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To
THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated April, 17th.

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G.O., 17th April 1882, No. 1768.

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APRIL.
Nos. 169-177.

B No 1143. Way 6-5-82

Issuing instructions regarding the disposal
of the 24 elephants reported to be surplus to the
authorized allotment for the Madras Presidency.

With order
Sadd. in Receipt Regr.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

17th April 1882, No. 1763.

Commissariat Department—Carriage.

Read the following papers :—

No. 169. From Colonel W. M. LEES, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quartermaster-General in India; dated Fort William, 16th November 1881, No. 1111-D.

Commissariat Department—Carriage.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 4932-A, Transport—Moveable Column, dated the 19th October 1881, I am directed to state that the Government of India sanction the revised distribution of the six hundred elephants to be maintained in India for State and Army purposes, as proposed by the Commander-in-Chief, viz. :—

BENGAL—

Agra	15
Bareilly	36
Barrackpore	35
Delhi	10
Dinapore	6
Dorundah	4
Ferozepore	20
Fort William	15
Fyzabad	15
Lucknow	45
Meean Meer	13
Morar	10
Mooltan... ..	25
Nowgong	10
Peshawar	25
Rawal Pindi	15
Umballa	20
	—319

ASSAM—

Three infantry regiments at 12	36
Regiment at Cachar	10
Naga Hills Transport	40
	— 86

BURMAH—

Transport purposes	69
Mountain batteries at Tonghoo and Thayetmyo	37
	—106

MADRAS	39
BOMBAY	50
	—
Total	600

2. All elephants surplus in the different parts of India to the above establishment should be disposed of by sale as soon as possible.

Copies forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, Military Department, with the request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be favored with a report showing in detail the distribution proposed for the 39 elephants allotted to the Madras Presidency.

(By Order.)

(Signed) W. M. LEES, Colonel,
Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 6244.

Referred to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief for favor of the required report with advertence to Proceedings of Government, No. 4563, dated 25th August 1881.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
23rd November 1881.

(Signed) E. L. HANKIN, Colonel,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

No. 170. From Brigadier-General H. O'CONNELL, Quartermaster-General, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 2nd December 1881, No. 8118.

In returning papers referred under your No. 6244, dated 23rd ultimo, I have the honor, by order, to state that the number of elephants for transport purposes in this Presidency having been reduced from 50 to 39, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief proposes that the 39 elephants be distributed as follows:—

Hyderabad Subsidiary Force	15*
Mysore Division	7
Nagpore Force	5
Northern District	5
Malabar and Canara	7
Total	39

* Exclusive of 18 with heavy Battery.

2. It is concluded Government will issue orders regarding the disposal by sale of surplus elephants as directed by the Government of India. By the last returns in this office there are 27 surplus elephants in this Presidency.

No. 171. From Colonel R. A. MOORE, Acting Commissary-General, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George; dated Madras, 3rd December 1881, No. 7612.

Forwards the enclosed letters with two enclosures from the Quartermaster-General, No. 8118, dated 2nd December 1881, regarding the distribution of the 39 elephants allotted to Madras.

No. 172. To the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, dated 8th December 1881, No. 6472.

No. 173. To the Commissary-General, dated 28th February 1882, No. 938.

No. 174. From Colonel R. A. MOORE, Acting Commissary-General, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort St. George; dated Madras, 7th March 1882, No. 10355.

I have the honor, with reference to your memorandum, No. 938, dated 28th February 1882, to submit herewith a statement showing the present effective strength of elephants at the different stations in Madras and in Burmah, and the allotment for each station referred to as proposed by the Quartermaster-General in his letter, No. 8118, dated 2nd December 1881, from which it will be seen that there is a surplus of 24 elephants in India and a deficiency of 22 in Burmah. It would be altogether too expensive an arrangement to make up the deficiency in Burmah from the surplus in India, so I would suggest that of the latter a few be retained to meet casualties which may be calculated at 10 per cent. per annum, and the remainder sold as directed by the Government of India, or made over at a valuation to the forest or any other department requiring them.

Statement showing the present effective strength of Elephants at the different Stations in Madras and Burmah, and the allotment for each of these Stations as proposed by the Quartermaster-General.

	In India.			In Burmah.	
	Present Effective.	Allotment.		Present Effective.	Allotment.
Remaining on the 1st February 1882.					
Secunderabad	38*	33*	Rangoon	6	
Bangalore	10	7	Moulmein	6	
Cannanore	25	7	Tonghoo	44	
Kamptee	6	5	Thayetmyo	29	
Vizagapatam	5	5	Total	85	106
Total	84	57			
Deduct.					
Sent to Rajahmundry Government Agent	1		Since recommended to be sold	1	
Since died at Secunderabad	1		Remaining on the 1st March 1882	84	106
Recommended to be destroyed	1		Wanting	22	
Remaining on the 1st March 1882	81	57			
Surplus	...	24			

* This includes 18 for the heavy Battery as per Quartermaster-General's letter, No. 811, dated 2nd December 1881, to Government.

MADRAS,
7th March 1882.

(Signed) R. A. MOORE, Colonel,
Acting Commissary-General.

No. 175. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. EWING, Officiating Quartermaster-General, to Colonel E. L. HANKIN, Acting Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 31st March 1882, No. 2482.

Forwarded. There appears to be no objection to the proposal of the Commissary-General.

No. 176.

ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1882, No. 1763.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs that, of the 24 elephants now reported to be surplus to the authorized allotment for this Presidency, 9 be retained to meet probable casualties during the next year or 18 months, and the remaining 15 be offered, by notification, in the Government Gazette, to other Government departments requiring them, at a fair valuation.

2. If not required by these departments, they may be sold by public auction.

3. The Commissary-General will, however, take care that the best animals are retained for military purposes, and will, if necessary, transfer some of the 18 which are surplus at Cannanore to Secunderabad, Bangalore or Kamptee, to take the place of others which it may not be so advisable to retain.

(True Extract.)

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For Ag. Secretary to Government,
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To the Quartermaster-General.

- " Commissary-General.
- " Controller of Military Accounts.
- " Judicial, &c., Departments.
- " Revenue Department.
- " Public Works Department. *not 20 0/100*
- " Adjutant-General, for information.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.