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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th September 1866.

No. 480. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department :—

Communicating a letter from the Government of India forwarding copy of certain correspondence, and requesting that arrangements may be made for introducing in two stations of the Madras Presidency a system of Military Gymnastics among H. M.'s British Troops. } (Here enter 28th August 1866, No. 3,009 B.)

No. 481. ORDER THEREON, 19th September 1866, No. 3,001.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 31. Communicated to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, 6th August 1866, No. 43; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.

In forwarding the accompanying copy of correspondence and of a General Order, No. 673, dated 3rd instant, I am directed to request that you will move His Excellency the Governor in Council to arrange for the introduction in two stations of the Madras Presidency of a system of Military Gymnastics among Her Majesty's British Troops serving in that Presidency, based on the system and regulations laid down in the correspondence and General Order.

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, 7th July 1865, No 98; to the Adjutant General.

With reference to your letter No. 1027E of 27th September 1864, I am directed to annex, for submission to the Commander-in-Chief, copy of a despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, No. 183, dated 31st May 1865, forwarding a set of plans and copy of the report* of the Committee upon Gymnastic Instructions in the Army, and I am to request you will move His Excellency, after consideration of the subject, to favor Government with his opinion as to the best mode of introducing a system of Gymnastics for the British Troops in India.

* *Sent in original. Return requested.*

2. I am to take this opportunity to enclose copy of a report by the Accountant General of the Military Department on the proposals made by His Excellency Sir Hugh Rose last year, for establishing a system of Gymnastics, from which it will be seen that the adoption of the system then proposed would involve an estimated outlay of no less than Rupees 1,62,179 per annum.

From Officiating Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, for Officiating Adjutant General, Simla, 4th December 1865, No. 1107½E; to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

In answer to your letter of the 7th July 1865, No. 98, I am desired by the Commander-in-Chief to say that the subject of the introduction of a system of Gymnastic exercise for Her Majesty's British Troops serving in India, has received His Excellency's best consideration.

Plans, &c., returned as requested.

2. It being apparently the intention of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India ultimately to sanction the expenditure required for the introduction of the system, His Excellency deems it unnecessary to discuss the objections suggested by the Accountant General, Military Department, beyond putting on record the following opinion in answer to the contrary one held by that Officer.

3. Thus he argues that as a system of Gymnastics being for the benefit of the men, should be provided for by what are called Regimental arrangements.

4. His Excellency observes that so long as Gymnastics are an occasional recreation to be taken up at will by the men, the proposition thus put forward is correct in a Military, as well as a financial, sense.

5. Now, however, that the Supreme authorities have declared that Gymnastics are to form a part of regular compulsory Military training, the propositions cease to carry weight.

6 It is clear then that instructors must be paid for their time and trouble, and that Gymnasia of some sort or other, with appurtenances, must be provided at the cost of the State.

7. With the erection of new Barracks, space for the latter under cover will be eventually provided in some stations, although not for three or four years to come. But in Cantonments, where the erection of new Barracks is not contemplated, it will be necessary, it is presumed, to erect sheds sufficiently large for a class of fifty men.

8. It may be said, however, that in this climate of India, Gymnastic exercise may generally in the morning and evening, take place in the open air with greater comfort than under roof. A

moderate space might therefore be fenced off at a most trifling expense in all the lines, and supplied with the required poles and bars. This might be done to a central Barrack, at one end of which might be the quarters of the Instructor Serjeant, who would then keep the Stores of shoes, elastic belts, drawers, &c &c.

9. His Excellency does not think he can improve on the suggestions of his predecessor for the establishment of a system of Gymnastics, as based on the Report of the Meerut Committee, *vide* letter to Government, No. 1027E, dated 27th September 1864.

10. His Excellency does not understand whether the Accountant General's estimate includes all the British Corps in India, or merely those forming part of the Bengal Army.

11. If the former be intended, the estimate seems to be very low indeed, considering the number of the Corps affected. But in the case even that the Corps serving in this Presidency only are alluded to, the estimate cannot be said to be high. Sir Hugh Rose's proposals being thus justified as reasonable with regard to the object in view.

12. Should His Excellency the Governor General and Viceroy in Council be inclined to move experimentally only at first, as apparently desired by the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, His Excellency is prepared to indicate stations in the three Presidencies, which shall give experience of the effects of a Gymnastic system, with respect to the several climates, to which the soldier is subject in the course of service in India.

No. 1259D.

MEMORANDUM.

Papers received with case 1 of Schedule No. 206 of 23rd instant, are herewith returned.

2. In letter No. 1027E of 27th September 1864, the Adjutant General of the Army submitted a recommendation from His Excellency the late Commander-in-Chief, for the establishment of Gymnasia for British Troops throughout India, in accordance with certain proposed rules drawn up by a special Committee assembled at Meerut for that purpose.

3. This proposal was reported on in this office memorandum No. 1170B of the 26th October 1864, in which the estimated cost of the proposed measure was given, and a suggestion made that, in the absence of any information as to the existence of any authorized establishments for Gymnasia at Home or in the Colonies, the assistance to be rendered by Government might be limited to the grant of prizes.

4. A reference having been made to England on the subject, the Right Honorable the Secretary of State in his Military letter No. 183 of 31st May last, forwarded a copy of the Home Committee's report upon Gymnastic instruction for the Army, dated 25th January 1864, which has been approved by the Secretary of State for War, together with a set of plans for buildings. He suggested that in introducing a system of Gymnastic instruction for India, the proposals of the Committee would require some modification, and also, with reference to the large expenditure that may be required to carry out the system generally, it should be introduced experimentally in the first instance at certain selected stations.

4. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, in Adjutant General's letter No. 1107½E of 4th instant, points out that the objections originally raised in the Account Branch of the Military Department, in regard to Government assistance, are inapplicable now that Gymnastic instruction has been declared to form a part of the regular compulsory Military training, and supports the recommendation of his predecessor in the command. He also considers that the estimated amount of the extra cost of the proposed arrangements is very moderate if it provides for all the British Corps in India.

6. The estimate did provide for the whole, and reckoned each Brigade of Royal Artillery as two Regiments.

7. The latest regulations on the subject of Gymnastic instruction in the British Army are, it is believed, those contained in the Horse Guard's General Order No. 864 of 27th March 1863.

8. The undersigned ventures to think that these regulations, and the sanctioned proposals of the English Committee, might, in so far as they are applicable to India, form the basis of the system to be introduced experimentally.

9. The English arrangement appears to be the provision of Gymnasia at the larger stations for the use of all the troops present with Regimental establishments for instruction—a Commissioned Officer being allowed as Superintendent at the more important of these stations.

10. In India, it is inferred, that no Commissioned Officer will be required, and the English Regimental establishment of Instructors appears sufficient.

11. The Meerut Committee recommended one Chief Instructor, with rank and pay of Serjeant, and to be supernumerary to the establishment of Serjeants, with four assistant Instructors, having the rank and pay of Corporals.

12. The English system apparently is to allow 1st class Instructors with the rank of Serjeant, and a working pay of one shilling six pence per diem for the days they are actually employed, and 2nd class instructors, with the rank of Corporal, and a working pay of one shilling per diem—both classes being considered supernumerary to the Non-Commissioned grades, but without any increase to the total establishment of Corps.

13. But as two plans were suggested by the Committee, it is not clear which has been sanctioned

14. In the Army estimate for 1865-66, there was no provision for supernumerary Non-Commissioned Officers on this account.

15. One 1st class and two second class Instructors are allowed for a Regiment of Infantry, and one 1st class and one 2nd class Instructor for a Regiment of Cavalry.

16. Should the system be extended to the Royal Artillery in India, the Cavalry complement might conveniently be allowed for the larger divisions, and one instructor, either 1st or 2nd class, according to the strength for the smaller divisions and station commands.

17. Elastic belts and sambur leather or canvas shoes are doubtless necessary and are allowed at Home, but drawers are not mentioned in the English report or list of stores.

18. To carry out the regulations as to the periodical record of weight and height, a weighing machine and standard are indispensable, and if fencing, single stick and bayonet exercise are included in the course of training, the requisite material for these exercises will also be necessary.

19. In the English Committee's report, the original outlay for a 4th class, which may be taken as the standard for a Regimental Gymnasium, is estimated at £71-2-9½, and the annual outlay for repairs and re-placement at £22-6-2½, with a contingent allowance of £2. In this country, the cost would be somewhat higher, and may be estimated at Rupees 750 for the original, and Rupees 250 for the subsequent annual outlay.

20. As regards buildings it may probably be found advisable generally, and in some cases absolutely necessary, to make separate provision for each Regiment; but in this climate, the same extent of expensive buildings will probably not be required. For a greater part of the year, the exercises could be gone through in the open air during the mornings and evenings, and a roomy open shed with store-room attached, or near at hand, would probably suffice for all practical purposes.

21. The nature and cost of these buildings is, however, a question for consideration in the Department of Public Works.

22. Allowing for fifty-three Regiments of Infantry, eleven of Cavalry, eight large and eight small divisions with station commands for the Royal Artillery, the probable extra cost may be estimated as follows :—supposing that the Instructors are not supernumeraries, but merely selected men of any grade drawing working pay for six days in the week.

80 First class Instructors at Rupees 234 per annum =				Rupees 18,720
137 Second class	do.	at	,, 156 ,, ,,	,, 21,372
92 Gymnasia averaging		,,	250 each ,, ,,	,, 23,000
Probable extra annual cost.....				,, 63,092
Original outlay for 92 Gymnasia at Rupees 750 = exclusive of buildings.				,, 69,000

23. Serjeant's clothing would probably be allowed to the 1st class instructors, which would not add Rupees 200 per annum.

21. If these Instructors are made supernumeraries, and receive Serjeant's and Corporal's pay in addition to working pay, this would give an annual increase on the above estimate of Rupees 56,466, raising the total annual extra cost for the first year to Rupees 1,88,558, and for subsequent years to Rupees 1,19,558, exclusive of buildings.

Artillery.....	*Rs.* 13,943	15	8
Cavalry.....	,, 6,366	13	2
Infantry.....	,, 36,154	15	10
Total Rupees...	56,465	12	8

Mily. Dept., Account Branch,
29th December 1865.

(Signed) A. BROOME, Colonel,
Contr. Genl. of Mily. Expenditure.

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Fort William, 19th January 1866, No. 682; to the Adjutant General.

Having laid before Government your predecessor's letter, No. 1,107½E, dated 4th ultimo, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council sanctions the experimental introduction, in four stations in this Presidency to be named by His Excellency, of Gymnasia based on the recommendations of the Committee at Home, whose report is again transmitted for easier reference.

2. His Excellency in Council also concurs in the suggestion in paragraph 8 of the letter under reply, that it will be sufficient if a moderate space be fenced off for the exercises close to a central Barrack, in which the Serjeant instructor may have his quarters.

3. It is, however, observed that the recommendations of the Home Committee differ in several points from those submitted by Sir Hugh Rose; and it is desirable, His Excellency in Council thinks, that the systems and scales of remuneration out here should not unnecessarily differ from those which have been adopted in England.

4. It is supposed that the 4th Class Gymnasium, in the Tabular Appendix E of the Committee report, would be that suitable for a Regiment of Cavalry and Infantry, and that the drawers recommended by Sir H. Rose should be added to such of the other articles therein laid down as are required. But details will require to be more distinctly given.

5. So also in regard to the remuneration. It has been doubted whether the Committee intended that the supernumerary Serjeants and Corporals (if not themselves of that rank in the Corps) should receive pay as such, or simply the working pay of 1*s.* 6*d.* and 1*s.* a day respectively. On this point information may be in the possession of, or obtainable by, His Excellency.

6. The Governments of Madras and Bombay will be asked to name two stations for a similar trial in those Presidencies; and, as it is desirable that all details should be clearly stated in order to ensure uniformity, I am to request that the Commander-in-Chief may be moved to favor Government with a detailed scheme for approval, and for the guidance of all concerned as to the appointments to be made, their remuneration, and the various appliances to be furnished. The latter should, it is concluded, be under the charge of the Barrack Department.

From the Adjutant General, dated Head Quarters, Calcutta, the 19th March 1866, No 407 E; to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 682 of the 19th January 1866, and to submit, for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, the following categorical reply to the several points on which Government desire to be furnished, with His Excellency's views on the subject of the introduction of a system of Military Gymnastics among Her Majesty's British Troops serving in India.

1st.—What four stations in the Bengal Command should be selected for the introduction of experimental Gymnasia?

His Excellency would suggest Lucknow, Meerut, Umballa and Peshawur.

2nd.—What staff—their rates of pay, &c.

One Serjeant instructor at 1*s.* 6*d.* a day for six days in the week.

Two Corporal instructors each 1*s.* a day, for 6 days in the week.

3rd.—General supervision.

The above remuneration to be in addition to Regimental pay and allowances, and the Instructors to be supernumerary Non-Commissioned Officers of their respective ranks.

The Commander-in-Chief considers that the appointment of a Director of Gymnastics will be indispensable. While the matter is experimental, one will be sufficient for all India; but as the system is developed, His Excellency is of opinion that one Director will be required for each Presidency and that the Bengal Presidency will stand in need of an Assistant Director.

Page two of the Home Committee Report, herewith returned, shows the supervising arrangements proposed for Military Gymnasia in England.

The Director in England receives the Staff pay of an Assistant Adjutant General, which His Excellency recommends as the rule for India.

4th.—Fixtures, &c., for the enclosures in the Barrack yard.

These are detailed in McLaren's book on Gymnastic exercises, edition of 1862, a copy of which I am directed herewith to forward. The supervision of the Director of Gymnastics will be specially required in setting up the apparatus.

5th.—Stores.

His Excellency agrees with the Government in thinking that the experimental Gymnasia should be of the 4th class. A complete list of stores necessary for such Gymnasia is laid down in the Home Committee Report, and the Commander-in-Chief recommends the adoption of this list, a copy of which is annexed for easy reference. To this list, the Commander-in-Chief has added drawers as recommended by Sir Hugh Rose, which he considers an indispensable article in India.

6th.—Hours of exercise and course of instruction.

His Excellency proposes to leave this point to the discretion of Officers Commanding stations, in communication with Regimental Commanding Officers and Medical Officers. On all other points of instruction, McLaren's book and Horse Guards General Order No. 864 of 27th March 1865, copy annexed, should be followed.

The Commander-in-Chief begs to name Captain Stockwell, 95th Foot, who has just arrived from England, and is now at Bombay, for the appointment of Director of Gymnastics. This Officer holds certificates of qualification from Aldershot and the Horse Guards, and possesses the necessary temper and discretion for such a possession,

So soon as the final orders of Government have been received, Sir William Mansfield will issue orders laying down the necessary details, and instruct the Quarter Master General's Department to lay in the necessary stores at the different stations, and the Director of Gymnastics will be requested to assist the Quarter Master General in preparing patterns and plans of the fixtures, &c.

I am directed to annex copy of a letter just received from the Horse Guards, showing the anxiety felt by His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, regarding the introduction of Military Gymnasia in India, and of the reply which His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief has forwarded to the Adjutant General, Horse Guards.

ARTICLES recommended for experimental Gymnasia.

Articles.	Cost of each article.	Number and cost of articles required in a 4th class Gymnasium. 1st issue.	Cost.	Annually.	Cost.	Remarks.
	s. d.		£. s. d.		£. s. d.	
Standard for height	70 0	1	3 10 0	0	0 0 0	
Weighing Machines	29 6	1	1 9 6	0	0 0 0	
Belts.. Small	1 6	25	1 17 6	5	0 7 6	
Belts.. Medium	1 6	50	3 15 0	10	0 15 0	
Belts.. Large	1 6	25	1 17 6	5	0 7 6	
Shoes. No. 6 size	5 8	35 prs.	9 18 4	18 prs.	5 2 0	
Shoes. ,, 7 ,,	5 8	45	12 15 0	22	6 4 8	
Shoes. ,, 8 ,,	5 8	14	3 19 4	7	1 19 8	
Shoes. ,, 9 ,,	5 8	6	1 14 0	3	0 17 0	
Foils, pairs	4 6	10	2 5 0	2	0 9 0	
Blades, spare	0 10	20	0 16 8	10	0 8 4	
Masks	11 3	5	2 16 3	1	0 11 3	
Gloves, right hand	3 6	10	1 15 0	5	0 17 6	
Do. left do	3 3	2	0 6 6	1	0 3 3	
Jackets, half leather	7 0	5	1 15 0	1	0 7 0	
Pads, breast	2 10	2	0 5 8	1	0 2 10	
Jackets, buff leather	15 6	6	4 13 0	2	1 11 0	
Sticks, with hand guards Sticks, 1s. 1d. guards 5s. 3d	6 3½	6	1 17 10½	2	0 12 7½	
Helmets	14 0	4	2 16 0	1	0 14 0	
Cutlasses	2 9	2	0 5 6	0	0 0 0	
Pads, body aprons	10 0	2	1 0 0	1	0 10 0	
Do. leg	6 1	2	0 12 2	1	0 6 1	
Musket with spring Bayonets	91 0	2	9 2 0	0	0 0 0	
Drawers, pair of	0 0	60	0 0 0	30	0 0 0*	*Similar to the check worn by Sikhs when wrestling.
Total...	...	...	77 2 3½	...	22 6 2½	

(Signed) H. E. LONGDEN, Colonel,
Adjutant General.

From the Adjutant General, Horse Guards, South-west, 17th January 1866, No. 2090; to the Commander-inChief in India.

Referring to the Adjutant General's letters of the 14th September 1864 and 29th July 1865, I have the honor to transmit to you the accompanying extract from the last annual report of the Director of Gymnastics, with copy of a Minute made thereon by the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, and I am directed to request that you will acquaint me when you will be in a position to give His Royal Highness any information as to the progress made in introducing among the Troops in India the system of Military Gymnastics prescribed for the Army.

Extract from Major HAMMERSLEY'S annual report of the progress made in Gymnastic training in the Army in 1865.

Establishment of Gymnasia in India.

"The establishment of Gymnasia in India is a separate matter, as the requisite funds for erecting them would of course be supplied by the Indian Government; but as (in accordance with the wish of the late Commander-in-Chief in India, Sir Hugh Rose,) Instructors have been trained for nearly every Regiment in that country, and several Officers prepared for the duties of Superintendent, it is to be hoped that measures will soon be taken for extending the system there also."

MINUTE by His Royal Highness.

"It would be well to send a copy of portions of this report to India, with a request to let us have information as to what is doing in that country towards carrying out the system."

From the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Calcutta, 19th March 1866, No. 50; to the Adjutant General of the Forces, Horse Guards, London.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's letter No. $\frac{2090}{\text{India}}$, dated the 11th instant, and beg you will do me the favor to assure the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, that I share in His Royal Highness' anxiety to introduce among Her Majesty's British troops serving in India the system of Military Gymnasties which has been prescribed for the Army.

2. I beg to forward, for the information of His Royal Highness, a copy of the correspondence which has passed between me and the Government of India, on this important subject.

3. It will be seen that the Government have sanctioned the experimental introduction of Gymnasia at certain stations in the three Presidencies of India, on a scheme based on the recommendations of the Home Committee, which I have been requested to submit.

4. The particulars of this scheme will be found in the reply to Government, a copy of which is annexed, and I beg to state that so soon as the Government have been pleased to signify their approval of the scheme, I shall cause the General Officers Commanding the Divisions concerned in this command to be enjoined to use every exertion towards bringing the experiment to a successful issue.

5. I shall do myself the honor of forwarding to your Lordship copies of the reports I may receive on these experimental Gymnasia, and of any further correspondence that may take place with the Government of India on the matter concerned.

Memorandum by the Controller General of Military Expenditure, 28th April 1866, No. 1893D; to the Military Department, Account Branch.

Papers received with Case 1 of Schedule No. 55, dated 21st instant, are herewith returned.

2. The present proposition is that the introduction of Military Gymnasia for the British Troops in India should be experimental in the first instance, and limited to four stations in the Bengal Presidency and two at each of the other Presidencies; to be on the footing of 4th class Gymnasia in England.

3. For these, it is proposed to allow at present one Director of Gymnasia in Bengal, a Commissioned Officer with the Staff salary of an Assistant Adjutant General, with the understanding that when the system is developed, a Director will be necessary for each Presidency, and an Assistant in Bengal.

4. For each Gymnasia, it is proposed to allow one Serjeant Instructor at 1s. 6d. and two Corporal Instructors at 1s. per day, for six days in the week, in addition to Regimental pay and allowances. These Instructors to be supernumerary Non-Commissioned Officers of their respective ranks.

5. The stores and implements to be on the English scale, with the addition of drawers which are considered necessary in India.

6. The only suggestions the undersigned has now to offer are:—

First.—Whether the Instructors are additional to the complement of Non-Commissioned Officers or not, and this he ventures to recommend should be regulated by the English practice—they should not be in excess to the total authorized Regimental establishment.

7. In the British Army estimate of 1866-67, no provision whatever is made for these Instructors in the Regimental establishments, which, it is inferred, would be the case, if they were supernumeraries on the establishment.

8. But in Vote 1, the sum of £224 is allowed for the pay of the Director of Gymnastics, Superintendents and Serjeant Instructors in Gymnastics and Fencing, and contingent expences. Deducting from this amount the salaries of the Director and Superintendents and the contingencies, the balance would probably be too small to admit of provision for Non-Commissioned pay and working pay of any large number of Instructors. The pay and working pay of each Serjeant Instructor as a Serjeant would be £60-14-6.

Secondly.—As apparently only one Director is allowed in the British Army for Home and the Colonies, aided by Superintendents (Commissioned Officers), perhaps on economical grounds, one Director with a Staff of Superintendents might ultimately be found sufficient for India.

10. Exclusive of buildings, the original outlay for the eight Gymnasia now sanctioned, estimating the drawers at 1 Rupee each, would, at the exchange of 2 shillings for the Rupee, amount to Rupees 6,169-2-0, and the annual outlay as shewn below.

	Annual outlay.
Staff salary of one Director at Rupees 500 per mensem.....	6,000 0 0
Staff allowance of eight Serjeant Instructors at 1*s.* 6*d.* per diem each, for 313 days of the year.....	1,878 0 0
Staff allowance of sixteen Corporal Instructors at 1*s.* per diem each, for 313 days of the year.....	2,504 0 0
Cost of stores and implements.....	1,784 14 0
Total annual outlay... ...	12,166 14 0

(Signed) A. BROOME, Colonel.

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Simla, 6th June 1866, No. 42 ; to the Adjutant General.

With reference to your letter No. 407E, dated 19th March 1866, and previous correspondence on the subject of the introduction of a system of Military Gymnastics among Her Majesty's British Troops serving in India, I am directed to acquaint you, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council is pleased to approve generally of the system being brought into force in this country.

2. On His Excellency's recommendation, the Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the appointment of Captain Stockwell, 95th Foot, as Director of Gymnastics, and I am to request that a Draft General Order for publication in the Gazette of India may be submitted to this Department.

3. As Director of Gymnastics, Captain Stockwell will receive the Staff salary of an Assistant Adjutant General of Division, with the Staff Corps rate of pay of his rank. He will also while moving on duty draw the usual travelling allowance of 8 Annas per mile by dák, and 3 Annas per mile by Rail.

4. The Public Works Department will be requested to arrange for the provision of Gymnasia in the first instance, and for immediate use at Lucknow, Meerut, Umballa, and Peshawur. Before, however, any final steps are taken to convert existing, or to construct new accommodation for Gymnasia, it appears desirable that Captain Stockwell should communicate with the Inspector General of Military buildings either personally or direct by letter.

5. His Excellency in Council is pleased to accede to the Commander-in-Chief's proposals for Regimental Staff, and to sanction

1 Serjeant Instructor at 1 shilling 6 pence a day, for six days in the week.
2 Corporal Instructors at 1 shilling each a day, for six days in the week.

The above remuneration being in addition to Regimental pay and allowances.

6. But the Governor General in Council considers it undesirable that these Non-Commissioned Officers should be in excess of the present establishment for the present at any rate. In the meantime, a reference on the point has been made to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to know whether, as is believed, they are within the established complement at Home.

7. His Excellency in Council approves of the Gymnasia for India being of the 4th Class, and sanctions the adoption of the list of stores necessary for such Gymnasia, as laid down in the Home Committee Report forwarded with your letter, with the addition of drawers as recommended by His Excellency. The Governor General in Council approves also of the provision of the requisite fixtures, &c., detailed in MacLaren's Book on Gymnastic Exercises, of the edition of 1862—the Quarter Master General's Department being that in which provision for the material is to be made.

8. With respect to the hours of exercise and the course of instruction, the Governor General in Council has nothing to remark, that being a point which rests entirely with the Commander-in-Chief, who, the Government of India is assured, will not lose sight of the sanitary considerations in laying them down.

9. The Governor General in Council, I am to observe, wishes it to be understood that the introduction of the system of Gymnasia is for the present to be considered experimental, and is subject of course to such modification in establishments, &c., as may hereafter appear advisable.

No. 42D.

Original papers and copy of the foregoing forwarded to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, Calcutta, for information and for communication to the Departments concerned.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT, FORT WILLIAM, 12TH JUNE 1866.

Received by docket No. 42D, dated 6th June 1866, from Officiating Secretary, Colonel Burne.

Enter letter to the Adjutant General, No. 42, dated Simla, 6th June 1866, approving of the introduction of a system of Military Gymnastics among the British Troops serving in India.

No. 289.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Public Works Department for information.

No. 290.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines for information.

No. 291.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Controller of Military Accounts for information.

(Signed) W. M. LEES, Major,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to Govt. of India.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL ORDER BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

Simla, the 3rd August 1866, No. 673.

At the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and under the authority of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, His Excellency the Governor General in Council is pleased to sanction the introduction of a system of Military Gymnastics among Her Majesty's British Troops serving in India, in general accordance with General Order, dated Horse Guards, 27th March 1865, No. 864.

The experimental Gymnasia for India will be of the 4th class, and are to be supplied with the stores enumerated in the annexed list.

The fixtures, &c., detailed in MacLaren's Book on Gymnastic Exercises, edition of 1862, with recent improvements, are to be provided by the Quarter Master General's Department.

The appointment of a Director of Gymnastics is sanctioned, with the Staff salary of an Assistant Adjutant General of Division, in addition to the Staff Corps rate of pay of his rank.

This Officer will also, while moving on duty, draw travelling allowance at the usual rates.

The following Regimental Staff is also sanctioned :—

1 Serjeant Instructor at 1*s.* 6*d.* a day, for six days in the week.
2 Corporal Instructors at 1*s.* each a day, for six days in the week.

The above remuneration to be in addition to Regimental Pay and allowances.

The Non-Commissioned Officers holding these appointments are not to be in excess of the establishment of their respective ranks.

These arrangements are to be considered experimental for the present, and subject to such modifications in establishments, &c., as may hereafter appear necessary.

Provision will be made for Gymnasia, in the first instant, at Lucknow, Meerut, Umballa and Peshawur.

ARTICLES sanctioned for experimental Gymnasia.

Articles.	Number of articles required in a 4th class Gymnasium. 1st Issue.	Annually.	Remarks.
Standard for height	1	0	
Weighing Machine	1	0	
Belt... Small	25	5	
Belt... Medium	50	10	
Belt... Large	25	5	
Shoes.. No. 6 size	35 prs.	18 prs.	
Shoes.. ,, 7 ,,	45 ,,	22 ,,	
Shoes.. ,, 8 ,,	14 ,,	7 ,,	
Shoes.. ,, 9 ,,	6 ,,	3 ,,	
Foils, pairs	10	2	
Blades, spare	20	10	
Masks	5	1	
Gloves, right hand	10	5	
Do. left do.	2	1	
Jackets, half leather	5	1	
Pads, Breast	2	1	
Jackets, buff leather	6	2	
Sticks, with hand guards, Sticks 1*s.* 0½*d.*, guards 5*s.* 3*d.*	6	2	
Helmets	1	1	
Cutlasses	2	0	
Pads, body aprons	2	1	
Do. leg do.	2	1	
Muskets with spring bayonets	2	0	
Drawers, pairs of	60	30	Similar to the check worn by Sikhs when wrestling.

(Signed) H. K. BURNE, Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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2. His Excellency is requested to name the two stations for the introduction of a system of Military Gymnastics among Her Majesty's British Troops serving in this Presidency.

3. G. O. G. G., No. 673 of 1866, has been republished in G. O. G., 21st instant, No. 324.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant General.
,, Quarter Master General.
,, Inspector General of Ordnance.
,, Controller of Military Accounts.
,, Public Works Department, for information.

Exd. A. W. Cooke.

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