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To
THE CONTROLLER OF
MILITARY ACCOUNTS,
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officers concerned for
information and
guidance.

Dated February, 19th.

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Chief Supt. of Dets Madras
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3. All charges for the pay of Regimental Officers and Native troops will be adjusted separately in the military accounts of the presidency to which they belong, according to the procedure followed in the expedition to Egypt in 1882. But the charges for the pay of staff and departmental officers, and of all departments with the force, from the date of leaving India, will be adjusted by the Military Accounts department, Bombay; charges incurred by departments prior to that date will be adjusted in the accounts of the presidency concerned.

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5. Charges incurred on this account in the Marine, Civil, Public Works, Telegraph, Railway, Postal and other departments should be debited to the Military Accounts department, Bombay.

6. The whole of this *extra* expenditure will, as in the Abyssinian Expedition, be debited to Her Majesty's Imperial Government; and to ensure the expeditious adjustment of the transaction, it has been decided that all such extra charges shall be finally audited by the Military Accounts department of the presidency in which they are incurred, and be debited to the Military Accounts department, Bombay, in the exchange accounts, supported by separate schedules headed Egypt Expedition, 1885.

7. The Military Accounts department, Bombay, will then debit all extra charges to Her Majesty's Imperial Government, affording the necessary credit to the Military, Marine and other departments concerned.

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2. The Field Pay Master, acting under the immediate orders of the Officer Commanding the Force, will obtain periodically, from heads of departments and from Officers Commanding Corps, estimates of the funds required by them for the payment of the troops and establishments, and for carriage and supplies.

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