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RIDING COURSE FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS.

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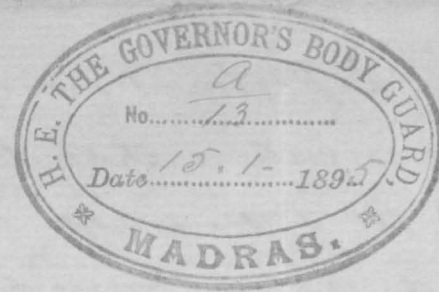
SECRET  
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Regarding a reduction in the fee  
to be charged for the instruction  
of Engineer Students in the Border  
Guard Riding School

Enclosure 1 & 2  
the Commandant Border Guard  
School, Mysore. (by fully)

I Please furnish  
Army Regt<sup>s</sup> India Vol II

1/11/95



Sir,

Captain L. W. Kerrich

Commandant Body Guards.

To,

The Military Secretary

to His Excellency The Governor

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your indorsement no: 7 dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 1895, on the accompanying Correspondence relating to the riding Course of Engineering Students, I have the honor to submit the following report for the information of His Excellency The Right Honorable The Governor

2. From a conversation with Mr: Larminie on the subject of the nominal fee (Rs 25) charged for a Course of equitation - as laid down in Army Regulations India Vol: II Part I para 342. and taking into consideration the fact that the Engineering Students would be undergoing a particularly short Course, I addressed the Director of Public Instruction - vide this Office No: 322 dated 7<sup>th</sup> Decr: 1894 - on the matter, suggesting that a nominal fee of Rs 15/- (each) should be paid for their instruction: exclusive of the charge of Rs 5/- per mensem for a spec "specially entertained".

3. I suggested this reduced fee, as I found a precedent existed in which certain Candidates of

of the Salt and Abkari Department were charged Rs 15/- only. I may here mention that these candidates also paid the Syce's wages of Rs 5/- per mensem - and, as a candidate of this Department was only required to ride well enough to cover "eight miles within the hour &c" - vide latter portion of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue) no: 816 Mis. dated 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1894 - I considered that a nominal fee of Rs 15/- should be paid: instruction in leaping and riding with arms being unnecessary in their case -

It was pointed out that such a large number as 28 Engineering Students could not possibly be put through an Equitation Course, together, owing to so many extra horses not being available for the Riding School every day at this time of the year - and it was thus arranged, vide this Office no: 281 dated 10<sup>th</sup> Octr: 1894, that they should attend in three separate batches. As it was apparently thought necessary, by the Agt. Principal College of Engineering vide no: 414 C dated 9<sup>th</sup> Octr: 94, that all the 28 Students must be put through even a very short course between the dates 9<sup>th</sup> Octr: and 25<sup>th</sup> Decr: 94 inclusive, each batch would therefore <sup>only</sup> receive on an average 20 lessons - a course which could only give them very little idea of riding considering that probably most of them have never mounted a horse.

Under these circumstances, as a further material reduction of the fee is called for, I would suggest that Rs 10/- (each) be charged for the instruction of the 28 Engineering Students, referred to, as a very special case.

6. I take this opportunity of requesting that in the event of further batches of Engineering Students being obliged to undergo instruction in Equitation, it may be arranged that they should attend during the Summer months when His Excellency is not in Madras - as at that time of the year more horses would be available, and they could be put through the full course of 2 months (60 lessons): and also that an Equitation fee of Rs 15/- may be fixed upon (Exclusive of the wages for a Syce "Specially entertained")

7. With reference to the charge of Rs 5/- per mensem for a Syce "Specially entertained" to look after the horse, but for the purpose of instruction, I beg to point out that it cannot be waived in the case of the Engineering Students for the following reasons -

It is a fee laid down in Army Regulations India, Vol: II Part I para 342 clause XII (b), and has been strictly adhered to in the case of all pupils who have attended the Body Guard Riding School - whether Military, Volunteer, Civilian and Police Officers or Candidates of the Salt Department, private Gentlemen and Natives.

The Establishment of Syces of the Corps consists of 44 and of this number no less than 36 cannot be detailed every morning for extra duties in connection with the Riding School.

A large number of brood horses are used and saddlery soiled, every morning, when there happen to be a great many pupils in the Riding School - thus entailing extra hard work in grooming and channing, which should not be borne by Government Syces even if they were available for the purpose.

8. In conclusion I beg to mention that I have personally paid these "Specially entertained" Syces for

for the months of November and December 1894, and therefore request that the amount - Rs 80/- may be refunded at an early date.

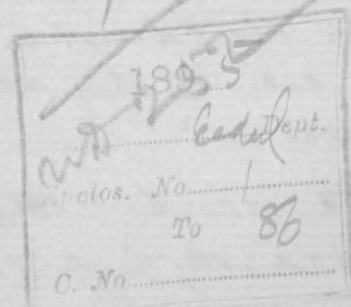
I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedient Servant,

Wesleyan Captains }  
 Commandant Body Guard.

J.H.



No. 375

CURRENT No 86

Government of Madras.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1895.

Read the following:

Proceedings of Government, Educational Department, No. 987, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1894.

Enclt. to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, No. 51, dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 1895.

Referred to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, for favor of information as to whether a more substantial reduction than Rs 10 in the fee to be charged for the instruction of Engineer Students in the Body Guard riding School, cannot be made.

2. It should also be stated whether the Charge made in the case of officers, of Rs 5 for the fee cannot be waived in the case of Engineer Students.

From

From the Military Secretary to His Excellency  
the Governor, No. 15, dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 1895.

With reference to Military Department  
No. 51 dated 8<sup>th</sup> January 1895, I have the honor to  
forward herewith a report from the Commandant  
Guard Body on G. O. Educational Department No. 987,  
dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1894 regarding the riding  
course of Engineering Students.

2. I have no remarks to offer on the  
Commanding officer's letter.

Order:— A copy of the correspondence  
submitted by the Military Secretary to His  
Excellency the Governor will be forwarded  
to the Educational Department.  
(True extract)

D. S. Woodcock Colonel.  
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To

The Educational Department with enclosures.

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Educational Department.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,  
Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY  
TO GOVERNMENT,  
Fort St. George.



No. 638.

Dated 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Despatched 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1895  
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No.

ENCLOSURES

Subject.

Requesting certain information  
with reference to G. O. No.  
987 & Co on the subject of  
22-12-94  
fees for the riding course  
of students of the College  
of Engineering.

Order.

The riding fees of students who  
have undertaken  
the riding fee

Order.

The charges referred to in the  
Director's first query should be  
debited to the Educational budget  
2.

Copy of the report of the

CURRENT NO. 91

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF  
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras, 23 January 1895.

No. 638

From

THE HONORABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

With reference to G.O., dated, 22 December 1894, No. 987, Educational, I have the honour to request the favour of orders on the following points:-

(1) Who is to pay the riding fees of students who have undergone the course in equitation during the current year and of those now in the College of Engineering, except the students, who are to be drafted into the P.W.D. immediately on completion of their practical course.

(2) Whether the Chief Engineer  
proposes

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From

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FOR ORDERS.

The Director's letter gives rise to doubts as to whether the previous order on the subject has not been mistaken. The first order (P.O. of 19 Sept. 1894 No. 693) made the course compulsory for all Engineer and Engineer Subordinate Students; the second order (P.O. of 22 Dec. 1894 No. 987) upheld this - vide para 1. "The Govt. agrees with the Chief Engineer in considering that the riding course should be made compulsory for all students except such as are specially exempted in consequence of their having been trained in military schools" - But later on in para 3 it is stated that in case of students entering the College after 1895 "it will be sufficient to lay down that no student will be appointed to the P.W.D. unless he has undergone the course of riding." This implicitly contradicts para 1, the meaning appears to be that it shall be left open to a student to undergo the course or not as he pleases, with understanding however that he will get into the P.W.D. unless he has passed in riding. This appears to be reasonable as he has to pay the fees himself, and it may merely have been his intention at the time of his stay in the College.

proposal referred to in para 2 of the above L.G. is restricted to students, who will have entered the College of Engineering before 1896.

I beg also to be furnished with a copy of the Chief Engineer's letter on the question of riding fees, if Government sees no objection to complying with this request.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D. D. D. D.  
Director of Public Instruction.

relieve himself for the duties of a  
civil engineer in private life. Whilst  
reasonable to make the course compulsory  
on men who are to be employed in the  
P.W.D., it does not appear fair to force  
a man to pay for a course of equitation  
when it may be his intention to settle  
down in Madras to practice as a  
civil engineer, builder, &c. on his own  
account. Such a man it is submitted  
should not be forced to pay the fee  
or undergo the course. Probably there will be  
few, if any, such cases as it is believed  
that almost all <sup>the</sup> students want to get  
into the P.W.D.

2. The ~~apparent~~ contradiction between  
para. 1 & 3 of P.O. of 22 Decr 1894 No.  
187 requires explanation, however;  
It cannot be said that Govt. intended the  
remarks in para 1 to apply only to  
students entering the College prior to 1896,  
& para 3 to the case of others, inasmuch  
as Govt. accepted the Chief Engineer's  
suggestion couched in general terms, &  
commending that the course should  
be made compulsory for all students.  
The alternative is to strike out the  
objectionable clause in para 3. [2nd  
sentence] but this involves the difficulty  
pointed out above that we should be  
forcing a man to learn riding who  
might never require to ride. It may  
be said perhaps that he need not  
leave the College if he object to being  
sent to ride; but his answer would  
be "where else can I learn to be  
an engineer?" - to which however the  
answer might be "the primary object  
of the College is to provide Engineers for  
the P.W.D. - not to teach engineering to  
would-be practitioners."  
In response to the questions raised by

I think this clause should  
stand. If any case arises there  
will be so few cases in which  
students do not want to learn  
the P.W.D. has the <sup>embodiment</sup>  
and will be noticed

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From

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## FOR ORDERS.

the D.P.T. should presumably  
be associated with the remarks  
that equitation fees not paid by the  
P.W.D. should be debited to the  
Educational budget, & that to  
Chief Engineer's proposal of course  
referred only to students entering  
the College before 1896.

4. The other current (8%) contains  
the Military Department's <sup>offer</sup>  
reply to the question whether a  
further reduction should not be  
made in the fees claimed from  
Engineer students & whether the  
specie fee of Rs 5 should not be  
disallowed. Captain Kerich first  
suggests a reduction from Rs 25 to  
Rs 10 in the case of the 28 students  
who have just been through the course  
- "as a very special case". This  
is apparently based on the ground that  
they could "only receive on an average  
twenty lessons each". In the next  
para. of his letter Capt. Kerich  
recommends sensibly enough that  
future students should be put through  
the course when H.E. the Govt. is aware  
from Madras in the hot weather &c. and  
more houses would be available for  
use in the riding school. He <sup>is by</sup>  
proposes that they should have a <sup>few</sup>

of 2 months or 60 lessons - (Thursday  
all Sunday are off days - so 60 lessons  
would really take 12 weeks - not  
2 months) & for this he proposes to  
charge Rs 15 plus Rs 5 for the eyes.  
If this charge is admissible, & surely  
Rs 10 is excessive for one third of the  
number of lessons, - for the batch of  
the students just trained received only  
some 20 lessons each.  
as a reference to the entertainment of  
the eyes, the contention is that he  
is required because the riding school  
work entails on the eyes "extra hard  
work in grooming & cleaning which  
should not be borne by Govt eyes  
even if they were available for the  
purpose". It is submitted that this  
contention is altogether untenable. No.  
He would dream of having two pyes  
for one horse, & if the work is not too  
much for one horse, it is certainly not  
too much for his eyes. The entertainment  
as if these extra eyes appear sheer waste  
of public money. - That Captain Kerich  
means by saying "36 eyes cannot  
be detailed every morning for extra  
duties in the riding school", I cannot  
understand. It is not clear why he  
refers to the number 36, & there does not  
appear the slightest reason why the  
regular eyes should not bring the horses  
right to the island back again in the  
evening; the extra work of any is trifling  
that likely they are loafing about  
doing nothing at the time;

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Apparently the Body Guard has one eye  
to his horses or themselves and  
when these are kept in the riding  
school a horsekeeper is required

# Riding Course for Engineers Station

I am no objection to  
Rs 10 fee. The number of  
lessons is not too high & must  
be taken into consideration

The reason given for  
the entertainment of extra  
eyes seems to be sufficient  
(for order)

for each horse & the man attending on  
it is both so much longer than the  
work which he would ordinarily  
do. The man no doubt has other  
work and the charge for extra eyes  
wages as an extra is perhaps justifiable  
the proposed charge for the equitation  
course do not appear excessive.

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C.S. P.O. of 22 Decr 1894 No 989  
Current. 86 & 91.  
Order of 7 Feb. 95, No. 98.

Under the circumstances represented  
by the Commandant of the Body Guard  
the Govt will <sup>not deem it</sup> accept the proposed  
fee of Rs 15 for a course of 60  
lessons. This should be exclusion of the  
charge for the eyes, as the usual charge  
for the entertainment of these special  
attendants are <sup>irregular</sup> sufficient. - The  
reduction of the fee to Rs 10 in the  
case of the students who have just  
gone through the course appears to be  
sufficient considering the inconvenient  
time of year when they were undergoing  
training. As Captain Kerich suggests  
arrangements should be made in future  
for this instruction to be given in the  
hot weather when H.S. the Govt is  
away from Madras.

2. The D.P. will be informed that  
Equitation fees not paid by the B.G.D.  
should be debited to the Educational  
budget. The Chief Engineer's proposal  
referred to in para 2 of P.O. 989 of 22.12.94  
that paragraph expressly restricted  
to students entering  
College before 1896. A copy of his

to Director  
from orders  
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P.O. 989  
with copy of  
in P.O. 989  
A.O.D. (20)  
writing of 19 Feb 95  
Act General

Riding Course for  
Student

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