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.

| | | Per annum. |
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| 1st Division will be eligible to receive | ... | £200 |
| 2d " " | ... | 180 |
| 3d " " | ... | 160 |
| 4th " " | ... | 150 |

Nominal Rolls of the Field Officers of Cavalry and Infantry, as they stand on the effective lists of Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors Regimentally, on the 1st October next, according to the Official Returns of the Adjutants-General of the three Presidencies, will be prepared and published by the Government of India as soon after that date as possible. In these Rolls the Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors will be grouped according to the principles exhibited in the preceding scales; and it will be announced that they will be permitted to retire with the annuities placed opposite their respective names, provided their applications are received by their respective Governments prior to the 15th December next.

It is to be clearly understood that the annuity granted to each Officer will be that due to his position in the nominal rolls above specified; 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 after the 1st October 1861.

All retirements under this scheme will date from the 31st December next, and the promotions arising therefrom will take effect from the 1st January 1862. The promotions will be carried out on the following principle:—

The names (printed in italics) of such of the Lieutenant-Colonels as retire under the conditions now offered, will remain on the list, for the purpose of regulating the succession to Colonel and to Colonel's allowance; thus, should the Senior Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, at either Presidency, retire on the annuity now to be offered, his name will remain on the list until his death, or until a casualty shall occur among the Regimental Colonels, in either of which cases his name will be removed, no promotion being made in his room. 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 accepted the annuity, he will succeed, as usual, to the Colonel's allowance, and promotions will be made in succession.

The promotion, in succession to the Lieutenant-Colonels who retire under this Scheme will be made in the proportion of one to every two of such retirements; on the other hand every vacancy created among the Majors will be followed by promotion in the usual course.

Should the number of Regimental Field Officers retiring on these terms fall short of 300 in the three Presidencies, the Government of India will be authorized to offer annuities of £120 per annum, in addition to the pensions to which they may be entitled, to so many of the Regimental Captains of the three Presidencies as may suffice to make up that number, the offer to them to be made in succession, according to length of service, reckoning from date of first Commission, and to be confined to those of or above 25 years' service.

The Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors of the Cavalry and Infantry who have elected for service with the new Line Regiments or in the Staff Corps, will have the option of retiring upon the terms now offered.

It is to be distinctly understood that this is a final arrangement, and that no further proposals connected with schemes for the retirement of Officers of the Indian Service will be entertained.

Officers of the Indian Armies on furlough in this country, desirous of retiring from the Service on the terms now offered, should address their applications to the Secretary to Government, in the Military Department, of the Presidency to which they belong.

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## NOTICE.

INDIA-OFFICE, August 12, 1861.

In consequence of some misapprehensions being understood to exist as to the interpretation of the 98th paragraph of the General Order of the Governor-General of India, dated 10th April last, quoted in the margin,* it is notified, for general information, that, upon a reconsideration of the Order, and of the instructions upon which it was based, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India in Council has pointed out to the Government of India that all officers whom that Government may not consider fit for employment are to be dealt with under clause 7 of the Staff Corps Warrant, but that another rule must be laid down and followed in the case of officers who are perfectly fit for employment, but who, from circumstances of one kind or another, may be out of employment; for example, 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.

Such officers, on their return to India, will 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 period it is expected an opportunity will have arisen for placing them in some suitable appointment.

Should no opportunity occur within the year of placing a perfectly qualified officer, returning from furlough, in a situation suited to him, the Governments in India will be authorized to continue the Indian rate of pay until a suitable opening can be found for his employment.

Officers will not be placed on half-pay except under the operation of one or other of the two clauses 7 and 10 of the Staff Corps Warrant.

The Government of India have been directed to modify the 98th paragraph of the General Order accordingly.

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* "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."