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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

28th April 1882, No. 2008.

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CIRCULAR MEMO. NO. $\frac{16}{1}$

Intelligence.

Military Topography.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
INTELLIGENCE BRANCH,
ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS,
Ootacamund, 17th April 1882.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in Madras being desirous that our military information of Madras, India generally, and countries adjoining shall be put on as satisfactory a footing as possible, directs that General Officers Commanding Divisions and Districts shall take such immediate steps as may be practicable to have compiled all information of a military nature regarding the country comprised in their commands and the Native States bordering on or contained in them.

2. In the records of the Military and Civil Offices within the different commands and in the numerous gazetteers and such like books that have lately been published, a vast amount

of information will be found, and it is only necessary that these should be freely referred to to enable complete accounts to be compiled.

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Outline of Work.

3. In the following is an outline of the work which His Excellency expects shall be compiled in the various commands:—

Mysore Division.

to complete the present compiled information regarding the countries comprised in the command at the present time.

It is requested that any information required by the Officer Commanding Malabar and Canara (formerly in the Mysore Command) may be furnished to him in original; also any maps or plans. It is understood that much information, as also maps and plans of Malabar and Canara, are in the Mysore Office. These more properly belong to the District Office of Malabar and Canara.

Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.

to complete the present compiled information regarding the Nizam's Dominions, Berars, &c., up to date as well as regarding the Secunderabad Cantonments.

Attention is requested to the concluding portion of para. 12 of this circular regarding means of obtaining information.

Any information about the Hyderabad Contingent could probably be obtained from the Brigadier-General in Command, but should that officer object to furnish this, a reference is to be made to this office.

British Burmah Division.

to complete the present compiled information regarding the districts comprised in the command, and also regarding Independent Burmah, the Shan States and Routes leading to Siam, &c.

Centre District.

to complete the present compiled information regarding the Centre and late Southern Districts up to date.

Nagpore Force.

to complete the present compiled information regarding the Central Provinces and country within the command generally. The Berars will be reported on by the General Officer Commanding Hyderabad Subsidiary Force.

Ceded Districts.

to complete present compiled information regarding the country in the command, and also what was formerly the Northern Division, particular attention being given to the tribes recently concerned in the Rumpa outbreak.

Malabar and Canara.

to complete present information regarding the provinces, particularly as regards disturbances with the Moplahs. Reference should, if necessary, be made to the Officer Commanding Mysore Division (in which Malabar and Canara was formerly contained) or to this office for information from the Bombay Presidency.

4. The information thus collected by officers of the Quartermaster-General's Department in Madras will be systematically classified on a plan similar to that in force in the Intelligence

Branch of the Quartermaster-General's Department in India, in order that clerical labor may be lessened, and that all information collected concerning a particular State, Division, District or tract of country may be rendered readily available. To this end the Class, General and Minor Headings under which information is classified at head-quarters of the Army in India, and which are shown in the accompanying form will be adhered to so far as the nature of the case will admit.

5. The information concerning each separate Native State subservient to, independent of, or in alliance with the British Government, or foreign possession, will be kept in volumes separate from each other, and from that in which what relates purely to British territory is recorded.

6. The leaves of these books (Index Books) will be divided off according to the estimated requirements (depending upon the country) of each subject under the various Class, General and Minor Headings as detailed: these headings will be pasted in the Index Book to serve as a means of ready reference. Pages at the end of each book will be left blank, and will be taken up when necessary, and in connection with prior Class and General Headings.

The form of the Index Book to be as below:—

INDEX BOOK.

Country ()

or

Division ()

or

District ()

Heading (Class.)

Authority.	Heading.		Date of Information.	Subject.	Deposited.	Remarks.
	General.	Minor.				

N.B.—Under column of "Remarks" note whether the subject matter has been incorporated in the General Précis of the Country, Division or District. Under column "Deposited" note where the subject matter is to be found, in all cases when it is not copied *in extenso*, under "Subject" column. Under column "Authority" enter name and author of work, Number and date of letter, manuscript, &c., whence the subject matter is obtained.

Size of Index Book to be 18" by 12".

Class and General Headings will, in all cases, be adhered to. Minor Headings will be followed as far as possible. Others may be added to suit special cases.

7. Under the heading Maps, Plans, &c., will be recorded all detailed Reconnoissances of Roads, Rivers, Districts, &c. The general abstract of this information will be given under headings "Political" and "Physical" Geography.

Index Maps of Countries, Divisions or Districts will be kept up, on which will be indicated in red those parts of the country reconnoitred; the parts about which information is still wanting will be left uncolored.

8. From the information entered in the Index Book, as it is met with will be compiled the General Précis of the State, Division, &c., that part of it only being abstracted and inserted in the body of the work as may be necessary to render the account complete.

9. References will be made in all cases to details not considered advisable to enter in the body of the précis.

10. The headings given in the accompanying printed form are intended to meet every requirement. In the case of an inland Division or District class headings 1, 2, 3, 7 only fully apply. In the case of an Independent Native State, it may be necessary to index information under each and all of the class headings, those general headings found to be unnecessary only being discarded. The class headings will form chapters of the précis account, the general headings sub-divisions of chapters. The authority for and date of information will in all cases be quoted in the précis.

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(By order.)

(Signed) JOHN EWING, Lieut.-Colonel,
Offg. Quartermaster-General.

To

The General Officer Commanding

From Captain W. A. YULE, Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General, in charge Intelligence Branch, to the Quartermaster-General, Ootacamund; dated Ootacamund, 14th April 1882, No. 6-I. *Establishment.*

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Quartermaster-General.

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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.
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To THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,
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Order thereon No 1204h
4/12 May/82.

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Lt Col R
as under Secy P.W. D

Dated April, 28th.

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