

tary superiors, for advancement in the service.

All communications from officers on the full pay of the Army, on the subject of promotion and appointment, will in every case be forwarded to the Military Secretary, for His Royal Highness' consideration, through the officer commanding the regiment and the General officer under whom they are serving, and it is desired that officers will confine themselves to these, the responsible and regularly constituted channels, in urging their claims.

“By command,

“RICHARD ARKBY, A. G.”

APPENDIX A TO GENERAL ORDER 89 OF 1871.

SECTION 4.—COMMISSIONS AND PROMOTION OF OFFICERS.

“1.—APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, EXCHANGE, AND RETIREMENT.

“137. The ‘Royal Warrants’ of the 27th of December, 1870, and 30th of October, 1871, contain the rules by which the appointment, promotion, exchange and retirement of officers are governed.

“138. Parliament, having provided at the public expense for the compensation of officers on the abolition of purchase, the declarations prescribed in the following paragraph will in future be required, and any breach of them will be regarded as a violation of personal honour, while the stringent provisions of the Statute (49 Geo. 3, c. 120) will in every case be rigidly enforced.

“139. The declarations required to be signed by officers—

“(a). On promotion, or on transfer from half to full pay,

“(b). On applying to exchange,

“(c). On applying to retire, on appointment to the Indian Staff Corps,

are as follows:—
“(a) I hereby declare, upon my honour as an officer and a gentleman, that I have not, nor to the best of my belief has any person on my behalf or in my interest, directly or indirectly paid or transferred or agreed to pay or transfer any sum of money valuable security, or other thing in respect of (my promotion to the rank of) —, or (my transfer from half to full pay), and I promise honourably and unreservedly not to make, cause to be made, or in any manner recognise hereafter any such payment or transfer in respect of such promotion (transfer to full pay).

“(b) I hereby declare, on my honour as an officer and a gentleman, that the proposed exchange with — does not originate in any cause affecting my honour or my character or professional efficiency; that it is my *bonâ fide* intention to join immediately and do duty in the corps to which I propose to exchange; and that I propose to pay (or receive) the sum of £ — in consideration of the fair and reasonable expenses to be incurred by such exchange by — (or me), as shown in the paper hereto annexed; and I further declare that I have not, nor to the best of my belief has any person on my behalf or in my interest, directly or indirectly paid, transferred (or received), or agreed to pay or transfer (or receive) any sum of money, valuable security, or other thing in respect of this exchange, except the sum of £ — before mentioned; and I promise honourably and unreservedly not to make (or receive), cause to be made (or received), or in any manner recognise hereafter any such payment, receipt, or transfer on account of such exchange.

“(c) I hereby declare, upon my honour as an officer and a gentleman, that I have not, nor to the best of my belief has any

person on my behalf or in my interest, directly or indirectly received or agreed to receive, any sum of money, valuable security, or other thing in respect of my retirement from the regiment of — [or my appointment to the Indian Staff Corps], and I promise honourably and unreservedly that I will not receive the same, or in any manner recognise or benefit by its receipt hereafter. In this declaration I do not refer to the sum which may be awarded to me by the Army Purchase Commissioners.”

“140. Officers on promotion or on transfer from half to full pay, or on applying to exchange or retire, or on being appointed to the Indian Staff Corps, will sign the declaration specified in Par. 139, which will be read by them in the presence of the officers commanding the regiment, who will attach his certificate as witness to the declaration. In cases of commanding officers, their signature to the declaration will be considered sufficient. Officers of all arms and departments, on applying to exchange, will be required to make this or a similar declaration.

“141. The *London Gazette*, published by authority, in which all military appointments, promotions, exchanges, and removals are inserted, and which are transmitted by the Secretary of State for war to the general officers commanding on foreign stations, are to be considered as official notifications of the appointments, &c., so published.

“142. Officers joining on Appointment.—Officers, on being newly appointed to commissions in the Army, are to join their regiments or depots within two months from the dates of their appointment or at such period as may be directed by the Adjutant-General. The period of two months is allowed to officers under the above circumstances to enable them to provide themselves with the necessary equipments, and to join their regiments or depots in any part of the United Kingdom. Officers, on joining their regiments or depots, are to report themselves personally to the commanding officers. The same rule is to be observed on an officer joining any garrison or military station.

“143. Officers Failing to Join.—In the event of an officer failing to join at the expiration of two months he is to be reported in the subsequent regimental returns ‘absent without leave’ from the date of his appointment, and a special report of his absence is to be transmitted to the Adjutant-General at the end of the following (or third) month after the date of appointment in order that, if no satisfactory account can be obtained as to the cause of his absence, his case may be brought under the consideration of the Commander-in-Chief, with a view to his appointment being cancelled.

“144. Exchanges on Full Pay.—All applications for exchange between officers on full pay are to be forwarded to the Military Secretary, and recommended by their respective commanding officers, and are to be accompanied, in accordance with the provisions of the Royal Warrant, by the declaration specified in par. 139 from each officer.

“145. The leave of absence which may have been granted to either or both officers exchanging will be cancelled.

“146. Medical Certificate of a military medical officer will also be required in each case to the effect that the officer is in a fit state of health to serve at the station where the corps into which he applies to exchange is quartered.”

“147. Exchange when Ordered Abroad.—Regimental officers under orders to join a regiment or battalion on foreign service, will not be permitted to exchange into ano-

ther regiment, except on the ground of ill-health, certified by a military medical officer and in such certificate it must be clearly stated whether the cause of the officer's inability to proceed abroad has not arisen subsequently to his having been ordered to embark.

“148. Officers on Leave Exchanging.—Officers on leave of absence wishing to exchange are to make their application in sufficient time to enable their successors to join at the expiration of the leave originally granted.

“149. On Removal from one Corps to Another.—Officers who are removed from one corps to another, either on promotion, exchange, or appointment from half-pay, are, if at home, to report themselves in writing immediately on such removal being made known to the *London Gazette* to the Adjutant-General; and, if abroad, to the general officer commanding at the station, with a view to their receiving instructions regarding their further movements.

“150. From one Battalion to Another.—When an officer belonging to one battalion is promoted into a vacancy in another battalion of the same regiment, or into another regiment, he is to continue to do duty in the former until the official notification of his promotion is received, accompanied by an intimation from the Adjutant-General of the battalion to which he is to be posted. Officers have no choice as to the particular battalion in which they are to serve, but will be posted in the manner most conducive to the interests of the service.

“151. Court of inquiry on Officers taken Prisoners of War.—With a view to prevent any officer who may have been taken prisoner by his own neglect, or by any other unofficer-like conduct, from obtaining any of the advantages laid down in the Royal Warrant, a Court of Inquiry is, as soon as possible, to be assembled by order of the general officer commanding the forces to investigate the circumstance under which the capture took place. After having sifted the facts as far as may be in its power, the court is to state its opinions whether his capture is to be attributed to the chance of war to which he was exposed, or whether it occurred from any unofficer-like conduct on his part. The president and members of the court are to make the following declaration previously to commencing the proceedings:

“Declaration.—I, A. B., do declare upon my honour that I will duly and impartially inquire into and give my opinion as to the circumstances under which Captain C. D. became a prisoner of war according to the true spirit and meaning of Her Majesty's orders and regulations on this head; and I further declare, upon my honour, that I will not on any account, or at any time, disclose or discover my own vote of opinion, or that of any particular member of the court, unless required to do so by competent authority.”

“The proceedings of the court are to be transmitted by the general officer in command of the forces to the Military Secretary.

“152. Applications for Retirement by Sale.—Commanding officers in forwarding to the Military Secretary applications from officers holding saleable commissions to receive upon retiring from the Service the sum to which they may be entitled under the Army Regulation Act, 1870, are to transmit the military medical certificate required by the terms of Article 84 of the Royal Warrant of December 27, 1870, and also the declaration specified in Par. 139 of the Queen's Regulations. In all cases if the whole of the commissions have not been purchased, the foreign service of the officer is to be detailed,