

pline, to be maintained with as much indulgence as can be afforded to the men to work for their own benefit; but that I am apprehensive that these advantages are coupled with service extended to too late a period in life, and the very inquiries now made whether soldiers now volunteering will be entitled to all the privileges or the indulgencies of the warrants under which they are now serving, show that the men contemplate escaping from the conditions of this long service.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Lord John Russell,
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *T. B. Macaulay.*

Sir,

Downing-street, 9 January 1841.

LORD JOHN RUSSELL directs me to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Secretary at War, dated the 26th ultimo, on the subject of the proposed Royal Canadian Regiment, and to request that you would inform him that his Lordship expects to receive from the Governor-general a modified plan for the formation of this regiment.

To avoid, however, the inconvenience of waiting for this report, Lord John Russell desires me to state, that he concurs with the Secretary at War in thinking that the prescribed service has been made too long, and that, after 10 years' service in the Canadian Regiment, the men should be entitled to their discharge, under the condition of being obliged to serve, if called upon, in a Veteran Battalion, or as a militia.

But, on the other hand, his Lordship thinks that it will be desirable to prohibit altogether free discharges under 25 years' service, except in special circumstances.

Lord John Russell desires me to add, that he agrees with the Secretary at War in the interpretation which he has given to the memorandum sent to Sir Richard Jackson, by the General Commanding-in-Chief, on the 27th of last August.

I have, &c.

L. Sullivan, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

(signed) *James Stephen.*

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My Lord,

War Office, 13 January 1841.

With reference to your letter of the 26 November last, I have the honour to acquaint you, that Lord John Russell has stated that he concurs with me in thinking that the prescribed service in the Royal Canadian Battalion has been made too long; and that he is of opinion that after 25 years' actual service in the army, of which at least 10 years' service must have been in that regiment, the men should be entitled to their discharge, upon the condition of being obliged to serve, if called upon, in a Veteran Battalion, or as a militia; but that his Lordship is of opinion that it will be desirable to prohibit altogether free discharges from this battalion under 25 years' service, except in special circumstances.

The above will furnish answers to the 1st, 3d, and 5th questions submitted to your Lordship by Sir Richard Jackson.

With regard to the other questions, I have the honour to state that soldiers volunteering to this battalion, will be entitled to additional pay for length of service or to good-conduct pay after 14, 21, and 28 years' service, in addition to the ordinary pay of the Foot Guards; that East and West India service being allowed to reckon for men enlisted before the warrant of November 1829, as three years for two, in claiming additional pay and good-conduct pay, though not in claiming pension; it will also be allowed to reckon for such men in making up the 15 years' qualification for volunteering to this battalion, but will not reckon as part of the actual service of 25 years required for discharge; that such non-commissioned officers as may be permitted to volunteer, must be allowed to hold the rank they had attained, with the Guards' pay allotted to them, but that the proportion of non-commissioned officers to men in the line should be observed in permitting non-commissioned officers to volunteer into the Canadian Battalion; and that the proportion of women and their children, permitted to receive rations at the public expense, will be extended for this battalion from six to 12 per 100 men.