

- (3.) No service rendered before the war will count for promotion or pension unless it was in a regular unit.
- (4.) Applicants will join the Indian Army in the rank to which their length of service would entitle them under Indian Army rules of promotion, any higher rank being surrendered.
- (5.) Applicants must be unmarried.
- (6.) For the first year of service with Indian troops the selected officers will be on probation, and if found unsuitable will be reverted to their original corps. While on probation with Indian units they will receive Indian Army rates of pay. During the period of probation the officers will not be allowed to subscribe for the benefits of the Indian Military Widows' and Orphans' Fund, but it will be compulsory on them to do so with effect from the date of permanent admission into the Indian Army—that is, after the expiration of their period of probation.
- (7.) Applicants who are in this country will be medically examined by the India Office Board before being accepted as probationers.

Applications must be made to the War Office through the usual official channels. No candidate can be accepted unless he is recommended by his Commanding Officer as in every way suitable.

India Office, August, 1916.

PAY OF OFFICERS OF INDIAN ARMY.

The present rates of pay of officers of the Indian Army are as follows :— Indian Army Pay per Mensem.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Brevet-Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel	827	14	0
Major	640	14	0
Captain	400	0	0
Lieutenant and 2nd Lieutenant	280	0	0

Officers employed regimentally also receive (in addition to their Indian Army pay) Staff pay as follows :—

Infantry—	Rs. per Mensem.
Commandant	600
1st Double-company Commander (2nd in command)	250
Double-company Commander	200
Double-company officer (Adjutant)	200
Double-company officer (Quartermaster)	150
Double-company officer	100
Cavalry—	
Commandant, Cavalry Regiment	700
Second in Command, Cavalry Regiment	300
Squadron Commander	250
Squadron officer (Adjutant)	250
Squadron officer (Quartermaster)	200
Squadron officer	150

Officers are also granted exchange compensation allowance at the rate of $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. on their pay and Staff pay.

NOTE.—The present official rate of exchange is 1s. 4d. the rupee.

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MY LORD,—

Downing Street, 22nd December, 1916.

With reference to my predecessor's despatch, No. 826, of the 19th October, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of an extract from the *Board of Trade Journal* of the 7th December, relative to the establishment of a separate Department of Scientific and Industrial Research for Great Britain and Ireland.

I have, &c.,

WALTER H. LONG.

Governor His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
G.C.M.G., M.V.O., &c.