

Middlecoat & Burton research 31/7/10

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Francis Middlecoat

**Cadet papers (L/mil/9/243 f89-90) (This was not microfilmed for BL, unable to photocopy original)**

To the Honourable Court of Directors of the East-India Company  
The humble petition of Middlecoat (abd)  
Sheweth,

That your Petitioner is desirous of entering the Military Service of the Company as a Cadet for the Madras Infantry to which he has been nominated by Sir Robt. Vinan KCB. at the recommendation of his mother; and should he be so fortunate as to appear to your Honours eligible for that station, promises to conduct himself with fidelity and honour.

That your Petitioner has been furnished with the Articles of War, as also the terms and the Resolutions of the Court of the 9<sup>th</sup> August 1809, and 7<sup>th</sup> March 1823, by which latter Resolution it is required that he shall "as a Condition of his appointment, subscribe to the Military Fund at his respective Presidency" to which he promises faithfully to conform as also to all the Rules, Orders, and Regulations which have been or may be established by the Honourable Court, or the Governor and Council at the Presidency to which he is appointed.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Director's Nomination

I, Sir Robert J.H. Vinan Esq. being one of the Directors of the East-India Company, beg leave to present the Petitioner Middlecoat as a Cadet for the Madras Infantry on one of my Nominations of the Season >>> provided he shall appear to you eligible for that station; and I do declare that from the character given of him by his mother who certifies that he is well acquainted with his family, character and connections, he is, in my opinion, a fit person to petition the East-India Company for the appointment he now herein solicits.

Recommended to me by his mother

H.M. Vinan

East India House,

Examined and passed the 22d December 1857

**(next sheet is examination, with questions, but no answers by candidate)**

Middlecoat (abd)

Madras Inf

Para apps 22 Dec 57

Via Marseilles and Bombay 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1858 **(on a scrap of paper at end of cadet papers)**

**Madras Army Service Statements (L/Mil/11/76 f369, L/mil /11/81 f317, L/mil/11/87 f81 & L/mil/11/91 f173)**

Are filed separately