

Horses.
Remounts.

It is requested that
the above heading, with
number and date of
this communication,
may be quoted in any
subsequent correspon-
dence on the subject.

No 690.
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Government of India,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 14th March 1882.

To
THE DIRECTOR OF ARMY REMOUNT OPERATIONS
FOR INDIA.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter No. 69, dated the 27th February 1882, I am directed to state that the Government of India accept your revised estimate of the horses to be purchased for army purposes in India during the year 1882-83, and to request that arrangements may be made accordingly.

2. The usual notification (copy annexed) will be published, and the customary communications addressed to the colonial and local Governments, those to the colonies being sent by wire.

3. Your proposals for the distribution of the establishment of the Calcutta depot are sanctioned, and the arrangements hitherto in force with regard to in-coming shipments of horses should stand in all respects.

4. The question of Major Roberts' successor will be considered on the expiry of the tenure of his appointment, viz., on the 20th April next; and with regard to the suggested letting of the house and godown during the hot weather, I am to say that no such arrangements need be made, as it is unlikely that the property could be let, and the future Remount Agent may require the house referred to.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) T. DEANE, Major,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copies forwarded to—

The Public Works Department, with copy of the letter to which it is a reply, and enclosure, and of the notification, for information.

The Adjutant-General in India, with copy of the notification, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

The Controller of Military Accounts, Bengal, with copy of the letter to which it is a reply, and enclosure, and of the notification, for information.

The Accountant-General, Military Department, with copy of the letter to which it is a reply, and enclosure, and of the notification, for information.

By order,

T. Deane Major,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 69, *Purchase of Remounts*, dated Meerut, the 27th February 1882.

From—Lieut.-Col. B. WILLIAMS, Offg. Director of Army Remount Operations for India.

To—Col. G. CHESNEY, Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your telegrams dated 23rd and 24th February 1882, and in reply I beg to enclose a revised estimate of the number of horses required during the season 1882-83.

I regret I cannot reduce below 100 the number of walers required to be purchased in Madras to meet the requirements of the Madras and Bombay presidencies.

2. I gather from your telegram that after the 20th April next Major W. A. Roberts will cease to be the Remount Agent in Calcutta, and I presume it is not the intention of Government to nominate any other officer at present.

3. I would therefore propose that the establishment as per margin should be at once sent up to Saharanpur for duty there.

That the men as per margin should remain in the depot in Calcutta, and be under the orders of the Public Works Department, to whom the stabling, &c., should be made over.

1 Clerk.
1 Salutri.
1 Farrier.

That as usual, during the months the shippers arrive in the depot, stabling may be made available to them on payment of the usual fees,—a time to be hereafter mentioned for their horses to remain in the stables.

4. Referring to Government notification in the Military Department,* dated 23rd August 1879, I find that the Calcutta Landing Depot was formed for the purpose of assisting shippers, and to save them the expenses formerly incurred by their horses standing at livery in Calcutta. Also of enabling Government to have the choice of purchase. It has hitherto been the custom for the Remount Agent in Calcutta, on arrival of each ship, to pay the amount of freight, Captain's fees, and other incidental expenses, recovering the amount from the shipper in the payment of the horses he might buy from his shipment; but if Government are not purchasing, it becomes a question as to whether such advances should be made or not, and whether the shippers would expect it to be made, as usual. It has also been the custom for the Remount Agent to provide syces and other establishment, bedding, &c., recovering payments for the same from the shippers up to the date the horses may have been purchased by him for Government. It is not to be expected that many ships will come this year; but it will be as well to know the wishes of Government regarding those that may.

5. I would suggest that the Public Works Department be asked to do their best to let the godown and the house on such terms as they can, bearing in mind, however, that both the buildings will be required during the season, from 15th August to 15th November.

6. I note the decision of Government regarding the returned Horse Artillery horses being sent to the Saharanpur depot.

Revised estimate for the purchase of horses during the season of 1882-83 for army purposes.

<i>Class I.—Walers</i>		..	50	
<i>In Madras.—</i>	Medium Cavalry and Hussars	..	25	
	Horse Artillery	..	25	
	Field Artillery	..	—	100
<i>In Calcutta.—</i>	Medium Cavalry	..	35	
	Horse Artillery	..	20	
	Field Artillery	..	20	
				— 75

.. 175

Class II.—Country-breds

.. 60

As many as possible full-grown horses, the remainder young stock between $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $3\frac{1}{2}$ years old.

Class III.—Arabs and Persians

.. 225*

* For Bengal	...	34	In Bombay—Field Artillery	..	42
" Bombay	...	78			
" Madras	...	113	Hussars and Light Cavalry	183	225*
					Total .. 460

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, ARMY
REMOUNT OPERATIONS
FOR INDIA,
MEERUT;
The 27th February 1882.

(Signed) B. WILLIAMS, Lieut.-Col.,
Offg. Director, Army Remount Operations for India.

Telegram No. 663-D, dated 10th March 1882.

From—Captain T. DEANE, Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India, Mily. Dept.

To—The Hon'ble the Colonial Secy., Western Australia.

To—The Hon'ble the Chief Secy., South Australia.

To—The Hon'ble the Chief Secy., Victoria.

To—The Hon'ble the Colonial Secy., New South Wales.

To—The Hon'ble the Colonial Secy., Queensland.

Please notify that Indian Government prepared to purchase walers for Army purposes during year 1882-1883—Madras, 100; Calcutta, 75. Conditions last four paragraphs, notification, 15th February 1881, sent my letter No. 443-D, same date.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

NOTIFICATION.

WITH reference to the advertisement of the 5th February 1881, it is hereby notified that the Government of India are prepared to purchase about four hundred and sixty (460) horses suitable for army purposes during the year 1882-83, classed as follows:—

Class I.—Walers—175.

In Madras—

Medium Cavalry and Hussars	...	50	} = 100
Field Artillery	...	25	
Horse	..	25	

In Calcutta—

Medium Cavalry	...	35	} = 75
Field Artillery	...	20	
Horse	..	20	

Class II.—Country-breds

... 60

As many as possible full grown horses; the remainder young stock between $2\frac{1}{2}$ and $3\frac{1}{2}$ years old.

Class III.—Arabs and Persians—225.

In Bombay—

Field Artillery	...	42	} = 225
Hussars and Light Cavalry	...	183	

Total ... 460

The purchases will be made in Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, and at the various horse fairs and horse shows in India, by Remount Agents under the orders of the Director of Army Remount Operations for India.

Except under special circumstances, purchases will be made between the 15th September and 28th February.

Horses and mares of all breeds will be received, but they must be within the prescribed age, 4 to 7 years, except as regards country-breds. It is to be distinctly understood that in regard to classes I and III, remounts three years old and mares in foal will not be purchased.

Greys will not be purchased for Horse or Field Artillery.

The average price for a remount has been fixed at rupees five hundred and fifty (Rs. 550). Every horse presented for purchase will be valued separately, and higher or lower prices may be given, provided that the average of the purchases does not exceed that limit.

FORT WILLIAM,
The 14th March 1882.

G. CHESNEY, Colonel,

Secretary to the Government of India.

P. W. C. No 227

Recd 12 April 1882

No 47 M & L

Forwarded to the Govt. of Madras in the Public Works Deptt. for information.

By Order

L. P. K. S. S.

Major

Offy: Secy to the Govt of India

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Public Works Deptt
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