

S U P P L E M E N T  
TO  
GENERAL ORDERS.

SEPARATE No. 24 of 1842.

BY THE HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

BOMBAY CASTLE, 25th MAY 1842.]

The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to publish the following Compilation of all existing orders under the head "Commissions."

*By order of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council,*

J. P. WILLOUGHBY,

*Secy. to Govt.*

## COMMISSIONS.

I. On all promotion of Officers in the Honorable Company's Troops on this Establishment, the Commissions of the European and Native Officers are to be deposited with the Adjutant General, who will transmit them to the Officers entitled to receive them. G. G. O. 23d  
May 1795.

II. The Commanding Officer of the Forces is pleased to publish to the Troops the following Order by the Commander in Chief in India, under date the 15th February 1811, and to inform the Officers of the Army, that the Commissions therein adverted to, will be received at this Presidency, for which Stoppages will be made at one payment at the Pay Office, and the Commissions be issued in the same manner as others from the Adjutant General's Office. C. O. C. 14th  
Mar. 1811.

III. "With a view to obviate the delay and inconvenience which have been found to attend the transmission of King's Commissions to the Officers in the Hon'ble Company's Army, in conformity to His Majesty's gracious Warrant bearing date the 28th of March 1788, granting them a participation of Rank in his Army serving in India, His Majesty has been most graciously pleased to delegate to the Commander in Chief of the Forces in India the same authority to issue Commissions of equal effect to those bearing His Majesty's own signature, as was formerly vested in the late Marquis Cornwallis, when Commander in Chief in this Country; and His Majesty has been at the same time pleased to command His Excellency Lieut. General Hewett to intimate to the Army under his command, in terms the most explicit, His Majesty's pleasure, that all Officers in the Service of the Hon'ble East India Company bearing His Majesty's Commission, or Commissions, signed by his special authority delegated to the Commander in Chief in India, are, in virtue thereof, to have the same local Rank, as if they were in the immediate Service of His Majesty, and that no distinction of Rank whatever is to be made in that respect between the King's and Company's Officers of corresponding ranks, except what must necessarily arise, from the dates of their respective Commissions.

IV. "Agreeably to the power thus vested in the Commander in Chief by His Majesty's Warrant dated at St. James on the 9th of June 1810, hereunto annexed, His Excellency's Military Secretary has been directed to forward Commissions to all the Officers on this Establishment to whom King's Commissions may not have been already granted; and the Military Secretary will be governed by the General Orders under date the 20th December 1788, (now republished for the information of the Army) in regard to the amount of Fees and the mode of collecting the same, as well as the channel through which the Commissions are to be forwarded to the Officers to whom they may be granted."

V. (G. O. 20th December 1788.) "The Brevet Commissions of King's local Rank in India, which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant to the Officers in the Service of the Hon'ble Company, will be issued; and the Commander in Chief has thought proper to limit and fix the Fees of those Commissions at each Presidency, and of all others that may be granted in consequence of future promotion in the Company's Service, at half the amount of Fees which are established at their respective Presidencies, for Company's Commissions which are granted to the Officers of their own Establishment."

### VI. GEORGE R.

Whereas we were pleased by our Warrant bearing date the 28th March 1788, to direct that the Officers in the Service of the United Company of Merchants Trading to the East Indies, should be admitted to a participation of rank in our Army serving in India. We do hereby give you full power and authority to grant Brevet Commissions in our Service, to all the said Company's Officers now serving abroad, conferring upon them the same Rank in our Army in the East Indies only, as they now enjoy in the Company's Service, the Commissions to bear the respective dates of their present Commissions in the Service of the said Company. And we do further give you full power and authority to continue from time to time to grant like Commissions, giving similar Rank in our Army in the East Indies only, to all such Officers as shall be hereafter appointed or promoted in the Company's Service.

VII. And all such Officers to whom you shall grant Commissions in the manner herein directed, are to be acknowledged and to command in their respective Stations, as if they had received Commissions from us.

*Given at our Court at Saint James's this ninth day of June 1810. in the fiftieth year of our reign.*  
By His Majesty's Command.

To Our trusty and well beloved

(Signed) LIVERPOOL.

GEORGE HEWETT, ESQ.

Lieut. General of our Forces, &c. &c. &c.

VIII. It will become the duty of the Military Accountant to receive such King's Commissions as may from time to time be transmitted to him by the Military Secretary of His Excellency the Commander in Chief in India, and to forward them to the Officers concerned, in like manner as is now done by the Commissions issued by Government. G. L. 29th  
May 1834.

IX. Vacant Commissions will be filled up from the date of the casualty, but the pay and allowances of the Officer, (European or Native) in the advanced Rank, will be drawn only from the day following. G. G. O. 17th  
Aug. 1835.

X. The Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of this Establishment shall be furnished with Commissions, in like manner as is observed under the other Presidencies in India and throughout His Majesty's Service, and to be issued under the same Regulations as those to other Officers of the Army. G. G. O. 1st  
Nov. 1801.

G. G. O. 8th Mar. 1819. XI. Commissions shall be granted to the Superintending Surgeons on this Establishment, giving them rank over all Regimental Surgeons, and requiring all inferior Surgeons to obey them as such.

G. G. O. 12th June 1820. XII. (H. C. L. 18th Feb. 1820, Para. II.) "In reference to the communication which has been made to you in the public department, of the lamented decease of his late Majesty George the Third; we desire to call to your notice, the Act of the 57th Geo. 3d. Cap. 45, authorizing the continuance of all and every Person or Persons in every Office, Place, and Employment, Civil or Military, which he might hold at the pleasure of the Crown, at the time of the demise of his late Majesty, until removed or discharged therefrom by the succeeding King or Queen of the Realm."

G. O. C. 15th Feb. 1815. XIII. (Para. III.) "Having considered it advisable to consult our Law Officer on the applicability of this Statute, to the Commissions from the Crown held by Officers in the Company's Service, we have the satisfaction to inform you, that the Statute applies to every description of Office and Commission derived from the Crown."

G. O. C. 5th 1792. XIV. Whenever an alteration takes place in the date of an Officer's Rank, he is to transmit his Commission to the Adjutant General's Office, in order that others may be issued, corresponding with the corrected date of Rank.

G. O. C. 5th 1792. XV. As the dates of several of the Native Officers' Commissions cannot be ascertained when they are required, the Commander in Chief directs every Officer to take his Commission with him, wherever he may be ordered.

G. G. O. 15th Aug. 1834. XVI. (G. O. G. I. C. 30th July 1834.) Scale of Fees to be collected by, and credited to the Government, on Commissions issued to the Company's Officers at all the Presidencies, one moiety of which to be charged for the Company's and the other moiety for the King's Commissions.

XVII. Revised Table of Fees chargeable on Commissions bearing date subsequent to the 24th April 1834.

RANK.	In Corps of Light Cavalry.		In Corps of Artillery, Engineers, & Infantry.	
	Amount in Company's Rupees.		Amount in Company's Rupees.	
Colonel.....	99	.. ..	90	3 2
Lieutenant Colonel.....	85	6 4	79	6 4
Major.....	82	3 2	77	12 9
Captain.....	78	3 2	73	12 9
Lieutenant.....	65	.. ..	53	8 6
Cornet, 2nd Lieutenant and Ensign.....	48	3 2	36	11 8
Surgeon.....	42	13 10	42	13 10
Assistant Surgeon.....	39	12 9	39	12 9
Veterinary Surgeon.....	40	3 2	..	.. ..

G. L. 28th May 1834. XVIII. (G. O. G. I. C. 16th September 1834.) The Fee to be levied on the Commission of Brigadier General is Ninety Five (95) Rupees, the corresponding amount charged in His Majesty's Army, when the Rank is granted by Commission.

G. L. 20th July 1839. XIX. (Letter from the Government of India, dated 15th June 1839.) The only Brevet Commission issued by the Bengal Government is that of Captain, on which no fee is charged.

XX. The amount of Fees on Brevet Commissions issued under the Royal Sign Manual is paid in advance by the Court of Directors to the Home Secretary at War, and received from the parties concerned through the Accountant Military Department in the usual manner, immediately after the receipt of such Commissions in India.

G. G. O. 18th Sep. 1811. XXI. The Commission Fees to be recovered from each Officer, when he may receive the arrears of difference of Pay and Allowances in consequence of Promotion, without waiting for the Commission being made out.

G. L. 27th June 1824. XXII. All Fees on account of Military Commissions, are to be paid into the Treasury on the Honorable Company's account.

G. G. O. 3d July 1823. XXIII. The Fees chargeable on Commissions of Native Officers, are fixed at the rate of half a month's Pay of their respective Ranks, according to the Service in which they may be employed.

XXIV. A Subadar Major on attaining that Rank, is to be charged a Fee for his new Commission, equal to half the amount of his additional Pay for one month.

G. G. G. 28th Mar. 1828, and 22d Sep. 1834. XXV. Table of Fees payable to Government on Warrants issued to Warrant Officers.

Deputy Assistant Commissary.....	} Fee paid by each Rs. 25
Conductor.....	
Riding Master.....	} Ditto. do. ,, 20
Apothecary.....	
Sub-Conductor.....	} Ditto. do. ,, 15
Assistant Riding Master.....	
Steward.....	} Ditto. do. ,, 10
Assistant Apothecary.....	
Assistant Steward.....	

NOTE.—For further orders respecting Commissions see, "Rank and Promotion."