

England on vacating a command is not entitled to a free passage for two servants under paragraph 449 Transport Regulations, Part I. The paragraph only applies to officers holding the substantive rank of general.

The Government of India have sanctioned the conversion into a grass farm, as an experimental measure, of as much cantonment land at Meerut as will provide for one year's supply of fodder for a wing of the British cavalry regiment quartered at that station. Major Rind, Executive Commissariat Officer, Meerut, will be entrusted with working out the scheme.

Between June 2 and 25, about 400 men at Cherat were to be relieved by a similar number from the troops at Peshawur and Nowshera. The men before leaving Cherat would be inspected by the medical officer in charge as to their fitness to do duty in the plains; and any of those at Peshawur and Nowshera, recommended by the medical officers, would be included in the relief.

The men of the South Wales Borderers, garrisoning Fort St. George, are, the Madras paper states, now supplied daily with fresh cocoanut toddy. This beverage is considered to be very wholesome; and it has been introduced, during the present hot season, on the recommendation, we understand, of Colonel Armstrong, an Indian officer of much experience, in view of diminishing the use of ardent spirits, of doubtful quality, among the soldiers.

A hard case under the leave rules has just occurred. Colonel — left India on sixty days' privilege leave, but returned fourteen days after the due date. He applied for an extension on general leave, but general leave out of India, or furlough in continuation of privilege leave, is inadmissible. Rule 32 of the furlough rules of 1868 admits of privilege leave being converted into furlough, but Colonel — had since been called

Destruction of Game in Jalpaiguri.—The *Indigo Planters Gazette* says:—The sport obtainable in this well-known district has all but been ruined by the indiscreetly lavish manner in which gun licences have been granted to villagers, and also by the very reprehensible custom adopted by the tea planters of giving their guns and ammunition to shikarees, enabling them to butcher game at all times of the year, be they males or females. Ammunition is also bartered for horns and skins, thus placing a premium on the destruction of game. At several planters' residences there are fine collections of bison, sambar, and other horns, not one shot by the owner himself! Out of twenty-seven shikarees with guns, who served in the late Kedda operations, only five had licences for their weapons, showing the percentage of guns there must be unlicensed in the district. In jungles where but lately the rhinoceri and tiger roamed in numbers, one might walk now in perfect safety, armed with a tooth-pick! The deputy commissioner who has lately taken charge from the benevolent man who was in office for some time in the district, is himself a thorough sportsman, and it is to be hoped he will take measures to remedy the evils arising out of the miscellaneous granting of licenses for fire-arms, or else bid adieu to all chance of securing a good bag in any shikar party organised in the district.

A Zenana library has been established at Calcutta, and is said to be largely resorted to by the ladies for whose benefit it is established.

During the month of March last 1,359 emigrants left the port of Calcutta, of whom 497 went to Fiji, 462 to Natal, and 400 to Mauritius.