

lists for promotion to the rank of Major-General, and that all officers in either Army who should have attained the rank of Colonel on or after that date should 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 were exhausted, promotion should 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 whereas on the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, We appointed certain Commissioners to enquire into the complaints made in divers memorials from officers of the late Indian Armies, that in framing and carrying into execution the measures adopted by the Government of India towards the re-organization of the Indian Army, and the amalgamation of Our Indian Forces with our General Forces, the assurance given by Parliament in the provisions of certain Acts of Parliament as to the preservation of the advantages of the late Military Forces of the East India Company as to pay, pensions, allowances, privileges, and promotion had been departed from :

And whereas the said Commissioners reported that the rules laid down in the said Royal Warrant must cause to many Officers of Our Indian Armies great delay in their promotion, without any countervailing advantage, and that therefore in that respect the Parliamentary assurance had not been fulfilled :

And whereas in consequence of the report of the said Commissioners, We issued a Royal Warrant on the fifteenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, whereby We cancelled those portions of Our said Royal Warrant, of the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, which contained the regulations so reported to be contrary to the said Parliamentary assurance, and provided instead thereof other regulations, by which it was laid down that the whole of the Officers of Cavalry and Infantry of Our Indian Army should remain on the Indian general list, as before the Warrant of the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and should rise on that list to the rank of General Officer :

And whereas, by an Order of the House of Commons, dated the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, a Select Committee was appointed to enquire into complaints of hardship urged on behalf of Colonels of Our British Army, in consequence of their super-session by the Colonels of Our Indian Army :

And whereas the said Select Committee recommended on the twenty-sixth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, that the action of the Warrant of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four should cease from the date of their report, and that an amalgamated list of Colonels should be at once formed from the British, the Staff Corps, and the Indian Local lists, from which amalgamated list promotion to the rank of Major-General should be made by seniority according to the dates of Colonels Commissions :

And whereas We have thought it expedient that inquiry should be made whether the said recommendation of the said Select Committee of the House of Commons can be carried into effect, without infringing the said Parliamentary assurance to maintain the several rights and privileges of the Officers of Our Indian Armies :

Now We, reposing great trust and confidence in your zeal, discretion, and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these presents authorize and appoint you, the said Hugh MacCalmont, Baron Cairns, Sir William Milbourne James, Sir George William Wilshire Bramwell, Sir James Yorke Scarlett, and Donald Martin Stewart, to be Our Commissioners to inquire into and examine whether the said recommendation of the Select Committee of the House of Commons, that an amalgamated list of Colonels be formed from the British list, the Staff Corps, and the Indian Local list, from which amalgamated list promotions should be made to the rank of Major-General, by seniority, according to the dates of Commissions as Colonels, can be carried into effect consistently with the Parliamentary enactments or assurance before mentioned :

And We do hereby authorize and empower you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, to obtain information upon the said question by the examination of all persons most competent, by reason of their knowledge, habits, or experience, to afford it ; and also by calling for all documents, papers, and records which may appear to you, or any three or more of you, calculated to assist your researches and to promote the formation of a sound judgment on the subject :

And We will and command, and by these presents ordain, that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you, Our said Commissioners, or any three or more of you, may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment :

And for your assistance in the due execution of these presents, We have made choice of Our trusty and well-beloved John Milton, Esquire, of Our War Office, to be Secretary to this Our Commission, and to attend you, whose service and assistance We require you to use from time to time as occasion shall require.

In witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Given at Our Court at *Osborne*, this thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, and in the thirty-fourth year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,
Eduard Cardwell.

War Office, Pall Mall,
3rd February, 1871.

1st Regiment of Life Guards, Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant and Adjutant Thomas Cox to have the rank of Lieutenant. Dated 4th February, 1871.

Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant Charles Aloysius Scott Murray to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Robert, Earl of Roden, who retires. Dated 4th February, 1871.

The Honourable Bernard Edward Barnaby Fitz-Patrick to be Cornet and Sub-Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Murray. Dated 4th February, 1871.

5th Lancers, Quartermaster-Serjeant Douglas Shawe, from the 17th Lancers, to be Quartermaster, vice Charles Wooden, V.C., who retires upon half-pay. Dated 4th February, 1871.