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Correspondence and other Papers concerning Lewis Pelly's Application to join the Bombay Staff Corps

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Lewis Pelly's application in 1861 to join the Bombay Staff Corps including correspondence with the Adjutant General of the Army, Bombay regarding the application; supporting correspondence and testimonies from 1857 to 1859 and the confirmation letter 31 July 1861 of the submission of Pelly's name to Government to be entered into the Staff Corps with the rank of Major.

Notification issued by Henry Lacon Anderson, Secretary to Government, Political Department, Bombay [1r] (1/2)

Political Department

Notification,

The functions of Captain Lewis Pelly as Political Secretary to the officer Commanding the Persian Field Force having ceased on the 23^d October last, that officer has been permitted to return to Sind and resume his staff appointment in that Province.

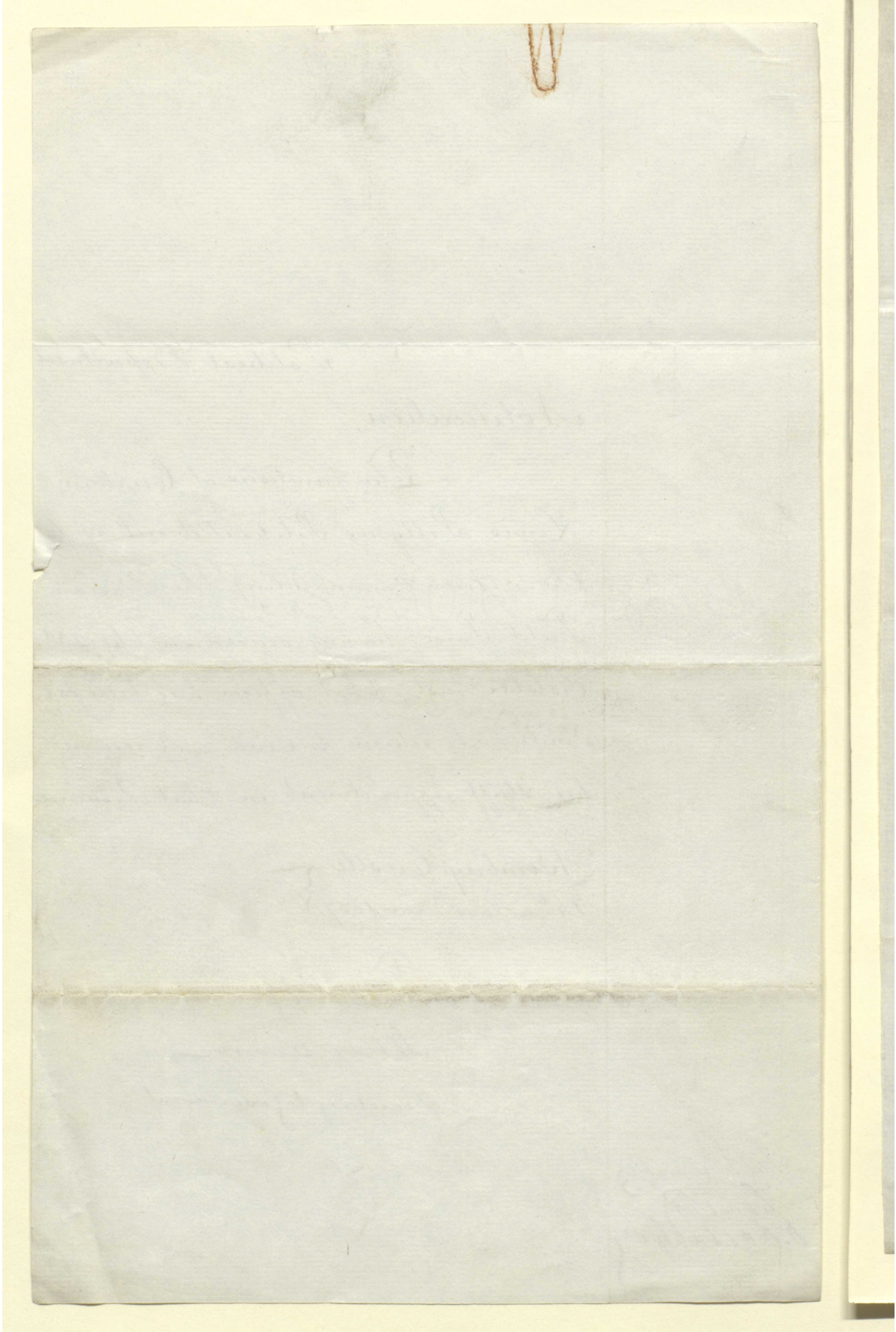
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14th November 1857 }

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Secretary to Government

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Notification issued by Henry Lacon Anderson, Secretary to Government, Political
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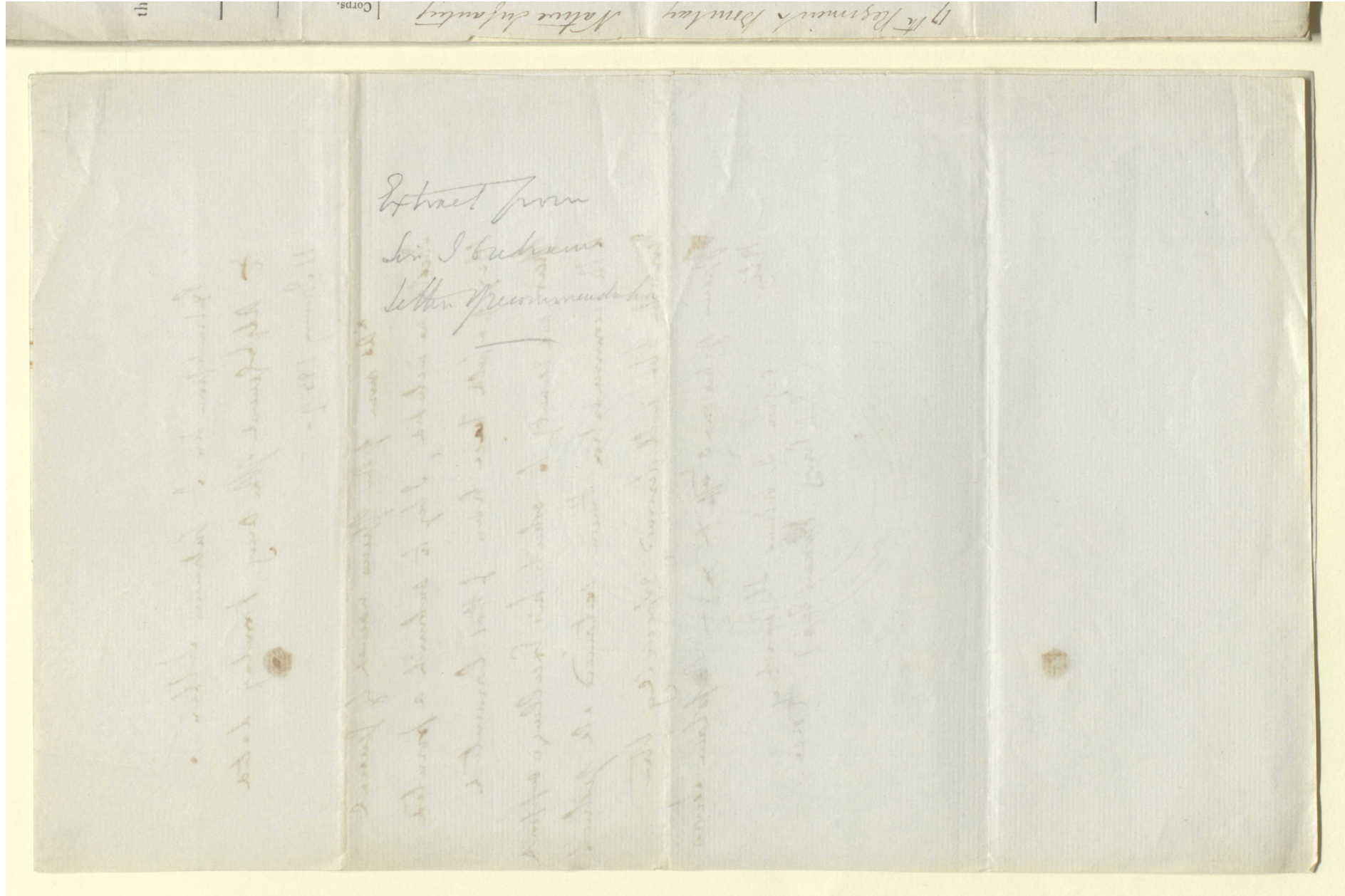


Extract from Sir James Outram's letter to the Adjutant General of the Army,
Bombay [2r] (1/2)

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Extract from Sir J. Outram's letter to
the Adjutant General of the Army Bombay dated
11 January 1859. -

As some of the Officers named by General
Dacre are included, I beg to submit a printed
copy of a field trace taken of that lamented
Officer, and earnestly to solicit his Excellency's approbation
to the recommendation therein contained all of which
I consider to be well deserved, especially the
Officers of his own Staff * * * Captain Lewis
Kelly.

Sir James Outram's letter to
the Adjutant General of the Army
Bombay [2r] (1/2) Hence. -



Lewis Pelly's application to join the Bombay Staff Corps [3r] (1/2)

APPLICATION TO JOIN STAFF CORPS.

③

1861.

SIR,

I have the honour to request that I may be placed on the BOMBAY STAFF CORPS, according to the provisions of the Royal Warrant, dated 16th January 1861.

STAFF APPOINTMENT.							Years.	Days.				
Corps.	Rank.	Name.	Nature of	Period in each.		Years.	Days.	Remarks.				
				From	To							
7th Regiment Bombay Native Infantry	Captain	Lewis Pelly.	Acting Dr. Man & Interpreter Regiment from February 1842 to August 1842	Feb 1842	Aug 1842			Passed examinations in Mathematics, Algebra, Trigonometry, Mensuration, Surveying.				
			ditto from November 1846 to October 1847	Nov 1846	Oct 1847							
			ditto from January to July 1851	Jan 51	July 51							
			Acting Asst. Quarter Master at Bombay from April to December 1850.	April 50	Dec 50							
			Placed permanently on the Civil Staff in Sind December 1852 and served there continuously until February 1857	Dec 52	Feb 57	3	2					
			App'd A.D.C. of Cavalry division of Persian Expeditionary Force and served as A.D.C. and as Pol. Secy & the Expedition from Feb to October 1857	Feb 57	Oct 57	0	8					
			Remained A.D.C. in Sind until December 1858	Dec 57	Dec 58	1	2					
			App'd Brigade Major Sind Div. from December 1858 and served as such until June 1859	Dec 58	June 59	0	6					
			App'd Superior Depy. Magistrate at Kurrachi June 1859 and served until Sept 1859	June 59	Sept 59	3						
			Placed at the disposal of H. H. Principal Secretary of State for India in Persia Sept 1859 up to 18th February 1861	Sept 59	18 Feb 1861	1	5					
			Total period of Service on the Staff							22	Total.. 20 68	

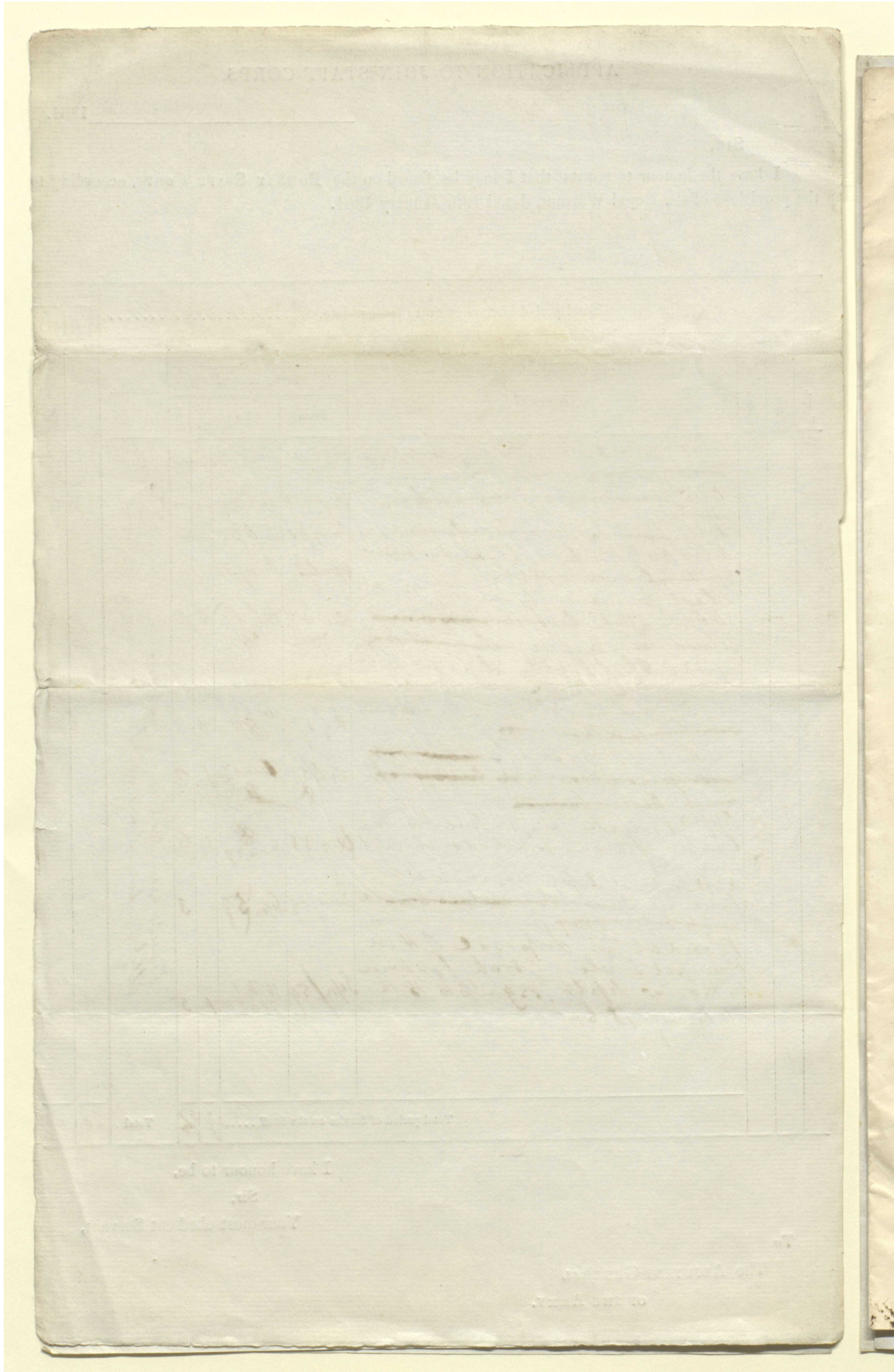
I have honour to be,

Sir,

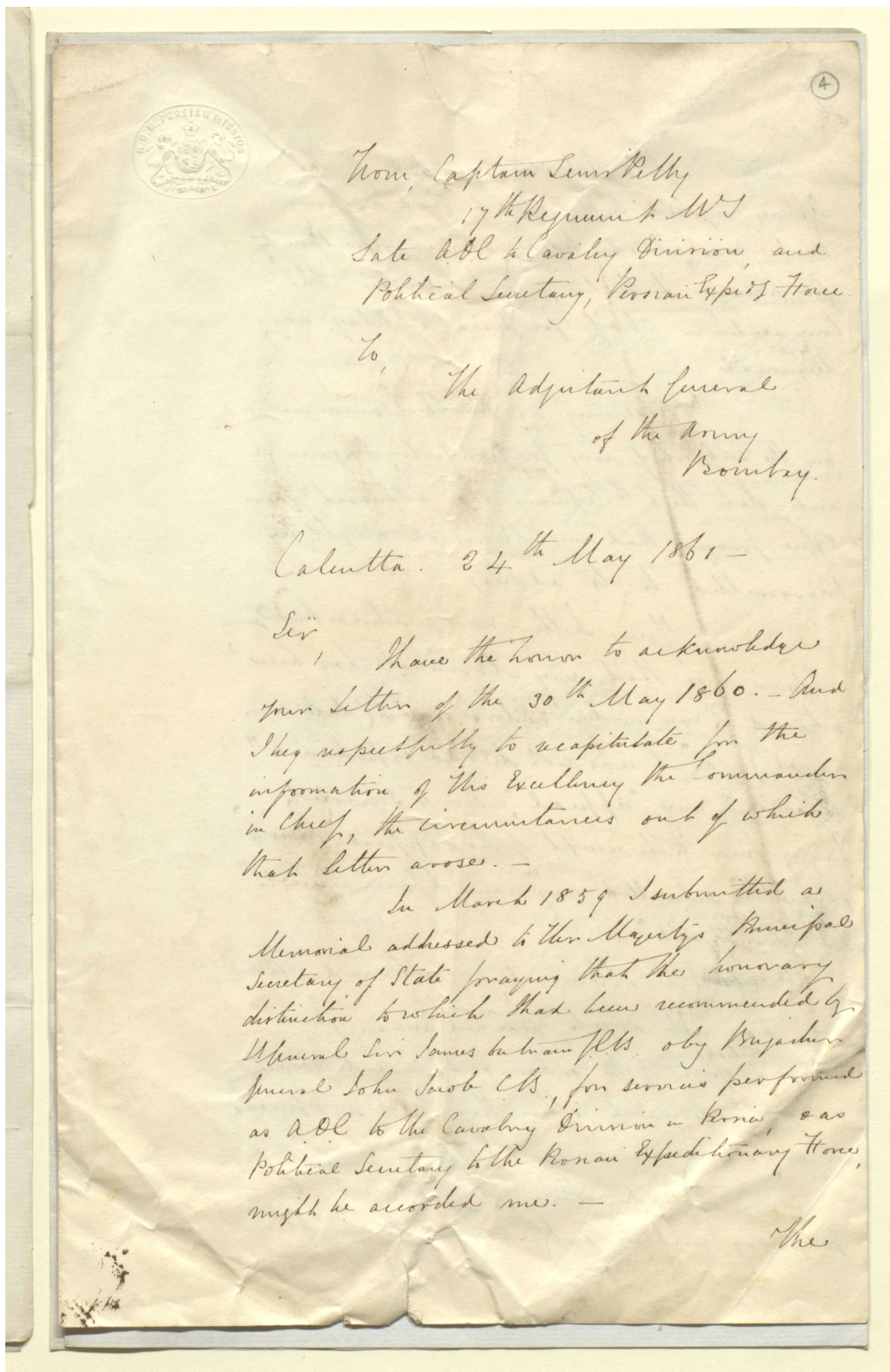
Your most obedient Servant,

To

The ADJUTANT GENERAL
OF THE ARMY.



Letter from Captain Lewis Pelly, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, Calcutta to the
Adjutant General of the Army, Bombay [4r] (1/4)



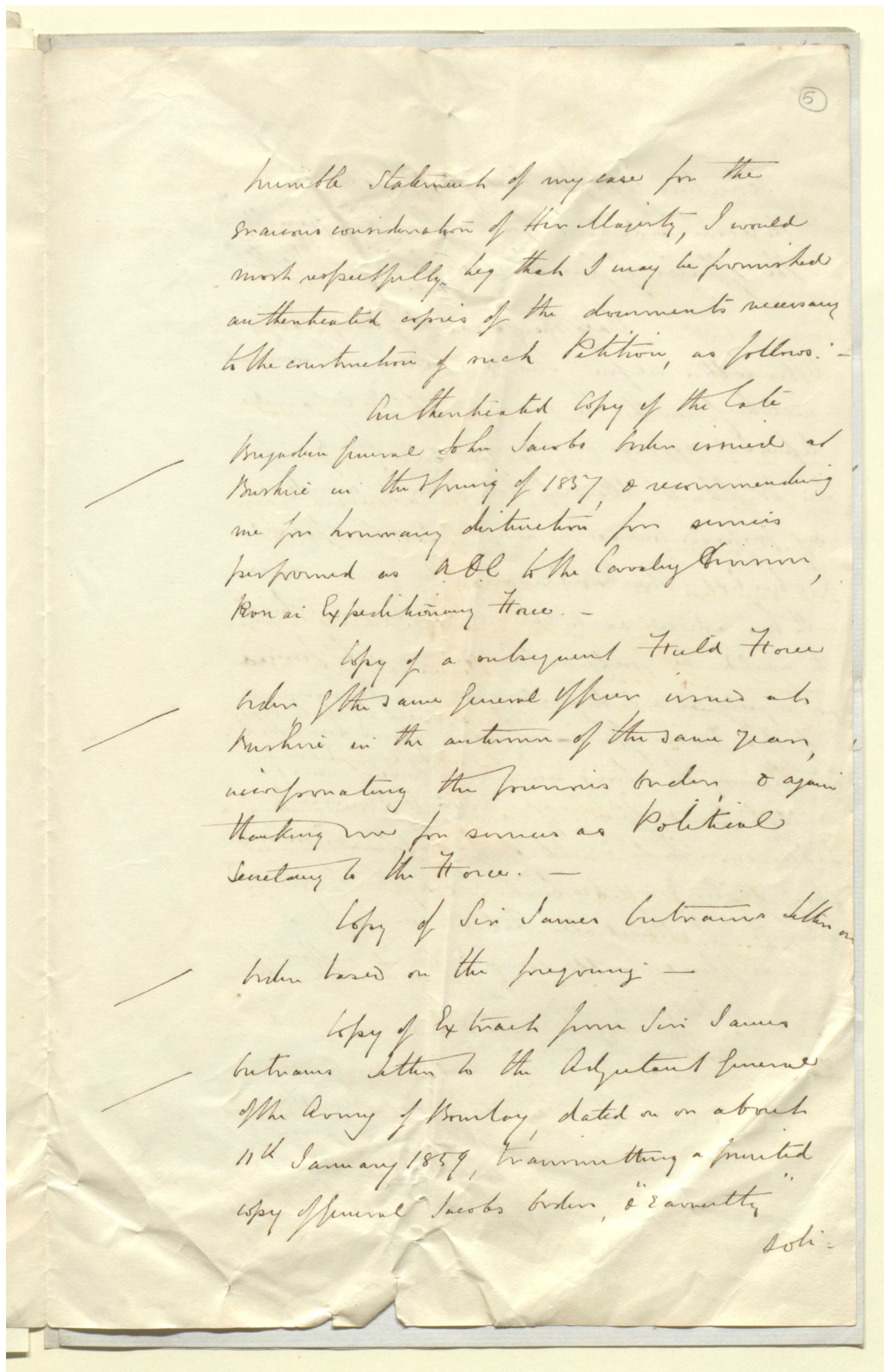
The Adjutant General of the
Army replied to the effect that as my
name was already before superior authority
for honorary distinction, that although the
Commander in Chief proposed to delay my
Memorial. —

Receiving no further communication
on the subject of my preferment, I again,
under date the 8th February 1860, addressed your
Office praying that my Memorial might be
transmitted to its address. —

Your letter now under acknowledgment
informs me that my Memorial has been
returned to me under endorsement (date not
named), as "it was not deemed expedient"
"to hand on" my "appeal," - Sir H Somerset
having prior to the receipt of that appeal "most
favorably" submitted my name to Government
"for advancement." —

My Memorial so returned to
me, has not as yet, reached me. — And
I have no ^{authenticated} copies of the orders & documents recommending
me for preferment, other than those incorporated
in my Memorial. —

Under these circumstances &
proposing now to submit a most humble



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humble statement of my case for the
gracious consideration of Her Majesty, I would
most respectfully beg that I may be furnished
with authenticated copies of the documents necessary
to the construction of such Petition, as follows:—

Authenticated copy of the late
Major General John Jacob's order issued at
Peshawar in the Spring of 1857, & recommending
me for honorary distinction for services
performed as A.D.C. to the Cavalry Division,
Rona Expeditionary Force. —

Copy of a subsequent Field Force
order of the same General issued at
Peshawar in the autumn of the same year,
reconfirming the previous order, & again
thanking me for services as Political
Secretary to the Force. —

Copy of Sir James Outram's letter
order based on the foregoing. —

Copy of Extract from Sir James
Outram's letter to the Adjutant General
of the Army of Bombay, dated or on about
11th January 1859, transmitting a printed
copy of General Jacob's order, & earnestly
Solic.

Letter from Captain Lewis Pelly, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, Calcutta to the
Adjutant General of the Army, Bombay [5v] (4/4)

Soliciting this Excellency's support to
the recommendations therein contained, especially
the office of General Jacobs "own Staff" -

I beg the favor of your placing
this letter before this Excellency the Commander
in Chief, with the most respectful and
deferential expression of my hope that if
Sir William Mansfield should consider
my proposed course in any respect open
to objection, this Excellency will honor me
with his advice as to the manner in which
it would be preferable for me to proceed -
for myself - as a Subordinate Officer on the personal
Staff of a General Officer - it really seems to me that
in obtaining the strong recommendations of my
immediate General Officer, - of the Officer commanding
the ^{Head} House in Chief - and of the Commander in
Chief of the Army to which I have the honor of
belonging - I obtained all that any service by an
Officer, so placed, could strive after, in support of
honoury preferment and

Have the honor to be

Yours most obedient humble
Servant

Lewis Pelly Captain Major
late 20th of 20th Regt Native
Infantry -

Letter from Captain Lewis Pelly, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, Dapoorie
[Dapuri] to the Adjutant General of the Army, Bombay [6r] (1/4)

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Government House Dapoorie
27th July 1861.

Sir,

I gather from your semi official
of yesterday that my name is not yet
before Government as having elected for
the Staff corps; and that you await the
return of an application Form, which
was sent to me some time ago.

I beg to submit that I have
never received the Form you allude to.
When the Government Order of
the 10th April last appeared, I was in
Calcutta on special duty and at once applied
to the Secretary to the Commission for a Form
of application. On receiving the Form I
at once filled it in, and transmitted it to
your office: naming at the same time my
house of address at Calcutta. - The Form
(which you have transmitted some weeks
since by to append to this letter) was
received, & seems to have been examined
in your office, and my name was entered
in the last Army List as having elected
for the Staff corps. -

Yours
W. Pelly

To,
The Adjutant General
of the Army.

Letter from Captain Lewis Pelly, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, Dapoorie
[Dapuri] to the Adjutant General of the Army, Bombay [6v] (2/4)

Under these circumstances
I have to request that my first application
dated 16th May last may be accepted
as valid for all purposes affecting my
position in the Army. And if there be
any doubt on this point, I beg that
it may be referred to Government at
your early convenience, in view to its
being disposed of before I embark for
Africa a few days hence.

With reference to my
position in the Staff Corps, I respectfully
submit that while on the one hand
I have been careful not to delay or to
cause embarrassment in making
my election. I am on the other hand
equally desirous of clearly and definitively
understanding what my position is, before
I embark for a place where I shall be
cut off from all communication for
an indefinite period. And I beg the favor
accordingly of your laying this letter
before His Excellency the Commander
in Chief, with my most respectful
request

Letter from Captain Lewis Pelly, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, Dapoorie
[Dapuri] to the Adjutant General of the Army, Bombay [7r] (3/4)

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request for information as to whether
I am correct in supposing that I
saw India as a Major in the Staff
Corps as from 18th February 1861 -

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient humble
servant

Lewis Pelly, Captain
17th Regiment N. I.

Letter from Captain Lewis Pelly, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, Dapoorie
[Dapuri] to the Adjutant General of the Army, Bombay [7v] (4/4)



Letter from Captain Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Acting Deputy Adjutant
General, Poona to Captain Lewis Pelly, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, Dapoorie
[Dapuri] [8r] (1/2)

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52, 53, 59, 63, and 66, Section CORRESPONDENCE, of the Revised Code of Military Regulations.]

No. 3480

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters
Poona 31st July 1866.

From, The acting Dy Adjutant General of the Army,
To, Captain L. Pelly

17th Regiment N.I.

Sir, 1st Attaché Her Ex^{ty} Envoy and Minister
in Persia
Dapoorie

I have the honor, by desire of the
Commander in Chief, to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 27th Instant
2. I verily am instructed to intimate
that your name will be submitted to
Government for admission to the Staff
Corps and promotion to Major on that
Corps, from the 18th February 1866.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

Ch. Aitchison, Captain
Acting Deputy Adjutant General

W. Pelly

**Letter from Captain Charles Umpherston Aitchison, Acting Deputy Adjutant
General, Poona to Captain Lewis Pelly, 17th Regiment Native Infantry, Dapoorie
[Dapuri] [8v] (2/2)**

