

failing to do which they shall be removed from our Service, and may receive a sum not exceeding one year's pay; provided that in cases of exigencies our Secretary of State may enlarge the time allowed for their examination. Officers now in our Service who received their first commissions before the 26th day of August, 1871, shall not be liable to the provisions of this article.

"III.—TENURE OF APPOINTMENTS OF MAJOR AND LIEUTENANT-COLONEL IN A REGIMENT.

"15. The appointment of Major in a regiment or battalion shall, in the cases of officers so appointed after the date of this Warrant, be held in the first instance for five years; the officer being eligible for reappointment. If not reappointed he shall receive half-pay.

"16. The appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel of a regiment or battalion shall, in the case of officers so appointed after the date of this warrant, be held in the first instance for five years, and may be renewed if it appear to our Commander-in-Chief, with the approval of our Secretary of State, that such renewal is desirable for the good of our Service. If the officer be not reappointed, he shall receive half-pay.

"IV.—ROYAL ARTILLERY AND ENGINEERS.

"17. The foregoing articles of the warrant—viz., Articles 1 to 16, shall not apply to our Royal Artillery or Royal Engineers.

"V.—EXCHANGES.

"18. Subject to the sanction of our Commander-in-Chief, officers of equal substantive rank on full pay, serving in our Cavalry, Infantry of the Line, and Colonial Corps, and officers (below the substantive rank of field officer) in our Indian Staff Corps may exchange from one regiment or corps to another, and officers of equal substantive rank on full pay serving in brigades of Royal Artillery, in companies of Royal Engineers, or in regiments of more than one battalion, may exchange from one brigade, company of Royal Engineers, or battalion to another, providing that the commanding officers of the officers exchanging certify that the desired exchange does not originate in any cause affecting the honour, character or professional efficiency of the officers, and provided also that a certificate of a military medical officer be transmitted in each case, declaring that the officer is in a fit state to serve at the station where the corps, brigade, battalion, or company into which he applies to exchange is quartered. Each officer shall also declare that it is his *bona fide* intention to join immediately and do duty in the corps, brigade, battalion, or company to which he proposes to exchange; and no officer shall be permitted to retire within six months of the date of his exchange, excepting in the case of ill-health or other emergency, which shall be specially considered.

"19. An officer so exchanging shall be permitted to defray all fair and reasonable expenses incurred through such exchange by the officer with whom he exchanges, provided that the sum to be paid be approved by our Commander-in-Chief before payment is made.

"20. An officer exchanging into a regiment shall be placed, for regimental seniority, below all officers holding the same regimental rank at the time of his exchange.

"VI.—SUPERNUMERARY OFFICERS.

"21. An officer may be retained on the strength of his regiment or corps as a supernumerary—

"1st. In case of a reduction in the establishment of a regiment or corps when his

retention is authorised by our Secretary of State.

"2nd. If, in the case of a field officer belonging to a regiment or battalion serving in India, he be appointed to a brigade command or to a staff situation in that country tenable by a regimental officer for the usual period of five years.

"3rd. When appointed to be,

"(a) Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General if a substantive Major.

"(b) Professor, Instructor, or other officer on the establishment of our Royal Military College, Royal Military Academy, or Staff College.

"(c) Garrison Instructor, Deputy Assistant-Adjutant-General for Musketry, Captain Instructor, or Lieutenant Instructor of Musketry.

"(d) Adjutant in a regiment or corps of our auxiliary forces, or to hold such other appointments as may be fixed from time to time by our Secretary of State with the approval of the Lords Commissioners of our Treasury.

"22. An officer supernumerary to the establishment of his regiment or corps shall retain his military position and be eligible for promotion precisely as if he had remained on the active list of such regiment or corps.

"23. A supernumerary officer under Article 21, on being promoted to a Lieutenant-Colonelcy or Majority in a regiment or corps shall join the regiment or corps to which he may be promoted.

"24. A supernumerary officer who completes the term of service fixed for his appointment, or resigns it on satisfactory grounds, shall rejoin his regiment as supernumerary in his rank, except in the case of a substantive Major, who shall receive half-pay until absorbed, returning to his regimental position.

"25. A supernumerary officer who resigns his appointment on satisfactory grounds, or is displaced therefrom for misconduct or incapacity, unless he be removed from our Army, shall receive a reduced rate of half-pay of such amount and for such period as our Secretary of State may decide, taking into consideration the length and character of the services rendered by the officer.

"26. If a supernumerary officer shall die, be promoted, or retire, or if an officer of the rank in which there is a supernumerary officer waiting absorption under Article 23 shall die, be promoted, or retire, no promotion shall take place in succession to such vacancy.

"27. Cases of reduction of establishment shall be specially considered, and such arrangements made for the gradual absorption of supernumerary officers as may be approved by the Lords Commissioners of our Treasury.

"VII.—PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

"28. Cornets and Ensigns in our Army appointed before the 26th day of August, 1871, and Cornets and Ensigns in our Army appointed after such date who passed from our Royal Military College on the A list may be promoted at once to the rank of Lieutenant. No greater number of Lieutenants than that allowed by the establishment which may be fixed for the year shall receive Lieutenant's pay, and no officer shall receive such pay until he shall have passed the examination required by the existing regulations for the rank of Lieutenant.

"29. Other Cornets and Ensigns in our Army appointed after the 26th day of August, 1871, candidates who have passed the examination for direct commissions be-

fore the date of this our Warrant, and dates for commissions in the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards who are nominated to fill the vacancies which occur in such regiments previous to the date of the first competitive examination for Sub-Lieutenancies, and who pass a qualifying examination, and candidates from the universities now on the list of Commander-in-Chief, may receive commissions as Sub-Lieutenants.

"30. Such Sub-Lieutenants as have passed satisfactorily through a course of study at our Royal Military College may be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant after twelve months' satisfactory service with one of our regiments.

"Given at our Court at Balmoral this 30th day of Oct., 1871, in the 35th year of our reign.

"By Her Majesty's command,

"EDWARD CARDWELL."

The following Explanatory Memorandum accompanies the Royal Warrant:—

"The scope of the present Warrant is confined to making those changes which are rendered immediately necessary by the abolition of purchase, and it therefore deals only with the subjects of first appointments, regimental promotion in the Cavalry and Infantry of the Line, and exchanges.

"2. Questions affecting the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards are under the consideration of Her Majesty's Government, and the promotions which have heretofore carried superior Army rank are for the time to be suspended.

"3. The regulations which are required for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the Warrant are either published along with it or are in course of preparation, and will be issued shortly.

"4. In the meantime, the following explanatory statement has been drawn up for general information:—

"5. Commissions as Lieutenants will be given to all Cornets and Ensigns appointed before the 26th of August, 1871, and to Cornets and Ensigns appointed since that date from the A list at Sandhurst, their commissions to date from the 1st of November.

"6. Commissions as Sub-Lieutenants will be given to—

"(a.) All other Cornets and Ensigns, appointed after the 27th of August, 1871, the rank of Cornet and Ensign being abolished.

"(b.) Candidates who have passed the examination for direct Commissions, in their turn as vacancies occur.

"(c.) Candidates for Commissions in the Household Cavalry and Foot Guards who are nominated to fill the vacancies which occur in those regiments before the date of the first competitive examination for Sub-Lieutenancies, and who pass a qualifying examination.

"(d.) Candidates from the Universities now on the Commander-in-Chief's list.

"Sub-Lieutenants will be attached for a year to regiments at home. They will then be required to go through a course of instruction, and on passing a practical professional examination, be commissioned to regiments as Lieutenants. They will be under strict discipline, and will be liable to be removed for unfitness, either moral or physical, and for misconduct. Those unsuited to the cavalry may be transferred to the infantry.

"8. In dating their commissions they will be allowed a portion, not exceeding one year, of their services as Sub-Lieutenants, the time allowed being determined by the class of certificate they receive after their year's regimental training, their conduct