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MILITARY.

To

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

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Dated January, 31st.

Issued

Recd. 3-2-87 *Encl.*

G.O., 31st January 1887, No. 605.

JANUARY.
Nos. 368-369.

Organization—British Army.

Correspondence from Her Majesty's Government relative to the postponement, until the trooping season of 1887-88, of the despatch of the six batteries of Garrison Artillery and the drafts to complete the Infantry reinforcements which were to have proceeded to India during the present trooping season, communicated to departments concerned.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

6th November 1885, No. 6198.

Organization—British Army.

Read the following paper :—

No. 58. *From Colonel O. R. NEWMARCH, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Simla, 20th October* 1885, *No.* 961-*B.*

Organization—British Army.

I am directed to say, in continuation of Military Department letter No. 879-B., dated the 6th instant, that the proposed augmentation of the British forces in India, as detailed in the margin, has been sanctioned by Her Majesty's Government, and that the additional troops will be sent out partly this season and partly in 1886-87, as detailed in the annexed extract of a telegram from the Secretary of State for India, dated the 14th instant.

Artillery—
- 1 Battery of Horse Artillery.
- 2 Batteries of Field Artillery.
- 2 Do. of Mountain Artillery.
- 6 Do. of Garrison do.

Cavalry—
- Fourth squadron of 148 Non-commissioned Officers and men to be added to each of the nine Regiments serving in India.

Infantry—
- Three Battalions of 984 of all ranks, exclusive of Commissioned Officers.
- Addition of 100 privates to each of the fifty Regiments serving in India.

Extract of a telegram from the Secretary of State for India; dated London, 14th October 1885.

Your Lordship's Despatch No. 135 (Military) of 1885—Increase to establishment, British troops. All recommendations approved. One Battery Horse Artillery, two Batteries Field Artillery, two Batteries Mountain Artillery, three Battalions Infantry of revised strength, and 2,500 Infantry drafts for augmentation leave this troop season; remainder during the season 1886-87. Programme of dates of sailing follows.

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No. 961-B.

Copy of the above, and of the extract of the Secretary of State's telegram of the 14th October 1885, forwarded for information to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

2. The stations of the extra Batteries and Corps will be fixed hereafter.

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(By Order.)

(Signed) E. HAY,
Offg. Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

SIMLA,
20*th October* 1885.

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1885, No. 6198.

Communicated for the information of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief and Departments concerned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.
" Superintendent, Reserve Remount Depôt, Hosúr.
" Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Inspector-General of Ordnance.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 2734 Wdf/Nov 14. 1885

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer I Circle, for information

Sdf. J S S.

Govt. of {1885} Madras.

MILITARY.

To

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 6th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 6th November 1885, No. 6198.

No. 2734 Wdf/Nov 14. 1885

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 58-59.

Organization—British Army.

Intimation from the Government of India that the augmentation of the British forces in India has been sanctioned by Her Majesty's Government, and that the additional troops will be sent out partly this season and partly in 1886-87.

With order

Supty. Engineer I Circle

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

6th November 1885, No. 6225.

Organization—British Army.

Read the following paper :—

No. 78. *From Colonel O. R. NEWMARCH, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quarter Master General in India ; dated Simla, 28th October* 1885, *No.* 1040-*B.*

Organization—British Army.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 4555-B., dated the 20th October 1885, submitting the proposals of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for the location of the increased British force in India, which, it is understood, embody the views of His Excellency for the permanent distribution of the garrison of India after the augmentation has been fully carried out.

2. The question of the permanent distribution of the garrison of India is one of very great importance, requiring more careful consideration than it has been possible to give to it during the limited time at present available.

3. The Government of India, therefore, propose to restrict the consideration of this question to the present urgent necessity for providing accommodation for the troops about to arrive in India during this trooping season, avoiding, as far as possible, consistent with the health and comfort of the men, any arrangements which may lead to heavy expenditure, which might prove to be unnecessary when the re-distribution of the army had been more fully considered.

4. In accordance with this principle, the Government of India approve of the following distribution of the troops about to arrive :—

Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, to Mhow.
1 Battery, Field Artillery, to Kirkee.
1 „ „ „ Bellary.
1 „ Mountain Artillery, to Darjeeling.
1 „ „ „ „ Murree.
1 Battalion, British Infantry, to Bangalore.
1 „ „ „ „ Poona.
1 Battalion, British Infantry at some station in Madras or Bombay, to be fixed hereafter.

The Infantry drafts will be distributed to the various Regiments to which they belong.

5. These arrangements will necessitate the transfer of the Field Battery from Mhow to Neemuch, and the abolition of the Convalescent Depôt at Murree as proposed by Sir Donald Stewart.

6. With regard to the disposal of the six Batteries of Garrison Artillery, the Cavalry drafts, and the remainder of the Infantry drafts, which are to come out in the trooping season 1886-87, I am to state that the six Batteries of Garrison Artillery are intended—

1 for the new position at Quetta.
1 „ „ „ „ „ Peshawar.
1 for Karachi.
1 „ Bombay.
1 „ Calcutta.
1 in reserve at some convenient station, to be fixed hereafter.

Five of the Batteries are therefore already located, and the sixth might perhaps conveniently be stationed at Govindgarh. The three additional Battalions of Infantry were intended—two for the new position at Pishín, and one for the new fort at Peshawar.

7. The Cavalry and Infantry drafts will join their respective Regiments. It appears that no difficulty is anticipated in accommodating the increased strength of Cavalry, except at Meerut and Sialkot; and at these places the difficulty can apparently be met by sending larger detachments from the Infantry Regiments at those stations to Fatehgarh and Govindgarh and Amritsar, where there is available accommodation.

8. The Government of India would be glad to receive, not later than the 20th December, the further proposals of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief as indicated in para. 2 of this letter.

No. 1040-B.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, with request that, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the necessary arrangements may be made for the reception of the troops, and a report submitted as soon as possible as to what extra accommodation will be required, and the probable expenditure involved.

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(By Order.)

(Signed) A. CROOKSHANK, Col.,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

SIMLA,
28*th October* 1885.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1885, No. 6225.

Communicated for the information of the Provincial Commander-in-Chief and Departments concerned, in continuation of Proceedings of Government, No. 6198, dated 6th November 1885.

2. The Government request to be furnished with the information called for as soon as practicable.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
" Quarter Master General.
" Commissary-General.
" Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.
" Superintendent, Reserve Remount Depôt, Hosúr.
" Surgeon-General, Her Majesty's Forces, Madras.
" Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" Controller of Military Accounts.
" Inspector-General of Ordnance.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No 2735 W dy Nov 14. 1885

Communicated to the

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Govt. of {1885} Madras.

MILITARY.

To

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 6th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 6th November 1885, No. 6225.

No 2735 W dy Nov 14. 1885

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 78-79.

Organization—British Army.

Correspondence from the Government of India regarding the location of the increased British force about to arrive in India, forwarded to Departments concerned, and a report relative to the extra accommodation that will be required for the troops called for.

With order

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

16th November 1885, No. 6449.

Organization—British Army.

Read the following paper:—

No. 221. *Telegram from Secretary of State for India, London, to His Excellency the Viceroy; dated 30th October* 1885.

Your telegram of 5th October last. War Office state, owing to want of barrack accommodation available here, 500 Cavalry recruits must go to India during this season. The 2nd Dragoon Guards go out four squadrons strong per troopship *Serapis*, sailing on 22nd November next, and will comprise proportion of 500. Do you object?

Telegram from His Excellency the Viceroy, Simla, to the Secretary of State for India; dated 3rd November 1885.

Your telegram of 30th October last. No objection to despatch of Cavalry drafts if thoroughly trained.

No. 1101-B.

Organization—British Army.

Copy of the above, and of that to which it is a reply, forwarded, for information, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

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(By Order.)

SIMLA,
3rd *November* 1885.

(Signed) A. CROOKSHANK, Colonel,
Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 222. ORDER THEREON, 16th November 1885, No. 6449.

Communicated to the Provincial Commander-in-Chief and departments concerned, in continuation of Proceedings of Government, No. 6198, dated 6th November 1885.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Commissary-General.
„ Superintendent and Agent for Army Clothing.
„ Superintendent, Reserve Remount Depôt, Hosúr.
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„ Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Inspector-General of Ordnance, for information.

Exd. P. L. Pereira.

No. 2796 Wag Nov 23. 1885

Recorded

Sd/ J S S

Govt. of {1885} Madras.

MILITARY.

To

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 16th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 16th November 1885, No. 6449.

No. 2796 Wag Nov 23 1885

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 221-222.

Copy to St V Circle
in continuation of G O No 2435 W
14-11-85

Organization—British Army.

Cavalry recruits.—Correspondence regarding the despatch to India of — from England during this season, communicated to departments concerned.

With order

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

7th June 1886, No. 3391.

Organization—British Army.

Read the following paper:—

No. 72. *From Major T. DEANE, Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India; dated Simla, 15th May* 1886, *No.* 257-*B.*

Organization—British Army.

In continuation of Military Department communications noted in the margin, I am directed to say, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, that it has now been decided that the six batteries of garrison artillery, sanctioned as part of the augmentation of the British forces in India, will not be sent out till the trooping season of 1887-88.

No. 961-B., dated the 20th October 1885.
„ 1101-B., „ „ 3rd November „

No. 257-B.

Copy of the above forwarded, in continuation of Military Department Nos. 961-B., dated 20th October 1885, and 1101-B., dated 3rd November 1885, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

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(By Order.)

SIMLA,
15*th May* 1886.

(Signed) W. J. B. BIRD,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1886, No. 3391.

Procs. of Govt., No. 6198, of 6th Nov. 1885.
„ „ „ „ 6449, „ 16th „ „

Communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and Departments concerned, in continuation of the correspondence cited in the margin.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lt.-Col.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
„ Quarter Master General.
„ Commissary-General.
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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 1494 W. dy 12th June 1886

Order thereon

Recorded, in continuation of G.O. No. 2796 W dy 23rd November 1885

Sgt. J.S.S. W.

Govt. of {1886} Madras.

MILITARY.

To

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 7th.

Issued

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 7th June 1886, No. 3391.

B. No. 1494 W. dy 12 June 1886

JUNE.
Nos. 72-73.

Organization—British Army.

Intimation from the Government of India that the six batteries of garrison artillery, sanctioned as part of the augmentation of the British forces in India, will not be sent out till the trooping season of 1887-88.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

31st January 1887, No. 605.

Organization—British Army.

Read the following paper:—

No. 368. *Military Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General of India in Council; dated India Office, London, 9th December* 1886, *No.* 359.

With reference to your Despatch, dated 5th January 1886, No. 4, and the telegrams noted in the margin,* I transmit, for your information, copy of correspondence† with the War Office, relative to the postponement, until the trooping season of 1887-88, of the despatch of the six batteries of Garrison Artillery and the drafts to complete the Infantry reinforcements which were to have proceeded to India during the present trooping season.

* From Viceroy, 17th April 1886.
To do. 11th May „
From do. 12th „ „
From do. 24th Sept. „
To do. 25th „ „

† To War Office, 15th May 1886, M-4584.
From do. 31st July „ M-7409.

Telegram from the Viceroy, to the Secretary of State, dated 17th April 1886.

If it can be managed, without disturbing arrangements already made by War Office, or charging us with extra expense, Government of India would prefer that balance of the additional Infantry sanctioned for India, amounting to 2,500 men, should be sent out during the cold weather season of 1887-88 instead of 1886-87, and that despatch of Garrison Artillery should be similarly postponed for a year. It must be understood that above suggestion is submitted in view of the financial exigencies of the present year, and on the supposition that our relations with Russia are likely to remain for the present on a satisfactory footing.

Telegram from the Secretary of State, to the Viceroy, dated 11th May 1886.

Yours 17th April. Additional British troops. War Office cannot, without serious inconvenience, disturb arrangements on which their recruiting and this year's estimates are based. They would, however, be willing to forego, say £50,000, and postpone despatch of Garrison Batteries till 1887-88, but sending out additional Infantry drafts next season, as arranged. Would this help you?

Telegram from the Viceroy, to the Secretary of State, dated 12th May 1886.

Yours 11th May. In view of the difficulty attending compliance with our request for postponement of the arrival of the sanctioned Infantry till next year, we gratefully accept the proposal continued in your Lordship's telegram under acknowledgment.

Telegram from the Viceroy, to the Secretary of State, dated 24th September 1886.

Military. Our telegram of 12th May. Additional British troops. Is any change proposed in the numbers of additional Cavalry and Infantry drafts being sent out this trooping season?

Telegram from the Secretary of State, to the Viceroy, dated 25th September 1886.

Yours 24th September. All Cavalry drafts go, but War Office hope now to retain some of the Infantry. Number yet uncertain.

No. M-4584.

INDIA OFFICE,
15*th May* 1886.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for India in Council, to forward, for the information of the Secretary of State for War, the accompanying copy of a telegram, dated 17th April 1886, suggesting that, in view of the financial exigencies of the present year, the despatch of the six Garrison Batteries, and of the additional Infantry drafts arranged to be sent out during the ensuing trooping season of 1886-87, should be postponed until the following season of 1887-88.

On this I was authorised to place myself informally in communication with you, in order to ascertain how far, if at all, the wishes of the Government of India could be met, and learnt that the arrangements of the War Office, both in respect to finance and recruiting, would be seriously interfered with if the enlistment of the additional men required for India were stopped, and if the advance of the £200,000 agreed to be paid to the War Office were withheld.

Lord Kimberley, however, understood that Mr. Secretary Campbell-Bannerman, though unable to accept the whole of the suggestions made by the Government of India, would be disposed, in order to meet their wishes as far as practicable, to agree to the postponement of the despatch of the six additional Garrison Batteries from the trooping season of 1886-87 to that of 1887-88, a reduction being made for that period of £50,000 in the advance of £200,000 above referred to. The rest of the arrangements, both for the advance and for the despatch of the other drafts of additional troops, still required to complete the revised establishment, standing as originally decided.

I am now to inform you that Lord Kimberley has ascertained by telegraph that this proposal as to the Garrison Batteries, and the reduction of the £200,000 by £50,000, would be acceptable to the Government of India, and I am to request that, if the Secretary of State for War concurs, effect may be given to this arrangement.

In anticipation of this concurrence, I am to express his Lordship's appreciation of the willingness shown by Mr. Campbell-Bannerman to meet the wishes of the Indian Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) ALLEN JOHNSON, Maj.-Genl.,
Military Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State for War.

No. 20-India-34.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT,
WAR OFFICE, 31*st July* 1886.

SIR,

I am directed, by the Secretary of State for War, to acknowledge the receipt of Major-General Johnson's letter of 15th May last, No. M-4584, having reference to a proposal that, in view of the financial exigencies of the Indian Government, the despatch of the balance of the additional force of 10,000 men to the Indian establishment shall be held over until 1887-88, and that the contribution of £200,000, which was to be paid by India during the current financial year, shall be reduced to £150,000.

In reply, I am to request you will acquaint the Secretary of State for India in Council that, on the strong representations which have been made on the subject, Mr. Secretary Campbell-Bannerman will arrange for the six Garrison Batteries of Royal Artillery which were shortly to have been sent to India not to be despatched, as well as the further reinforcements for the Infantry during the present financial year, and he also proposes to submit, for the approval of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, that the payment on account of the additional force during the present financial year shall be reduced to £150,000 as proposed.

I am, however, to remark that the latter sum is only accepted as a payment on account, and it is estimated that the raising and equipment of the additional troops which have already been sent to India has entailed a charge of about £180,000 on the Home exchequer.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) R. H. KNOX.

The Under Secretary of State for India.

No. 131-B.

Organization—British Troops.

Copy forwarded to the Financial Department, in continuation of Military Department No. 93, dated 18th January 1886.

Copy forwarded, in continuation of Military Department No. 257-B, dated the 15th May 1886, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department.

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(By Order.)

FORT WILLIAM,
18*th January* 1887.

(Signed) A. CROOKSHANK, Col.,
Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 369. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1887, No. 605.

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(True Extract.)

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Exd. P. L. Pereira.

Recorded in continuation
of G.O. No. 494 dated 12 June 1886

S/ D.H.

Govt. of {1887} Madras.

MILITARY.

To

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated January, 31st.

Issued

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G.O., 31st January 1887, No. 605.

JANUARY.
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No. M-4584.

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Military Secretary.

The Under Secretary of State for War.

No. 20-India-34.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT,
WAR OFFICE, 31*st July* 1886.

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No. 131-B.

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" Controller of Military Accounts.
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