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12th February 1872.*

No. 213. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Lawrence Military Asylum Commission, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 10th January 1872, No. 144 :—

I HAVE the honour to request that you will obtain for me returns of the numbers of orphans in any way connected with the Warrant or Non-commissioned Officers of the department you preside over.

Similar returns in the accompanying form—

Entire Orphan.	Fatherless.	Motherless.	At Roman Catholic Orphanage.	At Asylums.	With Parents.	Remarks.

have been received from the Commanding Officers of all Regiments and Batteries, but as children of Soldiers on the unattached list are frequently applicants for admission to the Lawrence Asylums, it is desirable that the present number of such orphans should be obtained. In the column of remarks it might be stated whether or not the surviving parent was re-married, and if a child has been left an entire orphan in whose care it remains.

2. It will sometimes happen, especially in Arsenals, that a sufficient number of Soldiers' children may be placed in adjacent quarters. Where such is the case I should be glad to learn what, if any, special agency exists for their education.

This information might be thus shown—

Number of boys between 5 and 15.	Number of girls of same age.	Number of boys who attend Local School.	School where located.	Master or Mistress in charge.	Amount of salary.	Government subsidy.	From what Department drawn.

and where detached subordinates of the Captain's Department Public Works or Barrack Master's Department are quartered near Regiments, it would be useful if it were stated whether or not their children attended Regimental institutions.

3. It is unnecessary for me to add that I should be glad to obtain the information asked for as early as possible. The replies may be addressed to Madras Post Office till 30th January; Ootacamund, till 20th February; Bombay, till 15th March, and after that to care of Military Department, Calcutta or Simla.

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No. 214.

ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1872, No. 413.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 8.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineers with a view to their furnishing all available information on the points noticed in the foregoing letter.

2. The Military Department will also be requested to place at the disposal of this department such particulars as may be procurable, especially with reference to paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
„ Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Military Department.
„ Educational Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

FROM

A. J. LAWRENCE Esq., C. S.,
Secretary, Lawrence Military Asylum Committee.

TO

THE OFFICER COMMANDING

Dated

1871.

SIR,

THE Committee, appointed in Government General Order No. 512, dated 7th June 1871, to report on the Lawrence Military Asylums in India, are desirous of learning what the merits or demerits of these institutions are, as seen from the soldier's point of view.

They will therefore, I am to state, be glad to learn what you gather to be the general opinion held by the non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment under your command, and their feelings in regard to the Asylum with which they are best acquainted.

2. If there are under your command any men, women or children, who have been brought up at either of the Asylums, it would be valuable if information could be obtained from them as to the specialities or peculiarities of the Asylum concerned.

Your own opinion as to the character and attainments of such ex-wards, and how far their training at the Asylum has influenced them for good or evil, is sought by the Committee.

It will further be of great convenience if you can at the same time forward a nominal roll of these persons in the following form:

Number.	Name of Soldier.	Father's rank and regiment.	Date of enlistment.	Present position and pay.	REMARKS.

3. I am also to request that you will favor the Committee with any opinion you may be able to form, either of your own knowledge, or from such enquiry as you may be able to institute, regarding a proposal which has been made to separate the sexes at the Asylums in the Bengal Presidency, sending the girls to Sanawur and the boys to Muree.

The arguments in favor of this measure are partly economical, but mainly educational and disciplinarian, while, if adopted, it will allow of a much larger number of children being received at the Asylum than is now possible.

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On the other hand, it is argued that from a dislike to separate brothers and sisters, the inconvenience of having to make two journeys, to deposit, visit, or withdraw his children, the re-duplication of accounts, &c., the measure would be so distasteful to the soldier as to neutralize in a great degree the value of the institution, either by preventing men from sending their children at all, or by inducing them to send the boys or the girls only of the family, according as they may be stationed near Murree or Sahawar.

The Committee will be glad to learn how far in your opinion these considerations will weigh with the soldiers.

4. I am further to enquire whether you think these institutions would be held in higher estimation by soldiers if they were each placed under the direct management of a selected commissioned officer as Governor or Principal.

5. Finally, the Committee will be glad to receive any suggestions bearing on the connection between the Army and the Lawrence Asylums which your experience may dictate.

I am to request the favor of an early reply to this "confidential communication."

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. J. LAWRENCE,

Secretary, Lawrence Military Asylum Committee.

P. S.—I am also to enquire whether, in consideration of the improved barracks and schools of regiments, you are of opinion that children, with living parents, might not be left with their regiments, and the benefits of the institution be reserved for orphans.

A. J. L.

No. 71.

FROM

A. J. LAWRENCE, Esq., C. S.,

Member and Secretary,

Lawrence Military Asylum Committee.

TO

THE OFFICER COMMANDING

Dated SIMLA, the 1st September 1871.

SIR,

The Lawrence Military Asylum Committee are anxious for statistics as to the number of orphans now present with the regiment (or battery) under your command, I am to request that you will furnish this information for (1) entire orphans, (2) fatherless, (3) motherless children, showing the numbers in each class. And if any orphans from your regiment are at Roman Catholic Orphanages, I should be glad to learn their numbers.

2. The object of this enquiry is to ascertain what the requirements of the army in India are in this respect. For, until the Committee know approximately the number of orphans they may have to find accommodation for, they can make no arrangements for the reception of children whose parents are alive.

3. And it would be advantageous if you could ascertain for the Committee if the children who have one parent living would generally be presented for admission. Entire orphans, as wards of the Government, would naturally be sent up.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. J. LAWRENCE,

Member and Secretary,
Lawrence Military Asylum Committee.

P. W. 1872 Report
Pr. of Gov. for February
No. 245.

From.

The Secretary to the
Lawrence Military Asylum
Commissioner.

Dated 15th } January 1872
Recd 17th }

No. 144.

Enclosure.

Requesting
certain information
regarding orphans
who are in any way
connected with the
Warrant or Non Com-
-missioned officers of
the P. W. Dept.

No. 413-12 Feb 1872.

Agency exists for their education.

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From The Secretary Lawrence Military
Asylum Commission

To The Secretary Public Works Department
Madras

Dated 10th Jan - 1872

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Sir
Your most obed^t servant

Lawrence
Secy Lawrence Military
Asylum Commission.

No 413. P.M.O. JB

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L. Hughes
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Military Dept
Educational Dept
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Govt. of 1872 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Superintending Eng^r

Dated

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Encl.

G O. 12th July 1872, No. 413.

Nos. 213 & 214 -

Orphans. Letter from the Secy
The Engineer Mly. Repley
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The S. M. Repley, Com^r the
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Repley with remarks.

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