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Captain James Tennant wrote from Kei Road 15.11.80 to the OC Lines of Communication and Base: 'I had the honour to inform you that finding that a Captain and one Lieutenant are insufficient to carry on the duties necessary in conducting a hundred (100) men, and as our byelaws provides that all officers must be elected by the corp, I called upon the detachment today to elect an acting Lieutenant in place of Lieut Serrurier who is left behind in Capetown (sic) and from what I have ascertained is not likely to join us for some, it at all. The election was unanimous in favour of Sapper George Hamilton Brown (sic), who I strongly recommend for your favourable consideration and trust you will without delay signify your approval of the same'.