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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th February 1872.*

No. 306. Read the following Circular letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Buildings and Roads—Military,) to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, the North-Western Provinces, and the Punjab; the Chief Commissioners of Oudh, the Central Provinces, and British Burmah; the Resident at Hyderabad; the Agents to the Governor-General for Central India and Rajpootana, dated Fort William, 31st January 1872, No. 9:—

I AM directed to forward, for information, copy of the Resolutions* by the Government of India in the Military Department on the re-distribution of the Royal Artillery in India and the British

Cavalry and Infantry in the Bengal Presidency, and to request that, with reference thereto, a report may be submitted to this office as to any changes required in the barrack accommodation at the several stations of the Army, and the means of carrying such changes out.

(Signed) J. SCOTT,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 307. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1872, No. 463.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 10.

COMMUNICATED to the Military Department with a view to the information required by the Government of India being furnished regarding any changes in barrack accommodation which may be necessary when the reliefs of the present season are carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunkcr.

Minute of Council
Proceedings of the Government of India
Public Works Department
14th October 1871

Enclosure to Circular No. 9 Public Works.

*Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Military Department,
 No. 463, dated Simla, 14th October 1871.*

Read again.—

Minute of Council, No. 749, dated 17th January 1865, and its accompaniments, regarding the distribution of the British forces in India.

Read the following papers connected with this subject:—

Letter from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, No. 242, dated 23rd May 1865.

From the Secretary to Government, Military Department, No. 202, dated 15th July 1865.

Bombay, No. 8325, dated 30th October 1865, and enclosure.

Minute by the Honble C. and H. M. Durand, dated 2nd December 1865.

By the Right Honble the Governor General, dated 4th December 1865.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, dated 10th December 1865.

Despatch from the Secretary of State, No. 3, dated 4th January 1870.

From the Quarter Master General, No. 217 C, " 15th " "

Secretary to Government, Military Department, No. 348, dated 10th February 1870.

Quarter Master General, No. 663, dated 12th February 1870.

Secretary to Government, Military Department, No. 304, dated 20th May 1870.

Quarter Master General, No. 2217, dated 10th June 1870.

Statements of statistics of sickness and mortality, British Forces, 1869—69.

From the Secretary to Government, Military Department, No. 112, dated 6th October 1870.

No. 150—5, " 8th " "

Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 271—10, " 14th October 1870.

Secretary to Government, Bengal, No. 4734, dated 26th October 1870.

Telegram to the Secretary of State, No. 273, dated 12th November 1870.

Reply from the Secretary of State, dated 15th November 1870.

Office Memorandum, Public Works Department, No. 6 B—M, dated 4th January 1871, and enclosure.

From the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George, No. 3468, dated 25th November 1870.

North Western Provinces, No. 739 A, dated 23rd February 1871.

Deputy Quarter Master General, No. 693 C, dated 25th February 1871, and enclosure.

Secretary to Government, Military Department, Bombay, No. 1216, dated 22nd March 1871.

Punjab, No. C 4 V, dated 2nd June 1871.

Quarter Master General, No. 2638, dated 3rd July 1871.

Reasons.—Since the distribution of the European Army in Bengal was discussed and determined upon as laid down in the Resolution of the 17th January 1865, many reasons have combined to render a re-consideration of this subject desirable, indeed necessary.

2. The extension of the railway system; the development of the construction of new and improved barracks at certain stations; the reduction in the number of Corps of Cavalry and Infantry, and Batteries of Artillery, and the desire alike of Her Majesty's Government and of the Government of India that consistently with the important political and military interests of the country, the European soldiery should be placed so as to be least exposed to unhealthy influences are amongst the reasons which have led to a re-consideration of this very important question.

3. After a careful review of the present distribution, the circumstances of each Cantonment, as regards its situation, climate and the obligation to retain garrisons of a particular strength at certain stations on political and strategical grounds, and the practicability of increasing the force to be permanently located in the hills, the Government of India have arrived at the following conclusions in regard to the distribution of the British Cavalry and Infantry in the Bengal Presidency, that of the Royal Artillery being separately determined.

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4. *Peshawar District.*—The question of the garrison of Peshawar itself is under separate and special consideration in connection with a recent Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, but, for the present, and pending further orders, the European force in this district, as regards Cavalry and Infantry, will be as follows:—

	CAVALRY.		INFANTRY.		REMARKS.
	Regiment.	Troops.	Regiment.	Companies.	
Peshawar ...	...	...	2*	...	* One Regiment to be eventually withdrawn to the hills or elsewhere.
Nowshera ...	...	...	1	...	
Total ...	...	...	3	...	

5. *Rawalpindi Division.*

	CAVALRY.		INFANTRY.		REMARKS.
	Regiment.	Troops.	Regiment.	Companies.	
Rawalpindi ...	1*	...	1	...	* To be brought eventually from Ahmednagar in Bombay, and to take the place of one of the two British Infantry Regiments now at Rawalpindi, which will be removed to the Murree Hills.
Murree Hills ...	...	...	1	...	
Attock ...	...	...	Detail.	...	
Sealkote ...	1	...	...	...	
Total ...	2	...	2	...	

6. *Lahore Division.*

	CAVALRY.		INFANTRY.		REMARKS.
	Regiment.	Troops.	Regiment.	Companies.	
Lahore ...	...	...	1	...	* One Company at Fort Akalgarh, Dera Ismail Khan
Ferozepoor ...	...	...	1	...	
Mooltan ...	...	...	1*	...	
Govindghur ...	...	...	Detail.	...	
Total ...	...	...	3	...	

7. *Sikhind Division.*

	CAVALRY.		INFANTRY.		REMARKS.
	Regiment.	Troops.	Regiment.	Companies.	
Umballa ...	1	...	1	...	
Jullundur ...	...	...	1	...	
Subathoo ...	...	...	1	...	
Dug-hai ...	...	...	1	...	
Chukrata ...	...	...	1	...	
Total ...	1	...	5	...	

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8. *Meerut Division.*

	CAVALRY.		INFANTRY.		REMARKS.
	Regiment.	Troops.	Regiment.	Companies.	
Meerut ...	1	...	1	...	* This arrangement will cease on the removal of the Gun-carnage Agency.
Futtehghur ...	...	...	1	...	
Agra ...	1	...	...	4	
Muttra ...	...	...	...	...	
Delli ...	...	...	...	4†	† Eventually Roorkee will be given up, and one of the Regiments now placed at Meerut, Delli, and Roorkee, placed at Chukrata or elsewhere, and the other Regiment divided, one Wing at Meerut, and the other at Delli.
Roorkee ...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	2	...	3	...	

9. *Rohilkhand District.*

	CAVALRY.		INFANTRY.		REMARKS.
	Regiment.	Troops.	Regiment.	Companies.	
Bareilly ...	...	...	1	...	
Moradabad ...	...	...	1	4	
Raneekhet ...	...	...	1	4	
Total ...	...	...	3	...	

10. *Gwalior District.*

	CAVALRY.		INFANTRY.		REMARKS.
	Regiment.	Troops.	Regiment.	Companies.	
Morar ...	...	...	2	...	The question of the garrison of Morar is under reference to the Secretary of State.
Total ...	...	...	2	...	

11. *Onli Division.*

	CAVALRY.		INFANTRY.		REMARKS.
	Regiment.	Troops.	Regiment.	Companies.	
Lucknow ...	1	...	2	...	
Sootapoor ...	...	...	1	...	
Fyzabad ...	...	...	1	...	
Total ...	1	...	3	4	

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Abstract Division

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Saugor District.

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Presidency District.

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16. No changes are desired by the Government of Fort St. George, or proposed in the distribution of the European force in that Presidency. The question of the removal of the Regiment at Deesa to Mount Abu is also left in abeyance for the present. No change is desired by the Supreme Government in the allotment of British troops belonging to those Presidencies serving in territories under the administration of the Government of India, but if Puchmuree succeeds, a portion of the Regiment at Kamptee may be removed to that hill station. The Bombay Government has already been authorized to try an experimental station in the Manderdee Hills, and the withdrawal of a Cavalry Regiment from that Presidency is in accordance with the views of that Government in 1865, and will re-place one of two Regiments of this arm withdrawn from Bengal.

17. The Cavalry Depot will remain as at present, except that the Landour Depot, now accommodated in hired houses, will be removed to Chukrata as soon as the necessary buildings can be constructed there.

The above arrangements will be carried out as accommodation exists or becomes available.

No. 464.	To the Government of Bengal.	North Western Provinces.
" 465.	" "	Punjab.
" 466.	" "	Chief Commissioner of Oudh.
" 467.	" "	Central Provinces.
" 468.	" "	Financial Department.
" 469.	" "	Fort St.
" 471.	" "	Her Majesty's British Forces.
" 472.	" "	Indian Medical Service.
" 473.	" "	Commissary General.
" 474.	" "	Chief of Military Accounts.
" 475.	" "	Adjutant General.
" 476.	" "	Inspector General of Ordnance and Munitions.
" 477.	" "	Secretary General to the Government of India.
" 478.	" "	Commissary General of Fort St. George.
" 479.	" "	of Bombay.
" 480.	" "	

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing be forwarded to the Quarter Master General, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, and to the Authorities and Departments noted in the margin, for information.

No. 462.

Entered by Mily. Dept.

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

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India, in the Military Department, No. 224, dated Fort William, the 6th January 1872.

Read again:—

Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 319 of 14th December 1870, regarding reduction of Royal Artillery in India.
 Reply from Secretary of State, No. 75 of 9th March 1871.
 Letter to the Adjutant General, No. 129 of 29th April 1871.
 From the Adjutant General, No. 93 G of 12th May 1871.
 To the Adjutant General, No. 312 of 22nd May 1871.
 From the Adjutant General, No. 121 G of 2nd June 1871.
 To the Adjutant General, No. 608 of 24th June 1871.
 Extract Proceedings, Military Department, No. 463 of 18th October 1871, on the same subject.
 Despatch to Secretary of State, No. 349, dated 24th October 1871.

Read the following papers on the subject of the revised distribution of the Royal Artillery Force in India:—

From the Quarter Master General, No. 8178 of the 29th July 1871.
 From the Secretary to Government, Military Department, No. 561 of 17th October 1871.
 " " " Public Works Department, No. 1101 B—M of 29th August 1871.
 From the Quarter Master General, No. 5199 of 20th October 1871.
 Communications to Madras, Bombay, and Quarter Master General, Nos. 919—20, dated 27th October 1871.
 Office Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 1377 B—M of 29th October 1871.
 From the Quarter Master General, No. 5730 of 13th November 1871.
 Telegram from Government of Madras, dated 20th November 1871.
 " " " of Bombay, " 21st December "
 Note by the Hon'ble Major-General H. W. Norman, C. B., dated 29th December 1871.

RESOLUTION.—The distribution of the British Cavalry and Infantry having been now settled, and the number of Batteries of Royal Artillery in India being fixed for probably some time to come, the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council, after consulting the Right Hon'ble the Commander-in-Chief in India and the Governments of Madras and Bombay, considers it desirable to lay down the distribution of the latter arm.

MADRAS.—The Government of Fort St. George desires no alteration in the distribution of the Artillery borne on the establishment of that Presidency after the reliefs of the present season are carried out; it will then be as follows:—

MADRAS.
CENTRE DISTRICT.

Stations.	Horse Artillery Batteries.	Field Batteries.	Garrison Batteries.
St. Thomas' Mount	...	...	...
Fort St. George	...	2	1
Total	...	2	2

MYSORE DIVISION.

Bangalore	1	2	...
Total	1	2	...

MALABAR AND CANARA.

Cannanore	...	...	1
Total	...	...	1

MADRAS.—(continued).
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

Stations.	Horse Artillery Batteries.	Field Batteries.	Garrison Batteries.
Trichinopoly	...	1	...
Total	...	1	...

CEDED DISTRICT.

Bellary	...	1	...
Total	...	1	...

HYDERABAD SUBSIDIARY FORCE.

Secunderabad	1	2	1*
Total	1	2	1

NAGPORE FORCE.

Kamptee	...	2	...
Total	...	2	...

PAGO DIVISION.

Rangoon	...	...	2
Thayetmyo	...	1	1†
Toungboe	...	...	...
Total	...	1	3

* Heavy Field Battery attached.

† 4 Mountain Guns with Ponies attached.

The Head-quarters of Artillery Brigades will be at the Mount, Bangalore, Secunderabad and Kamptee.

The principal change is at Cannanore, whence a Field Battery has been taken, to be replaced by a Garrison Battery.

The above distribution of the Artillery in the Madras Presidency is approved.

BOMBAY.—The Government of Bombay proposes to leave the Batteries distributed as at present, except that next year it would move one of the two Field Batteries from Ahmedabad to Hyderabad in Sindh, whence last year a Battery was suddenly taken away without relief when five Batteries of Horse Artillery went home.

This will restore to Sindh its previous complement of two Batteries, while Ahmedabad can very well do with one.

The Head-quarters of Brigades of Royal Artillery in Bombay will then be at Kirkee, Ahmedabad, and Bombay.

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The following will then be the distribution of the Batteries:—

BOMBAY.

POONA DIVISION.

Stations.	Horse Artillery Batteries.	Field Batteries.	Garrison Batteries.
Poona and Kirkee	...	3	...
Ahmednuggur	1	...	...
Total ...	1	3	...

BOMBAY DISTRICT.

Bombay	...	...	3
Total ...	...	...	3

NORTHERN DIVISION.

Ahmedabad	...	1	...
Deesa	...	1	...
Total ...	...	2	...

MHOW DIVISION.

Mhow	1	...	1*
Nusseerabad	...	1	...
Neemuch	...	1	...
Total ...	1	2	1

BELGAUM DISTRICT.

Belgaum	...	1	...
Total ...	...	1	...

SINDH DISTRICT.

Kurrachee	...	1	...
Hyderabad	...	1	...
Total ...	...	2	...

ADEN BRIGADE.

Aden	...	...	2
Total ...	...	...	2

* Heavy Field

There will also be a Native Company with Battery attached.
Company at Aden, and four Mountain Guns at Rajpote, a Native Garrison
Rifles) at Jacobabad. attached to the 39th Native Infantry (Jacob's

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This distribution is approved. Hereafter, however, when a Dragon Regiment is withdrawn from Ahmednuggur, it may probably be deemed desirable to remove the Battery of Horse Artillery now there to some other place.

BENGAL.—The foregoing distribution for Madras and Bombay will leave the following Batteries for Bengal:—

11 Batteries Horse Artillery.

22 Batteries Field Artillery.

13 Batteries Garrison Artillery, two of these latter being attached to Heavy Batteries and two to Mountain Batteries.

The distribution of the Artillery in the Bengal Presidency proposed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is as follows:—

BENGAL.

PESHAWAR DISTRICT.

Stations.	Horse Artillery Batteries.	Field Batteries.	Garrison Batteries.
Peshawur	...	1	1*
Nowshera	...	1	...
Total ...	...	2	1

RAWALPINDIE DIVISION.

Rawalpindie	2	...	...
Attock Fort	...	...	1
Murree	...	...	1†
Sealkote	2	...	...
Total ...	4	...	2

LAHORE DIVISION.

Lahore Fort	1	...	1
Meean Meer	1	1	...
Govindghur Fort	...	1	1
Ferozepoor	...	1	...
Mooltan	...	1	...
Total ...	1	3	3

SARIND DIVISION.

Jullundur	2	1	...
Umballa	...	...	1†
Jutogh	...	...	...
Total ...	2	1	1

* Heavy Field Battery attached.

† Mountain Battery attached.

BENGAL (continued)
MURREE DIVISION.

Stations.	II nd Artillery Batteries.	Field Batteries.	Garrison Batteries.
Delhi Fort	...	...	...
Meerut	...	...	...
Agra and Agra Fort	...	...	...
Total	2	3	1
Gwalior Division.			
Gwalior Fort	...	...	...
Morar	...	...	...
Total	1	1	2
Saugor District.			
Nowgong	...	...	...
Saugor	...	...	...
Total	...	1	2
Allahabad Division.			
Cawnpore	...	...	...
Allahabad and Allahabad Fort	...	...	...
Benares	...	...	...
Dinapore	...	...	...
Total	...	1	1
Rohilkhand District.			
Bareilly	...	...	...
Total	2	1	...
Oude Division.			
Lucknow	...	...	...
Sectapoor	...	...	...
Fyzabad	...	...	...
Total	1	1	1
Peshawar District.			
Darjeeling	...	...	...
Barrackpore	...	...	...
Fort William	...	...	...
Total	...	2	1

The above is of course exclusive of the Native Artillery of the Frontier Force, with the distribution of which it is not proposed to interfere.

The Head-quarters of Brigades of Artillery will remain at Barrackpore, Lucknow, Meerut, Morar, Umballa, Meeran Meer and Peshawur.

The following changes from the present distribution are proposed by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief:—

- I.—That there should be a Field Battery at Benares, the garrison of which now consists of Infantry only, instead of the Battery of Horse Artillery. The Commander-in-Chief has represented that the Field Battery at Jubbulpore is not wanted, whilst the station is unhealthy. It will afford an opportunity for carrying out His Excellency's second proposal.
- II.—That a second Battery of Horse Artillery be restored to Umballa, where there is accommodation for it, and whence it was only withdrawn temporarily when a Battery of Horse Artillery was suddenly ordered home from Bengal last year.
- III.—That a second Battery of Horse Artillery be stationed at Sealkote when the force at Peshawur is reduced as already arranged. No additional accommodation will be needed for it at Sealkote when the Infantry Regiment is removed, which has been decided upon. The station is a healthy one, and the Battery will be with British Cavalry and other Horse Artillery.
- IV.—That a second Battery of Royal Horse Artillery be placed at Rawulpindee in lieu of a Field Battery now there. This also will not be available till Peshawur is reduced. This Battery also will be with British Cavalry and other Horse Artillery, and at a healthy station with barracks available for it.
- V.—That a Field Battery be placed at Nowshera, when that at Rawulpindee is released by the transfer of the Battery of Horse Artillery to the latter station; it being desirable that Artillery should form part of the support to the force at Peshawur which will be stationed at Nowshera. Barracks will, however, have to be provided somewhere for the Battery. Nowshera is healthy, the mortality from 1860 to 1869 having only averaged 15.67 per 1,000, and the daily sick-rate for the same period 52.9. In 1870, when fever was rife, the mortality rose to 22.68, but this is better than many stations in healthy seasons.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief also proposes to place permanently at Murree the Mountain Battery which has not yet had a station allotted to it, but has usually passed the summer in the hills near Murree or Abbottabad. This Battery may be stationed in those hills in cottage barracks,—the exact site to be approved by Government.

All these proposals are approved, and those in Nos. I and II above may be carried out this year if His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief thinks fit. The permanent location of Artillery at Gwalior will be dependent on further instructions from the Secretary of State.

To the Government of Bengal
of North Western Provinces.
of the Punjab.
Chief Commissioner of Oath.
Central Provinces.
Public Works Department.
Financial Department.
Foreign Office.
Inspector General of Hospitals, Her Majesty's British Forces.
Indian Medical Service.
Commissary General.
Controller of Military Accounts.
Adjutant General.
Officiating Engineer & General of Ordnance and Munitions.
Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India.
Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the foregoing be forwarded to the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay, and to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, for information and the issue of any necessary orders; and to the Authorities and Departments noted in the margin, for information.

No. 233.

Endorsed by Military Dept.

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

CIRCULAR No. 9 PUBLIC WORKS.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
Military.

To

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY, BENGAL, THE NORTH WESTERN PROVINCES, AND
THE PUNJAB; THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF OUDH, THE CENTRAL PROVINCES,
AND BRITISH BURMAH; THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD; THE AGENTS TO THE GOV-
ERNOR GENERAL FOR CENTRAL INDIA AND RAJPOOTANA.

FORT WILLIAM, JANUARY 31, 1872.

SIR,

I am directed to forward for information, copy of the Reso-
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report may be submitted to this Office as to any changes required in the
barrack accommodation at the several stations of the Army, and the
means of carrying such changes out.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

[Signature]
Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*The Secy. to the Govt. of India
in the Public Works Dept.*

Public Works Dept. (Depot)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Military.

To

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY,
BENGAL, THE NORTH WESTERN PROVINCES,
AND THE PUNJAB; THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS
OF OUDH, CENTRAL PROVINCES,
AND BRITISH BURMAH; THE RESIDENT AT
HYDERABAD; THE AGENTS TO THE GOVERNOR
GENERAL FOR CENTRAL INDIA AND
RAJPOOTANA.

CIRCULAR No. 9 PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated January 31, 1872.

Received 19th February 1872

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*Redistribution of the Artillery in India,
and of British Cavalry and Infantry in the
Bengal Presidency*

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*communicated to the Military Department with a view to the communication
received by the Govt of India being furnished regarding any change in barracks
accommodation which may be necessary when the details of the present work
are carried out.*

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to the Military Department

John S. de la Motte

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