not forfeit, for themselves or their families, the benefits which they would have derived in the Local Service from Lord Clive's Fund."*

G. G. O., No. 874, 1st October.†—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 304, dated 2nd August, 1861, are published for general information :—

Leave.
Appointments.

1. Your letter dated 3rd June last forwards an application from Lieutenant D. MacIntyre, 2nd in command, Sirmoor Battalion, the leave of absence for six months granted him to visit Europe on private affairs may be extended to eighteen months on the same account, with retention of his appointment under the 93rd paragraph of your General Order, dated 10th April last.

2. The privilege of retaining appointments during periods of absence not exceeding twenty months, as announced in my Despatch, dated 18th January last, applies only to Officers returning to this country on Medical Certificate. It was intended as an extension of the privilege of fifteen months' leave allowed by the new Furlough Regulations to Staff Officers quitting India on account of the state of their health. With this exception Officers of the Staff Corps, it was stated, would be under the new Furlough Regulations. By these Regulations, Furlough on private affairs with retention of staff appointment is restricted to six months.

* See also G. O. G. G., No. 128A, 2nd September, 1863.
† See also G. O. G. G., No. 17A, 25th March, 1863.

3. The Furlough on private affairs of the Officers of the Staff Corps, with the right of retaining appointments, is to be limited to the same period.

4. The application of Lieutenant MacIntyre cannot therefore be complied with.

G. G. O., No. 913, 11th October.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council directs the publication of the subjoined Questions on subjects of general interest, and the Answers given by Government, in continuation of those published in Government General Order, No. 833, of the 17th September, 1861 :—*

STAFF CORPS.
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Leave.
Promotion.

Question 114.—With reference to the reply to Question 83, published in Government General Order No. 681† in which it is stated that “all authorized leave” will reckon towards promotion under the Staff Warrant, enquiry is made if by “authorized leave” only two years in twenty, &c., is intended?

The Officer has had only about $1\frac{3}{4}$ years leave in sixteen years' service; but sickness may send him home. Suppose, under the circumstances, he was obliged to spend eighteen months at home, would all in excess of two years count against him for his promotion to a Majority?

If it would not count against him for promotion, what is intended by the term “authorized leave?”

Answer 114.—No leave except privilege leave is to reckon towards promotion, except in the case of Lieutenant-Colonels. See Despatch from Secretary of State No. 315, published in General Order No. 824, dated 17th September, 1861.‡

The answer to question 83, in which these words occur, has been cancelled by the Despatch above quoted.

Furlough Rules.

Question 115.—An Officer left India, having completed ten years' service on the 9th of March, 1857, on Furlough to England for three years on private affairs. Ordered to return before the expiration of his Furlough on account of the Mutiny, he left England on the 2nd July, 1858, in charge of Recruits;—he has thus only had

Answer 115.—He will be allowed to take such portion of the unexpired period of his Furlough, as will make his absence equal to the time allowed by the new Furlough Rules.

* See also G. G. O., No. 960, 22nd October, 1861.

† See page 68 of this book.

‡ See also G. G. O. No. 262, 7th March, 1862.

one year, three months and twenty-three days of his Furlough. As all Officers joining the Staff Corps are compelled to take the new Furlough Regulations, he wishes to know how he should be situated as regards the unexpired portion of his Furlough, whether he shall be permitted to take it, or whether he shall be allowed the difference only between the time he has already had and the two years to which Officers who have completed ten years' service in India are entitled under the new Furlough Regulations?

Question 116.—Will an Officer of Artillery having volunteered for General Service, and having already declared for the old Furlough Regulations, be bound to take leave under the new Furlough Regulations in consequence of declaration for General Service?

Question 117.—With reference to Answer to Question 15, published in Government General Order, 9th July, 1861, No. 598,† whether Artillery Officers electing to serve out of India, under the provisions of the Government General Order, 10th April, 1861, No. 332, para. 30, will be allowed to succeed by seniority to the receipt of Colonel's allowance in the Indian Artillery?

Question 118.—By Government General Order No. 332, there is no rank recognized in the Staff Corps between that of General Officer on Rupees 1,295 a month, and Lieutenant-Colonel on Rupees 827-14-0, but that of *Brevet* Colonel, the pay of which is the same as that of Lieutenant-Colonel.

• *Answer 116.*—No, he will retain the Rules he has elected. *

ARTILLERY.
Furlough Rules.

Answer 117.—Yes; their promotion in their own Corps is not affected by their volunteering for General service.

Col.'s allowance.

Answer 118.—No instructions have been received from the Secretary of State respecting Colonel's allowances in the Staff Corps. ‡

STAFF CORPS.
Col.'s allowance.
Pay.

* Cancelled, see G. O. G. G. No. 101A, 22nd July, 1863, and G. G. O., No. 55, 20th January, 1864, q. & a 1.

† See page 52 of this book.

‡ See also G. G. O., No 232, 7th March, 1863.

The Bombay Government ask whether an Officer of the Staff Corps, not being a General Officer, on obtaining the Colonel's allowance would receive only Lieutenant Colonel's pay, with Colonel's allowance or Colonel's pay as well as allowance, notwithstanding that there is no substantive rank of Colonel in the Staff Corps?

GENL. LIST OFFERS.
Duties.

Question 119.—Supposing an Ensign of the General List volunteers for General Service, but is not posted to one of these new Regiments now being raised, what will become of him?

Answer 119.—He will be available for general duty like all other Local Officers.

Promotion.

Question 120.—Supposing an Ensign on the General List remains "with the Locals," will he be posted to the Cadre of some Corps and get his promotion in that Corps; or, will he get his promotion by the General List?

Answer 120.—No, he will not be posted to any Regiment. His promotion will continue as at present.

STAFF CORPS.
Leave.
Appointments.

Question 121.—Can an Officer of the Staff Corps, not entitled to his Furlough, obtain six months' leave of absence to England on urgent private affairs without pay and allowance, retaining his appointment?

Answer 121.—Government may grant such leave on being satisfied of the urgency of the case. *

Furlough Rules.

Question 122.—In paragraph 7 of a Military Letter No. 296 of 1861, published in Government General Order No. 799 of 10th September, 1861,† the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India is pleased to declare, in the case of an Officer who had elected the old Furlough Regulations, that his service for pension should reckon under the old Rules until he joined the Staff Corps, but that after that date he would be under the operation of the new Furlough Rules, as laid down in the General

Answer 122.—All leave which, under the old Rules, was allowed to reckon as service, will so reckon with an Officer who joins the Staff Corps without having previously elected to be under the new Furlough Rules. ‡

* See also G. O. G. G., No. 17 A, 25th March, 1863.

† See page 71 of this book.

‡ See also subsequent Question and Answer.

Orders, 10th April, 1861, (93). Up to the period of joining the Staff Corps, an Officer had not elected to be under the new Furlough Rules,—can he claim therefore to reckon his service for pension under the old Rules until he joined the Staff Corps, or from the 1st May, 1838, the date on which he arrived at the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal, to the 18th February, 1861, the date from which he ranks in the Staff Corps, being a period of twenty-two-years and nine months and eighteen days; a period of eight months and eight days, or from the 8th May, 1854 to the 16th January, 1855, having been passed on leave in India on Sick Certificate, and which under the old Rules counts as Service?

N. B.—Under Rule 1 of Government General Order No. 1150 of 1854, or the new Furlough Regulations, this Officer had the right of retaining the advantage of the old Regulations, but has had no opportunity of making a declaration to that effect, not having taken leave since they were promulgated, though he was on leave under the old Rules when they were promulgated.

Question 123.—Is an Officer considered to have joined the Staff Corps from date of sending in his Roll, or from date of the Royal Warrant forming it; or if he join this Corps on 1st October, shall he be considered to have been on the old Regulations to that date?

Answer 123.—Officers are considered to have joined the Staff Corps from the 18th February, 1861.

If an Officer be on leave under the old Furlough Regulations at the time of joining the Staff Corps, on the 1st of October for instance, he will be considered entitled to the benefit of the old Regulations till such leave expires. But an Officer not actually on leave at the time of admission to the Staff Corps will be under the new Furlough Rules from the 18th of February, 1861.

STAFF CORPS.
—
Furlough Rules.

G. G. O., No. 960, 22nd October.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to publish for general information the following observations by the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India on Answers given by the Government of India to Questions connected with the late changes in the Indian Army, and published in Government General Order, Nos. 598 and 606, dated 9th and 11th July, 1861.*

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
6. An Officer is permanent Second in Command, and Acting Commandant of an Irregular Corps. Will it be necessary for him to join the Staff Corps before he can become permanent Commandant? LOCAL OFFICERS. Appointments. Para. 50.	6. No. It rests with the Commander-in-Chief or with the Government. Officers not joining the Staff Corps "will continue to be available, as heretofore, for their present duty, or for any other duty to which they may be appointed by Government." 7. An Ensign will not be debarred the benefits of intermediate regimental promotion under existing regulations, occurring up to the date of his transfer to one of the new Line Regiments.	6. Approved. The Government or the Commander-in-Chief can appoint him if they see fit. 7. Not approved. (See Despatch No. 319, dated August 10, 1861.) The answer should be:— An Ensign will not be debarred the benefits of intermediate regimental promotion under existing regulations, occurring up to the date of his transfer to a British Regiment other than one of the new Line Regiments. If transferred to one of the latter, his position will be determined with reference to the rank he actually held in his former Regiment on the 18th February, 1861.
7. If an Ensign signifies his wish to volunteer for general service, and after he has done so, but before he is nominated to a British Regiment, a vacancy occurs among the Lieutenants in one of the present Regiments of Native Infantry, would he, by having volunteered, forfeit his claim to the vacant Lieutenancy, supposing him to be the senior applicant? GENERAL SERVICE. Promotion. Para. 50.		

8. If an Officer volunteers for general service, does he thereby cease to derive any benefit from casualties occurring in his present Regiment, subsequent to his volunteering, but before he is provided for in a British Regiment ?	8. No ; volunteering beyond the requirements of the new Line Regiments will not make any difference in the position of Officers.	No subsequent alteration or adjustment of rank will be permitted.
9. An Officer having volunteered for general service in the Line, will he, in the event of his service not being required in any Regiment of the Line, be then in the same position as before he volunteered ; or does he, by merely volunteering, surrender his former position in the Indian Army, and render himself amenable to the Staff Corps Rules ?	9. He remains in his former position unaltered. He has nothing to do with the Staff Corps.	9. The answer should be as follows :— No. He remains in his former position unaltered, unless and until he is posted to a new Line Regiment. He has nothing to do with the Staff Corps.
14. If their services are not required by Government for new Line Corps, are Officers, volunteers for general service,	14. Such Officers will not be liable to be posted to any other Corps.	14. Not approved. The answer should be :— They are not compulsorily liable, although eligible. All Officers posted

* See pages 49 and 56 of this book.

Notes.—The paragraphs quoted in the above and subsequent Questions, refer to those of G. G. O., No. 329, 10th April, 1861, page 1 of this book.

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
liable to be posted to any other Corps, and if so, will they enter as juniors of their rank ?		to British Regiments enter as juniors of their rank.
15. A Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel commands a Regiment of Madras European Infantry. He inquires whether, if he elect for general service, he will forego all future claim to off-reckonings and Colonel's allowance ?	15. His election for general service, should he be accepted, will disconnect him from the Indian service, and he will forego all claim to Colonel's allowance in the Indian Line.	15. Approved, but add the following—"but will become eligible to a Regiment under the regulations of the British Army."
17. • In the event of either of the new Line Regiments being ordered Home, are any of the Officers who have accepted the invitation to join it liable to be placed on half-pay, consequent on the Regiment being reduced to the strength of the Home Establishment.	17. They will be subject to the conditions of Her Majesty's Line service. The strength of Infantry Regiments on the Home Establishment is at present the same as that of the new Line Regiments in India; in the Cavalry Service the Home Establishment is less by one Troop than the strength of a Regiment in India.	17. Approved; but add the following :— "Less by 1 Major. 1 Captain. 1 Lieutenant. 1 Cornet."

18. How and when is a Major of one of the new Line Regts. obtain promotion to Regimental Lieut.-Colonel, and from that to Regimental Colonel ?
18. " In the promotion to the Field Officers, the fitness and efficiency of Officers will be taken into account." As regards Regimental Colonels, no instructions have been received by Government.
18. Not approved. The answer should be :—
The Major will obtain promotion when the Lieutenant-Colonel is removed from the Regiment by death or otherwise ; his fitness and efficiency being taken into account. His future appointment to the Colonelcy of a Regiment will be made in accordance with the usages of the British service.
20. Are the Officers commanding the European Infantry and Native Infantry Depôts, and the Depôts at Landour, Wellington, Abcoo, Khandalla, &c., and the Adjutants and Quarter-Masters of the same to be considered to have been on Staff duty whilst so employed ?
20. Depot Staff Officers are not on permanent Staff employ, and therefore are not entitled, as such, to enter the Staff Corps. But in the event of their subsequently obtaining admission into the Staff Corps they will be entitled to count as Staff service the time passed as Depot Staff Officers.
20. Not approved. The answer should be :—
Officers commanding such Depôts and Depot Staff Officers shall be considered in all respects to have been on the Staff during their tenure of such appointments, provided they shall have passed the prescribed test in Hindustanee, and are in all other respects qualified.
27. Is an Officer who has been doing duty with the Sappers and Miners to be considered to have been on Staff employ while so doing duty ?
27. *These Officers are permanently appointed, in the same manner as Officers permanently doing duty with Irregular Corps ; and service
27. Approved ; the question having no reference to Engineer Officers.

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
30. Whether Officers, now on the Staff, volunteering and being selected for the new Line Regiments will be allowed to retain their Staff appointments under Rule 74? 38. With reference to paragraph 78, -are Officers on the Staff obliged at once to declare whether they desire to join the Staff Corps, with the option of correcting their election within six months? 39. An Officer on the Staff belonging to one of the present European Regiments having accepted the invitation to join his representative Line Corps, can he not have the benefit of paragraph 74,	passed with the Sappers and Miners will count as Staff service. 30. Yes, if the Commander-in-Chief can spare them. 38. It is not necessary that an Officer should send his decision in to the Adjutant-General's Office before the 21st October, 1861, but it must reach the Adjutant General's Office by that date. The decision once announced in General Orders cannot be cancelled. 39. Yes.	30. Approved, but add :—" and the appointments be purely military, held for a limited period, and which do not require that an Officer be seconded." 38. Approved; but add :—" Except in the case of an Officer resigning the Service under the scheme published in G. O. G. G." (See Despatch to India, No. 320, of 10th August, paragraph 24.)* 39. Not approved. Answer should be :— Having once been posted to a Line Regiment, he is no longer eligible, under paragraph 74, to join the Staff Corps. He will have already had

the same as any other Officer of a British Regiment, *i.e.*, elect within six months to join the Staff Corps, and be eligible for promotion under the provisions of the Royal Warrant?

Paras 74 and 89.

41. Does the time an Officer of the Staff Corps may be on leave, in or out of India, count towards the period required to be served in the Staff Corps for promotion.

STAFF CORPS.

Leave
Promotion.

Para. 84.

45. Will a substantive Lieutenant-Colonel, and Brevet Colonel, joining the Staff Corps on its formation, be eligible to "get one step of rank" on transfer to the Staff Corps, *i.e.*, will he be promoted to substantive "Colonel" or "Major-General"?

STAFF CORPS.

Promotion.

Para. 85.

49. Should a Major of upwards of 22 years' service retire before the 1st October next, can he claim, in addition to the

STAFF CORPS.

Retirement.

41. Yes.

45. There is no such rank in the Staff Corps as substantive Colonel. No instructions have been received regarding promotion to Major General in the Staff Corps.

49. Yes. If he have served 22 years in India, of which not more than two years may have been passed on leave, he may retire before the

the option of doing so, and have made his election for a Line Regiment.

41. Not approved. The answer will be found in Despatch from this Office, No. 315 of 9th August.†

45. Approved; but add after the first clause:—

"As a matter of course, all Colonels in the Staff Corps will be placed on the General List of the British Army for promotion to Major General."

49. Approved; but add:—

"Should an Officer retire before the 1st of October, 1861, having been posted to and received a step of rank

* Published in G. G. O., No 807, 12th September, 1861, page 77 of this book—See also G. G. O., No 813, 10th June, 1862.

† Published in G. G. O., No 824, 17th September, 1861, page 83 of this book.

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
Major's pension, the extra pension of £50 per annum offered by the Secretary of State?	1st October next, on the pension of his actual rank, and will be entitled to the extra pension of £50 in addition.	in the Staff Corps, such posting and promotion will be cancelled. *
51. Can Officers of the Staff Corps take 20 months' leave on private affairs, retaining their appointments? STAFF CORPS. Leave. Appointments. Para. 93.	51. Yes. Such is the rule laid down in the 93rd paragraph of the General Order. But a reference has been made to the Secretary of State on this point.	51. Not approved. See Despatch from this Office, No. 304, dated 2nd August, 1861.†
52. Are the above 20 months referred to available in one indulgence, or are they the aggregate of sundry short leaves?	52. The leave may be in one period, or it may be the aggregate of sundry short leaves, subject to the conditions of the new Furlough Rules; <i>vide</i> paragraph 20 of the same.	52. Not approved; see preceding answer
54. Is the substantive rank of Officers in the Staff Corps to be considered to be their only regimental rank, the Staff Corps being their only Regiment? STAFF CORPS. Rank. Para. 93.	54. Yes. The* Staff Corps is their only regiment, so to speak; but the term is an incorrect one.	54. Substitute the following answer :— "Yes." The Staff Corps is their only Regiment, and their rank in it up to that of Lieutenant-Colonel inclusive, is substantive rank.

56. Is it compulsory, with reference to the
 * **STAFF CORPS.** latter part of paragraph
 — 93, on all Officers joining
Furlough Rules. the Staff Corps to select
 Para. 93. the new Furlough Regula-
 tions, or is this intended merely for British Offi-
 cers joining the Staff Corps? And are Indian
 Officers allowed the option of selecting the old
 or new Furlough Regulations, as guaranteed to
 them by General Order by the Governor General,
 No. 1450 of 17th November, 1854?

57. Can an Officer of the Staff Corps pro-
STAFF CORPS. ceed to Europe on leave on
 — private affairs (retaining
Leave. his appointment) as often
Appointments. as his service can be dis-
 Para. 93. pensed with, or does this privilege refer to leave
 on private affairs in India only?

58. What number of "Colonel's allowances" *
 * **STAFF CORPS.** will be appropriated to the
 — Madras Staff Corps, and
Col.'s allowance. from what date will they
 Para. 94. become available?

56. All will be under the new
 Furlough Regulations. No option
 is allowed to an Officer who may join
 the Staff Corps. He must accept
 the new Rules as one of the condi-
 tions of joining that Corps.

57. Officers of the Staff Corps
 will be under the new Furlough
 Rules, except as to the increase of 20
 months explained in the General Or-
 der. These Rules prescribe periods
 of service to be performed in India
 at intervals between furloughs.

58. This question is under the
 consideration of Her Majesty's Go-
 vernment.

56. Approved; but add:—"He
 brings with him to the Staff Corps so
 much service for pension as he may
 have acquired up to the date of join-
 ing, whatever rules had applied to
 him up to that time."

57. Approved; the increase refer-
 red to being from 15 to 20 months.

58. Approved; but add:—"and
 will be decided as soon as the strength
 of the Corps is ascertained." ‡

* See also G. G. O., No. 351, 24th March, 1862.

† Published in G. G. O., No. 874, 1st October, 1861, page 99 of this book.—See also G. O. G. G., No. 17A, 25th March, 1863.

‡ See G. G. O., No. 36, 10th January, 1862, paras. 12 to 14.

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
59. Should an Officer be placed on the half-pay list or be unemployed, under paragraphs 96 to 99 of the General Order, will his time thus passed in India count towards retiring pension? STAFF CORPS. Unemployed. Half-pay. Paras. 96 to 98.	59. If on the half-pay list, no; as no half-pay service counts for pension. But Officers in the Staff Corps though not actually employed, will be allowed to reckon their service during such period towards promotion and pension.	59. Approved; the second clause amended as follows:— “But Officers in the Staff Corps, while in India and available for duty, will, even though not actually employed, be allowed,” &c.
65. Must a Lieutenant-Colonel joining the Staff Corps serve two years from the 18th February, 1861 to qualify him for the superior grade, under the provisions of Clause 103 of the Amalgamation Order, or five years, counting from the original date of his substantive rank? STAFF CORPS. Brevet Rank. Para. 103.	65. Five years, counting from the original date of his substantive rank, provided he have been on the Staff the whole period; if not, five years from the date from which he, as Lieutenant-Colonel, held Staff employ. (<i>Vide</i> paragraph 85 of the General Order.)	65. A Lieutenant-Colonel in the Staff Corps can attain to the rank of Colonel by Brevet, either under the Staff Corps Warrant, Clause 2 of General Order of Governor General, 10th April, para. 84; or under the operation of the Royal Warrant of the 31st January, 1859, Clauses 8-10.
72. Will the election by an Officer of “general service” debar him from the benefit of the £50 bonus, sanctioned by G. O. G., 8th March, 1861, No. 79? RETIREMENT. Bonus.	72. No. The offer was made to all Officers of the Indian Army.	72. Approved; but add;—“but will not apply to those who may have been posted to the new Line Corps.”

73. Should the option be given to young Officers of the General List, who entered the Service subsequently to November 1859, to volunteer for general or local service, or the Staff Corps,—one young Officer having stated that, from the terms of the declaration made by him at the India House, he did not consider that he had any choice in the matter?

73. There is nothing in the declaration made by these young Officers at the India Office to compel them to elect for general service. The option must be given to them in common with other young Officers of the Indian Army.

73. Not approved. The answer should be:—

According to the declaration made by those young Officers at the India Office, they have no choice, but the option may be given to them in common with other young Officers of the Indian Army.

G. G. O., No 995, 1st November.*—The Pay of the Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the new Brigades of Royal Artillery and of the new Regiments of Dragoons and Infantry will, from the 1st November, 1861, be issued at the daily rates prescribed in Government General Order No. 246, dated 6th March, 1860.

G. O. C. C., 2nd November.—The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to announce that Government have decided that Soldiers who were allowed to be entertained in European Regiments of the Indian Army, but whose lineage did not admit of their being attested with bounty as European Soldiers, are ineligible for general service with Her Majesty's Line Regiments.

* See also G. G. O., No. 554, 20th May, 1862.

Circular.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, THE 12TH OCTOBER, 1861.

Extract from a Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to Government of Fort St. George, Military Department, No. 581, dated the 12th October, 1861, paragraph 1.

STAFF CORPS.
—
Reg. Nat Regts.
Appointments.

"With reference to the question submitted in your letter No. 3238, of the 13th ultimo, as to whether Adjutants and Quarter-Masters of Local Regiments admitted to the Madras Staff Corps are after such admission, eligible to continue in the performance of their appointments, respectively, or are to be forthwith relieved therefrom, as well as from all Regimental duties, and to remain unemployed until other employment can be found for them, I am instructed to acquaint you, in reply, for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that an Officer admitted to the Staff Corps no longer belongs to the Regiment, and he cannot hold a Regimental appointment which an Officer of the Regiment alone can hold. An Officer obtains advantages by joining the Staff Corps, and he necessarily relinquishes all Regimental advantages to which he would otherwise have been entitled"*

No. 2045.

*Adjutant General's Office,
Simla, 2nd November.*

The foregoing Extract is forwarded for information and guidance.

By Order,

G L FRASER, [•]*Captain,*

Offg. Asst. Adj. Genl. of the Army.

To Officers Commanding

Divisions and Districts.

G. G. O., No. 1047, 15th November.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council directs the publication of the subjoined Questions on subjects of general interest, and the Answers given by Government in continuation of those published in Government General Order, No. 913, of the 11th October, 1861:—†

* See also G. G. O., No. 267, 10th March, 1862

† See also G. G. O., No. 1059, 19th November, 1861, page 117 of this book.

Question 124.—When an Officer of the Staff Corps is placed on the out-of-India rate of pay or on the half-pay List, is he permitted to reside out of India; and if so, will the time so passed count for pension under paragraph 65, viz., two years for one, or year for year?

Answer 124.—Officers on half-pay or on out-of-India rate of pay can reside out of India; but no half-pay service reckons towards pension. Officers out of employ and available for employment will not be put on out-of-India pay.

STAFF CORPS.
Half-pay.
Residence.
Pension.

Question 125.—Is residence in India compulsory on an Officer who is unemployed and on half-pay under paragraph 98?

Answer 125.—Residence in India is not compulsory on an Officer put on half-pay. Such Officer can reside where he likes, notifying his place of residence to Government.

Unemployed.
Half-pay.
Residence.

Question 126.—With reference to General Orders No. 332, paragraphs 46 to 48, and No. 807 of 1861, paragraphs 16 to 21, will Colonels (Regimentally or by Brevet) of the Indian Regiments of Artillery and Engineers continue as heretofore to rise to vacancies in the grades of General Officers according to their position in the Gradation List of Officers of the three Presidencies?

Answer 126.—Yes.

ARTY. & ENGRS.
Gradation List.

Question 127.—Will the name of a Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, accepting the retiring annuity, be retained in the Gradation List of Officers of the three Presidencies, as well as in the list of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels; and if so, how will the promotion to the grade of General Officer be regulated on his name coming to the top of the list of Colonels and a vacancy taking place in the grade of General Officer?

Answer 127.—No; an Officer so retiring no longer belongs to the effective branch of the Service, though his name is retained in italics in the particular list to which he belonged, to regulate the promotion of those who stood below him in that List. The retired Officer will obtain a step of Honorary Rank and will have no claim to further Line promotion.

RETIRED LT.-COLS.
Gradation List.

Hony. Rank.

Question 128.—With reference to the decision* of the Secretary of State for India, that the new Furlough Regulations shall not have retrospective effect in the case of Officers brought upon them by admission to the Staff Corps, an Officer enquires

Answer 128.—The Rule laid down by the Secretary of State applies only to Officers who, up to the date of joining the Staff Corps, had not availed themselves of the advantages of the new Furlough Rules;—not having enjoyed the

STAFF CORPS.
Furlough Rules.

* Observations on Answer 56, see G. G. O., No. 799, 10th September, 1861, para. 7, page 71 of this book.

whether a similar ruling will be made in the case of Officers who accepted the said Regulations previous to their admission to the Staff Corps?

advantages of the Rules they are exempted from the disadvantages.

STAFF CORPS.
Leave.
Promotion.

Question 129.—With reference to Her Majesty's Royal Warrant, dated 16th January, 1861, instituting the Staff Corps, Clause 2, paragraph 2, * and to the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State's Despatch, No. 315, dated 9th August 1861, paragraph 1, published in Government General Order No. 824, dated 17th September, 1861,* in which the effect of leave of absence (either on Sick Certificate or private affairs) on promotion in the Staff Corps is defined, viz., "that leave of absence will reckon as part of the period of the General Service required for promotion," provided the full term of Staff duty has been performed,—an Officer states that the Answer given by Government to Question 114, published in Government General Order No. 913, dated 11th October, 1861,* is apparently at variance with the above Despatch; and it appears that "no leave except privilege leave is to reckon towards promotion, except in the case of Lieutenant-Colonels?"

Answer 129.—The answer is not necessarily at variance with the Despatch. It was intended by the Answer to Question 114 that no leave except privilege leave is allowed to reckon in the period of Staff Service required towards promotion, except in the case of Lieutenant-Colonels.

"Royal" conferred
on certain Regts.

G. O. C. C., 18th November. } The Commander in Chief has
(G. O. H. M. B. F., 25th Idem.) } much gratification in publishing the following Horse Guards G. O. No. 792, dated 5th August last, for general information:—

"Her Majesty has been pleased to direct that the following Regiments, viz:—

101st Regiment	Bengal Fusiliers.
102nd	„ Madras „
103rd	„ Bombay „

should have the honor of bearing the designation "Royal."

* See pages 22, 83 and 100 of this book.

G. G. O., No. 1059, 19th November.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council directs the publication for general information, of the subjoined Questions submitted by an Officer in England connected with the late changes in the Indian Army, and the Answers given thereto by the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India :—

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.	
An Officer asks how Officers of the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel will be affected by the Staff Corps Warrant and the Promotion Warrant of October, 1858. He appears to be under the impression that he can join the Staff Corps as a Lieutenant-Colonel. Also, looking to the restriction of the grant of the rank of Colonel to Lieutenant-Colonels employed in certain positions by the Promotion Warrant, whether, as respects Lieutenant-Colonels joining the Staff Corps, there is any restriction as to the nature of the service they must be employed in, whether Civil or Military. It is presumed that all service performed in the Staff Corps by Lieutenant-Colonels, in whatever position, will count towards the qualifying period for the rank of Colonel, and that substantive Lieutenant-Colonels will become Colonels after five years' service, and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonels for service in the field after eight years' service in the Staff Corps as such.	1. That an Officer promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel for distinguished service will be entitled, after serving eight years in the Staff Corps, to be promoted to the rank of Colonel, under the provision of the 10th Clause of the Warrant of 1st October, 1858. 2. That promotion in the Staff Corps, under the Royal Warrant of January 16th, 1861, is entirely distinct from that under any other Warrant, and takes no cognizance of Brevet rank under that of Colonel.	STAFF CORPS. — Brevet Rank.

G. G. O., No. 1074, 26th November.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 389, dated 8th October, 1861, are published for general information :—

ARTILLERY.
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Seconding.

1.—“ I have received from the Government of Bombay a copy of a letter (No. 1659 of 6th June, 1861) addressed to you in their Military Department upon the subject of seconding Artillery Officers.

2.—In my Despatch, No. 27 of 18th January, 1861, it was stated that "Artillery Officers holding appointments in the Ordnance Department will be seconded." This Order was transferred to your General Order of 10th April last, No. 332, paragraph 26,* and has been fully acted upon in Bengal and Madras, in part only in Bombay, and the Government of that Presidency have postponed the seconding of any Commissaries of Ordnance other than the Principal.

3.—At the time those instructions were given, they were considered to be in accordance with the practice established in the British Artillery.

4.—I learn by a letter from the War Office that it has been lately determined that Officers holding the rank of Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel, regimentally, in the Royal Artillery, are not in future to be seconded when holding Civil situations; but that all Captains and Lieutenants not doing regimental duty are to be borne Supernumerary, and their places filled up by Effective Officers.

5.—You will, therefore, adopt the same rule for your future guidance, but, inasmuch as I have no intention of proposing that the promotions already made in the place of seconded Officers in Bengal and Madras should be cancelled, you will direct the Government of Bombay to carry out fully the instructions contained in paragraph 26* of your General Order of 10th April last, in order that the Regiment of Artillery in that Presidency may have, in common with those of the other Presidencies, the full benefit of the promotions arising out of that Order."

G. G. O., No. 1078, 26th November.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 396 of the 16th October, 1861, are published for general information:—

1.—"I have received and considered in Council your Military Letter No. 161, dated the 8th August, 1861, stating that doubts have been entertained whether the Lieutenant-Colonels, who may be selected to hold the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the new Line Regiments, will have to give up all claims to Colonel's allowance, unless they may be eventually selected for the appointment of Colonel of a Regiment, and proposing that Officers of the Indian Army generally may be allowed to record their readiness to serve Her Majesty any where, without prejudice to their position in the Cadres of Regiments, or in the Staff Corps, as the case may be.

2.—With reference to Lieutenant-Colonels of the new Line Regiments, I observe that among the questions submitted to and replied to by your Government, copies of which were forwarded to me with your letter No. 125 of 16th July, 1861, one question (15)† refers to this subject and has been "correctly answered by

NEW LINE REGTS.
Col's allowance.

* See page 6 of this Book.

† Published in G. G. O., No. 598, 9th July, 1861, page 49 of this book.

you, viz :—" that he will forego all claims to Colonel's allowance in the Indian Line," to which reply I propose to add, "but will become eligible to a Regiment under the Regulations of the British Army."

3.—With regard to Sir H. Rose's suggestion, in which you concur, that the Officers of the Indian Army generally might be allowed to volunteer for general service, I would observe that the Officers of the Indian Army have already had the opportunity afforded them of recording their willingness to serve out of India by paragraph 50 of the General Order by the Governor General, No. 332 of 10th April, 1861, and the term within which Officers may elect for general or local service has been expressly extended to 21st October, in your reply to Question 5, published in General Order of 9th July, 1861, No. 598. *

Volunteering.

4.—It was not intended by this answer to debar Officers from volunteering for general service after the 21st October, but I do not see what further permission to do so is necessary; and indeed, I am of opinion, that any further invitation by the Government to volunteer for general service may lead to expectations of employment on the part of Officers which it may be impossible to meet, and would therefore only end in disappointment."

G. G. O., No. 1080, 26th November.—With reference to Government General Order, No. 807 of the 12th September, 1861,† the following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 399, dated 16th October, 1861, are published for general information :—

RETIREMENT.

Annuities.

1. "It has been brought to notice that paragraph 24 of my Despatch No. 320 of the 10th August last has been misunderstood in some quarters, as giving to Officers of the New Line Regiments and of the Staff Corps the privilege of retiring with annuities, according to the scale forwarded with that Despatch, with or in virtue of any rank they may have attained after joining those Corps.

2. The passage referred to does not seem to me to be susceptible of such interpretation; but to prevent the possibility of mistake, I desire to point out that it was only intended to give to Officers so circumstanced, the opportunity of reconsidering their position, and of availing themselves of the annuity to which they would have been entitled had they not elected for either the Staff Corps or the New Line Regiments."

* See page 49 of this book.

† See page 77 of this book.

G. G. O., No. 1118, 6th December.—His Excellency the Governor-General in Council directs the publication of the subjoined Question on a subject of general interest, and the Answer given by Government, in continuation of those published in Government General Order No. 1047 of the 15th November, 1861 :—*

STAFF CORPS.
—
Leave
Promotion.

Question 130.—An Officer proceeded to England on Medical Certificate in 1857, and according to the new Furlough Regulations was entitled to retain his appointment for a period of fifteen months.

As he did not return on the expiration of that period, and consequently lost his appointment, are the fifteen months thus passed to be considered as Staff employ, so as to bring that Officer under the operation of paragraph 73 ? —or, as he did not re-join his appointment at the expiration of his leave, and can hardly be said to have held an appointment within the last three years, is he debarred from entering the Staff Corps ?

Answer 130.—This Officer is entitled to reckon for Staff service the period of fifteen months during which he was on leave.†

* See also G. G. O., Nos. 1120 and 1121, 6th December, 1861, page 121 of this book.
† See also G. G. O., No. 502, 5th May, 1862.

• **G. G. O., No. 1120, 6th December.**—In continuation of Government General Order No. 960 of the 22nd October, 1861, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to publish, for general information, the following observation by the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India on an Answer given by the Government of India to a Question connected with the late changes in the Indian Army, and published in Government General Order No. 681 of the 2nd August, 1861 :—*

Question.	Answer by Government of India.	REMARKS.
89. Is an Officer entitled to count for service on the Staff from the date he was appointed to the Staff, notwithstanding that he did not join the appointment immediately in consequence of being required with his Regiment on foreign service?	89. His service on the Staff will count from the date of the General Order appointing him.	89. No. He must join first.

G. G. O., No. 1121, 6th December.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to publish, for general information, the following observations by the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India on Decisions given by the Government of India, under date the 15th July, 1861, on Questions connected with the late changes in the Indian Army, and which Questions and Decisions it was considered unnecessary to publish in Government General Orders :—

*See Memorandum of Decisions not for publication.

* See page 66 of this book.

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
18. With reference to paragraph 72, which states that Officers now holding Staff appointments of any description may continue in Staff employment, whatever their Regimental rank may be, without joining the Staff Corps; and that in such case they will not, as heretofore, be required to vacate their appointments on the attainment of certain Regimental rank, is it to be understood that Officers "who do join the Staff Corps" will have to vacate their appointments on attainment of such advanced rank? DEPARTMENTS. Appointments. Promotion. Paras. 72 & 90.	18. No. <i>Vide</i> paragraph 90. "The appointments and promotions in the several departments will rest as at present, with the Government of India, and will be made irrespectively of the rank which an Officer may hold in the Staff Corps."	18. Add, "with the expectation of the appointment to Regimental Staff, which will be, as heretofore, restricted to Subalterns."
27. Officers of Her Majesty's British Regiments joining the Staff Corps necessarily, while in it, forfeit the power of selling out and of recovering the value of their Commissions, in lieu of which they obtain other privileges. Will such Officers recover the full power of selling out (the same as if they had never left and been promoted in their STAFF CORPS. British Officers. Commissions. Para. 74.	27. Whether an Officer would necessarily forfeit the power of selling out under such circumstances depends upon the Rules which may be laid down from time to time by Her Majesty's Government. Officers of the British Army going into the Staff Corps vacate their Regimental place; on returning to Regimental	27. Officers of Her Majesty's British Regiments who have joined the Staff Corps, and afterwards again exchange into a British Regiment though in an advanced grade, will regain the power of selling their Commissions, subject to Her Majesty's pleasure, provided the Regiments into which they exchange are subject to the system of purchase.

Regiments) on their again exchanging from the Staff Corps into a British Regiment, though in an advanced grade. ?

28. In the event of a Captain (Native Infantry) a District Inspector of Musketry volunteering for general service, and being posted to one of the new Line Regiments, could he retain his permanent appointment of District Inspector ?

NEW LINE REGTS.

Appointments.

Para. 74.

tal duty they regain the privileges of such position.

28. He can retain his appointment if the Commander-in-Chief can spare him for the unexpired portion of a period of five years, unless his Regiment should be meanwhile ordered out of India.

28. A District Inspector of Musketry volunteering for general service, and being posted to one of the new Line Regiments, may retain his permanent appointment of District Inspector provided his services are not urgently required for duty with any Regiment to which he may be posted, and provided that such Regiment is serving in India.

G. O. C. C., 18th, December.—The Commander in Chief is pleased to announce, for general information, that Government has decided that Officers of the Staff Corps when unemployed are liable to perform general duty, and should apply for leave to reside and do duty at any particular place until they are employed, precisely in the manner prescribed for other Officers.

Staff Corps Offrs.

Note.—The paragraphs quoted in the above Questions, refer to those of G. G. O., No. 332, 10th April, 1861, page 1 of this book.

ORDERS AND REGULATIONS

RELATIVE TO THE

STAFF CORPS AND AMALGAMATION,

ISSUED IN

1862.

G. O. C. C., 8th January.—To prevent any misapprehension on the subject, it is notified that all unlimited service Soldiers who have elected to remain in the "Local Service" are allowed to retain their present privileges as long as they may be fit for the service.

Unlimited Service Soldiers.

2.—The reply to query No. 1 in G. G. O. of 9th July, 1861, No. 598,* which states that henceforward no enlistment or re-enlistment for the Indian Service will be legal, does not apply to unlimited service men, for they are not *re-enlisted* after the period when, as an indulgence, they are granted their discharge should they wish to take it.

G. G. O., No. 28, 10th January.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 461, dated 30th November, 1861, are published for general information :—

STAFF CORPS.
British Officers.
Pension.

1.—"I have received and considered in Council your letter No. 148, dated 31st July, 1861, in which you enquire whether, in case of the death of an Officer of the Staff Corps, who originally belonged to the British Service, any provision will be made for his family.

2.—I have to inform you in answer that to the widows and families of such Officers, pensions will be granted not less than those to which they would be entitled under the provisions of the Royal Warrant of June 15th, 1855.

3.—It remains to be decided from what funds these pensions will be provided."

G. G. O., No. 36, 10th January.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 467, dated 3rd December, 1861, are published for general information.

STAFF CORPS.
Col.'s allowances.

* See page 49 of this book.

STAFF CORPS
—
Col.'s allowance

8. "As regards the succession to Colonel's Allowance, I entirely agree with you that it is most desirable to make some definite announcement to the Officers of the Army.

9. In my Despatch No. 27 of 18th January 1861, paragraph 30,* I stated that the number of Staff Corps Officers in receipt of Colonel's Allowance "can only be filled up as the establishment of Colonel's on the old footing diminishes, so that the aggregate number of Officers receiving Colonel's Allowance at one time shall never exceed the regulated number of Colonel's Allowance for each Presidency."

10. It has been since provided, in connexion with the retiring scheme detailed in my Despatch No 320 of 10th August last,† that the names of Lieutenant-Colonels accepting that scheme shall remain in italics on the general lists of "Field Officers regimentally," to regulate the succession to Colonel's Allowance of those who do not accept the increased pension, so that one Colonel's Allowance will eventually be struck off for each retired Lieutenant-Colonel who would have attained it had he remained on the Effective List, the number of Colonels in the receipt of that allowance being, however, never brought below the proportion they now bear to the number of Officers remaining on the entire list, general and regimental.

11. It may safely be calculated that, under the operation of this measure, there will be a reserve of Colonel's Allowances in the Cavalry and Infantry Arms of each Presidency, available for the Senior Officers of the Staff Corps, and probably to a much greater extent than will be required for that purpose.

12. Her Majesty's Government have therefore decided that Colonel's Allowances shall at once be assigned to the several Staff Corps in the proportion of one Colonel's Allowance to every thirty Officers who have actually joined the Staff Corps.

13. To these allowances, Officers who have attained the rank of Colonel in the Army, and have served not less than twelve years in the substantive rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, will succeed according to seniority as Lieutenant-Colonels until the proposed establishment is completed to the relative strength of one in thirty Officers of all ranks.

14. The necessity for a qualifying term of service will then cease, and Officers will succeed by seniority as vacancies occur.

Appointments.

15. Her Majesty's Government have further resolved that upon succession to Colonel's Allowance, Officers of the Staff Corps shall vacate the appointment they then hold, being, however, eligible for reappointment or employment in any other position at the discretion of their respective Governments, and with the sanction of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council

* See page 30 of this book.

† Published in G. G. O., No 807, 12th September, 1861, page 77 of this book.

16. Officers holding appointments, the tenure of which is limited to five years, will not be required to vacate, on attaining to the Colonel's Allowance, before the expiration of that period.*

General Staff.

18. The fourth subject is the position and pay of a Captain in the Staff Corps, being a Major-General in the Army.

19. The expressions in the Staff Corps Warrant may not be sufficiently definite, and I have therefore to explain to you that, in order to entitle an Officer of the rank of Major-General to the unemployed pay specified in the Warrant for that rank, he must have actually served not less than six years in the substantive rank of Field Officer, the above six years being inclusive of any time he shall have been obliged to pass upon half-pay in consequence of ill-health contracted in the service (as established by a Board of medical Officers), or in consequence of wounds received in action.†

STAFF CORPS.
Unemployed
Genl Offrs.
Pay.

20. Other Officers (of the Staff Corps) holding substantive rank in that Corps as Lieutenant-Colonel (whether he have the Brevet-rank of Colonel or not), Major, Captain, or Lieutenant, will draw only the pay of their respective ranks.

21. The last subject mentioned in your Despatch has reference to the request of certain Officers to be allowed the 50 £ extra pension, in anticipation of retirement in completing the required term of service.

Retirement.
Bonus.

22. Among the questions and replies lately published by you (No. 70)‡ inquiry was made with reference to Officers who might still have a few months to serve, but without reference to such service being required in India or allowable in Europe. You decided in the negative, and your reply has had my approval. You now recommend that it be allowed in the case of Officers who are so situated as to be in a position to complete their time in England.

23. I cannot observe that this one class of Officers have more claim to a relaxation of the rule in their favor than the other. Under the regulation of the service, Officers are required to serve a given number of years for a given pension, such period of service being inclusive of a stated amount of leave. It has suited the convenience of one Officer to take that leave, and he may have two years more to serve in India.

24. Another has chosen not yet to take his leave; he may have two years more to serve in England, if he pleases. As far as the interest of Government is concerned, it may be more expedient to relax the rule in question in favor of the latter; but in point of equity, I do not consider that he has more claim to the indulgence than the former.

25. I must, therefore, reluctantly decline to accede to your recommendation, that the rule should be relaxed in the manner and to the extent proposed."

* See also G. O. G. O., No. 72A, 8th June, 1863.

† See also G. O. G. O., No. 1105, 12th December, 1862, and G. O. G. O., No. 14, 6th January, 1864.

‡ Published in G. O. G. O., No. 800, 11th July, 1861, page 56 of this book.

Circular.

No. 105.

*Adjutant General's Office,**Simla, 15th January.**Discharge.*

SIR,—Under instructions from Government, I am desired to acquaint you that European Soldiers volunteering from the Indian to the Line Service will come under the rules of the latter Service as regards the rate of purchase money on discharge, as by volunteering for General Service a Soldier accepts all the conditions of Her Majesty's British Service, except as regards pension, for which a special rule has been laid down.

2. I am further to add that the rates of discharge purchase money in the British Service being generally more favorably to the Soldier than those which obtained in the Indian Service, the British scale will therefore be adopted in the case of all Soldiers who have elected the Line; but that they will be allowed the option of claiming the Indian scale in the comparatively few cases in which it would be to their interest to do so.

I have, &c.,

G. L. FRASER, *Captain,*

To Officers Commanding Offg. Depy. Adj. Genl. of the Army.
Divisions and Districts.

General Staff.

G. G. O., No. 65, 20th January.—In continuation of Government General Order No. 827 of the 17th September, 1861, * the following paragraph of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 319, dated 10th August 'last, is published for general information:—

Para. 33.—"You have decided in paragraphs 76 and 77 of the General Order that the rule respecting the limitation of tenure of certain Staff appointments to five years shall have prospective effect for future incumbents of these appointments; and you have permitted all officers now holding such appointments to keep them for two years longer irrespective of the periods that they severally have served. Should any Officer have served up to the present time less than five years, you allow him to complete a full period of seven years. To these applications of the rule I have no objection."

* See page 85 of this book.

G. G. O., No. 126, 4th February.—In continuation of Government General Order No. 1120 of the 6th December, 1861, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to publish, for general information, the following observations by the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India on Answers given by the Government of India to Questions connected with the late changes in the Indian Army, and published in Government General Orders Nos. 801 and 833 of the 10th and 17th September, 1861 :—*

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
96. An Officer is at home on two years' Furlough in 1856, and ordered out in consequence of the Mutiny in 1857, having ten months of his leave unexpired; can he, if he joins the Staff Corps, take this balance of Furlough without losing his appointment?	96. Yes, he would be allowed the balance of his Furlough, retaining his appointment.	96. Approved; but add the words—"to the Staff Corps."
97. An Officer proceeds on fifteen months' leave, retaining his appointment; he obtains twelve months' additional leave, and thereby forfeits his appointment. Is his absence of fifteen months to be reckoned as Staff service?	97. Yes.	97. See Despatch to India, No. 315 of the 9th August, published in General Order No. 824 of 1861.†

* See pages 72 and 94 of this book.

† See page 63 of this book.

Questions.	Answers by Government of India	REMARKS.
99. Can an Officer having entered the Staff Corps retire from the Service and claim the extra £50 as pension offered in Governor General's Order, dated 8th March last, No. 79, provided he applies to retire before the 1st October next? 102. Whether a Lieutenant in a British Regiment of Foot, of eight years' service, who was appointed Officiating Assistant Commissioner, Tenasserim and Martaban, on the 20th October, 1860, and confirmed in the appointment of Second Class Extra Assistant Commissioner, Tenasserim Province, in June, 1861, is eligible for the Staff Corps in India, and whether the service above-mentioned will count as service on the Staff?	99. Yes; but, as shewn in the Despatch No. 302, dated 2nd August, 1861, published in General Order No. 784 of the 5th September, 1861, it is not the intention of Her Majesty's Government that Officers should enter the Staff Corps for the purpose of immediately retiring. 102. This Officer is eligible, at the discretion of Government, to join the Staff Corps on probation under paragraph 75 of the General Order. Having been confirmed in permanent employ, his previous temporary employment will count as Staff service. See Questions and Answers 26 and 40.* But as this Officer held only temporary employment on the 18th February last, he cannot be admitted into the Staff Corps previously to the 22nd October, 1861, after that date his claims will be considered.	99. See remark on Question and Answer No. 49, published in Government General Order No. 960 of 1861. 102. An Officer entering the Staff Corps subsequent to the 22nd October, 1861, has not the privilege of counting previous Staff service towards promotion.

107. If an Artillery Officer elects to serve out of India, will his pay and allowances, while serving in India, undergo any alteration from the existing rates ? ARTILLERY. Pay. Para. 30.	107. His pay and allowances will not be altered.	107 Approved ; but add—" while serving in India."†
108. It is presumed that Officers of Artillery now holding appointments either on the General Staff, with Batteries of Native Artillery, in the Ordnance Department, or as Superintendents of Ordnance Manufacturing Establishments in India, are not required to vacate their appointments should they declare themselves willing to serve out of India, and that Officers now doing Regimental duty, and who are willing to serve out of India, will be eligible for appointment hereafter to Artillery and Ordnance Staff situations ? ARTILLERY. Appointments. Paras. 30, 45.	108. Artillery Officers who volunteer will retain their appointments, and those who have no appointments will be eligible to Staff employ.	108. Substitute " Artillery Officers who volunteer will retain their appointments unless their services should be required elsewhere, and those who," &c., &c.
110. A Staff Officer having been directed temporarily to re-join his Regiment on field service or for garrison duty, when circumstances have required STAFF CORPS. Service. Para. 81.	110. The period during which a Staff Officer may temporarily serve with his Regiment will not reckon as Staff service unless he has joined his Regiment in the field.	110. The privilege of counting as Staff service the period during which a Staff Officer may temporarily serve with his Regiment, if ordered to do so on public grounds, shall be granted to

* See pages 54 and 57 of this book.

† See also G. O. G. G., No. 112 A, 31st July, 1863, para D.

Note.—The paragraph quoted in the above Questions, refer to those of G. G. O., No. 332, 61th April, 1861, page 1 of this book

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
for a time the presence of additional Officers, will the period he may thus have been temporarily serving with his Regiment count as Staff service for promotion in the Staff Corps?		Officers joining their Regiments for garrison duty, as well as to those joining for field service.

G. O. C. C., 14th February.— } With the sanction of Government, the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to announce
(G. O. H. M. B. F., 14th Idem.) } that all European Soldiers of the Indian Army who volunteered for general service, are on the same footing as Line Soldiers with respect to Pay, Clothing, &c., while on their passage to England for discharge.*

Discharge.

G. G. O., No. 204, 21st February,— } The following extract from a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secre-
(G. O. H. M. B. F., 20th March.) } tary of State for India, No. 283 of the 16th July, 1861, is published for general information:—
Volunteering.

“ Having referred for the consideration of his Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief the question raised in your Military Letter No. 61, dated 3rd May, regarding the volunteering of men of the Royal Artillery belonging to Troops and Batteries returning to Europe for Troops and Batteries remaining in India, or for the new Regiments now forming in India, I have to communicate to you that His Royal Highness has stated that it will be desirable to permit the transfer of any men who may desire to prolong their service in India from the Batteries of Royal Artillery, in which they may be serving, to any of the present Indian Artillery Batteries or to any other Royal Artillery Batteries remaining in India, on the distinct understanding that, in so doing, they have no claim to, and shall receive no bounty or gratuity whatever.”

G. G. O., No. 262, 7th March.—In continuation of Government General Order No. 125 of the 4th February, 1862, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to publish, for general information, the following observations by the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India on Answers given by the Government of India to Questions connected with the late changes in the Indian Army, and published in Government General Order No. 913 of the 11th October, 1861.

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
114. With reference to the reply to Question 83, published in Government General Order, No. 681, in which it is stated that "all authorized leave" will reckon towards promotion under the Staff Warrant, inquiry is made if by "authorized leave" only two years in twenty, &c., is intended? The Officer has had only about one and three quarter years' leave in sixteen years' service; but sickness may send him home. Suppose under the circumstances he was obliged to spend eighteen months at home, would all in excess of two years count against him for his promotion to a Majority?	114. No leave, except privilege leave, is to reckon towards promotion, except in the case of Lieutenant-Colonels. See Despatch from Secretary of State, No. 315, published in General Order No. 824, dated 17th September, 1861.	114. If the question alludes to the time reckned as Staff Service for promotion the reply is correct.

* See also G. O. C. C., 13th January, 1863.

Questions.	Answers by Government of India.	REMARKS.
If it would not count against him for promotion, what is intended by the term "authorized leave"? 118 By Government General Order No. 332, there is no rank recognized in the Staff Corps between that of General Officer on Rupees 1,295 a month, and Lieutenant-Colonel on Rupees 827-14, but that of Brevet-Colonel, the pay of which is the same as that of Lieutenant-Colonel. The Bombay Government ask whether an Officer of the Staff Corps, not being a General Officer, on obtaining the Colonel's allowance would receive only Lieutenant-Colonel's pay, with Colonel's allowance, or Colonel's pay as well as allowance, notwithstanding that there is no substantive rank of Colonel in the Staff Corps?	The Answer to Question 83, in which these words occur, has been cancelled by the Despach above quoted. 118. No instructions have been received from the Secretary of State respecting Colonel's allowances in the Staff Corps.	118. An Officer of the Staff Corps, not being a General Officer, on obtaining Colonel's allowance would receive Lieutenant-Colonel's pay with the Colonel's allowance.

G. G. O., No. 267, 10th March.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 1 of the 9th January, 1862, are published for general information :—

APPOINTMENTS.

Reg Nat. Regts.

PARA. 18.—I have already expressed my approval of your decision that Officers above the rank of Subaltern shall not be eligible for appointments on the Regimental Staff. Those Officers, therefore, who elected to join the Staff Corps while holding Regimental Staff appointments, and who attained to the rank of Captain on so joining, must be called upon to vacate those appointments.

19. With respect, however, to all such Officers as being similarly situated, have not attained to the rank of Captain, I regret to be under the necessity of requesting that the General Order by the Madras Government, No. 363 of 18th October, 1861, may be cancelled, and that, in the event of these Officers' services being required by the Commander-in-Chief for that purpose, they may be permitted to retain their appointments, but such Officers will vacate their position on the Regimental Staff on attaining the rank of Captain.

20 A consideration of what is due to the interests of the Public Service, no less than to the Officers themselves, has led me to this decision ; but at the same time I desire that it may be distinctly understood, not only that all Officers of the Indian Army who remain with their Regiments have an equal claim to Staff employment with Officers of the Staff Corps, but also, that so long as any Subaltern belonging under the regular system to the several Regiments remain with those Regiments they should be understood to have, on all occasions of future vacancies among the Regimental Staff, the same amount of prior claim to such appointments as they have hitherto been allowed to possess.

21. In such cases the nomination to Regimental Staff Appointments will rest as heretofore with the Commander-in-Chief who, should he find it necessary to appoint an Officer of the Staff Corps, will apply to the Government for his services, should those services not be already at his disposal. *

Nomination.

G. G. O., No. 325, 18th March. } The following paragraph
(*G. O. H. M. B. F., 11th April*) } of a Military Letter from the
Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 47, dated 8th
ultimo, and the Royal Warrant therein referred to, are published
in General Orders :—

AMALGAMATION.

Genl and Field
Officers

I forward herewith, for the information of your Government, and for publication in General Orders, copies of a Royal Warrant dated 1st January, 1862, prescribing the mode in which the amalgamation of the general and Field Officers of the Indian Armies

War Office Circular No
736

* See also G. O. G. G., No. 92 A, 2nd July, 1863.

AMALGAMATION.
Genl & Field
Officers.

with the General and Field Officers of the British Army, and the promotion of the Officers to higher rank, shall be carried into effect.

Circular No. 735.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS We have judged it expedient to approve of the amalgamation of the General and Field Officers of Our Indian Armies with the General and Field Officers of Our Regular Army: Our Will and Pleasure is, that such amalgamation, and the promotion of the Officers to higher rank, shall be carried into effect in the manner prescribed in the Regulations hereunto annexed.

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Given at Our Court at St. James's this
first day of January, 1862, in the
Twenty-fifth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

G. C. LEWIS.

REGULATIONS.

1. The existing General Officers of either Army shall continue, as at present on separate lists.

2. All Colonels of either Army who attained that rank prior to the 17th February, 1861, shall be continued on separate lists as at present, and shall succeed on separate lists to the rank of Major-General, Lieutenant-General, and General, under the Regulations now in force for each Army respectively; but if all the Colonels on one of the separate lists shall have become Major-Generals, while some of the Colonels on the other separate list are still unpromoted, those Colonels shall have the benefit of vacancies occurring in the lists of Generals of either Army, and Colonels so promoted shall be placed on an amalgamated list of Major-Generals, from which promotion shall be made by seniority in succession to all vacancies in the higher grades, whether of the British or Indian Service.

3. All Officers in either Army who shall have attained the rank of Colonel on or after the 17th day of February, 1861, shall at once be placed according to the dates of their commissions, as Colonels on one general list, from which, so soon as the separate lists of Colonels are exhausted, promotion shall be made according to seniority in succession to all vacancies in the establishments of General Officers, whether of the British or the Indian Service, and Colonels so promoted shall enter upon the amalgamated list above provided, from which promotion shall be made by seniority in succession to all vacancies in the higher grades, whether of the British or Indian Service.

4. All promotions in the lower grades, in consequence of vacancies amongst General Officers, shall, until the general fusion hereinafter provided, fall in each case to that service to which the Officer creating the vacancy belonged; and such promotions shall be made under the Regulations now in force in either service.

AMALGAMATION.

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Officers.

5. When all the Colonels on the separate list of the Cavalry, Guards, and Line, of the British Army, and on that of the Indian Army, shall have become Major-Generals, the whole of the Field Officers, including those of the Artillery and Engineers of both Armies, as well as Field Officers of the Royal Marines, shall be placed on one general list, from which all promotions shall be made up to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel inclusive, in succession to vacancies on the General Officers' list; and from that time the senior Captain of the United Army and Royal Marines shall succeed to a Brevet Majority, under the 15th Clause of the Warrant of the 14th October, 1858.

6. Promotion to the rank of General Officer in the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers will continue to be carried on under the Regulations now in force, until all the Colonels of Artillery and Engineers, as the case may be, on the separate list of the Indian Armies, shall have become Major-Generals; then the General Officers of the Artillery of the Indian Army, shall be amalgamated with those of the Royal Artillery; and, in like manner, the General Officers of the Engineers of the Indian Army, with those of the Royal Engineers; promotions to the rank of General Officer in the Ordnance Corps being made subsequently to their respective amalgamations from one list of Colonels of the Royal and Indian Artillery, and from one list of Colonels of the Royal and Indian Engineers.

Arty. & Engrs.

7. The present Establishment of General Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Artillery and Engineers

Establishment.

<i>Indian Artillery.</i>	<i>Artillery.</i>
4 Generals.	5 Generals
8 Lieut.-Generals.	8 Lieut.-Genls.
12 Major-Generals.	12 Major-Genls.
24	20
<i>Indian Engineers.</i>	<i>Engineers.</i>
2 Generals	2 Generals.
1 Lieut.-General.	1 Lieut.-Genls
6 Major-Generals	6 Major-Genls.

was fixed at the rate of one Officer for each Battalion,* but as these Corps are now being incorporated with the Royal Artillery and Engineers respectively, it is necessary that the proportion of Generals to combatant Officers, adopted for Her Majesty's Forces should be extended to the Brigades and Battalions now being added to the Artillery and Engineers respectively. Even-

the Establishment of General Officers of the Battalions now being transferred from the Indian fixed at twenty-six for the Artillery and twelve for respectively. †

At the time of the amalgamation of the General Officers and Engineers provided in the 5th paragraph of this Act, there shall be more General Officers of the Indian Engineers than the proportion fixed as their

Establishment, viz., twenty-six for the Artillery and twelve for the Engineers (a circumstance which might arise, from all promotions to the rank of General Officer in the Indian Service being now made on one general list which includes Officers of all branches of the service,)—the excess shall be absorbed before a Colonel of the branch concerned can be promoted. Or, if there be less than the established number, promotions shall be made to supply the deficiency, from the general lists above-mentioned, of Colonels of Royal and Indian Artillery and Engineers respectively.

NEW LINE REGTS.
Colonels.

9. Upon the transfer of the present twelve Regiments of European Cavalry and Infantry of the Indian Army to the British Army, a like number of General Officers will be taken off the Indian Establishment, and will, as Colonels of such Regiments, be transferred according to the dates of their commissions to the fixed Establishment of General Officers of the British Army.*

Unatt'd. List.

But as the number (12) of General Officers thus brought from the Indian Establishment is less than the proportion (15) of General Officers due to the number of combatant Officers belonging to the transferred Regiments, an addition of three General Officers shall, on this account, be made to the unattached list of the British Army at the time referred to in paragraph 8 of this Warrant.

And in making these additions to the list of General Officers, the proportions of the different grades of General Officers now on the Establishment of the British Army shall be maintained.

Field Officers.

10. The Field Officers coming to the British Army with these Regiments shall take their positions on the General list of Field Officers, according to the date of their Army rank, by which their future promotion shall be governed.

Colonels.

11. The amalgamation of the Lists of General Officers, in accordance with these provisions, will in no wise affect the system which regulates the succession to the Colonelcies of Regiments of the British Army, or to the Colonels' allowances of Her Majesty's Indian Forces.

GENL. OFFRS.
Indian Estab't.

12. The present Establishment of General Officers, of the Indian Army, inclusive of Artillery and Engineers consists of twenty-five Generals, fifty Lieutenant Generals, one-hundred and forty-five Major Generals, which numbers are, however, liable to reduction.

But the proportion of Generals maintained on the Indian Establishment shall at all times be governed by the principles adopted in respect to the British Forces, both in respect to and gradation.

Supernumeraries.

And reductions shall be made by gradual absorption, by promotion of not less than one Colonel for three vacant General Officers, until Supernumeraries are exhausted.

* See also G. O. G. G., No. 112A. 8th July. 1863. n.

G. G. O., No. 330, 20th March.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 51, of the 15th ultimo, are published for general information :—

STAFF CORPS.
General Officers.
Pay.

1. I have received and considered in Council your letter No. 337, dated 9th December, 1861, forwarding copies of a letter No. 2761, dated 25th September, 1861, from the Government of Bombay, and of your reply, intimating that it was intended that the three years during which an unemployed General Officer of the Staff Corps, who may not be required to remain in India, is (by p. 97 of G. G. O., No. 332, of 10th April last, and paragraph 33 of my despatch No. 27, dated 18th January, 1861,*) to be allowed to receive pay on the Indian scale, should be the first three years after his promotion to that rank, or after his ceasing to be employed, as the case may be.

2. The reply is entirely in accordance with the intentions of Her Majesty's Government.

G. G. O., No. 351, 24th March.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 44 of the 8th February, 1862, are published for general information :—

NEW LINE REGTS.
STAFF CORPS.
Retirement.

Para. 1.—I have received and considered in Council your letter dated 9th December, 1861, No. 346, forwarding correspondence relative to the position of Officers who, having entered the Staff Corps, and obtained promotion may retire on the additional annuity.

2. You will have learned from my Despatch, No. 309, of the 16th October last, that it was the intention of Her Majesty's Government, as expressed in paragraph 20 of Despatch, No. 320, of 10th August, 1861,† to give to Officers who might have elected to join the Staff Corps or the new Line Regiments the opportunity of re-considering their position, and of availing themselves of the annuity to which they would have been entitled had they not elected to join either of those Corps.

3. You will, therefore, cancel the appointments to the Staff Corps and new Line Regiments of all Officers who shall have retired under the annuity scheme lately published, after appointment to either one or the other. Such Officers will then be precisely in the same position as if they had not applied to join either of those Corps.

G. G. O. No. 367, 27th March.—His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council having decided that the amount assigned to Officers of the Staff Corps as "pay" should be regarded as a sum not divisible into the portions of which Pay and Indian Allowances were formerly composed, and being desirous that this decision should not injuriously affect the interests of the Officers of

STAFF CORPS.
Income Tax.

See pages of this book.

Published in G. G. O., No. 307, 12th September, 1861, page 77 of this book.

that Corps by bringing their total receipts under the operation of the Income Tax, is pleased to direct that from the date of this Order, a portion of the Pay of each Officer of the Staff Corps, according to his rank as noted in the margin, exclusive of any special exemptions which may have already been authorized, shall be exempt from taxation.

This Order is applicable to the three Presidencies.

LINE REGTS.
Exchange.

G. G. O., No. 399, 8th April.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct the publication, for general information, of the following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 81, of the 28th February last, and of the General Order issued by His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, therein referred to, No. 807, dated 19th February, 1862 :—

Purchase Regts.

Para. 1.—I forward with this Despatch copy of a General Order which has been published by His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, with my concurrence, establishing the Regulations under which Officers of the Indian Army will enter Regiments of the Line. You will observe that it has been determined that an Officer joining a purchase Regiment from the Indian Service (which he may do under the provision of my Despatch No. 154 of 8th April, 1861)* will be placed on the same footing in all respects with the rest of the Officers of that Regiment.

Pension.

2. In giving my assent to the arrangement I was not unmindful of paragraph 31 of my Despatch, No. 319, of the 10th August, 1861,* in which it was laid down that the privilege of reckoning full time, wherever employed for Indian Pension, should be granted to Officers of Cavalry and Infantry who might be appointed, under the provisions of my Despatch No. 154 of 8th April,* to fill vacancies in Line Regiments caused by the transfer of Officers from those Regiments to the Staff Corps.

3. Upon further consideration of this subject, it appeared to me not desirable that an Officer joining a purchase Regiment of the Line should enjoy advantages differing either in kind or degree from those allowed to his brother Officers.

Purchase.
Retirement.

4. Instead, therefore, of continuing to such Officer a claim to Indian pension (which, under the Despatch above quoted, was allowed only so long as he remained with the Regiment he first joined), and denying him the privilege of purchase and of retirement on full or half pay under the Rules of Her Majesty's Service, it has been determined to place such Officer on precisely the same footing in all these respects as the rest of the Officers of his Corps.

5. You will therefore cause paragraph 31, Clause 3, of the Despatch No. 319,† to be cancelled, at the same time that the

* See G. G. O., No. 558, 25th June, 1861, page 48 of this book.

† Published in G. G. O., No. 827, 17th September, 1861, page 85 of this book.

accompanying General Order is published for the information of the Army.

6. Such Officers as may have made application for transfer to a Line Regiment under the circumstances now referred to, must be afforded the opportunity of re-considering the subject.

No. 807.

GENERAL ORDER.

Horse Guards, S. W.

The 19th February, 1862.

With regard to the addition of twelve non-purchase Regiments of the Line to the British Army, His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief is pleased, with the concurrence of the Right Hon'ble the Secretaries of State for War and for India, to establish the following Regulations:—

PURCHASE & NON-
PURCHASE REGTS.
Regulations.

1. In non-purchase Corps of the Line no Officers can sell their Commissions.

Those who enter from the Indian Service retain their claim to Indian Pension, and all others are entitled, with Her Majesty's approval, to retire on full or half pay, according to the terms of Her Majesty's Warrants of the 14th October, 1858, and 28th March, 1861.

2. An Officer joining a purchase Regiment from the Indian Service will be placed on the same footing in all respects with the rest of the Officers of that Regiment.

Having forfeited all claim to Indian Pension, he will become entitled to retire on full pay or half pay under the Warrants above specified.

Non-purchase Officers of such Regiments have the privilege of receiving, subject to the consent in each case of the General Commanding-in-Chief and of the Secretary of State for War, (which is liable to be withheld if the retirement results from misconduct), an allowance, on retirement, of £100, for each year's service, whether in the British or Indian Army, provided the total amount does not exceed the price of the Commission resigned.*

By Order of His Royal Highness
The General Commanding-in-Chief,
(Sd.) JAMES YORKE SCARLETT,
Adjutant-General.

G. G. O., No. 400, 8th April.—Under the authority conveyed in the 5th paragraph of the Despatch published in the foregoing General Order, it is hereby notified that paragraph 31, Clause 3, of the Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for

LINE REGTS.
Pension.

* See also G. G. O., No. 603, 1st July, 1862.

India, No. 319, dated 10th August, 1861, published in Government General Order, No. 827, of the 17th September, 1861,* is to be considered as cancelled.

BANDS.
Reg. Nat. Regts.

G. O. C. C., 26th April.—With the concurrence of Government the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct that Officers doing duty with the old regular Native Regiments in which Bands are maintained, shall be required to pay the regulated rate of monthly subscriptions to the Band fund, but that they shall not be called upon to give donations to such funds on joining or promotion.

ARTILLERY.
Supy. Lt-Colis.

G. G. O., No. 494, 2nd May.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 124, of the 24th March, 1862, are published for general information :—

1. With your letter dated the 8th January last, you transmit
No. 4. correspondence relative to promotions to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Artillery, so long as there are seconded Officers of that rank borne upon the Rolls of the Corps. In your communication to the Commander-in-Chief, dated 4th January, you express an opinion that it is not intended to retain the five Supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonels since the seconding of Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels has been discontinued.

2. I presume that the number of Supernumerary Officers alluded to refers to the Field Officers, that is, both to Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels.

3. I am informed that the Supernumerary Lieutenant-Colonels in the Royal Artillery are to be absorbed into the Regiment as vacancies occur. This is to be done in accordance with the principle laid down for the reduction of the Supernumerary General Officers in the Royal Warrant of 6th October, 1854, Clause 4, viz., by making only one promotion for every three vacancies.

4. A similar Rule must be established with regard to the Indian Artillery.

5. Promotions may be made in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel Sir R. Shakespear. The two next vacancies among the Lieutenant Colonels will lapse, should there be that number of seconded Officers of the same grade at the time of their occurrence.

5. This arrangement should be notified for general information.

STAFF CORPS.
Nat Languages

G. G. O., No. 501, 5th May.—The following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 133, of the 31st March, 1862, are published for general information :—

* See page 86 of this book.

Para. 1.—"I have received and considered in Council your letter No. 375, dated 31st December, 1861, transmitting correspondence relating to a Memorial from Lieutenant Williams, 13th Madras Native Infantry, praying for admission to the Madras Staff Corps, notwithstanding that he has not passed the prescribed examination in Hindustani.

2. "Paragraphs 69, 72, 73, 74, 75, of your General Order of the 10th April, 1861, No. 332, offer the privilege of joining the Staff Corps to Officers now holding Staff appointments upon certain conditions. Paragraph 72 requires of them simply that they do not possess the substantive rank of Colonel.

3. "Paragraph 75 declares that those whose tenure of Staff appointment, at the time of transfer to the Staff Corps, shall have exceeded one year, will not be subjected to probation or to any introductory test other than those already prescribed for any Department in which they may be serving.

4. "Paragraph 73 admits to the Staff Corps Officers who have held Staff appointments within the last three years, upon the understanding that they shall have passed the prescribed examination in Hindustani, and did not lose their appointment through misconduct.

5. "In paragraph 75 it is also declared that the option of joining the Staff Corps will be open to those Officers only who may be considered by the Government under which they are serving to be in all respects fit for the Staff Corps.

6. "It appears that Lieutenant Williams has been for some years Adjutant of his Corps, having passed the examination, required in Madras for such appointment. A case has been also brought to my notice (and there may be other similar cases) of an Officer in Bombay, who has been actually employed upon the general Staff having passed in a Vernacular language, common to the whole or a large portion of that Presidency, though not in Hindustani.

7. "It would appear hard if, by a too strict and literal application of the rule regarding the Hindustani language, the privilege of joining the Staff Corps on its first formation should be denied to Officers who have been already pronounced by their own Government qualified for certain Staff situations, and have performed their duties well therein.

8. "Taking these circumstances into consideration, as also the necessity of adopting and enforcing one uniform rule in future for all Staff Officers in regard to the examination in Hindustani, I have determined that in cases of both kinds, that is, where an Officer has qualified for a Staff employment or Department, as Lieutenant Williams appears to have done by passing the prescribed examination for that Office or Department, and also in the case of an Officer whose proficiency in any language other than Hindustani has already been accepted as qualification for general Staff, such Officers, if coming under the terms of paragraph 69 of your General Order No. 332 of the 10th April, 1861, may be appointed

to the Staff Corps under paragraphs 72 and 73 of that Order, provisionally, and with the understanding that they pass the examination in Hindustani required for general Staff within six months from the date of their appointment to that Corps, failing which they will revert to their former Corps and position in the Service."

G. G. O., No. 502, 5th May.—In continuation of Government General Order No. 262 of the 7th March, 1862, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to publish, for general information, the following paragraphs of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 135, of the 31st March, 1862:—

Para. 1.—"I have received and considered in Council your letter No. 44, dated the 8th February, 1862, containing your decision on the following Question submitted by the Government of Bombay regarding the Staff Corps:—

STAFF CORPS.
Leave.
Promotion.

"Question 130.*—An Officer proceeded to England on Medical Certificate in 1857, and, according to the new Furlough Regulations, was entitled to retain his appointment for a period of fifteen months.

"Answer 130.—This Officer is entitled to reckon for Staff Service the period of fifteen months during which he was on leave."

* "As he did not return on the expiration of that period, and consequently lost his appointment, are the fifteen months thus passed to be considered as Staff employ, so as to bring that Officer under the operation of paragraph 78? or, as he did not rejoin his appointment at the expiration of his leave, and can hardly be said to have held an appointment within the last three years, is he debarred from entering the Staff Corps?"

2. "I am unable to approve the answer given, as it is not in accordance with the decision communicated to you in my Despatch No. 315, dated the 9th August, 1861,† which stated that 'no leave of absence, either on Sick Certificate or Private Affairs beyond the privilege leave of one month in six, will be allowed to reckon towards the Staff Service required by the Royal Warrant as a qualification for promotion in the Staff Corps.' An Officer may, however, be considered as having been on Staff employ for the period in question, so far as his claim to admission to the Staff Corps is concerned."

* Published in G. G. O., No. 1118, 6th December, 1861, page 120 of this book.

† Published in G. G. O., No. 824, 17th September, 1861, page 83 of this book.

G. G. O., No. 520, 12th May.—THE following Rule which has received the sanction of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India for calculating the service of Officers who, formerly under the old Furlough Regulations, have joined the Staff Corps, and whose service from date of joining that Corps is to be reckoned under the new Furlough Regulations, is published for general information and guidance :*

STAFF CORPS.
Furlough Rules.

1. Officers having elected (or who not having before elected might, on their entering the Staff Corps, desire to elect,) the old Furlough Regulations will carry with them into the Staff Corps, so much of their service (authorized leave included) as may have been passed within Indian limits and no more. Before they can retire on the pension of any particular rank they will be required to serve for such further period as will, with that service, complete the full period prescribed for the pension of any particular rank, with the liberty of availing themselves, after their entry into the Staff Corps, of the privilege periods of absence allowed by paragraph 30 of the new Furlough Regulations.

2	Years' absence in 20 years' service.	
3	" " " 25 " "	
4	" " " 30 " "	

G. G. O., No. 554, 20th May. } WITH reference to Govern-
(G. O. H. M. B. F., 23rd Idem.) } ment General Order No. 995,
dated the 1st November, 1861,† His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is pleased to direct that an Orderly Room Clerk of the Brigades of Royal Artillery, formerly belonging to Her Majesty's Indian Forces, shall receive one shilling a day besides the ordinary pay of a Serjeant as in the old Royal Artillery, Horse and Foot.

ARTILLERY.
Clerks.

2. The total allowances of Sergeant-Majors and Quarter-Master Sergeants of Brigades of Horse Artillery will remain for the present unaltered.

Serjts Majors
Qr.-Mr. Serjts.

3. This Order is applicable to the three Presidencies, and will have effect from this date.

G. G. O., No. 613, 10th June.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct the publication of the following Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 494, dated 31st December, 1861, for general information :—

STAFF CORPS.
Cancelment.

MILITARY,
No. 494.
To HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.
MY LORD,

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 31st December, 1861.

Para. 1.—I have received and considered in Council your Military Letter, No. 252, dated 17th October, 1861, transmitting an

Retirement.

* See also G. G. O., No. 517, 14th August, 1863.
† See page 113 of this book.

STAFF CORPS. * application from Major Wyld, of the Staff Corps, to be permitted
Retirement. to leave that Corps.

2. Major Wyld's reason for requesting that the General Order transferring him to the Staff Corps should be cancelled, is stated to be, that your General Order of the 10th September last, No. 799,* publishing my Despatch, No. 296 of the 25th July, has materially altered the conditions, as previously understood in India, under which an Officer of Her Majesty's Indian Army was permitted to enter the Staff Corps, it now appearing that the Officers of that Corps will be denied the privileges as to retirement on pension of the rank attained after twenty-two years' service, conferred in the Government Regulation of 1796.

3. As the formation of Staff Corps is not to be considered complete until after the 22nd October, 1861, you would have been perfectly justified in cancelling Major Wyld's appointment to that Corps at his request, subject to my approval. You have, however, considered it necessary (the appointment and consequent promotion having been reported for my approval) to transmit the application for my consideration and orders.

4. You observe, in paragraph 5, that whatever may have been this Officer's intention as to availing himself of the privileges of the Regulations of 1796, there is reason to believe that many Officers have joined the Staff Corps on the understanding that this privilege would be available to them, and you add, they were fully justified in that expectation.

5. I admit that the words of the 9th paragraph of the 3rd Clause of the Royal (Staff Corps) Warrant are susceptible of the erroneous interpretation which some Officers have thus placed upon it.

6. The intentions of Her Majesty's Government upon this point however, were clearly explained in my Despatch, No. 296, dated 25th July last.

7. It was there stated (paragraph 3) that Officers of the Indian Army, who might, at the time of joining the Staff Corps, have acquired, under the Regulations of 1796, the right of retiring on the pension of their rank, would be allowed to retire on the pension of the rank, which they then held, whenever they might subsequently retire. It was added, that "the right of retiring on the pension of the rank they hold at the date of joining the Staff Corps will preserve to local Officers, who have been fortunate in their promotion, the benefit of the rate of pension they may have acquired by their previous service in the Army."

8. I pointed out, on the other hand, in paragraph 6, the undue advantage that would be given to Officers of the Staff Corps, if it were conceded that they should be entitled to claim the pension according to rank, in respect of rank obtained in the Staff Corps.

* See page 71 of this book.

9. By the publication of this Despatch, with your General Order, No. 799, on the 10th September, the Officers of the Army who may have elected to join the Staff Corps under an erroneous impression upon this point, will have had time to re-consider the subject, and to make application to have their appointments cancelled before the formation of the Corps.

STAFF CORPS.
Cancellation.

10. The arrangements for the amalgamation of the British and Indian Armies and for the special provision of a body of Officers "for service in India" were not made without careful consideration by Her Majesty's Government.

11. They kept in view the double object of maintaining for the Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, who remained in that service, the advantages they had enjoyed under its established Regulations, and at the same time they offered inducements to experienced and efficient Officers to pass into Corps organized for special service in that country, by holding out to them certain advantages that were made to attend the transfer and continuance of their services to, and with those Corps.

12. With this view, promotion was given to many Officers on entering these Corps. Further promotion was secured to them in a manner in which it had never been secured to them before, and the scale and conditions of pension, according to the Rules of 1836 (considered, when granted, as a great boon to the Indian Armies,) were adopted and introduced among the Regulations of the Staff Corps. Their joining these Corps was optional on their part.

Promotion.

13. The effect of the further concession which you now recommend would be to give to Officers of the Indian Army, who may join the Staff Corps, in addition to the advantages already secured to them by the Staff Corps Warrant, which are many and great, the further privilege of claiming the retiring pension of Major or a Lieutenant-Colonel, in all cases, two (2) years sooner than other Officers of the Staff Corps could claim them, two (2) years sooner than they themselves could have claimed them under the Regulations of 1836, or except upon rare and uncertain contingencies, under those of 1796.

Pension.

14. This privilege, if conceded at all, must be allowed to every Officer of the Indian Army, who joins the Staff Corps, and I see no reason for assuming, as stated in paragraph 15 of your Despatch, that there will be but few Officers who would desire to avail themselves of this very important privilege.

15. In the 13th paragraph of your Despatch, you observe that it has come to your knowledge that several Officers have arrested their applications to join the Staff Corps since the publication of my Despatch, No. 296, and you add, it may be assumed, that others who have actually joined the Corps have done so under the belief that under the terms of the Royal Warrant they would in the course of three or four years acquire the right to retire on the pension of Major or Lieutenant-Colonel.

Retirement.

STAFF CORPS.

Retirement.

16. I regret that there should have been any ground for misapprehension on this point, but I see no cause for altering the Resolution upon the subject, which has already been communicated to you.*

17. The object of those Officers, who, as you state, have arrested their applications to join, seems to have been rather to retire as soon as possible than to serve in India, but they have no ground for complaint. They have had the opportunity of choosing, out of three courses, that which may appear best calculated to promote those views; by remaining in the local service, and availing themselves of the Regulations of 1796; by remaining in that service, and retiring under the Regulations of 1836; or by joining the Staff Corps, and retiring eventually under the latter Rules.

18. Her Majesty's Government consider it only right to place the Officers who may as you justly assume some may have joined under a mistaken view of the meaning of the 9th paragraph of the 3rd Clause of the Royal Warrant, in an equally favourable position.

19. Major Wyld's request, that his appointment to the Staff Corps and consequent promotion may be cancelled, may be complied with.

20. You are authorized also to cancel the appointment to the Staff Corps of all Officers who may make application to you for this purpose, stating that they have been misled on this point.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES WOOD.

A further reference on this subject having been transmitted Home, the Governor-General in Council has now received the final orders of Her Majesty's Government, who have determined that the decision announced in Government General Order, No. 799 of the 10th September, 1861, must be upheld.

The appointments to the Staff Corps of all Officers who may make application to withdraw, stating that they have been misled as regards the application of the retiring Regulations^{*} of 1796, to that Corps will be cancelled; but it is to be clearly understood that on this plea alone can appointments once made to the Staff Corps be annulled.

All applications from Officers now in India to withdraw from the Staff Corps under this order must be sent in to the Adjutant-General's Office of their respective Presidencies by the 1st August next.

Uniform.

G. G. O., No. 614, 10th June.—The following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 178, dated 8th ultimo, and the Circular Memorandum therein referred to, are published for general information:—

* See G. G. O., No. 799, 10th September, 1861, page 71 of this book.

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 8th May, 1862.

MILITARY,
No 178.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—I transmit herewith copies of a Circular Memorandum issued by his Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, publishing the Regulations respecting the Uniform of Officers of the Indian Staff Corps.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. WOOD.

E. H.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

Addressed to the Army in India.

HORSE GUARDS, S. W.,

10th March, 1862.

General Number 188.

Clothing

4—(1862.)

His Royal Highness having, in concurrence with the Secretary of State for War, and the Secretary of State for India, decided on the following Regulations respecting the Uniform of Officers of the Indian Staff Corps, they are now published for future guidance:—

Staff Corps Officers serving in Departments will wear the Uniform of the Department with the Staff Corps button and waistplate, in lieu of the Departmental button and waistplate.

Staff Corps Officers serving in Regiments will wear the Regimental Uniform without any alteration.

Staff Corps Officers unemployed may wear the Uniform of the Corps or Department in which they last served.

Staff Corps Officers employed in situations for which no other Uniform is appointed will, when it may be proper for them to appear as Military Officers, wear the unattached Uniform as laid down in the Dress Regulations,* with the following exceptions:—

Lace.—Staff pattern.

Button.—Staff Corps pattern.

Sword Belt.—Gold Lace, Staff pattern.

Waistplate.—Staff Corps pattern.

Scabbard.—Brass.

Staff Corps Button—Gilt convex, frosted, with scalloped edge; cypher V. R. in a garter, surmounted by a crown, the words Bengal, Madras, or Bombay Staff Corps in the garter.

Staff Corps Waistplate.—A round gilt clasp, with the cypher V. R. and a crown on the centrepiece, and the words Bengal, Madras, or Bombay Staff Corps on the outer circle.

Patterns are deposited in the Pattern Room at the Horse Guards.

By Command,
JAMES YORKE SCARLETT,
Adjutant General.

ENGINEERS.
Amalgamation.

R. E. G. C. O., No. 462, 1st July.—WITH the view of giving practical effect to the amalgamation of the officers of the late Indian Corps with the Royal Engineers, His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, with the concurrence of the Secretaries of State for War and for India, is pleased to direct that a copy of a Memorandum, setting forth the conditions of service in India and out of India respectively, shall be supplied to every Officer of the Corps, and that the following Regulations shall be published for general information.

Duties in India.

1. Until further orders, the Engineer duties in India will be furnished, as far as possible, by Engineer Officers of the late Indian Service, and by Officers volunteering from the Corps at large. But Officers are liable to be ordered to India as to any other station.

Exchange.

2. Officers of the Royal Engineers desirous of serving in India will transmit their names to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Royal Engineers, Horse Guards, by whom a special roster of Officers volunteering for Indian Service will be kept.

3. Officers of the late Indian Corps who may wish to serve permanently out of India, must submit their applications through their respective Commanding Officers to the Adjutant-General of the Army in India, by whom they will be forwarded, with such remarks as His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief may think proper, to the Secretary to Government in the Military Department.

The application, if sanctioned by the Government of India, will be forwarded to the Secretary of State for India, and, if approved, will be communicated by him to the General Commanding-in-Chief.

4.* Officers of the late Indian Engineers who have obtained such sanction, may apply to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Royal Engineers, at Head Quarters, who, with the approval of the General Commanding-in-Chief, will direct an exchange between the Officer so applying and any Officer of similar rank serving out of India, who may have recorded his name on the special roster for service in India.

Or, Officers of the late Indian Engineers who have obtained the necessary sanction, may make arrangements with Officers of equal rank serving in any other part of the world, and submit their joint applications to the Adjutant-General for the approval of His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief.

* See also G. O. C. C., 15th July, 1863.

5. Any Officer of Royal Engineers proceeding to India under the above rules, will be eligible for such employment as the local authorities may propose, but will not necessarily succeed to the appointment vacated by the Officer whom he may replace.

ENGINEERS.
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Employment.

6. The circumstance of Officers serving in or out of India will not in any way affect their promotion, which will continue to run on in separate lists, as announced in the *London Gazette* of 28th May, 1861.

Promotion.

7. Neither will it affect the claims of Officers to full pay, retirement, half pay, or pensions under the regulations of the services to which they respectively and originally belonged.

Retirement.

8. The payment of passages of Officers to and from India will also be governed by the regulations of the service to which they heretofore respectively belonged.

Passage.

9. Officers of the late Indian Engineers will be allowed to count the whole of their service for pension wherever they may be *ordered* to serve; but if serving out of India at their own request, they will be allowed to count only half of such service towards the period qualifying for pension.

Pension.

10. Officers originally belonging to Royal Engineers who may serve in India under these regulations, will, subject to the approval of the General Commanding-in-Chief, be allowed a tour of home duty, and will be admitted to the general roster when they return to England on leave, whether on medical certificate, or on private affairs, after seven years' Indian service.

Home Duty.

But such Officers may, if expedient, be permitted to return to India at the expiration of their leave of absence.

11. Officers who have exchanged from the Indian to the general roster, or *vice versa*, may, with the sanction of the General Commanding-in-Chief, return again to their original service under the provisions of paragraphs 2, 3 and 4.

Exchange.

12. Officers of the late Indian Engineers desirous of serving in the United Kingdom during the period of their leave of absence from India, will, with the approval of the General Commanding-in-Chief, be so temporarily employed, on their making application to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Royal Engineers, at Head Quarters, if the requirements of the service permit; and in this case it will not be necessary for Officers to have obtained the sanction of the Government of India referred to in paragraph 3.

Leave.
Employment.

13. All Engineer Officers on leave from India will receive the rates of home pay fixed for Officers of the late Indian Corps, so long as they are unemployed.

Pay.

But they will revert to Imperial military pay, and cease to draw any portion of Indian Staff pay, when employed at the Imperial charges.

Allowances.

G. G. O., No. 663, 1st July.—UNDER instructions from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, it is hereby notified that the grant of Indian Allowances to Officers who may hereafter attain to the Colonel's Allowance, and who may not be required to reside in India by any of the Indian Governments, will be discontinued.

Pay.

Such Officers will receive, in addition to that allowance, the full rate of Regimental pay, only as long they may be unemployed, wherever they may be permitted to reside.

Indian Allowances will, however, be passed to such Officers for six months from the date of the General Order promoting them to the Colonel's Allowance, or for any shorter period during which they may be resident in India.

STAFF CORPS.
Service.

G. G. O., No. 664, 1st July.—THE following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 203 of the 23rd May, 1862, is published for general information :—

Para. 1.—I have received and considered in Council your letter No. 73, dated 8th March, 1862, inquiring, with reference to the case of Major G. Hutchinson, of the Bengal Engineers, whether an Officer of Engineers joining the Staff Corps can be allowed to reckon the period of his employment in the Public Works Department as Staff service, and also whether the fact of an Engineer Officer being employed in the Public Works Department gives him a title to admission to the Staff Corps.

2. In reply, I have to inform you that the fact of an Engineer Officer being employed in the Public Works Department is not to be considered as giving him a title to admission to the Staff Corps, and that no period passed in employment in the Public Works Department, prior to his admission to the Staff Corps, will, in the case of such Officer, be reckoned in itself service for promotion.

LINE REGT.
Exchange.

G. G. O., No. 696, 10th July.—WITH reference to Government General Order, No. 399, of the 8th April, 1862, the following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 209 of the 31st May, 1862, is published for general information :—

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 31st May, 1862.

MILITARY,
No. 209.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Retirement.

MY LORD,—WITH reference to my Despatch of the 28th February, I have to inform you that, in reply to an inquiry addressed to the General Commanding-in-Chief, His Royal Highness has stated that

the terms of the General Order forwarded with my Despatch above referred to, which exclude Officers of the late Indian Army serving in non-purchase Regiments of the Line from retirement on half-pay, cannot, in His Royal Highness' opinion, be modified without disadvantage; but that the privilege of exchange from one Regiment to another, subject, in each case, to the approval of Her Majesty, on the recommendation of the General Commanding-in-Chief, is equally conceded to all Officers whether belonging to purchase or non-purchase Corps, on the understanding that they become liable to the Regulations of the class of Corps to which they at any time belong.

2. I took occasion to impress upon His Royal Highness the importance of adopting every precaution that in cases of exchange there shall be no serious disparity of age between the Officers exchanging, nor any other circumstance calculated to render the arrangement prejudicial to the interest of the Indian Officers who may have joined the non-purchase Corps. I observe that these Officers have been accustomed to look to promotion by rising in their regular Regiments by seniority among a fixed body of Officers, and that, while the permission to exchange into a purchase Regiment will, doubtless, be looked upon by many as a boon opening up to them a wider field of employment, and a better chance of promotion, there were others who might feel their chances of promotion prejudiced by an exchange among their seniors, unless such exchanges were regulated with due regard to their interests and prospects of promotion.

3. In reply, I am assured by His Royal Highness that the effect which the age and standing of in-coming Officers would exercise upon the interests of Officers originally belonging to a Regiment, is always carefully considered before exchanges are sanctioned, and that particular attention will be paid to securing equality between Officers desirous of exchanging from purchase to non-purchase Corps.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. WOOD.

G. G. O., No. 700, 11th July.—The following Military Letter, No. 488, dated 31st December, 1861, and Extract of one, No. 207, dated 31st May, 1862, paragraph 20, from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, are published for general information:—

ARTY. & ENGRS.
Pay.

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 31st December, 1861.

MILITARY,
No. 488.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—Consequent on the recent alteration in the organization of the Indian Artillery and Engineers, the number of Lieutenant-Colonels and Lieutenants in those Corps has been somewhat

altered. It has therefore been necessary to re-arrange the number of Officers in the abovementioned ranks who are to draw the higher and the lower rate of pay. Bearing in mind the proportions laid down in Lord Stanley's Despatch No. 139, dated 21st April, 1859, the following numbers have been fixed, viz.—

BENGAL.			Higher.	Lower.
<i>Artillery.</i>				
Lieutenant-Colonels	..	..	*12	7
Lieutenants	..	..	112	56
<i>Engineers.</i>				
Lieutenant-Colonels	..	..	12	3.
Lieutenants	..	..	48	24
MADRAS.				
<i>Artillery.</i>				
Lieutenant-Colonels	...	...	12	4
Lieutenants	...	...	64	32
<i>Engineers.</i>				
Lieutenant-Colonels	...	...	8	2
Lieutenants	...	...	32	16
BOMBAY.				
<i>Artillery.</i>				
Lieutenant-Colonels	...	...	9	*8
Lieutenants	...	...	48	24
<i>Engineers.</i>				
Lieutenant-Colonels	...	...	8	2
Lieutenants	...	...	32	16

2. Since this Despatch was drafted I have received your Military Letter No. 257, dated 17th October last, on this subject. It is only necessary I should state in reply that I approve the decision at which you have arrived that, in calculating the proportion of Lieutenant-Colonels and Lieutenants of Artillery who are to receive the pay of Major and second Lieutenant respectively, seconded Officers are to be kept out of view, and the proportion reckoned as though the Officers seconded were casualties.

3. The seconded Officers will be allowed the rate drawn by the Officers severally below them on the list.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. WOOD.

Extract from a Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India to the Government of India No. 207, dated 31st May, 1862, paragraph 20.

Letter dated 3rd March, 1862, No. 65.

20. You rightly suppose that my Despatch No. 488* of 31st December last, was inaccurately copied. The number of Lieutenant-Colonels in the Bengal Artillery to draw the higher rate of pay

*Correct numbers 21 and 3, respectively, see below.

should have been twenty-one and not twelve, and the number of those of the same rank in the Bombay Artillery to draw the lower rate of pay should have been three and not eight.

G. G. O., No. 706, 15th July, 1862.—The following extract from the *London Gazette* of the 6th June, 1862, is published for general information:—

Cadets.

NOTICE.

India Office, 5th June, 1862.

Appointments to direct Cadetships in Her Majesty's Indian Service having ceased, it has been determined that a limited number of Commissions in the Army shall be given annually to persons selected by Her Majesty's Secretary of State in Council from among the sons of Civil and Military Officers who have served in India.

2. The Cadets so selected will be required to pass through the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, and they will be subject to the Regulations issued by the General Commanding-in-Chief relative to the admission, education, and Military training of Gentlemen Cadets at that College.

Sandhurst College.

3. The expense of the education, board, washing, and medical attendance of the Cadets so selected will be borne by the Secretary of State for India in Council.

4. The number of Cadets so selected, allowed to be borne on the Establishment of the College, is twenty.

5. Persons entitled to apply for these appointments should address to the Under-Secretary of State, India Office.

R. A. G. R. O., No. 470, 18th July.—His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief having, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for India in Council, approved of Officers of the Royal Artillery being permitted to exchange with Officers of similar rank belonging to the Brigades recently formed from the Artilleries of the three Presidencies in India, the same is notified for general information.

ARTILLERY.

Exchange.

2. Officers, late of the Indian Artillery, wishing to effect such exchanges will be required to obtain the sanction of the Government of the Presidency to which they belonged, which is to be forwarded with their applications through the Commanding Officers of their Brigades to the Deputy Adjutant General, Royal Artillery, Horse Guards, stating the names of the Officers with whom the exchanges are proposed.

Applications.

3. On the receipt of a similar application from the latter Officers, the Deputy Adjutant General will submit the exchange for the approval of His Royal Highness, and give the necessary orders for its being carried into effect.

4. An Officer lately of the Indian Artillery, exchanging for service out of India, will be on the same footing as other Officers of Royal Artillery serving out of India, except that he will be

Position.

- Pension.** permitted to reckon for retiring pension, under the Indian Regulations, only half the time of his employment out of India. His position with respect to the Military and Orphan Funds of his Presidency, will be governed by the rules of those Institutions respectively.
- Funds.**
- Promotion.** 5. His promotion will go on in the list of the Regiment of late Indian Artillery to which he may have belonged.
- Passage.** 6. In accordance with the usual practice in all similar cases, the Officers so exchanging will not be entitled to passage money at the public charge.

SOLDIERS.
Pension.

G. O. C. C., 22nd July. } The following extract of a Military letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, (No. 183, dated India Office, London, the 14th May, 1862), is published for general information :—

“ With reference to the 15th para. of my despatch No. 158, of the 25th April, relative to the disposal of proceedings of Courts of Enquiry held on Soldiers maimed or injured otherwise than by wounds received in action, I have to inform you that the Secretary of State for War has expressed his opinion that all such men, who have been transferred from the Local to the Queen's Army, must necessarily have their claims to pension decided by the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital, and it is added that even should any of them, when discharged, intend to reside in India, it will be necessary that their claims to pension should be considered by the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital under the Queen's authority for dispensing with the personal appearance of candidates before the Commissioners, as in the case of Soldiers of the Line discharged with the intention of remaining in India.

2. To meet such cases, therefore, a duplicate of the proceedings of the Court of Enquiry should accompany the documents, on which the men's claims to pension are submitted to the Chelsea Board.”

Circular.

Adjutant General's Office,
H. M.'s British Forces in India,
Head Quarters, Simla, 30th July.

Exchange.

MEMORANDUM.—The following Circular dated Horse Guards, 29th November, 1861, is published for information and guidance.

By Order,
E. HAYTHORNE, Colonel,
Adjutant General,
H. M.'s British Forces in India.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.Addressed to the Army at Home and Abroad.

HORSE GUARDS, S. W.,

29th November, 1861.

Exchange of Officers.
1—(1861).

General No. 168.

His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief desires that all applications on the part of Officers for exchange shall be accompanied by a certificate from a Military Medical Officer that the applicant "is in a fit state of health to serve in any climate."

By Command,*

(Signed) JAMES YORKE SCARLETT,

Adjutant General.

To

Officers Commanding

Divisions, Districts Regiments and Batteries.

G. O. H. M. B. F., 5th August.*—Under instructions from Government, the Commander-in-Chief directs that no change is to be made in the method of dealing with the estates of deceased Officers and men of the new Royal Artillery and new Line Regiments, and that all documents connected therewith shall, as heretofore, be forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department. Estates.

G. G. O., No. 764, 6th August.—With reference to Government General Orders Nos. 256 and 520 of 1859, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to notify, under the authority of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, that the tenure of the offices of Agent for Gun Carriages, Agent for Gunpowder, and Superintendent of the Foundry will, as respects future incumbents, be limited to five years, and that such appointments may be retained on promotion to the rank of Colonel regimentally, but will be vacated on promotion to the rank of Colonel Commandant, or on succession to the Colonel's allowance. Appointments.

G. G. O., No. 836, 28th August.—Under instructions from Her Majesty's Government, it is hereby notified that one-half of the Military Staff of Governors or Commanders-in-Chief at the three Presidencies, will be exempted from the operation of the Rule which prohibits the employment on the Staff of any Officer who has not passed the prescribed examination in the Native languages. NATIVE LANGUAGES.
Mily. Staff.

* See also Circular, 28th November, 1862.

Discharge.

G. O. H. M. B. F., 5th September.* } With the sanction of
 (G. O. C. C., 13th October.) } Government, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief directs that under instructions from the Horse Guards, the Discharge Documents of Soldiers of the new Royal Artillery and new Line Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry, whether they have elected for Indian or British Pension Rules, are to be forwarded, transferred, and dealt with, in precisely the same manner as obtains in the Army generally and as laid down in the Queen's Regulations.

The Boards recording the services of these men will state in the Proceedings whether they have elected for Indian or British Pension Rules.

STAFF CORPS.
 General Officers.
 Residence.

G. G. O., No. 868, 12th September.*—The following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary for India, No. 277, dated 7th August, 1862, is published for general information:—

INDIA OFFICE,

MILITARY,
 No. 277.

London, 7th August, 1862.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Pay.

MY LORD,—I HAVE to inform you that it has been resolved that an unemployed Major-General of the Staff Corps, although he may not have succeeded to the Colonel's allowance, shall be permitted to remain in this country without any limitation as to period of residence in the same manner as General Officers and Colonels of Regiments of the Indian Forces have been permitted to remain. During his residence such General Officer will be entitled to receive the rate of pay fixed by the Royal Warrant for General Officers out of India, viz., 25 Shillings per diem.

I have, &c.,
 (Signed) O. WOOD.

CAVY. & INFY.
 Col.'s allowance.

G. G. O., No. 869, 12th September.—The following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 270, of the 31st July, 1862, is published for general information:—

INDIA OFFICE,

MILITARY,
 No. 270.

London, 31st July, 1862.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—*Para. 1.*—I HAVE received and considered in Council your letters Nos. 60 and 130, dated, severally, 3rd March and 17th April, 1862, the former forwarding copies of a letter from the Government of Bombay No. 169 of 17th January, 1862, enclosing a Memorial from Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, of the 25th Bombay

* See also G. O. H. M. B. F., 26th December, 1862.

† See also G. G. O. No. 1105, 12th December, 1862.

Native Infantry, and the latter submitting a Memorial from Lieutenant-Colonel Macpherson, of the 10th Bengal Native Infantry, relative to the effect produced on the promotion of the Senior Officers of the Indian Army by the Rules laid down in my Despatch No. 320 of 10th August, 1861, * under which the names of the Lieutenant-Colonels who have accepted the annuities authorised in that Despatch are retained on the General List to regulate the succession to the Colonel's allowance.

CAVY. & INFY.
Col 's allowance.

2. Upon this point you observe that there can be no doubt that, as none of the Lieutenant-Colonels who have retired with their annuities can possibly give their juniors a step unless by their death, the Rule must operate injuriously on the prospects of promotion of those more immediately below them.

3. The Government of Bombay, whose suggestions appear to be contained among the papers forwarded by you in a "draft of an intended letter," recommends that, instead of the system of succession recently prescribed by Her Majesty's Government, each Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel should receive promotion to the position of Colonel with Colonel's allowance after the expiration of ten years from the date of attaining his Regimental Lieutenant-Colonelcy.

4. Your Government, in general terms, recommended the case of the Lieutenant-Colonels to my favourable consideration.

5. The proposal to reduce the number of Colonels with Colonel's allowances in the manner described in my Despatch No. 320 of 10th August,* was made upon a consideration that a certain number must be withdrawn from the list of Colonels in a given ratio to the number of Officers appointed to the Staff Corps, and that some further reduction would have to be made in consequence of the reduction of the number of Regiments.

6. In consequence of the Mutiny nearly the whole of the Native Regular Regiments of the Army of Bengal have disappeared, and a smaller number of Irregular Regiments have been raised in their place; several Regiments also have been reduced in the other Presidencies.

7. These reductions were rendered necessary by considerations both of a financial and of a political character.

8. It is almost impossible, when a reduction of force becomes necessary, but that Officers, as well as men, should, in some degree, suffer from the consequences of a diminution of the strength of the Army.

9. In carrying out the measures which were necessary for this purpose in India, men have been discharged in large numbers with gratuities or pensions.

10. Great consideration has also been shewn to the European Officers. They have been retained in their respective cadres on full pay, and with no alteration in the system of promotion to the higher ranks by seniority.

* Published in G. G. O., No. 807, 12th September, 1861, page 77 of this book.

CAVY. & INFY.
Col's allowance.

11. A considerable impulse has been lately given to promotion among the Officers generally by the retirements under the annuity scheme, but the Lieutenant-Colonels of date prior to 1st January, 1862, who did not accept annuities, derived no such benefit; on the contrary, their prospects of promotion under the operation of that scheme would, as shewn by Lieutenant-Colonel Macpherson, be effected injuriously to some extent.

12. In order to remove any reasonable ground of complaint Her Majesty's Government have determined that all Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels remaining on the General List of the local Armies in the three Presidencies, whose Commissions as such date prior to the 1st January, 1862, shall be considered entitled to promotion to the rank and allowances of Colonel when they shall have been twelve years in the rank of Regimental Lieutenant Colonel; provided, however, that no promotion under this Rule shall take place until those not in any way affected by the retention of the names of the retired Officers on the list shall have received the step in ordinary course (*vide* Note.)

Lieutenant-Colonel Browne stands at present fifth on the list of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels of the Madras Infantry. Two of those above him are effective Officers, and two are borne on the list in italics. When the Lieutenant-Colonel second on the list, viz. Lieutenant Colonel Fitzgerald, succeeds to the Colonel's allowance, Lieutenant-Colonel Browne will become entitled to benefit by the Rule as to succession to the allowance after twelve years, but not before.

13. All Officers who may have held the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on the 1st January, 1862, will also be entitled to promotion to the superior grade of Colonel with Colonel's allowances if the step come to them in ordinary course before the completion of twelve years' service as Lieutenant-Colonel; but when these Lieutenant-Colonels have been removed from the list, the promotion of those whose Commissions bear date on the 1st January, 1862, or subsequently, will only be made, as in the Staff Corps, after twelve years' service in that Grade.*

Genl. Regtl. List.

14. The names of the Officers of the Staff Corps, and those of the new Line Regiments, will be treated in a similar manner with those of the effective Officers on the list, with the exception that, in the case of the two former, their names, upon coming into the position of Colonel with Colonel's allowances under the operation of the above Rule, will be removed altogether from the General Regimental List of the Indian Army and promotion made in their places.

15. The principle upon which the succession to Colonel's allowances of Officers of the Indian Army who have not joined the Staff Corps or the new Line Regiments is to be hereafter regulated, is to be considered as determined by this arrangement.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) C. WOOD.

ARTILLERY.
Sandhurst College

G. G. O., No. 894, 22nd September. } The following Military
(G. O., II. M. B. F., 29th Idem.) } letter from the Right Hon'ble
the Secretary of State for India, No. 288, of the 14th August, 1862,
is published for general information:—

* See also G. O. G. G., No. 79A, 17th June, 1863.

INDIA OFFICE,

London, 11th August, 1862.

MILITARY,

No. 288.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON^{BLE} THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—WITH your letter dated 15th May, 1862, No. 179, you transmit correspondence in which the Government of Fort St. George submit an enquiry as to the terms upon which an Officer of the new Indian Artillery would join the Staff College at Sandhurst, with regard to pay and pension, if after competing successfully for admission he should be ordered to join the College.

2. On this subject I have been in communication with His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief.

3. It appears to me that an Officer of the new Royal Brigades of Artillery joining the Staff College, with the permission of the proper authorities, should be allowed to receive, while there, the rate of pay drawn by Officers of similar rank in the original Brigades of Royal Artillery whilst studying at the College, and that, as such period of service is allowed to be reckoned as service, both for pay and pension, in regard to Officers of the British Forces, he should also reckon, as service for retiring pension, the period of his residence at the Staff College, in the proportion of one year for two years' residence; as laid down in the notification of the Government of India, dated 10th April, p. 65.*

4. The General Commanding-in-Chief has expressed his concurrence in this view.

* 5. His Royal Highness however remarks that, as employment on the Staff in India is not open to Officers whose Regiments or Brigades are not serving in that country, even though they have passed the Staff College, he does not consider it fair to the Army at large to appoint to the Staff out of India any passed Officers who belong to Corps on the Indian Establishment; but His Royal Highness has no objection to Officers serving in India competing for, and entering the Staff College, if they wish to do so upon this understanding.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES WOOD.

G. O. H. M. B. F., 4th October.—The following rules are to be observed in reference to applications for leave out of India whether on medical certificate, or private affairs, from Officers late of the Indian Army, who have been transferred to the Royal Artillery and Engineers, and to the new Line Regiments :†

ARTY. ENGRS. &
NEW LINE REGTS.
Leave.

* See page 13 of this book.

† See also G. O. H. M. B. F., 17th January, 1863.

1. An application in the prescribed form, shewing the number of Officers that will remain present, &c. &c., will be forwarded by the Officer Commanding the Regiment or Brigade of Artillery, through the Officer Commanding the Division or District, to the Adjutant General, Her Majesty's Forces in India.

In the case of an Officer of Staff or detached employ, a certificate to accompany from the head of the department in which he may be serving, to the effect that no objection exists to the leave being granted.

2. In the event of the application being granted by the Commander-in-Chief in India, the preparatory leave will be published in G. O., Her Majesty's British Forces.

If the leave be on medical certificate, the Officer may, as heretofore, be allowed by the Officer Commanding the Division or District to proceed in anticipation. But this course is not to be followed except in the case of a *sick* Officer.

3. The preparatory leave being granted, an application for leave to England, in the form laid down for the Indian Service, is to be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General, Her Majesty's British Forces, Calcutta.

4. This Officer will refer the application to the Officer in charge of the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, Calcutta, and on its being returned to him with the usual certificate, forward the application and certificate to the Secretary in the Military Department, for submission to His Excellency the Governor General in Council.

5 Applications, from Officers of the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, will be dealt with as follows :

The application, as laid down in clause 1st of this G. O., will be forwarded through His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the Presidency, to the Adjutant General, Her Majesty's Forces in India, for submission to the Commander-in-Chief in India.

If the leave be granted, the application will be returned to the Commander-in-Chief of the Presidency, for submission in the form that obtains in that Presidency, for the sanction of the Local Government.

EXCHANGE.
Service Stats.

G. O. C. C., 19th November.—With reference to the Government Orders cited in the margin,* the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct that applications from Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces to fill vacancies caused in Line Regiments by transfers of Officers to the Staff Corps, are to be accompanied by Statements of the nature of their services, prepared agreeably to the form laid down by the Adjutant General's Circular No. 1400, dated 18th July, 1861, in which dates of Commissions are also to be specified.

* No. 558, 25th June, 1861
„ 399, 8th April, 1862.

Circular.

Depy. Adj. Genl.'s Office, Royal Artillery,

Head Quarters, Camp Morar, 28th November.

MEMORANDUM.—The following Circular Memorandum from the Controller of Military Finance on the subject of the Adjustment of the Estates of men of the Royal Artillery, is published for general information. Estates.

By Order,

G. MOIR, *Lieutenant-Colonel,*

Deputy Adjutant General,

Royal Artillery in India.

CIRCULAR No. 55.

MEMORANDUM.—The G. O., dated 5th August, 1862,* page 170 of Standing Orders, respecting the method of dealing with the estates of deceased men of the Royal Artillery and new Line Regiments, is to be considered applicable only to the estates of men who volunteered from the Indian Army.

2. The estates of men who enlisted for the Royal Artillery and new Line Regiments, are to be dealt with under the War Office Regulation.

* 3. Pay Masters must, therefore, grant receipts in triplicate as in Line Regiments, and old Royal Artillery, for all estates to be adjusted by the War Office separate from the receipts required by the Bengal Rules, for estates to be adjusted by the Secretary of Government, Military Department.

4. Separate receipts, as now directed, are to be supplied at once for all sums on account of Estates received prior to promulgation of this Circular.

(Sd.) F. D. ATKINSON, *Lieut.-Colonel,*

Controller of Military Finance.

CALCUTTA,
19th November, 1862.

To

Officers Commanding Brigades and Batteries of Royal Artillery.

* See page 157 of this book.

BREVET RANK.
 Seconding Majors
 on the Staff.

G. G. O., No. 1078, 4th December.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct the publication in General Orders of the following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 396, dated 23rd October, 1862, and of the Royal Warrant and Regulations therein referred to:—

INDIA OFFICE,
 London, 23rd October, 1862.

MILITARY,
 No. 396.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
 OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—I FORWARD herewith copy of a Royal Warrant, dated 21st June last, in the Regulations attached to which it is provided that promotions shall be made in Regiments of the Line in all cases of a Regimental Major being appointed to the Staff.

2. Having communicated with His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, and the Secretary of State for War on the subject of the application of the Warrant to Line Regiments serving in India, with reference to the arrangement which was made known to you in my Despatch No. 439 of the 15th November, 1861, paragraph 2, I have been informed that His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief has caused a communication to be addressed to the Commander-in-Chief in India to the effect that no Field Officer of a Regiment serving in India need be seconded on appointment to a Staff situation from a Regiment which has more than three Field Officers on its Establishment.

3. I have the satisfaction of informing you that the 2nd paragraph of the Warrant now forwarded, which provides for the promotion to the Brevet rank of Lieutenant-Colonel of substantive Majors, after the completion of their service on the Staff, will apply to Officers of Her Majesty's Indian Forces, other than those of the Staff Corps.

I have, &c.,
 (Signed) C. WOOD.

CIRCULAR No. 766.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS it has been represented to Us that it is expedient to improve the position of Regimental Majors holding Staff Appointments in Our Army, and of Captains and Subalterns of the Cavalry and Infantry employed at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst: It is Our will and pleasure that, from the date of this Our Royal Warrant, Officers of the Regimental Rank of Major serving on Full

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pay, who may be appointed to the Staff of Our Army as Assistant Adjutant-Generals or Assistant Quarter-Master-Generals, and Captains and Subalterns of the Cavalry, and Infantry serving on full pay, who may obtain employment as Professors and Masters, or as Captains of Companies of Gentlemen Cadets, or on the Staff at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, shall, under the Regulations hereunto annexed, be continued on the strength of their Regiments as Supernumerary Officers, and retain their position and claim to promotion therein, the Majors on the Staff receiving as Regimental pay an amount equal to the half-pay of their rank, in addition to Staff pay, and the Officers employed at the Royal Military College a fixed rate of College pay in lieu of Regimental pay.

BREVET RANK.
—
Seconding Majors
on the Staff.

It is also Our will and pleasure that Officers of the substantive rank of Major, who have completed their term of service in the Staff Appointments of Assistant Adjutant-General, Assistant Quarter-Master-General, Military Secretary, and Assistant Military Secretary, and have performed the duties thereof to the satisfaction of the General Commanding-in-Chief of Our Army and of Our Secretary of State for War, shall, on removal from the Staff, be promoted by Brevet to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

It having also been represented to Us that it is expedient to revise the system under which Artillery and Engineer Officers are at present employed in Appointments on the Staff, corresponding with those hereinbefore mentioned, as well as in those of Deputy Adjutant-General, Deputy Quarter-Master-General and Colonel on the Staff: It is Our further will and pleasure that Regimental Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels of Artillery and Engineers, who may hereafter be nominated to such appointments, shall be placed on the same footing in respect to pay as Officers of Cavalry and Infantry, and that such Officers, as well as Colonels of Artillery commanding certain Districts or Divisions with the rank of Colonel on the Staff, and Captains and Subalterns of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers employed at the Royal Military College and Royal Military Academy, shall be governed by the Regulations hereunto annexed.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this Twenty-first day of June One thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, in the Twenty-sixth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

G. C. LEWIS.

REGULATIONS REFERRED TO IN THE PRECEDING WARRANT.

1. On the appointment of a Regimental Major to the Staff, under the provisions of the annexed Royal Warrant, the step will go in the Regiment without purchase; the Cornetcy or Ensigncy vacated by this promotion being filled by purchase, for the benefit of the Reserve Fund.

BREVET RANK.
Seconding Majors
on the Staff.

2. On removal of the Major from the Staff on completion of the regulated period of Staff service, *viz.*, five years, or on the resignation of his appointment on grounds satisfactory to the General Commanding-in-Chief and Secretary of State for War, he will continue as a Supernumerary Officer, to receive as Regimental pay an amount equal to the half-pay of his rank (even though he may then be the senior Major of the Regiment), till a vacancy shall occur into which he can fall.

3. If, however, a vacancy shall happen by the sale of the Lieutenant-Colonelcy, and the Supernumerary Major shall purchase, the existence of the Supernumerary majority will be put an end to by payment from the Reserve Fund of the difference between the amount to be paid by the Major so promoted, and the value of the Lieutenant-Colonelcy.

4. If the Major on the Staff shall die while so employed, no promotion will take place, as the Regiment will already have had the benefit of promotion in the vacancy occasioned by his appointment to the Staff, but any other death vacancy occurring among the Field Officers will be filled, as usual, by promotion without purchase, unless there be a Supernumerary Major whose period of service on the Staff has expired.

5. If the Major, while employed on the Staff, shall succeed to the Lieutenant-Colonelcy of the Regiment, whether by purchase or otherwise, he will be required to relinquish his Staff appointment, and join his Regiment.

6. If the Major, while employed on the Staff, shall hold the rank of Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, he shall, on attaining the rank of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, reckon his Staff service as qualifying service for the rank of Colonel, under the five years' rule, as provided in Clause 9 of the Warrant of the 14th October, 1858, for Majors and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonels falling into the temporary command of Regiments.

7. If the Major shall resign his Staff appointment on grounds not satisfactory to the General Commanding-in-Chief and Secretary of State for War, or be displaced for misconduct or incapacity, he will cease to be entitled to the benefit of this Regulation, and be placed upon the Half-pay List.

8. Vacancies occasioned by the appointment of Captains and Lieutenants to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, (comprising the Staff College and Cadet's College), under the provisions of the Warrant, will be filled up in the Regiment, without purchase; the Cornetcy or Ensigncy vacated by promotion, or by appointment to the Royal Military College, being filled by purchase, for the benefit of the Reserve Fund.

9. If a Captain should be promoted to the rank of Major, or a Lieutenant to the rank of Captain, or a Cornet or Ensign to the rank of Lieutenant, by purchase, while at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, the difference between the sum paid by him, and the full value of the superior Commission, will be made up from the Reserve Fund, thereby putting an end to the Supernumerary

Commission vacated by him ; but a Captain, on attaining the rank of Major, whether by purchase or otherwise, will be required to join his Regiment.

BREVET RANK.
 Seconding Majors
 on the Staff.

10. On promotion to higher Regimental rank of a Supernumerary Cornet, Ensign, or Lieutenant, whether by purchase or otherwise, he will become a Supernumerary in his new grade, and will carry up with him the Officer next for promotion.

11. The principle in Clauses 2, 4, and 7 of these Regulations, applicable to Majors on the Staff, shall govern the appointments at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, whatever may be the Regimental rank of the Officer.

12. Regimental Colonels and Lieutenant-Colonels of Artillery and Engineers, employed as Colonels on the Staff, and in other situations on the general Staff referred to in the Warrant, will remain on the Establishment of their Brigades or Corps, but will, in accordance with the practice in other branches of the Service, only be allowed a sum equal to the half-pay of their Regimental rank in addition to Staff pay.

13. Regimental Colonels of Artillery commanding certain Districts or Divisions, with the rank of Colonel on the Staff, will remain on the Establishment of their Brigades receiving such a reduced rate of Staff pay, as, with Regimental full pay, will be equal in the aggregate to the established rate of Regimental half-pay, and the full rate of Staff pay.

14. Lieutenant-Colonels of Artillery and Engineers, holding the appointment of Deputy Adjutant General or Deputy Quarter-Master-General, may retain their Staff appointments when promoted to the Regimental rank of Colonel, should such promotion happen during the period prescribed for holding their Staff appointments.

15. Lieutenant-Colonels of Artillery and Engineers filling the appointments of Assistant Adjutant-General or Assistant Quarter-Master-General, will be required to relinquish their Staff appointment on promotion to the rank of Regimental Colonel, should such promotion take place during their term of Staff service.

16. Captains and Subalterns of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers employed as Professors and Masters at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst (comprising the Staff College and Cadet's College), and Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, and as Assistant Inspector of Studies at the latter Institution, will be continued as at present on the strength of their Regiment or Corps, as Supernumeraries to the Establishment, and receive their pay and allowances under the Regulations specially applicable to Supernumerary Captains and Subalterns.

17. Captains of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers, if promoted to the rank of Regimental Field Officer during the term of their employment as Professors and Masters, will be required to relinquish their appointments, and join their Brigades or Corps.

18. Although the Clauses from 12 to 17 have been framed with special reference to Officers of Artillery and Engineers, it is to be

understood that the general provisions of these Regulations are also to be adopted in every way in which they can be made applicable to those two services.

Circular.

*A. G. O., H. M.'s British Forces in India,
Head Quarters, Camp Aulree, 6th December.*

STAFF CORPS.
British Offrs.

MEMORANDUM.—The following letter from the Military Secretary, Horse Guards, is published for general information.

By Order,

E. HAYTHORNE, Colonel,
Adjutant General,
H. M.'s British Forces in India.

HORSE GUARDS,

29th September, 1862.

TO GENERAL SIR HUGH ROSE, G. C. B.,
&c., &c., &c.,

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 16th ultimo, reporting that Ensign A. C. Hennessy, 46th Regiment, had been admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps; and adverting to your several previous communications reporting similar appointments, I am directed by His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief to acquaint you, that Officers will be appointed in succession so soon as the transfers to the Staff Corps are gazetted, and, in the mean time, the Officers who have joined the Staff Corps are still to be borne on the strength of their Regiments.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) W. F. FORSTER.

To

Officers Commanding Divisions, Districts and Regiments.

STAFF CORPS.
General Officers.
Pay.

G. G. O., No. 1105, 12th December.—With reference to Government General Order No. 868 of the 12th September last,* notifying that Major-Generals of the Staff Corps might remain in England without limitation as to time, drawing, during their residence, pay at the rate of 25 Shillings a day, and, in order to remove any misapprehension on the subject, it is hereby notified, under the authority of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, that the above decision in no way affects the Rule laid down in the 19th

* See page 99 of this book.

paragraph of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 467, dated 3rd December, 1861, published in Government General Order No. 36 of 1862,* which requires a service of not less than six years in the substantive rank of Field Officer to entitle a Major-General of the Staff Corps to the unemployed pay of a Major-General specified in the Warrant for that rank. † That Rule still remains in force. ‡

G. G. O., No. 1107, 12th December.—His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct that, pending the final settlement, by Her Majesty's Government, of the position, duties, and allowances to be assigned to Officers serving with Native Regiments under the new organization, the number of "paid" Doing Duty Officers at present attached to them shall be, as a temporary arrangement, increased to three ‡ in each Corps of Cavalry and Infantry on the scale of allowances now in force.

NATIVE REGTS.
Paid D. D. Offrs.

It is to be distinctly understood that appointments made with reference to this Order are subject to such modifications as may possibly be found necessary on the receipt of further instructions from Her Majesty's Government.

G. G. O., No. 1111, 16th December.— } The following Military
(G. O. H. M. B. F., 19th Idem.) } Letter from the Right
Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 413, dated 8th November, 1862, and the instructions referred to in the 2nd paragraph thereof, are published for general information :—

Good Conduct
Pay.

INDIA OFFICE,
London, 8th November, 1862.

MILITARY,
No. 413.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—I have to inform you that in communication with the Secretary of State for War, I have consented, in calculating the Pensions of those Soldiers, who, in transferring their services from the Local Army of India to Her Majesty's British Service, elected the British rates of Pension, that the same increase of Good Conduct pay shall be reckoned as has been allowed for the latter service under Royal Warrants.

* See page 36 of this book.

† See also G. G. O., No. 14, 17th January, 1864.

‡ One doing duty Officer assigned to each Corps of Native Cavalry and Infantry. See G. O. G. G., No. 161A., 29th October, 1863, para 7.

2. A copy of the instructions issued by the Secretary of State for War to the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital on the subject, is herewith forwarded.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) C. WOOD.

EXTRACT from letter addressed to the Secretary, Chelsea Hospital, from War Office, dated 10th September, 1862.

“Reference having recently been made to the Indian Office, as to whether, in reckoning the Pensions of Soldiers who have transferred their services from the Local Army of India to the Line or Artillery, the same increase may be granted for Good Conduct pay as has been allowed for the latter Arms under Royal Warrants, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to inform you that Sir Charles Wood has authorized this boon to all Soldiers of the Local Army, who, in transferring their services, elected to have their Pensions reckoned according to the regulations of this Office, and I am to request that their Pensions may in future be calculated accordingly, and that the Commissioners will furnish quarterly a Statement of the extra expense thus incurred, in order that it may be reimbursed to the Public from Indian Revenue.

Discharge.
Pension.

G. O. H. M. B. F., 26th December.—With reference to G. O., 5th September, 1862,* directing that the *discharge documents* of Soldiers of the new Royal Artillery and new Line Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry, whether the men have elected for Indian or British pension rules, be prepared in accordance with the Queen's Regulations, and forwarded to the Adjutant General, Her Majesty's Forces, it is hereby notified for information and guidance that, in the case of men who have elected for the *Indian* pension rules, and who may be invalided to pension, or apply for pension after their second period of service, the usual

See Art. 8 and 9. Sec. XLIV. Bengal Mily. Regs. *Pension Roll* and certificate of character should be forwarded to the Department of the Adjutant General of the Army, for submission to Government, and the *discharge papers*, after the men have been admitted to pension, to the Adjutant General, Her Majesty's Forces, if the men apply to reside in India or any of the Colonies, but to the Commandant of Invalids, Fort William, or Commandant, Kurra-
chee Depot, (as the case may be) if the men wish to return to England.

The Proceedings of Regimental Board, Parchment Certificate, and Court Martial and Defaulters Sheets, of men invalided to pension, or *discharged to pension on completion of second term of service*, must *all* be forwarded as above, and an entry made in the Proceedings of Board, as follows:

* See page 168 of this book.

“ Elected for Indian Pension Rules, and invalided to pension of per day, *vide* G. G. O., No. date.” or .

“ Elected for Indian Pension Rules, and admitted to pension of per day, after years' service, *vide* G. G. O., No. date.”

Similar course to be observed in the Madras and Bombay Presidencies.

The discharge papers of men obtaining a free discharge, by indulgence, and of those claiming their discharge on completion of their contract period of service, are to be forwarded as above indicated, according to the destination of the men. But the documents of those receiving their discharge on payment of the regulated compensation are invariably to be forwarded to the Adjutant-General, Her Majesty's Forces, whatever the destination of the men may be.

R. A. G. O., 30th December.—The following despatch from the Government of India is published for information and guidance.

ARTILLERY.
Staff Corps.

By Order,
G. MOIR, *Lieutenant-Colonel*,
Deputy Adjutant General,
Royal Artillery in India.

No. 4.

To

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, HER MAJESTY'S FORCES.

Military Department.

SIR,—I am desired to transmit, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, copies of the papers noted in the margin, on the subject of the title of an Artillery Officer for admission to the Staff Corps, in virtue of his appointment as Commandant of a Native Battery.

Letter from Madras, No. 1636, dated 5th May, 1862.
Letter to Madras, No. 1063, dated 20th May, 1862.
Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 292, dated 14th August, 1862.

I am, &c.,

(Sd) H. W. NORMAN, *Lieut.-Colonel*,
Secy. to the Govt. of India

FORT WILLIAM;
The 3rd November, 1862.* }

ARTILLERY.
—
Staff Corps.

From Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Madras, Military Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 1636, dated Fort St. George, the 5th May, 1862.)

SIR,—Adverting to the decision of the Home Government on the

* Question.	Answer by Govt. of India.	Remark.	unpublished Answer of the Government of India to Question No. 130,* connected with the late changes in Her Majesty's Indian Army, I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor Gene-
130 Whether an Officer of the Madras Artillery is, as Commandant of a Company of Artillery, Hyderabad Contingent, eligible for appointment to the Madras Staff Corps.	130 No.	130. This Officer would appear to come under paragraph 80 of the General Order of 10th April, as among those who are "held to be now in Staff employ."	ral of India in Council may be moved to intimate whether Officers of Artillery, who have held appointments in the Artillery branch of the Hyderabad Contingent, are to be again allowed the option of entering the Staff Corps.

From Lieutenant Colonel H. W. NORMAN, C. B., Secretary to the Government, of India, Military Department, to the Secretary to Government, Madras, Military Department (No. 1063, dated Fort William, the 29th May, 1862.)

SIR,—I am directed to acquaint you that a telegram to the following effect has this day been despatched to you :—

"Your letter number one thousand six hundred and thirty-six of fifth instant, received. The subject has again been referred for the orders of the Secretary of State."

From the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of India in Council,—(No. 292, dated, India Office, London, the 14th August, 1862.)

MY LORD,—Consequent on the receipt of a communication from the Government of Madras, you solicit a re-consideration of the decision contained in the remark on Question No. 130, (not for publication) as to the title of an Artillery Officer to admission to the Staff Corps, in virtue of his appointment as Commandant of a Company of Artillery, Hyderabad Contingent.

2. It seems somewhat anomalous, you observe, that an Artillery Officer holding the command of a Native Battery, which may be looked upon as purely Artillery duty, should enter the Staff Corps for such command. Moreover you state it might be difficult to find suitable employment for such an Officer in the Staff Corps when he attained the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel or Colonel.

3 The 69th para. of the General Order of the 10th April, 1861, held out the promise of appointment to the Staff Corps to Officers serving with Irregular and Local Corps, but I cannot withhold from an Artillery Officer, so serving, the benefit of joining the Staff Corps on its formation, allowed to Officers of Cavalry and Infantry performing similar duties. The previous decision on the subject must therefore be adhered to. •

ARTILLERY.
—
Staff Corps.

4. For the future, however, I am of opinion that all service with Irregular Batteries must be assigned to Artillery Officers, and held to be Regimental service; and that Officers, thus employed, are not to be looked upon as engaged on Staff duty.

(True copies)

(Sd.) H. W. NORMAN, *Lieut.-Colonel,*
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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ORDERS AND REGULATIONS  
RELATIVE TO THE  
STAFF CORPS AND AMALGAMATION,  
ISSUED IN  
1863.

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G. G. O., No. 11, 5th January.—The following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 436, dated 25th November, 1862, is published for general information and guidance :—

INDIA OFFICE,  
London, 25th November, 1862.

MILITARY,  
No. 436.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF  
INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—The provisions of the Circular Memorandum from the Horse Guards, dated 24th August, 1860, No. 61, quoted in the margin, are to be in future adopted for Officers in the Indian Armies. Your Government will accordingly issue a Notification to this effect in General Order

*Horse Guards, S. W., 24th August, 1860*  
“It has been directed by the Secretary of State for War, with the concurrence of His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief, that Captains having Brevet rank as Field Officers, at present holding certain Staff situations as pointed out by the 8th Clause of the Royal Warrant of the 14th October, 1858, are permitted to count their services in those situations towards the rank of Colonel but no Captain holding Brevet rank of Field Officer, who may in future be appointed to such situations will be allowed to count his services in them towards the rank of Colonel.”

I have, &c.,  
(Sd.) C. WOOD.

G. O. C. C., 13th January.—Under instructions from Government the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct that in supercession of all previous Orders, Soldiers who have volunteered for General Service from Her Majesty's Indian Forces, shall in future be discharged, invalided, and pensioned, precisely in accordance with the Forms and Regulations in force in the British Service, whether they may have elected for the Indian or British scale of pension under the provision of G. O. C. C., of the 10th April, 1861.

VOLUNTEERING.  
Soldiers.

- Pension.** 2. For the present, and till further orders, it will, however, be necessary in the case of men who apply for pension under the Indian Rules to furnish, in addition to the documents prescribed in Her Majesty's Regulations, the Roll and certificate of character hitherto required under Articles 8 and 9, Section XLIV of the Bengal Military Regulations. This roll and certificate should be at once forwarded to the Officer in charge of the office of the Adjutant General of the Army at the Presidency, for verification, and submission to Government in order that the proper rate of pension due to the Soldier may be authoritatively fixed without delay.
- Certificate. Roll.**
- Certificate.** 3. A certificate shewing the exact amount of pension to which each Soldier is entitled under the Indian rules will be forwarded by the Government of India for the guidance of the authorities in England, by whom all discharge papers will be finally dealt with.
- UNATTD LIST. Discharge.** 4. Applications for discharge by indulgence or otherwise, of men on the Unattached List, are to be forwarded by heads of departments, in the first instance, to the Regiments on whose Rolls the men are borne, with a Memo. of the applicant's conduct. The proceedings of the Regimental Board assembled at the Head Quarters of the Regiment to verify the man's service, &c., will then be sent to the Officer under whom the applicant may be serving for signature of the "declaration" which must be attested by the departmental Officer who will then return the documents to the Regiment for immediate disposal in the usual manner.
5. Officers Commanding the new Regiments are here reminded that the documents of soldiers applying for discharge by purchase, and of men desirous of remaining in India, or of residing any where out of England on discharge, are, in all cases, to be sent to the Adjutant General of Her Majesty's Forces at Head Quarters for completion.

ARTY, ENGRS. &  
NEW LINE REGTS  
Leave.

G. O. H. M. B. F., 17th January.—The following letter from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, is published for information:—

No. 218.

To

THE ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL, HER MAJESTY'S FORCES.

Fort William, 7th January, 1863.

Military Dept.

SIR,—In returning the letter from the Medical Officer in charge of the Officers' Hospital, submitted with your endorsement,\* I am directed to acquaint you that it will be sufficient if Officers of the new Royal Artillery, Engineers, Cavalry and Infantry who may be desirous of proceeding to England on medical certificate, are subjected to the examination by the Medical Board at the Presidency, which Officers

\*No. 3560, 13th Nov., 1862.

of the old British service have to undergo, as described in the annexures of your letter, No. 88A., dated 13th ultimo, the sanction of Government being obtained before the leave of such Officers appears in General Orders.

I am, &c.,

(Sd.) H. W. NORMAN, *Lieut.-Colonel,*  
*Secretary to the Government of India.*

**G. G. O., No. 73, 27th January.**—Under instructions from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State, no Officer who had held permanent Staff employ for less than a year on the 18th February, 1861, is to be admitted to the Staff Corps until he shall have passed the tests, and have completed the period of probation to be prescribed.

STAFF CORPS.  
Admission.

2. The tests and periods of probation for Staff employment will shortly be laid down.\*

4. The Secretary of State has further directed that no Officer is to be Gazetted as a *Probationer*, and can only be admitted in the *Gazette* as appointed to the Staff Corps on fulfilment of all the required conditions.

Gazette.

**G. G. O., No. 89, 2nd February.**—The following paragraph of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 459, dated 16th December last, is published for general information:—

LEAVE.  
Extension.

**Para. 12.**—In future when Officers holding Staff appointments are granted leave of absence on Sick Certificate for any term short of twenty months, I shall extend their leave to that period, on their producing the required Certificate, with the retention of their appointments, without requiring them to apply to your Government on the subject.

**G. G. O., No. 165, 2nd March.**—The following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 18, dated 8th January, 1863, is published for general information and guidance:—

RETD. LT. COLS.  
Genl. Orders.

INDIA OFFICE,  
*London, 8th January, 1863.*

MILITARY,  
No. 13.

MY LORD,—With reference to my Despatch No. 320, of the 10th August, 1861 (paragraphs 17 and 18),† I have to request that whenever a Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel who has retired under the Annuity Scheme, and whose name has therefore been retained on the List in italics, shall be removed from that List either by death or by any casualty amongst the Colonels, the fact of such removal, and the occasion of it, may be notified in General Orders.

\* See Foreign Department (Genl) Memo. Nos. 468 and 510, 30th and 31st July, 1863.

† Published in G. G. O., No. 807, 12th September, 1861, page 77 of this book.

ARTY. AND ENGRS.  
Promotion.

G. O. G. G., No. 10A, 5th March.—The following copy of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 43, dated 31st January, 1863, is published for general information:—

INDIA OFFICE,  
London, 31st January, 1863.

MILITARY,  
No. 43.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—Referring to my letter dated 14th August last, I have to inform you that it has been arranged, with the view of obviating the delay which now takes place, that the promotions in the whole of the Royal Artillery and Engineers shall be made exclusively in this country, casualties as they occur in the Corps being immediately reported to the Horse Guards by the Officers Commanding Brigades in India, and promotions in succession being carried out on receipt of such advices, after approval by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief and the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Reports.

2. In consequence of this alteration it is necessary that the Governments in India should furnish special reports of all retirements amongst the Officers of the late Indian Brigades of Artillery and Battalions of Engineers which may take place in India, with a view to their early communication to the Horse Guards.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) C. WOOD.

### Circular.

HORSE GUARDS,  
19th December, 1862.

TO GENERAL SIR HUGH ROSE, G. C. B.  
&c. &c. &c.

NEW LINE REGTS.  
Unattached  
Promotion.

SIR,—Applications for unattached promotion, without purchase, having been made to the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief by Officers, of the newly constituted Line Regiments, His Royal Highness, in concurrence with the Secretary of State for War, has decided that, no Officer of these Regiments shall be eligible for non-purchase unattached promotion, until after the decease of three Officers of these Regiments, who shall have been placed on half pay under the operation of the Warrants regulating that measure.

In notifying to you this decision, I am to request you will communicate the same to the Regiments concerned.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) W. F. FORSTER.

No.  $\frac{7}{E}$

*Adjutant General's Office,  
Calcutta, 10th March.*

Copy of the above forwarded for information.

BY ORDER,

G. L. FRASER, *Captain,*

*To Officers Commanding* *Asst. Adjutant General.*  
*New Line Regts. of Cavalry and Infantry.*

G. O. G. G., No. 16A, 25th March.—The following copy of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 58, of the 9th February, 1863, is published for general information :—

NEW LINE REGTS.  
Medical Officers.

INDIA OFFICE,  
London, 9th February, 1863.

MILITARY,  
No. 58.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—The Secretary of State for War having enquired whether, in the Estimates for 1863-64, provision should be made for the Medical Officers of the 12 new Line Regiments lately formed in India, I have replied that the number of Officers now borne on the Indian Establishment is sufficient to supply the number required for the whole of the Regiments in question, and that whatever may be the arrangement determined upon in connection with the amalgamation of the Medical Service, a subject now under consideration, I am of opinion that so long as there are Medical Officers of the Indian Service available for the number of Brigades and Regiments lately transferred to the British Service, they should be employed to that extent with Brigades of Artillery and Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry serving in that country.

2. The Secretary of State for War has expressed his concurrence in this arrangement, on the understanding that the full complement of Medical Officers will be attached to these Brigades and Regiments, as soon as they are complete in their Establishment of men.

G. O. G. G., No. 17A, 25th March.—The following copy of a Military Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 61, of the 9th February, 1863, is published for general information :—

STAFF CORPS.  
Leave.  
Appointments.

INDIA OFFICE,

*London, 9th February, 1863.*MILITARY,  
No. 31.TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—Your letter No. 414, dated 3rd November, 1862, in which you bring to notice questions which have arisen with regard to the Furlough Rules of 1854, so far as they relate to the right of Officers to retain their Staff appointments during absence in Europe, in certain cases, has been under my consideration in Council.

2. It appears to me that the interpretation put by your Government on the portion of the Furlough Rules referred to is proper; and that it should accordingly be laid down as a rule for the guidance of the respective Governments.

Private affairs.

That an Officer must have served ten years in India to entitle him to return to this country on private affairs for six months, retaining his appointment, and drawing Furlough pay.

That an Officer who has taken the Furlough to Europe for two years, after ten years' service, must shew a service in India from date of return of ten years, to entitle him to return to Europe on private affairs for six months, retaining his appointment and drawing Furlough pay.

Sick leave.  
Private affairs.

That an Officer having taken shorter leaves of absence as a Staff Officer (six months on private affairs, fifteen or twenty months on sick certificate) with retention of appointment, may take a second leave of absence, retaining his appointment on sick certificate after he has been three years, or on private affairs, after he has been six years in the discharge of the duties of his appointment, from the date of last return to it.

Urgent Private  
affairs.

3. I am of opinion, however, that this decision should not be allowed to interfere with the practice which has been followed under the Regulations of 1854, and those in force previously, for permitting Officers in certain cases of emergency to return to this country on private affairs for short periods without pay, and that a Staff Corps Officer permitted to return to Europe under such circumstances should be allowed to hold his appointment for a period not exceeding six months. In fact this has already been authorized in Question and Answer No. 121,\* which states that the Government may grant leave of absence for six months on urgent private affairs without pay and allowance to a Staff Corps Officer, with retention of appointment, on being satisfied of the urgency of the case.

4. I am of opinion also, that Staff Officers not Members of the Staff Corps should be allowed a similar indulgence under like circumstances.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Signed) C. WOOD.

\* Published in G. G. O., No. 813, 11th October, 1861, page 100 of this book.

G. O. G. G., No. 314, 15th April.—The following copy of a Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 88, dated 28th February, 1863, is published for general information:—

STAFF CORPS.  
Service for Lucknow,  
now,

INDIA OFFICE,  
London, 28th February, 1863.

MILITARY,  
No. 88.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—With your Military Letter dated 22nd December last, No. 476, you transmit, for my consideration, applications from Lieutenant Colonel C. A. Barwell and Brevet-Major T. F. Wilson, C. B., soliciting that the one year's service granted to the Officers and Soldiers engaged at the defence of Lucknow may be allowed to count as service towards promotion in the Staff Corps.

2. I agree with the Commander-in-Chief in India and your Government that the application cannot be complied with. To concede the point would be give to these Officers an undue advantage.

3. In reply to the enquiry made by your Government as to the exact benefits derivable by Commissioned Officers from the grant of the year's service, I have to inform you that, in the case of such Officers, the grant was intended only to apply to service for the retiring Pension. I observe, it is stated, however, in the letter of the Secretary to your Government, Military Department, to the Officiating Adjutant-General, dated 15th December, 1862, that in the case of the Civilians engaged in the defence of Lucknow the year's service has been allowed to reckon as service towards Furlough, provided they do not thereby take precedence of their seniors, who may be entitled to, and may desire to take Furlough.

Pension.

Furlough.

4. I shall not object to the extension of the same privilege to the Military Officers engaged in the defence of Lucknow.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) C. WOOD.

G. O. C. C., 21st April.—In accordance with instructions from His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, Subaltern Officers of the New Brigades of Royal Artillery will be required to undergo an examination before being promoted to the rank of 2nd Captain, under the following rules:

ARTILLERY.  
Examination.  
Promotion.

1. The first ten senior Lieutenants now on the List of each Presidency, shall not be required to be examined.

2. The next ten senior Lieutenants in each Presidency will be examined in 3 months from this date, viz., on or about the 21st July, 1863.

ARTILLERY.  
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Examination.  
Promotion.

3. General Order, dated Horse Guards, 24th January, 1861, containing the rules and instructions regarding this examination, is herewith published for general information and guidance.

4. In the Bombay and Madras Presidencies this order will take effect from the date of its publication in those Presidencies, that is, the first senior ten on that date will be exempt from examination, and the next ten will be examined three months subsequently to it.

5. Detailed instructions accompanied by a set of examination papers will be sent to their Excellencies the Commanders-in-Chief, Madras and Bombay, and to General Officers Commanding Divisions regarding the mode in which the examination is to be conducted.

6. Hereafter each Lieutenant, as he becomes 10th on the List of Subalterns, will be required to undergo a similar examination.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 775.

*Dated, Horse Guards, 24th January, 1861.*

His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief having decided that the Subaltern Officers of the Royal Artillery shall pass an examination before being promoted to the rank of Captain, the same is notified for general information.

The examination of the Lieutenants of the Royal Artillery will be similar to that required of Officers of the Line, as laid down in the Queen's Regulations, paragraphs 72, 73, and 74, with the exception of the requirements of paragraph 10, page 73; a general knowledge of the evolutions of Cavalry and Infantry will suffice.

In addition to the foregoing, Lieutenants of the Royal Artillery will be examined as to their acquaintance with the more special duties of their profession, and the accompanying list of subjects is promulgated as a guide to the nature of the examination.

Every Officer on becoming the 30th on the List of Lieutenants must be prepared to undergo the required examination.

An Officer, however, who wishes to be examined at an earlier period may after four years' service, apply for such examination.

Instructions will from time to time be issued from this Department to the General or other Officer commanding Districts or Stations to assemble a Board to consist of three Officers, *viz.*, a Field Officer (of the Royal Artillery, if possible), an Officer of the Staff, and a Captain of Royal Artillery, or an Officer of that Corps, who may have already passed the examination.\*

\* Either the Gunnery Instructor, or the Fire-master should, when practicable, be selected for this duty.

If it be impossible to obtain a Staff Officer, a Captain of the Line should be substituted; if a second Officer of Artillery cannot be had, an Officer of Royal Engineers should be substituted; but it must be understood that either the President or one member of the Board must be selected from the Royal Artillery.

That portion of the Examination which can be best replied to in writing, will be conducted by means of questions prepared by the

Deputy Adjutant General of Artillery at the Horse Guards, and which will be forwarded to the General or other Officer commanding.

ARTILLERY.  
Examination.  
Promotion.

The *viva voce* and practical Examination will be conducted by the Board of Officers, who will satisfy themselves that the Officer under examination not only possesses the requisite knowledge himself, but that he is able to impart that knowledge in a clear and satisfactory manner to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men under his command.

The Board will then forward (through the General Officer) their own report, together with the written answers, to the Adjutant General of the Forces; and, in returning to him the written answers, the President of the Board will certify them to have been the *bona fide* performances of the candidates, and without assistance. The written papers will then be examined by the Deputy Adjutant General of Artillery at the Horse Guards, and the result, together with the opinion of the Board, reported to His Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief.

By Command,  
(Signed) JAMES YORKE SCARLETT,  
*Adjutant General.*

#### SYNOPSIS OF EXAMINATION.

1. Field Gun Drill.
2. Exercise of Heavy Guns on Grounds and Traversing Platforms.
3. Mortar Drill.
4. Rocket Drill.
5. Armstrong-Gun Drill.
6. Practice with Hot Shot and Molten Iron Shells.
7. Gyn and Transporting-Carriage Drill.
8. General duties of the men, and principles involved in mounting and dismounting Ordnance generally, in placing guns on towers, in embarking and disembarking Ordnance, and in moving ordnance up steep inclines; also the tackle, &c., required in the above operations.
9. Different pieces of Ordnance in use throughout the service at the time of examination, their weight and calibre, and the special purpose of each description of Ordnance.
10. Ammunition employed with Ordnance generally.
11. Ammunition employed with Armstrong Guns.
12. General construction of a Congreve Rocket, and the principle of its motion.
13. Manufacture and action of Fuzes and Tubes.
14. The advantages of the rifle action, and the principle upon which it depends.

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Examination.  
Promotion.

15. Essential points with regard to rifling Ordnance.
16. General principles of breaching.
17. Position and employment of Artillery in the field.
18. Considerations which regulate the rapidity of Artillery fire.
19. Principles connected with the manufacture and construction of Artillery carriages.
20. General knowledge of Laboratory duties.
21. Embarking and disembarking Horses; Management of Horses on board ship.
22. To be able to define technical Artillery terms, &c., in such a way as to make them understood by the Non-Commissioned Officers and Men under their command, such as—1, Point Blank; 2, Point Blank Range; 3, Dispart; 4, Chambers; 5, Preponderance; 6, Different kinds of Artillery Fire; 7, How elevation gives an increase of Range; 8, Windage; 9, Deviation, &c., &c.
23. Subalterns who have been one year or more in the Horse Brigade, or in a Field Battery, will be required, in addition to the foregoing subjects, to be thoroughly acquainted with Stable Duties and Horse Artillery or Field Battery movements and details; all others will be required to have a general knowledge of these subjects.

Estates.

**G. G. O., No. 353, 22nd May.**—It having been resolved that the Estates of all Officers and men belonging to the new Brigades of Royal Artillery, or to the new Line Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry, who may have died prior to the 1st of April, 1863, shall be dealt with at the India Office, and the Estates of those who may have died on or since that date, or who may die hereafter, under the Rules applicable to the old Royal Artillery and Line Corps serving in India, Officers Commanding the new Brigades of Royal Artillery and new Line Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry should

forward monthly Casualty\* Rolls, commencing from the 1st April, 1863, direct to the War Office, and the Effects of all Officers and Soldiers of these Corps dying on or after that date not paid to representatives on the spot should also be remitted direct to the War Office.

All balances now in the hands of the Military Secretary to Government on account of Estates of deceased Officers and men of the new Royal Artillery or Line Regiments who died prior to the 1st April, 1863, will be at once remitted to the India Office.

GENERAL STAFF.  
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Staff Corps Offrs.

**G. O. G. G., No. 72A, 8th June.**—The following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Hon'ble the Governor General of India in Council, No. 158, dated 30th April, 1863, is published for general information:—

INDIA OFFICE,  
*London, 30th April, 1863.*

MILITARY,  
No. 168.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—*Para. 1.*—I HAVE received and considered in Council your Letter No. 45, dated 4th February, 1863, inviting a reconsideration of the decision conveyed in my Despatch No. 429, of the 13th November, 1862, that Field Officers of the Staff Corps must be held to be in the same position as regards qualification for Staff employ as the effective Field Officers of a Regiment.

2. You observe that in the British Service substantive Field Officers, if not effective Field Officers of Regiments, can hold the appointments of Brigade Major or Aide-de-Camp, and that several substantive Field Officers, unattached, appear to be holding those situations at Home and in the Colonies.

3. You consider the position of an unattached Officer somewhat similar to that of an Officer of the Staff Corps.

4. I have requested the opinion of His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief upon the subject, and have pointed out to His Royal Highness that Officers of the Staff Corps have been declared subject to the regulation which limits their tenure of such appointments to five years, and that the effect of calling upon them to vacate on promotion to the rank of Field Officer would be to throw an increased number on the unemployed list.

5. His Royal Highness has informed me, in reply, that he concurs in the opinion I had expressed as to the inexpediency of multiplying occasions upon which Officers of the Staff Corps may be called upon to vacate appointments, and remain unemployed.

6. His Royal Highness observes that in the British Service Field Officers on full pay are not allowed to hold Staff appointments, as they have important regimental duties to perform, from which they cannot be spared, but this is not the case with Officers of the Staff Corps, who may be employed in any capacity most convenient to the Government of India.

7. His Royal Highness is of opinion, therefore, that they should be treated as are unattached Officers, on half-pay in the British Service.

8. Officers of the Staff Corps will not be required, therefore, to vacate their appointments, on promotion, but their rank, on first appointments should be that laid down in the Queen's Regulations as qualifying for the appointments in question, and they will still be subject to the five years' limitation rule.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) C. WOOD.

STAFF CORPS.  
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Col.'s allowance.

G. O. G. G., No. 79A, 17th June.—The following transcript of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 170, of the 9th May, 1863, is published for general information:—

INDIA OFFICE,  
London, 9th May, 1863.

MILITARY,  
No 170.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR  
GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—WITH reference to your Military Letter No. 40, dated 22nd January, 1863, I have to inform you that when the authorized number of Colonels' allowances fixed for the Staff Corps, viz., one to thirty Officers of all ranks, has been completed by the succession of Officers, who have served twelve years in the substantive rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, it is the intention of Her Majesty's Government that vacancies shall be filled up as they occur, according to seniority, without requiring a qualifying term of service.

2. You are correct in assuming that it was not intended by my Despatch of the 31st of July, 1862,\* to set aside the provisions of my previous Despatch of the 31st of December, 1861.

3. The meaning of the passage quoted in your letter from my Despatch of 31st July, 1862, would have been more fully expressed by the introduction of the words "at present"—"as at present in the Staff Corps."

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) C. WOOD.

ARTY. AND ENGRS.  
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Retirement.  
Annuity.

G. O. G. G., No. 80A, 17th June.—In publishing for general information the following copy of a Despatch, No. 175, of the 16th ultimo, from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State, His Excellency the Governor General is pleased to call attention to the necessity for all applications from Colonels of Artillery and Engineers, who may be desirous of retiring with the Annuity now sanctioned, being sent in to the Office of the Adjutant-General of their respective Presidencies on or before the 31st August next:—

INDIA OFFICE,  
London, 16th May, 1863.

MILITARY,  
No. 175.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR  
GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—*Para. 1.*—REPRESENTATIONS have been at various times submitted to Her Majesty's Government by the Senior Officers of the late Indian Artillery, relating to the reduction in the number of Colonels' allowances allotted to those Corps, and the alleged injury inflicted upon them by the consequent retardation of the period at which they may attain that allowance.

\* Published in G. G. O., No. 869, 12th September, 1862.

2. As regards the Officers of the Corps of Artillery and Engineers generally, Her Majesty's Government are satisfied that the changes that have been made in the organization of these Corps, have been attended with advantage to the Officers at large, commensurate with the heavy expenditure which has been incurred for this purpose by the Government.

3. The changes made as regards the ranks of Colonel-Commandant and Colonel, the abolition of the grades of Major and second Lieutenant, and the introduction of that of Second Captain in 1858, were measures which gave great promotion to the Officers of Artillery and Engineers, but were attended with great expense.

4. The reduction in the number of Colonels with Colonels' allowances was the only feature in the re-organization which was calculated to affect injuriously the prospects of a certain limited class of Officers of long standing and high rank, who are so circumstanced, that the mere promotion or immediate chance of promotion from Lieutenant-Colonel to Colonel, does not fully compensate for the retardation of their prospects of attaining the Colonels' allowance.

5. It is unreasonable to expect that extensive changes, such as have been lately effected in the Indian Army, should be carried out without affecting to some extent individual prospects, but Her Majesty's Government have been desirous of removing, as far as possible, all just grounds of complaint, and therefore, with a view to meet the present case, it has been determined, with the concurrence of His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, to offer at once a limited number of increased retiring pensions to each Brigade of Royal (late Indian) Artillery, and Battalion of Royal (late Indian) Engineers, with a view to giving the means of immediate retirement to those of the older Officers who may wish to retire from the Service.

6. It appears to me that this measure will fairly meet the case of these Officers, and by still further accelerating the promotion in the Corps at large will remove all just grounds of complaint from the remaining Officers.

7. You are therefore authorized to offer an Annuity of £200 to one Regimental Colonel in each Brigade of Royal Artillery and Battalion of Royal Engineers above-mentioned, in addition to the pension to which, by the Regulations of the Indian Service, he may be entitled.

8. These Annuities\* will be allotted to applicants according to seniority in their respective Cadres, and in order to give to the whole of the Officers concerned the opportunity of expressing their intention of accepting the Annuity, (if available for them) or otherwise, it will be necessary to name a prospective date up to which applications will be received; and with a view of giving sufficient time to all Officers concerned, both in India and in England, I have resolved, with the concurrence of His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, to inform the Colonels of

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| * Bengal Artillery | 7 |
| Madras "           | 4 |
| Bombay "           | 3 |
| Bengal Engineers   | 3 |
| Madras "           | 2 |
| Bombay "           | 2 |

Artillery and Engineers now in England, that their applications to retire under this arrangement must be received at the Office of the Adjutant-General of their respective Presidencies on or before the 31st of August next, that their claims to be considered to come within the operation of the order as Regimental Colonels will be determined by the rank they actually hold on the records of the Adjutant-General's Office on that day, and that the retirements under this order will date from the 1st September next.

9. You will, therefore, in notifying this order to the Officers of the several Corps in India, adopt the same date and rules for their guidance.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) C. WOOD.

MADRAS & BOMBAY  
OFFERS.  
Appointments.

G. O. G. G., No. 83A, 20th June.—The following Extract from a Military Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 171, of the 9th May, 1863, is published for general information:—

Para. 2.—“ You have informed His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief \* \* \*

that it was never contemplated to appoint Officers of one Presidency to the Army Staff Departments, or to Corps of the regular Establishment of another Presidency, and that so long as there are Officers of the Bengal Army available for employment, you cannot sanction the appointment of Madras or Bombay Officers to Corps on the regular Bengal Establishment.

3. You have also stated, I observe, that Officers of other Presidencies have always been freely employed in the Punjab, and Hyderabad and other Irregular Forces under the orders of the Government of India, and are of course still eligible for such situations.

4. I approve of the decision you have formed upon the subject.

5. In my Despatch, No. 319, dated 18th August, 1861, paragraph 46, I observed, with reference to the subject, that I should not object to the practice of Officers of the Staff Corps in one Presidency being employed in another being extended, on special occasions, but that I concurred in your opinion that ordinarily it would be inconvenient to bring Officers of all the Presidencies promiscuously into the several Staff Departments of the Armies of Bengal, Madras and Bombay.

6. I consider, therefore, that so long as there are Officers of the Bengal Army available, and qualified for employment, Madras and Bombay Officers should not be appointed to Corps on the regular Bengal Establishment.

PENSION.  
Returns.

G. O. C. C., 27th June.—With the sanction of Government, the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct the publication of the following paragraph of Horse Guards Circular Memo., No. 241, of 16th February, 1863, for the guidance of all concerned:

"1. With the view to a record being kept of the service for pension under Indian Regulation of all Officers formerly on the Indian Establishment, but now belonging to the Imperial Army, His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, at the request of the Secretary of State for India in Council, hereby directs that Quarterly Returns, commencing on the 1st January, 1863, according to the accompanying form, shall be transmitted to this Department."

\_\_\_\_\_ *Regiment.*  
QUARTERLY RETURN OF OFFICERS, formerly on the  
Indian Establishment, now belonging to the \_\_\_\_\_ Regiment.  
*Service Companies.*

| LIST OF OFFICERS.                                           |                                                 |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                    |
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| Officers doing duty with the Service Companies              |                                                 |                                 | OFFICERS ABSENT ON DUTY.<br>On Staff Employ:—on Duty with other, and what Corps, &c.                                                                                  |                                                    |
| Rank & Names.                                               | Original Date of Joining the Service Companies. | Stations, (if on a Detachment.) | Rank and Names.                                                                                                                                                       | On what Duty, at what Station, and from what Date. |
|                                                             |                                                 |                                 | Officers who have <i>Joined</i> during the preceding Quarter, specifying the date.                                                                                    |                                                    |
|                                                             |                                                 |                                 | Officers who have <i>Quitted</i> the Regiment during the preceding Quarter, specifying the date.                                                                      |                                                    |
|                                                             |                                                 |                                 | Officers who have become Non-Effective, stating the <i>Place</i> and <i>Date</i> of <i>Decease</i> of any <i>Officers</i> , or other cause of becoming Non-Effective. |                                                    |
|                                                             |                                                 |                                 | Rank and Names.                                                                                                                                                       | Date and Cause of becoming Non-Effective.          |
| OFFICERS ABSENT WITH LEAVE DURING THE PRECEDING QUARTER.    |                                                 |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                    |
| Rank & Names.                                               | By whose Permission, and Date of General Order. | On what Account.                | From what Time.                                                                                                                                                       | To what Time.                                      |
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| OFFICERS ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE DURING THE PRECEDING QUARTER. |                                                 |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                    |
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STAFF CORPS.  
Unemployed  
Officers.

**G. O. G. G., No. 92A, 2nd July.**—To obviate misapprehension, the Right Hon'ble the Governor General is pleased to notify that all Officers of the Staff Corps who may be at any time without Staff, Civil, or miscellaneous appointments, are at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for temporary employment in Garrison, or with Corps, as His Excellency may consider desirable.

2. Whenever an Officer of the Staff Corps, therefore, relinquishes, or is removed from Staff employ, he will report himself by letter to the Adjutant-General, from whom he will receive the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, as to the Regiment or Garrison to which he is to be temporarily attached.

3. Should the Officer be at the time residing at or near a Military Station, he will, pending the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, report himself for duty to the Officer Commanding that Station.

4. The principle of this Order is applicable to the three Presidencies.

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Probation.  
Examination.

**F. D., (Genl.) Memo. No. 468, 14th July.\***—READ the following papers relative to the framing of a Code of Rules to test the qualification for employment under the Foreign Department of Officers admitted to the Staff Corps on probation:—

Extract from Military Department, No. 745, dated 24th February, 1862.

Circular No. 585, dated 15th March, 1862.

Circular No. 586, dated 15th March, 1862.

Read the following replies to the above Circulars:—

From Secretary, Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 42, dated 25th March, 1862.

From Secretary, Chief Commissioner, Oudh, No. 738, dated 3rd April, 1862.

From Secretary, Chief Commissioner, British Burmah, No. 51, dated 14th April, 1862.

From Secretary, Punjab, No. 225, dated 23rd April, 1862.

From Secretary, North-Western Provinces, No. 1087A, dated 24th April, 1862.

From Under-Secretary, Bengal, No. 108, dated 13th May, 1862.

From Resident, Hyderabad, No. 23, dated 26th March, 1862.

From Agent, Central India, No. 14, dated 28th March, 1862.

From Secretary, North-Western Provinces, No. 888A, dated 8th April, 1862.

From Acting Secretary, Bombay, No. 80, dated 10th April, 1862.

From Agent, Rajpootana, No. 38P, dated 12th April, 1862.

From Secretary, Punjab, No. 313, dated 8th May, 1862.

\* Published in *Calcutta Gazette* of 1863, page 2102.

Read the Extract from this Department, dated 21st June, 1862, No. 1286, forwarding the above papers to the late Committee of Secretaries, of which the Hon'ble Mr. Harington was President.

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Read the Office Memorandum from the Home Department, No. 812, dated 3rd February last, requesting to be informed of the steps that may be taken in this Department in the preparation of a scheme of the tests, mode of examination, &c., relative to Staff employment in the Foreign Department.

Read also the General Order in the Military Department, No. 332, dated 10th April, 1861, respecting the formation of a Staff Corps.

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General observes that the appointments under the Foreign Office, to which Officers admitted into the Staff Corps are eligible, fall under two Departments,—the Civil and the Political. Each Department possesses its own special tests for regulating promotion and advancement within it, which it is not necessary to supercede. The object of the Rules now framed is to determine whether the qualifications of the Officer for employment in the Department to which he is posted, as ascertained by the examinations to be held, afford a sufficient guarantee of successful employment therein, and so to settle his claims for permanent appointment to the Staff Corps.

As under this view, the Examinations will be necessarily preliminary, it is obvious that on some points the requirements of each Department of Staff employ will form a common ground to which one Rule will apply. These points would be the period of probation, the time during probation when the Candidates may be expected to come up for examination, the mode of conducting Examinations, the constitution of the Examination Committees, and generally the standard of Examination: while the differences would almost wholly be in the nature of the subjects of examination, with which each Department may be concerned.

RESOLUTION.—In accordance with the above considerations, and after a careful comparison of the opinions of the several Officers to whom reference was made on the subject, His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General is pleased to issue the following Rules for the employment of Officers under the Foreign Department:—

#### GENERAL RULES.

I. The period of two years is fixed as the limit within which Officers admitted to the Staff Corps on probation, and entertained in either the Civil or Political Department under this Office, are required to qualify themselves to undergo the examinations hereinafter mentioned, in passing which examination, Officers will have a claim to have their services retained, and, under the orders of the Military Department, to be permanently appointed to the Corps.

II. Candidates will be admitted to examination at the end of their first year of Civil or Political employ, and thereafter at

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intervals of six months. Considering the long period allowed for qualifying in the Civil and Political Departments, a high standard of attainment will be required.

III. As in the case of the local Civil Examinations, the questions will be issued by a Central Committee in each local Government, Administration or Agency. The Examinations will be held at such Stations as may be considered most convenient, and will be conducted by Local Committees, consisting of three or more Officers of standing and experience, who will transmit the answers with their opinions to the Central Committee, whose decision will be final.

IV. The qualification tests in the examinations of both Departments will have reference to two branches (A) Languages (B) General and Special Subjects hereinafter specified.

#### RULES FOR CIVIL DEPARTMENT.

##### (A) Languages.

V. As under paragraph 80 of the General Order in the Military Department, No. 332, dated 10th April, 1861, Officers must have passed the P. H. Examination before admission to the Staff Corps on probation, Candidates will be required before being confirmed in the Staff Corps to pass the High Proficiency test in the Vernacular Language used in the Courts of the Province to which they may respectively be attached. If the language of record in the Courts of the Province be the Hindostanee, then, besides passing the High Proficiency test in Hindoostanee, Candidates will be required to pass an Ordinary Examination in one of the dialects spoken in the Province, which may not be the language of the Courts, *e. g.*, in the Punjab, Punjabi or Pushtoo; in the Central Provinces, Mahratta, and so on.

##### (B) General and Special Subjects.

VI. Candidates will be required to show a general knowledge of Indian History, Political Economy, and Jurisprudence. It will be optional with them to choose any Works on these subjects in which they may prefer to be examined, but the titles of such Works must be communicated to the Central Committee three months previous to the date of Examination.

VII. Candidates will be required to show a special knowledge of the Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, and the Civil Procedure Code, as well as a familiar acquaintance with Revenue details, as contained in the Directions to Revenue and Settlement Officers and the Special Revenue Rules in force in the Province in which they may be employed.

#### RULES FOR POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

##### (A) Languages.

VIII. Officers having already passed the P. H. Examination before admission to the Staff Corps, on probation, will be required before being confirmed to pass the High Proficiency test in Persian or Arabic and also in Mahratta or Hindoostanee.

*(B) General and Special Subjects.*

IX. Candidates will be examined in the General History<sup>9</sup> of India, the Treaties and Engagements of the British Government with Native States as set forth in the *Volumos* (a) now in course of publication by this Office. A special knowledge of the History of the part of the Country in which the Candidates may respectively be employed will also be required.

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(a) "A collection of Treaties, Engagements and Sunuds relating to India and neighbouring Countries."

X.\* Candidates will further be required to shew a thorough acquaintance with the Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, and the Civil Procedure Code; and also a fair knowledge of International Law and the conflict of Laws. They may choose for themselves the Works on the General History<sup>†</sup> of India, International Law and the conflict of Laws in which they may wish to be examined; but as contained in any standard Works which in each case may be selected, the titles of such Works must be communicated to the Central Committee, three months previous to the date of examination.

G. O. C. C., 15th July.—The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct the publication, for general information, of the following letter from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, No. 184, dated India Office, London, the 16th May, 1863.

ENGINEERS.  
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Exchange.

"Referring to the Royal Engineer General Order, dated 1st July, 1862,† regarding the exchange of Engineer Officers, I have to inform you that the exchanges will be permitted between 1st and 2nd Captains of Engineers under the provisions of that General Order."

G. O. G. G., 104 A, 22nd July ‡—The following copy of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 152, of the 24th April, 1863, is published for general information:—

ARTY, ENGRS &  
NEW LINE REGTS.  
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Furlough Rules.

INDIA OFFICE,  
London, 24th April, 1863.

MILITARY,  
No. 152.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR  
GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—I have received and considered in Council your letter No. 75, dated 19th February, 1863, requesting explicit instructions as to the Rules under which leave of absence is to be granted to Officers of the new Royal Artillery and new Line Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry.

2. Your inquiry relates to two distinct subjects:—

\* Cancelled, see page 195 of this book.

† See page 150 of this book.

‡ See also G. O. G. G., No. 112A, 31st July, 1863, and G. O., No. 55, 20th January, 1864.

**Reports.**

1. The Regulations under which leave of absence is to be granted to Officers of the new Brigades of Artillery and new Line Regiments.

2. The application of the Furlough Rules in determining the claims of these Officers to Pension.

3. In regard to the first of these points, it was determined, in reply to No. 79 of the published question,\* that Officers of the new Line Regiments of Cavalry and Infantry would be under Her Majesty's Regulations generally.

4. They would be therefore necessarily under the new Furlough Rules, while their Corps remained in India in the sense in which Officers of Her Majesty's Regiments serving in India are under those Rules.

5. The same applies to the Officers of Artillery.

6. As these Officers were thus brought under the Regulations of Her Majesty's Service as regards leave, it followed that leave should be granted according to the practice obtaining in the British service; but you were informed in my Despatch, No. 291, of the 14th August, 1862, that in order that the claims of these Officers to Indian Pension might be duly ascertained and recorded, I had suggested to His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief that exchanges, casualties, leave of absence (under the Indian Regulations), and other circumstances affecting the interests and claims of the Officers in question, should be communicated to this Office, or to the Governments in India as the case might be.

7. It was intended by this Rule, not that the Governments of the several Presidencies in India should grant leave to Officers of these Regiments, as heretofore, when they belonged to the Local Service, but that the Commander-in-Chief should communicate to the Government all cases of such leave, with a view to the determination of their claims to Pension.

8. On the same occasion I informed you, with reference to the Officers of Engineers, that, as the Governments in India had retained a prior claim to their services, it would be necessary that the grant of leave of absence, in their case, should be regulated by the practice then in force, and that no change should be made in this respect.

9. With regard to the application of the Furlough Rules to a consideration of claims to Pension on the part of Officers of Artillery and Engineers and new Line Regiments, you have justly observed that, under all circumstances, the Rules, as to the service required for Pension, will be complied with, that is, that no time passed on leave beyond the amount sanctioned by the Furlough Regulations will count as service towards Pension.

10. In this respect, therefore, the position of these Officers will remain unaltered by their transfer to the British Army.

11. The amount of leave to be deducted from their service for Pension will depend on the Furlough Rules which they may have

\* Published in G. G. O., No. 681, 2nd August, 1861, page 66 of this book.

chosen, and it will be necessary that the Commanders-in-Chief of the several Presidencies should be careful to require that every Officer who has not yet made his selection should do so (the same being reported to Government) on the first occasion of his making application for leave of absence.

I have, &c.,  
(Signed) C. WOOD.

**F. D.** (*Genl.*) *Memo., No. 510, 29th July.\*—Erratum.*—An error having appeared in Section X. of the Rules published in Notification No. 468, dated 14th instant,† that Section is republished, and will stand as follows:—

STAFF CORPS.  
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Probation.  
Examination.

X. Candidates will further be required to shew a thorough acquaintance with the Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, and the Civil Procedure Code; and also a fair knowledge of International Law and the conflict of Laws. They may choose for themselves the Works on the General History of India, International Law, and the conflict of Laws, in which they may wish to be examined; but the titles of such Works must be communicated to the Central Committee three months previous to the date of examination.

**G. O. C. C.**, 30th July.‡—With the concurrence of Government, the Commander-in-Chief is pleased to announce that, under instructions from His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, the rules prescribed in pages 71, 72, 73 and 74 of the Queen's Regulations, relative to the examination of Subalterns, are applicable to the twelve new Regiments recently added to the Line.

NEW LINE REGTS.  
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Examination.  
Promotion.

**G. O. G. G.**, No. 112 A, 31st July.¶—The following copy of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Governor-General of India in Council. No. 233, dated 30th June, 1863, is published for General information:—

INDIA OFFICE,  
London, 30th June, 1863.

MILITARY,  
No. 233.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—*Para. 1.* The following arrangements have been adopted consequent on the late Army alterations:—

**A.**—That the General and other Officers of the twelve new Line Regiments are to be considered as belonging to the British Army, and are to take their places for promotion accordingly on the General Lists of that Army.

NEW LINE REGTS.  
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Promotion.

\* Published in *Calcutta Gazette* of 1863, page 2251

† See page 190 of this book.

‡ Cancelled, see G. O. C. C., 30th November, 1863.

¶ See also G. G. O., No. 55, 20th January, 1864

Their names will, in consequence, be withdrawn from the Indian General Gradation Lists, but will be retained on their former Cadres, and on the Regimental Gradation Lists, in the manner shewn in paragraph 58 of your General Order No. 332, 10th April, 1861.\*

**Colonels.**

**B.**—That the Colonels originally appointed to the new Infantry Regiments are to continue to receive their pay and Colonels' allowance at the Indian rate.

**ARTILLERY.**  
**Colonels**

**C.**—That the Colonels of the late Indian Brigades of Artillery are to receive Colonels' allowance at the Indian rate.

**Furlough Pay.**

**D.**—That Officers of the Artillery transferred from the Indian Service should receive Furlough pay under Indian Regulations, so long as the Brigades to which they are attached are serving in India.

**NEW LINE REGTS**  
**Furlough Pay**

**E.**—That Officers who have been appointed to the new Line Regiments from the Indian Forces having been stated to be "under the conditions of service of Line Officers" should receive the same pay, while on Furlough, as Officers of the old Line Regiments.

**ARTILLERY.**  
**NEW LINE REGTS.**  
**Allowances.**

**F.**—All Officers of the Artillery and new Line Regiments will, without reference to the Furlough Regulations they may have elected, and by which their claim to pension will be determined, receive Indian allowances during (6) six months' absence on Sick Certificate as allowed to other Officers of the British Army.

**Passage.**

**G.**—Officers of the Artillery and new Line Regiments should be allowed passage money under the Regulations applicable to British Officers, care being taken that passage money is not issued by both Government and the Funds. When passage money is due from the Funds, special arrangements must be made for adjusting the account between the Government and the Funds.

**Leave**

**H.**—The statute regarding five years' absence from India will not apply to Artillery, Engineers, or Officers of the new Line Regiments.

2. You will notify these arrangements to the Governments of Madras and Bombay.

I have, &c.,

(Sd.) C. WOOD.

**STAFF CORPS.**  
**Furlough Rules.**

**G. G. O., No. 517, 14th August.**—With reference to Government General Order No. 520 of the 12th May, 1862,† the following Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No. 177, dated 16th ultimo, is published for general information :—

\* See also G. G. O., No. 5, 6th January, 1864.

† See page 146 of this book.

INDIA OFFICE,

*London, 16th May, 1863.*MILITARY,  
No. 177TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—Referring to my Despatch, dated 31st March, 1862,

No. 134  
 "The second Furlough of two years' will only  
 "be granted after ten years' service in India  
 "from the date of the return to duty after the  
 "first Furlough of two years"  
 "These Furloughs are not to be cumulative  
 "under any circumstances, but are limited to  
 "two years. Officers who have taken leave of ab-  
 "sence, on Sick Certificate, to Europe, or else-  
 "where beyond sea, will be ineligible to a Fur-  
 "lough on private affairs, until they have served  
 "six years from their last return to duty. This  
 "Rule does not apply to short leaves to sea."

regarding the mode of  
 reckoning the service of  
 an Officer of the Staff  
 Corps formerly under the  
 old Furlough Regulations,  
 I have to inform you  
 that as regards future Fur-  
 loughs, such Officers will be  
 under the operation of

Clause 7 of the Furlough Rules of 1854, quoted in the margin.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Sd.) C. WOOD.

G. O. G. G., No. 128A, 2nd September.—The following copy  
 of a Military Letter from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State  
 for India, No. 281, dated 31st July, 1863, is published for general  
 information:—

Clive's Fund.

INDIA OFFICE,

*London, 31st July, 1863.*MILITARY,  
No. 281.TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL  
OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

MY LORD,—I have to inform you that the House of Lords has  
 reversed the judgment of the Master of the Rolls in the matter of  
 Lord Clive's Fund, and has ruled that the contingency specified  
 in the Deeds constituting the Fund, in the event of which the sum  
 of Sicca Rupees 5,00,000 should be returned to Lord Clive, or to  
 his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, has happened by the  
 passing of the Act XXI. and XXII. Victoria, Cap. 106.

2. You will therefore in future admit all persons who would  
 have been entitled to pension from that Fund to an equivalent rate  
 of pension, without reference to the name of Lord Clive upon pro-  
 duction of the usual documents.

I have, &amp;c.,

(Sd.) C. WOOD.

G. O. C. C., 24th September.—Under authority of Government, Soldiers.  
 it is hereby notified that the Soldiers formerly of the Local service,  
 who have volunteered for the Line, retaining Indian pension rules,  
 are entitled to the option of going to the Invalid Battalion, provided  
 they are declared unfit for active service in this country.

## Staff Salaries

**G. O. G. G.**, No. 1564, 13th October.—Under the authority and direction of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, as conveyed in his Despatch No. 311, dated the 31st August last, a revised Table of Staff salaries for the three Presidencies is published, and the Extracts of Sir Charles Wood's Despatch on the subject, as given below, are promulgated for general information.

2. Officers whose appointments are not specified in the Table of revised salaries will draw pay as at present, and further orders will hereafter be issued with respect to the Office Establishment of those Staff Officers, who have hitherto drawn an Office allowance, such as Assistant Adjutant Generals of Division, and Majors of Brigade.

3. With reference to paragraph 29 of Sir C. Wood's Despatch, it is announced that the Despatch was received by His Excellency the Governor General on the 30th September. Increased pay, where granted by this order, is therefore claimable for the month of September.

*Para. 1.*—"Your several letters noted in the margin, relating to the salaries to be attached to Offices held by Military Officers in India, have been under my consideration in Council, and I have now to

Financial Despatch No. 70, May 20th, 1862  
 Military Despatch No. 10, January 3rd, 1863.  
 Military Despatch No. 34, January 19th, 1863  
 Financial Despatch No. 23, February 10th, 1863.  
 Military Despatch No. 100, May 22nd, 1863.

communicate to your Lordship the decision which, after an attentive perusal of the several papers which accompanied your letter, Her Majesty's Government have arrived at upon this subject.

2. The Committee of Secretaries appointed by your Government to consider the subject have gone very carefully into the whole question, and have submitted a very valuable Report, which has greatly tended to facilitate and simplify the consideration of this important matter.

3. They observe of the Royal Warrant for the formation of the Staff Corps in India that, after fixing the scale of pay to be received by Officers attached to them while in India, and when out of India, it further provides that every Officer, when in active employment will also receive, in addition to the above pay, such a sum as will make his total pay and allowances up to the sum assigned by the Government of India, with the approval of the Secretary of State for India in Council, as the consolidated pay of the office which he may hold.

4. Having consulted the several Governments, as well as the Chief Political and Military Officers of the Government, the Committee propose for adoption the following principles:—

1st.—That the Salaries of Military Officers holding appointments connected with the Civil administration of the country, should be consolidated and fixed without reference to the rank of the incumbent.

2nd.—That in the case of Military Officers in Staff employ a certain salary should be fixed for every appointment, and that the incumbent should receive such fixed salary in addition to the Staff Corps pay of his rank.

*Note.*—For Staff Salaries of Officers in the Ordnance Departments see G. O. G. G., No. 812, 31st December, 1863.

3rd.—That this latter principle should apply to the Department of Public Works. Staff Salaries.

5. I concur generally in the principles here laid down, with some exceptions to be hereafter pointed out, as regards the Officers in Military Staff employ.

10. I have considered it necessary to deviate in some respects from the rates of salary proposed by the Committee, and I now forward, for the information of your Government, a Table of salaries, which Her Majesty's Government have resolved upon for the several Offices enumerated in their Report.

11. You will observe from the Table that, while adhering generally to the principle of allotting a Staff salary in addition to Staff Corps pay, it has been determined to fix the Salaries of some few of the higher Offices at a consolidated sum.

12. In the case of the other appointments it is to be understood that the Staff salary now fixed, plus the Staff Corps pay due to the Officer's rank, will constitute the maximum amount to be drawn by an Officer of that rank holding the office in question, whether such Officer belong to the Staff Corps or not. In the case of appointments held by Officers belonging to Her Majesty's British Forces, such maximum amount will include any pay or half-pay that may be paid to them in England. British Offrs.

13. I approve of the Rule proposed by the Committee that, in all cases where any allowance for "office" is made, as in the case of Assistants Adjutant General, Brigade Majors, and others, it should be distinctly understood that the allowance is to be drawn only by Officers actually discharging the duties of the appointment, and that no further charge can be allowed for providing an office. Office Estabts.

14. It is desirable that, whenever possible, the Public Offices should be located in public buildings, and it should be a standing Rule that all bills for Office allowance should be supported by a Certificate from the proper authority, that no public building was available for such Office.

15. I am of opinion, however, that Office Establishment should, as a general rule, be maintained according to a regulated scale, and should be paid on abstract, supported by the usual monthly Muster Roll.

18. The principle laid down in the 4th Clause of the same paragraph has, you will perceive, been observed in the rate of salary allotted to the heads and Subordinate Members of Departments at the several Presidencies, but I have extended to the Deputies of the Army Department at Head Quarters in Bengal the benefit of the Rule which gives to the Chief of those Departments a higher rate of salary than at Madras or Bombay.

19. In the 2nd clause of the 10th paragraph the Committee observe that, "referring generally to the expensive rates of living in House Rent.

**Staff Salaries.**

Presidency Towns, we think that the principle of allowing house rent may be generally adopted at the rates marginally shewn, and we would recommend that it should be made applicable to the Presidency Town of Madras, as well as to Calcutta and Bombay."

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
|            | Rs  |
| Colonel    | 125 |
| Major      | 100 |
| Captain    | 75  |
| Lieutenant | 40  |

20. I approve of the proposed scale, which will apply to Officers at each Presidency not drawing consolidated salaries.

29. The scale of salaries now sanctioned will be brought into operation and made to apply in all cases where there is no reduction in the present aggregate salary, on the payment due on the first of the month succeeding the receipt of this order.

**Reductions.**

30. Reduction of salaries effected by this order are not to be made to affect present permanent incumbents, or those who are officiating for such permanent incumbents, being temporarily absent from their duties.

4. Separate orders will be issued regarding the Staff salaries to be allowed to Officers serving with Native Corps \*

*TABLE of Salaries to be allowed for the Staff Offices and Departments of the several Presidencies in India.*

CONSOLIDATED SALARIES  
PER Mensem.

|                                                                 | Rs.   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Secretary to Government of India, Military Department ...       | 3,500 |
| Secretary to Government, Madras, Military Department ...        | 2,500 |
| Secretary to Government, Bombay, Military Department ...        | 2,500 |
| Major-Generals Commanding Divisions ...                         | 3,500 |
| Adjutant General, Bengal ...                                    | 2,500 |
| "    "    Madras ...                                            | 2,200 |
| "    "    Bombay ...                                            | 2,200 |
| Quarter-Master General, Bengal ...                              | 2,500 |
| "    "    Madras ...                                            | 2,200 |
| "    "    Bombay ...                                            | 2,200 |
| Commissary General, Bengal ...                                  | 2,500 |
| "    "    Madras ...                                            | 2,200 |
| "    "    Bombay ...                                            | 2,200 |
| Controller of the Military Finance Department, Bengal ...       | 2,500 |
| Controller of the Military Finance Department, Madras ...       | 2,200 |
| Controller of the Military Finance Department, Bombay ...       | 2,200 |
| Judge Advocate-General, Bengal ...                              | 2,400 |
| "    "    Madras ...                                            | 2,000 |
| "    "    Bombay ...                                            | 2,000 |
| Military Secretary and Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General ... | 1,500 |
| Military Secretary and Aide-de-Camp to Governor of Madras ...   | 1,000 |
| Military Secretary and Aide-de-Camp to Governor of Bombay ...   | 1,000 |
| Military Secretary to Commander-in-Chief in India ...           | 1,200 |
| Military Secretary to Commander-in-Chief in Madras ...          | 1,000 |
| Military Secretary to Commander-in-Chief in Bombay ...          | 1,000 |

\* See G. O. G. G., No. 161A, 29th October, 1883

|                                                                                                                                                   |     | STAFF SALARIES PER<br>MENSEM IN ADDITION TO<br>STAFF CORPS PAY. | Rs. | Staff Salaries. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|
|                                                                                                                                                   |     |                                                                 |     |                 |
| Brigadiers of the First Class (all Presidencies)                                                                                                  | ... | 1,400                                                           |     |                 |
| Brigadiers of the Second Class (all Presidencies)                                                                                                 | ... | 1,200                                                           |     |                 |
| Superintendent, Army Clothing, Bengal                                                                                                             | ... | 1,000                                                           |     |                 |
| " " Madras                                                                                                                                        | ... | 700                                                             |     |                 |
| " " Bombay                                                                                                                                        | ... | 700                                                             |     |                 |
| Superintendent of Studs, Bengal                                                                                                                   | ... | 1,000                                                           |     |                 |
| Remount Agent, Madras                                                                                                                             | ... | 700                                                             |     |                 |
| " " Bombay                                                                                                                                        | ... | 700                                                             |     |                 |
| Military Accountant, Bengal                                                                                                                       | ... | 1,200                                                           |     |                 |
| " " Madras                                                                                                                                        | ... | 1,000                                                           |     |                 |
| " " Bombay                                                                                                                                        | ... | 1,000                                                           |     |                 |
| Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department                                                                                  | ... | 1,000                                                           |     |                 |
| Deputy Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department                                                                                 | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| Deputy Adjutant General, Bengal                                                                                                                   | ... | 1,000                                                           |     |                 |
| " " Madras                                                                                                                                        | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| " " Bombay                                                                                                                                        | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| Deputy Quarter Master General, Bengal                                                                                                             | ... | 1,000                                                           |     |                 |
| " " Madras                                                                                                                                        | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| " " Bombay                                                                                                                                        | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| Deputy Commissary General, Bengal                                                                                                                 | ... | 1,000                                                           |     |                 |
| Deputy Judge Advocate General at Head Quarters, Bengal...                                                                                         | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| Military Secretary, Punjab Government                                                                                                             | ... | 700                                                             |     |                 |
| 1st Examiner, Pay Department, Bengal                                                                                                              | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| Examiner, Pay Department, Madras                                                                                                                  | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| " " Bombay                                                                                                                                        | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| 2nd Examiner, Pay Department, Bengal                                                                                                              | ... | 600                                                             |     |                 |
| Deputy Superintendent of Studs, Bengal                                                                                                            | ... | 700                                                             |     |                 |
| Examiner, Commissariat Accounts, Bengal                                                                                                           | ... | 1,000                                                           |     |                 |
| " " Madras                                                                                                                                        | ... | 900                                                             |     |                 |
| " " Bombay                                                                                                                                        | ... | 900                                                             |     |                 |
| Presidency Pay Master, Bengal                                                                                                                     | ... | 800                                                             |     |                 |
| " " Madras                                                                                                                                        | ... | 700                                                             |     |                 |
| " " Bombay                                                                                                                                        | ... | 700                                                             |     |                 |
| First Assistant Secretary to Government of India, Military Department                                                                             | ... | 700                                                             |     |                 |
| Second Assistant Secretary to Government of India, Military Department                                                                            | ... | 500                                                             |     |                 |
| First Assistant Adjutant General at Head Quarters, Bengal                                                                                         | ... | 600                                                             |     |                 |
| Assistant Adjutant General at Head Quarters, Madras                                                                                               | ... | 600                                                             |     |                 |
| Other Assistant Adjutants General at Head Quarters or of Divisions and Deputy Assistants Adjutant General at Head Quarters, (in all Presidencies) | ... | 500                                                             |     |                 |
| First Assistant Quarter Master General, Bengal                                                                                                    | ... | 600                                                             |     |                 |
| Assistants Quarter Master General (all Presidencies)                                                                                              | ... | 500                                                             |     |                 |
| Deputy Assistants Quarter Master General                                                                                                          | ... | 400                                                             |     |                 |
| Deputy Judge Advocates General of Division (all Presidencies)                                                                                     | ... | 500                                                             |     |                 |
| Chief Inspector of Musketry, Bengal                                                                                                               | ... | 500                                                             |     |                 |
| " " Madras                                                                                                                                        | ... | 400                                                             |     |                 |

STAFF SALARIES PER  
MENSEM IN ADDITION TO  
STAFF CORPS PAY.

|                                                                                | Rs.  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Chief Inspector of Musketry, Bombay ...                                        | 400  |
| Assistant Commissaries General, First Class, (all Presi-<br>dencies) ...       | 800  |
| Assistant Commissaries General, Second Class, (all Presi-<br>dencies) ...      | 600  |
| Deputy Assistant Commissaries General, First Class, (all<br>Presidencies) ...  | 500  |
| Deputy Assistant Commissaries General, Second Class,<br>(all Presidencies) ... | 400  |
| Sub-Assistant Commissaries General, First Class, (all<br>Presidencies) ...     | 300  |
| Sub-Assistant Commissaries General, Second Class, (all<br>Presidencies) ...    | 200  |
| Assistant Examiner, Commissariat Accounts, Bengal ...                          | 500  |
| Examiner of Ordnance Accounts (all Presidencies) ...                           | 500  |
| Pay Masters of Divisions or Circles (all Presidencies) ...                     | 600  |
| Staff Officer, Punjaub Irregular Force ...                                     | 500  |
| Brigade Major, Hyderabad Contingent ...                                        | 500  |
| Brigade Majors (all Presidencies) ...                                          | 400  |
| Fort Adjutant, Fort William ...                                                | 400  |
| Compiler, Military Accounts, Bengal ...                                        | 500  |
| "    "    "    Madras ...                                                      | 400  |
| "    "    "    Bombay ...                                                      | 400  |
| Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General ...                                       | 300  |
| "    to the Governor of Madras ...                                             | 300  |
| "    to the Governor of Bombay ...                                             | 300  |
| "    to a Lieutenant-Governor ...                                              | 250  |
| "    to the Commander-in-Chief in India ...                                    | 250  |
| "    Ditto, Madras ...                                                         | 250  |
| "    Ditto, Bombay ...                                                         | 250  |
| "    Ditto, General Officers ...                                               | 250  |
| Private Secretary and Aide-de-Camp to a Lieutenant-Governor ...                | 350  |
| Assistant, Stud Department, First Class, Bengal ...                            | 400  |
| Assistant, Stud Department, Second Class, Bengal ...                           | 300  |
| Sub-Assistant, Stud Department, Bengal ...                                     | 200  |
| District Inspectors of Musketry (all Presidencies) ...                         | 300  |
| Musketry Instructors (all Presidencies) ...                                    | 150  |
| Commandants of Forts (where allowance is already sanc-<br>tioned) ...          | 150  |
| Commandant, Convalescent Depôts, First Class ...                               | *200 |
| Commandant, Convalescent Depôts, Second Class ...                              | *100 |
| Station Staff Officers, First Class, (including all Office<br>charges) ...     | *150 |
| Station Staff Officers, Second Class, (including all Office<br>charges) ...    | *100 |
| Station Staff Officers, Third Class, (including all Office<br>charges) ...     | *50  |

\* N. H.—Rules for the classification of Convalescent Depôts and Station Staff appointments will be published hereafter. Meanwhile pay will be drawn at the present rates.

G. O. G. G., No. 1574, 13th October.\*—His Excellency the Governor General is pleased to publish the following extracts of a Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, No 311, dated 31st August, 1863, regarding the absentee and acting allowances of Military Officers in Civil employ, the provisions of which are applicable to all the Presidencies.

Allowances of  
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*Para. 31.*—With your Despatch, No. 23, in the Financial Department, you forward a further Report from the Committee of Secretaries regarding the absentee and acting allowances of Military Officers in Civil employ, with a note thereon by your Financial Secretary.

*Para. 32.*—You concur generally in the recommendations of the Secretaries, with the amendments noted by the Financial Secretary, and propose the adoption of the following principles :—

*1st.*—That every Military Officer in civil employ when on leave should draw pay under the Military Rules; and

*2nd*—That every Military Officer when acting in any Civil appointment should draw his Civil pay under the Civil Rules.

33. Upon these two principles you propose the following Rules for the Officer on leave :—

A Military Officer in Civil employ on leave, either in India or in England, shall draw precisely the pay which he would be entitled to draw under the Military Leave Rules, except when on privilege leave as hereafter specially provided.

Such pay shall be provided from the Civil Department excepting only in cases where the allowances so drawn would exceed the entire Civil pay of the appointment, when the excess will be paid by the Military Department. The Staff salary of any Officer shall be held to be the difference between the Indian pay and allowances of his rank, and the full salary of his permanent appointment.

34. For the Acting Officer your Government proposed the following Rules :—

A Military Officer acting for another in Civil employ shall draw deputation allowance under the rule by which the allowance is granted to Covenanted Civil Servants.

If the Officer be in Military Staff employ, such deputation allowance will be given in addition to his Military pay and allowances, plus half the Staff pay of his substantive appointment.

If the Officer hold no substantive Staff appointment, Civil or Military, it will be given in addition to his Military pay and allowances.

A Military Officer in Civil employ performing the duties of his substantive appointment, and at the same time officiating in another, is entitled to his substantive salary, and in addition to a deputation allowance of 20 and 10 per cent. on the Staff salary of the appointment in which he is officiating, provided the pay of the substantive appointment with the addition of the deputation allowance does not exceed the pay of the higher appointment.

\* See also G. O., No. 83, 25th January, 1864.

A subordinate acting for his principal or for any other Officer at the same Station is not entitled to deputation allowance for the first month while so acting, unless he is required to act on two occasions within a brief period (say twelve months), in which case he draws deputation allowance for the whole period during which he may have held the appointment in excess of one month as if he had acted continuously.

A Military Officer proceeding from one Civil appointment to another shall be allowed to draw, during the authorized period of transit, out of the salary of the office he is about to join, a sum equal to that of his previous situation. This Rule to be preceded by an Order making the Civil Rules for joining time applicable to Military Officers in Civil employ.

A Military Officer in Civil employ can take three months' cumulative privilege leave (under the Civil Rules only), but he must earn it by thirty-three months' continuous service in the Civil Department alone.

35. These several Rules are approved of.

NATIVE REGTS.  
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Organization.  
Staff Salaries.

**G. O. G. G., No. 1614, 29th October.\***—In continuation of General Order No. 156A, of the 13th instant,† the annexed scale of Staff salaries hereafter to be allowed to Officers serving with Native Regiments under the new organization is published for general information, and with reference to this scale an extract (paragraphs 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30) of Sir Charles Wood's Despatch, No. 311 of the 31st August last, is also published for information and guidance.

2. Detailed instructions will be issued by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for the guidance of Officers serving with Native Corps under the new organization, and the present system of payment of Troops and Companies and for repair of Arms, &c., will continue until a further order is issued by Government on the subject, the same Officers as at present drawing any allowances now authorized for the payment of Companies and repair of Arms.

The new system of placing European Officers in charge of Squadrons and Wings will, in all other respects, be brought into operation as soon as His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief can issue the necessary subsidiary orders.

3. The Despatch of the Secretary of State having been received by the Right Hon'ble the Governor General on the 30th ultimo, increased pay is claimable from 1st September by Commandants, Adjutants, and Doing Duty Officers, as well as Seconds in Command of Cavalry; but when higher pay may accrue from Seconds in Command or others obtaining new appointments, as Wing or Squadron Officers or Quarter-Masters, such increased pay will only become due from the date of Officers assuming charge of the duties of such new appointments under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief.

\* For the Commander-in-Chief's subsidiary Orders, see G. O. C. C., 20th January, 1864.  
† See page 198 of this book.

4. With reference to paragraph 26 of Sir Charles Wood's Despatch instructions will hereafter be issued as to the scale of Office Establishment to be maintained by Adjutants. Meanwhile the allowance of Rupees 50 per mensem will be passed.

5. The pay now authorized is to be drawn in addition to Staff Corps pay only.

6. The rules now laid down are applicable to such Corps under their Excellencies the Commanders-in-Chief of the Bengal and Bombay Armies as now are, or may hereafter be placed on the new organization, and to the Punjaub Irregular Force.

In other Irregular Corps no alteration is made in the Establishment, position, or duties of Officers, but Commandants, Adjutants, Seconds in Command, and Doing Duty Officers are entitled to the increased pay.

7. The Corps of Regular Infantry on the Bengal Establishment, will, under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, be placed on the new organization from the 1st January next.

*Future Establishment of Officers for Corps of Native Cavalry and Infantry on the new organization.*

CAVALRY REGIMENTS.

STAFF SALARY  
PER MENSEM.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                     |         |
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| <p>NOTE.—The Second in Command and Squadron Officer will also each draw Rupees 30 per mensem for payment of their respective Squadrons as soon as such payment is made over to them.</p> <p>The Adjutant will also draw Rupees 50 Office allowance.</p> <p>The Doing Duty Officer, who will perform any duties that may be assigned to him such as would devolve upon a Quarter-Master, &amp;c., will draw also Rupees 30 per mensem for Writer and Stationery.</p> <p>All Cavalry Officers are to maintain three Chargers.</p> | Commandant ...                                      | Rs. 700 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Second in Command (also Commanding a Squadron)* ... | " 300   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Senior Squadron Officer* ...                        | " 210   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Junior Squadron Officer* ...                        | " 180   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Adjutant ...                                        | " 250   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Doing Duty Officer ...                              | " 150   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                     |         |

INFANTRY REGIMENTS.

STAFF SALARY  
PER MENSEM.

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| <p>NOTE.—The two Wing Commandants will each draw also Rupees 30 per mensem, or Rupees 20 per Company for the payment and repair of Arms of Companies of their respective Wings as soon as such charge and payment is made over to them.</p> <p>The Adjutant will also draw Rupees 50 Office allowance.</p> <p>The Quarter-Master will also draw the present authorized Contingent Allowance for repair of Tents, &amp;c.</p> <p>All Infantry Officers are to maintain one Charger.</p> | Commandant ...              | Rs. 600 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Senior Wing Commandant* ... | " 270   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Junior Wing Commandant* ... | " 230   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Adjutant ...                | " 200   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Quarter-Master ...          | " 150   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Doing Duty Officer ...      | " 100   |

N. B.—The Commandant of the Guide Corps will receive Rupees 800 per mensem; of the Body Guard Rupees 700 per mensem; and of the Deolie and Erinpoorah Forces Rupees 600 each per mensem.

\* Designations altered, see G. G. O., No. 40, 19th January, 1864.

Office Establs.

*Extract, Secretary of State's Letter, No. 311, dated 31st August, 1863, paragraphs 23 to 30.*

*Para.—23.* I have given much and careful consideration to these proposals.

24. I am of opinion that the salaries attached to these Regimental appointments should be such as to place them at least on a footing of equality with the average of the Staff appointments commonly held by Officers of similar rank and standing in the Service, and while they should not be so far superior to the latter as to induce those to seek them whose natural tastes and qualifications might not otherwise incline them to this important branch of the Service, it is important, on the other hand, that young Officers, who, on first joining the Staff Corps, will frequently be employed with Native Troops, should not, if naturally fitted for Military Service, be tempted to relinquish it by the attraction of superior emoluments of other Staff employment.

25. With these principles in view, and making due allowance for the advantages enjoyed by Staff Corps Officers in regard to promotion, and the comparatively early period at which they will attain the pay of the higher ranks, I am willing to sanction the scale of Staff allowances proposed by your Government for the Officers serving in different capacities with Native Regiments, which, though liberal, will probably not be found excessive.

**Office Estabts.**

26. In the case of the Regimental Adjutant, however, it appears desirable that an Office Establishment should be prescribed, which should be maintained and paid upon Abstract supported by the usual Muster Rolls.

27. I learn from your Despatch No. 10, dated 3rd January, 1863, that you have completed the Native Regiments in Bengal to six regularly attached and paid European Officers, exclusive of the Medical Officers as announced in your General Order of the 12th December, 1862,\* it being distinctly understood that the appointments made under that decision are held subject to such modifications as may be found necessary on receipt of my further instructions on the general question, and that you have authorized the Government of Bombay to extend the rule to such Regiments in that Presidency as are formed and officered according to the new organization,

**Madras Presdy.**

28. I approve of these proceedings and shall await the result of your reference to the Government of Madras upon the introduction of the new system into the Army of that Presidency.

29. The scale of salaries now sanctioned will be brought into operation and made to apply in all cases where there is no reduction in the present aggregate salary on the payment due on the 1st of the month succeeding the receipt of this Order.

30. Reductions of salaries effected by this Order are not to be made to affect present permanent incumbents, or those who are officiating for such permanent incumbents being temporarily absent from their duties.

\* See page 189 of this book.

G. O. C. C., 30th November.—With reference to G. O. C. C., dated the 30th July last,\* His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has been pleased to decide that the senior Subalterns of the new Line Regiments are to be exempted from the examination in fitness for promotion, as in the case of the senior Subalterns of the new Royal Artillery.

NEW LINE REGTS.

Examination.  
Promotion

G. G. O., No. 812, 31st December.—In continuation of General Order by the Governor General, No. 156A, dated 13th October, 1863,† and under the authority of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, conveyed in his Despatch No. 381 of the 7th ultimo, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to publish the following scale of Staff salaries for the several appointments in the Commissioned Grades of the Ordnance Department of the three Presidencies :—

ORDNANCE DEPTS.

Staff Salaries.

*Ordnance Departments.*

|                               |       |        | Rs. per<br>mensem. |                                                            |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Inspector General of Ordnance | ...   | Bengal | 2,500              | } Consolidated.                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Madras | 2,200              |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Bombay | 2,200              |                                                            |
| Deputy Inspector General      | ...   | Bengal | 1,000              | }                                                          |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Madras | 800                |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Bombay | 800                |                                                            |
| Superintendent, Gun Foundry   | ...   | Bengal | 1,000              | }                                                          |
| Gun Carriage Agent            | ...   | Bengal | 1,000              |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Madras | 800                |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Bombay | 800                | }                                                          |
| Gunpowder Agent               | ...   | Bengal | 1,000              |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Madras | 800                |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Bombay | 800                | } In addition<br>to Regimental<br>pay and al-<br>lowances. |
| 1st Class Commissary          | ...   | Bengal | 500                |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Madras | 500                |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Bombay | 500                | }                                                          |
| 2nd Class Commissary          | ...   | Bengal | 400                |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Madras | 400                |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Bombay | 400                | }                                                          |
| 3rd Class Commissary          | ...   | Bengal | 250                |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Madras | 250                |                                                            |
| Ditto                         | Ditto | Bombay | 250                |                                                            |

The Secretary of State's Despatch having been received on the 14th December, 1863, increased pay, where granted by this order, is claimable for the month of December.

\* See page 195 of this book.

† See page 198 of this book.



## APPENDIX.

*Table shewing the numbers and dates of Madras and Bombay General Orders, republishing those issued in the Bengal Presidency, and included in the Compilation.*

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| G. G. O., 382, 10 Apr '61. | G. O. G., 151, 30 Apr. '61. | G. G. O., 240, 4 May '61.  |
| G. O. C. C., " " "         | G. O. C. C., 40, 1 May "    | G. O. C. C., 540, 1 " "    |
| G. G. O., 558, 25 June "   | G. O. G., 232, 12 July "    | G. G. O., 378, 19 July "   |
| " 598, 9 July "            | " 249, 26 " "               | " 417, 8 Aug. "            |
| " 606, 11 " "              | " 250, 30 " "               | " " " " "                  |
| " 636, 19 " "              | " 262, 6 Aug. "             |                            |
| " 681, 2 Aug. "            | " 277, 20 " "               | G. G. O., 440, 24 Aug. 61. |
| " 718, 16 " "              | " 299, 6 Sept. "            | " 461, 7 Sept. "           |
| " 784, 5 Sept. "           | " 319, 17 " "               | " 497, 24 " "              |
| " 799, 10 " "              | " 330, 27 " "               | " 521, 30 " "              |
| " 801, " " "               | " " " " "                   | " 522, " " "               |
| " 806, 12 " "              | " 331, 1 Oct. "             | " 523, 1 Oct. "            |
| " 807, " " "               | " " " " "                   | " 524, 2 " "               |
| " 824, 17 " "              | " " " " "                   | " 527, 5 " "               |
| " 825, " " "               | " " " " "                   | " 528, " " "               |
| " 826, " " "               | " " " " "                   | " 529, " " "               |
| " 827, " " "               | " " " " "                   | " 530, " " "               |
| " 833, " " "               | " 344, 4 " "                | " 540, 9 " "               |
| " 834, 19 " "              | " 350, 8 " "                | " 541, " " "               |
| " 868, 27 " "              | " 360, 15 " "               |                            |
| " 874, 1 Oct. "            | " " " " "                   | G. G. O., 556, 17 Oct. 61. |
| " 913, 11 " "              | " 378, 29 " "               | " 590, 5 Nov. "            |
| " 960, 22 " "              | " 391, 5 Nov. "             | " 598, 6 " "               |
| " 995, 1 Nov. "            |                             | " 618, 13 " "              |
| " 1047, 15 " "             | G. O. G. 425, 29 Nov. 61.   | " 646, 2 Dec. "            |
| " 1059, 19 " "             | " " " " "                   | " 658, 4 " "               |
| " 1074, 26 " "             | " 137, 10 Dec. "            | " 665, 7 " "               |
| " 1078, " " "              | " " " " "                   | " 666, " " "               |
| " 1080, " " "              | " " " " "                   | " 668, " " "               |
| " 1118, 6 Dec. "           | " 451, 17 " "               | " 684, 18 " "              |
| " 1120, " " "              | " " " " "                   | " 685, " " "               |
| " 1121, " " "              | " " " " "                   | " 686, " " "               |
| " 28, 10 Jan. 62.          | " 40, 24 Jan. 62.           | G. G. O., 62, 22 Jan 62.   |
| " 36, " " "                | " " " " "                   | " 64, " " "                |
| " 65, 20 " "               | " 47, 28 " "                |                            |
| " 125, 4 Feb. "            | " 86, 18 Feb. "             | G. G. O., 125, 15 Feb. 62. |
| " 204, 21 " "              | " 106, 4 Mar. "             | " 189, 11 Mar. "           |

*Note.*—The initial letters as used in the several Presidencies to express the Orders, have been adopted.

| BENGAL.                      | MADRAS.                    | BOMBAY                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| G. G. O., 262, 7 Mar. '62    | G. O. G., 124, 18 Mar. '62 | G. G. O., 221, 28 Mar. '62. |
| " 267, 10 " "                | " 130, 25 " "              | " 225, " " "                |
| " 325, 18 " "                | " 140, 1 Apr. "            | " 231, 31 " "               |
| " 330, 20 " "                | " 145, 4 " "               | " 250, 9 Apr. "             |
| " 351, 24 " "                | " 148, 8 " "               | " 255, " " "                |
| " 367, 27 " "                | " 152, 11 " "              |                             |
| " 399, 8 Apr. "              | " 164, 23 " "              | G. G. O., 288, 23 Apr. 62.  |
| " 400, " " "                 | " " " " "                  |                             |
| " 494, 2 May "               | " 200, 16 May "            | G. G. O., 336, 17 May 62.   |
| " 501, 5 " "                 | " 205, 20 " "              | " 346, 21 " "               |
| " 502, " " "                 | " " " " "                  | " 347, " " "                |
| " 520, 12 " "                | " 212, 27 " "              | " 361, 3 June "             |
| " 554, 20 " "                | " 224, 3 June "            |                             |
| " 613, 10 June "             | " 256, 24 " "              | G. G. O., 101, 3 July 62.   |
| " 614, " " "                 | " " " " "                  | " 412, 10 " "               |
| " 663, 1 July "              | " 284, 15 July "           | " 449, 4 Aug. "             |
| " 664, " " "                 | " " " " "                  | " " " " "                   |
| " 696, 10 " "                | " 297, 25 " "              | " 450, " " "                |
| " 700, 11 " "                | " " " " "                  |                             |
| " 764, 6 Aug. "              | " 339, 26 Aug. "           |                             |
| " 836, 28 " "                | " 364, 12 Sept. "          |                             |
| " 868, 12 Sept. "            | " 382, 30 " "              | G. G. O., 540, 11 Oct. 62.  |
| " 869, " " "                 | " " " " "                  | " 539, " " "                |
| " 894, 22 " "                | " 397, 10 Oct. "           | " 563, 22 " "               |
| " 1078, 4 Dec. "             | " 181, 16 Dec. "           | " 688, 26 Dec. "            |
| " 1105, 12 " "               | " 197, 26 " "              | " 3, 6 Jan. 63.             |
| " 1111, 16 " "               | " 501, 30 " "              | " 8, 8 " "                  |
| " 11, 5 Jan. 63.             | " 15, 16 Jan. 63.          | " 53, 29 " "                |
| G. O. C. C., 13 " "          |                            | " 361, 8 July "             |
| G. G. O., 73, 27 " "         | G. O. G., 43, 10 Feb. 63.  | " 173, 24 Mar. "            |
| " 89, 2 Feb. "               | " 58, 17 " "               |                             |
| " 165, 2 Mar. "              |                            | G. G. O., 166, 21 Mar. 63.  |
| G. O. G. G., 10A, 5 " "      | G. O. G., 103, 24 Mar. 63. | " 206, 11 Apr. "            |
| " 16A, 25 " "                | " 127, 14 Apr. "           | " 220, 22 " "               |
| " 17A, " " "                 | " " " " "                  | " 221 " " "                 |
| *G. G. O., 252, 7 Apr. "     | " 131, 17 " "              |                             |
| G. O. G. G., 31A, 15 " "     | " 147, 28 " "              | G. G. O., 397, 24 July 63.  |
| " 72A, 8 June "              | " 227, 30 June "           | " 347, 1 " "                |
| " 79A, 17 " "                | " 244, 14 July "           | " 357, 7 " "                |
| " 80A, " " "                 | " " " " "                  | " 358, " " "                |
| " 83A, 20 " "                |                            | " 375, " " "                |
| " 92A, 2 July "              | G. O. G., 259, 24 July 63. |                             |
| " 104A, 22 " "               | " 286, 11 Aug. "           | G. G. O., 420, 12 Aug. 63.  |
| " 112A, 31 " "               | " 293, 18 " "              | " 435, 24 " "               |
| G. G. O., 517, 14 Aug. "     | " 304, 28 " "              | " 411, 29 " "               |
| G. O. G. G., 156A, 13 Oct. " | " 392, 6 Nov. "            | " 552, 4 Nov. "             |
| " 157A, " " "                | " " " " "                  | " 553, " " "                |
| " 161A, 29 " "               |                            | " 569, 18 " "               |
| G. G. O., 222, 31 Dec. "     | G. O. G., 25, 19 Jan. 64.  | " 29, 25 Jan. 64.           |

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