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	<i>Head II.—Interior Economy and Discipline.</i>		
4	Alteration of the syllabus of instruction of volunteers and proposals regarding their future training.	While the Committee have no desire in any way to limit the training and degree of efficiency to which volunteers may be brought, they are sensible that the possibilities for drill in the various corps vary very considerably, and they are therefore of opinion that, under ordinary circumstances, it should be understood, and be laid down, for the guidance of inspecting officers, that, after musketry practice, which is held to be of primary importance, the acquaintance with— (i) simple company drill; (ii) battalion drill to the extent of simple line and column movements; (iii) skirmishing; (iv) outpost work of an elementary description; (v) the defence of houses and hasty entrenchments; (vi) advanced and rear-guards; (vii) reconnaissance; shall, as regards Infantry corps, be held to fulfil all the requirements expected by Government, and that for Cavalry and Artillery corps similar limits to their respective drill shall be held sufficient. For (v) the Committee recommend that Government sanction an issue of entrenching tools to Volunteer corps. The Committee recommend that the course is too severe and requires revision, especially in respect to marches and evolutions. Commanding Officers have, it is understood, been already called on to report as to the particular points in which the course is defective.	Approved, with the exception of (v) which the Government of India are unable to sanction on financial grounds.
5	That a less laborious course of musketry be laid down for volunteers.	The Committee recommend that the Government sanction an issue of entrenching tools to Volunteer corps.	A revised course of musketry has been laid down.
7	Improvement in the training of Naval Volunteers.	(1) The Committee recommend that Calcutta be made a naval reserve station and that the officers and members of the Calcutta Naval Volunteers work on board any vessel that the Government of India might deem fit to use for that purpose with the reserve. (2) That one of the Government of India torpedo gun-boats be stationed in Calcutta with an officer instructor from the Navy on board, so that both the Reserve and Naval Volunteers could be properly trained for the defence of the river.	Some of these arrangements are impracticable. The best arrangements will be made.

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	<i>Head III.—Measures involving Expenditure on Corps.</i>		
1	Withdrawal of the restriction debarring local Governments from spending money on volunteers.	The Committee strongly support the recommendation of the Simla Volunteer Committee on this head, viz. that the restriction be withdrawn, as it is believed volunteering would be much encouraged thereby.	The Government of India do not approve this proposal.
2	That loans be granted to Volunteer corps on easier terms.	The Committee anticipate that, if their recommendations for an increased capitation grant are sanctioned, the necessity for corps to obtain loans from Government will be materially decreased, but they recommend that, if such necessity should arise, the repayment of the loan should be spread over a larger number of years than is at present the custom, and that in no case should the capitation allowance be retained by the Comptroller. They recommend to the notice of the Government of India Major Temple's statement as to the seizure of his capitation grant for two years.	It is not considered necessary or desirable to lay down any rule. Each case will be considered on its merits.
3	Appointment of an Inspector-General or an Assistant Adjutant-General for Volunteers.	Appointment of an Inspector-General not recommended. Appointment of an Assistant Adjutant-General carried by 10 votes to 8.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal for financial reasons.
4	Appointment of Adjutants on formation of corps.	The Committee recommend that a paid Adjutant be allowed or lent from the date of formation of a Volunteer corps, to be withdrawn within one year, if it should appear that the corps is not likely to reach the minimum strength prescribed by regulations for the appointment of a permanent Adjutant. In the case of Artillery Volunteer corps, it was resolved that corps of two batteries with a minimum strength of 175 be allowed an Adjutant.	The Government of India are willing to consider each case on its merits.
5	Revised scales of capitation allowance.	The Committee recommend the following revised scales of capitation allowance:— (a) For Light Horse and Mounted Rifle Corps. Scale A— Rs. 50 for efficient. " 60 for extra-efficient. " 100 for highly-trained men. Scale B— Rs. 50 for efficient. " 60 for extra-efficient.	The Governor-General in Council is unable to sanction any increase to the capitation grant for financial reasons.

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6	Allowance for officers who pass the prescribed examination in tactics.	Instead of the present allowance of Rs. 5 a year, the Committee recommend that an honorarium of Rs. 250 be paid to the funds of the corps for each officer passing the prescribed examination in tactics.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal for financial reasons.																				
7	That a permanent advance be made to Light Horse or Mounted Rifle Corps to serve as a Chanda fund for buying mounts.	The Committee recommend the establishment of a Chanda fund under the following conditions:— (1) The money to be borrowed from Government on the security of the capitation grant and the Commanding Officer, that is to say, that, should the capitation grant fund be in debt or insufficient to meet the liability, the Commanding Officer to be personally responsible. (2) The Chanda fund to be kept separate, to be spent exclusively on the purposes for which it is intended, and to be subject to annual audit. (3) Advances to be limited to Rs. 15,000 for a corps of 300 horses and over, and proportionately less for corps of smaller numbers. The Committee calculated that for all volunteer corps in India, even if every Commanding Officer took advantage of this concession, the loan required from Government would not exceed Rs. 50,000.	The Government of India do not approve this proposal.																				
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8	(a) That a larger allowance of free ammunition be given to volunteers. (b) Rules for the issue of ammunition and return of empty cartridge cases.	(a) The Committee recommend that the annual free allowance of ammunition be increased from 100 to 150 rounds per volunteer. (b) The Committee also recommend that the rules for the issue of ammunition in corps be more closely attended to. As regards empty cartridge cases, the Committee think that a modification of para. 282, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, is expedient. It is obvious that, during the varied phases of a field day, it is impossible to have arrangements for collecting every blank cartridge that is expended, yet the Ordnance Department charge Rs. 5 for every 1,000 deficient cases. The Committee think that this is an unfair charge on the capitation fund, and while recommending that Commanding Officers be exhorted to take measures for the collection of these cases, think that no charge for any deficiency should be enforced in future.	(a) The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal for financial reasons. (b) The existing rules must be adhered to. They were framed to meet a grave danger to which the State was exposed.																				

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9	That armouries, magazines, volunteer head-quarters (institutes, &c.), quarters for sergeant-instructors, &c., be provided by the State.	The Committee recommend that Government be requested to provide a sum annually in the military budget for the provision of armouries, magazines, quarters for sergeant-instructors and volunteer head-quarters (clubs, &c.); also that para. 460, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, as amended by clause 60, India Army Circulars of 1887, be re-written, so as to prevent objections against expenditure of the capitation grant being urged by the Audit department, as is now frequently the case.	In Government of India Resolution No. 3424-B, dated 20th October 1892, this proposal was approved for the present year, and a sum of Rs. 30,000 was granted out of the estimates. The grant of the same sum for this purpose in 1893-94 has also been sanctioned.
10	That help be given for the construction of ranges.	The Committee consider that the provision made by the Government of India of Rs. 5,000 annually for assisting volunteer corps in constructing ranges is sufficient.	No increase of the present provision is necessary.
11	Allowances for expenses connected with volunteer camps and allowances for field days.	(a) The Committee consider that the expenses of entertaining an inspecting officer and of providing refreshments for a corps on field days should certainly not fall upon the officers, nor entirely on the capitation fund. At present it is allowed to come on the capitation fund by the application of clause II, para. 460, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, as amended by India Army Circulars, clause 60, of 30th April 1887. (b) To assist corps, the Committee propose that the following allowances be specially made by Government:— The extension of India Army Circulars, clause 206, of 1890, "Camps of Exercise," to ordinary field days, i.e., a money allowance of Rs. 1 for each officer, non-commissioned officer and man of any corps that has not been detailed for a camp of exercise in that particular year. These allowances to be granted for not more than seven field days in any one year, and to be supported by a certificate of the members attending on each occasion, signed by the Commanding Officer. It is estimated that the cost of this would come to about Rs. 20,000 a year.	In Government of India Resolution No. 3424-B, dated 20th October 1892, this proposal was approved for the present year and Rs. 20,000 were granted from the estimates. The grant of the same sum in 1893-94 has also been sanctioned.
12	Grants for camps of exercise.	The Committee recommend that the provision made for concessions to volunteer camps, as per clause 206, India Army Circulars of 1890, be raised from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 60,000 per annum, and that the money be allowed rateably on the strength of each corps that submits an application, the minimum amount allowed per man remaining as heretofore. Also recommend that the duration of camps of exercise be extended from five to six days. Also that in the circular quoted above, clause III the words "or 50 per cent. of the corps" be inserted after the words "a hundred volunteers."	In Government of India Resolution No. 3424-B, dated 20th October 1892, the Governor-General in Council approved of this proposal for the present year and granted a sum of Rs. 45,000 out of the estimates. The grant of the same sum in 1893-94 has also been sanctioned.
13	Charges for transporting guns and stores of Artillery Volunteers.	The Committee recommend that Government should provide the transport for guns and stores of Artillery Volunteers, and that, in the event of this not being practicable, a contingent bill of actual expenses should be passed.	Each case will be considered on its merits.
14	Band allowance	The Committee recommend that the band allowance of Rs. 100 a month, now given to Volunteer corps over 300 strong, be allowed to corps attaining a strength of 240. Also that in towns where two or more Volunteer corps exist, a corps may draw the allowance if qualified by its numbers, and pay it towards the support of a band maintained by any of the other Volunteer corps.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this for financial reasons.

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15	Pensions to volunteers on account of wounds or injuries received in the actual performance of military duty.	The Committee endorse the recommendations of the Simla Volunteer Committee, which were as follows:— The Committee understand that pensions to volunteers (and in the case of death, pensions to their widows) will be granted for injuries sustained on active service; but they would go further than this and recommend that, as regards wound and injury pensions and widows' pensions, the volunteers should be placed on exactly the same footing as members of the regular forces, whenever they are in the performance of military duties.	This proposal is still under consideration.
16	Capitation allowance for volunteers transferred from one corps to another.	The Committee recommend that in the case of members who qualify in one corps, but leave the station and are transferred to another corps at their new station prior to the inspection parade (<i>vide</i> para. 447, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX), the capitation earned should be drawn by the corps in which the volunteer qualified, and not in the corps to which transferred.	Approved.
17	Capitation allowance for volunteers who enlist after the inspection parade, but qualify.	The Committee recommend that, in case of volunteers who enlist after the inspection of a corps but who qualify, capitation should be passed on a certificate of enlistment from the Commanding Officer of the corps, and a certificate from the Commanding Officer of the corps in which the volunteer is trained. The grant should be made to the corps in which the volunteer qualified.	Approved.
18	Capitation allowance of Rs. 10 for active volunteers who fail to qualify in their first year.	The Committee recommend that the capitation grant sanctioned for efficient reservists be passed for recruits of active Volunteer corps who comply with the regulations for reservists, but who have not been able to attain the required number of drills to earn the capitation grant as active volunteers. This grant to be given only to recruits who have been enrolled for at least two months before the close of the season to which the grant relates.	Approved.
19	Inefficient recruits to count any drills of the first year as drill for the second year.	The Committee suggest that paras. 336 and 337, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, be amended so as to lay down that recruits joining during the year, if not efficient that year, may count the drills which they have put in towards their efficiency for the succeeding year.	This proposal cannot be approved. It would enable the recruit to attend in the second year a less number of drills than is required for efficiency.
20	Prizes for rifle shooting	The Committee recommend that the concession made to Railway corps in para. 406, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, viz., the grant of an allowance of Rs. 200 to every 100 efficient volunteers, be extended to all volunteer corps.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal for financial reasons.
21	That one provincial medal be given for Assam and one for Burma.	The Committee recommend this	Approved.
22	That concessions for travelling by steamer and tonga be granted to volunteers in Assam.	The Committee recommend that the words "steamer and tonga" as applicable to Burma and Assam be added to clause 206, India Army Circulars of 1890, after the word "railway," i.e., steamer and tonga fare be allowed to volunteers travelling to camps of exercise in Assam and Burma.	Approved.
23	Grant of long service medals.	Recommend the grant of a long service medal to volunteers of 15 years' service (including officers), provided they have been "efficient" for 10 years. The medal to be accompanied by a certificate signed by the head of the local Government of Administration.	This proposal is still under the consideration of the Government of India.
24	More liberal issue of forms (not on payments) for orderly-room purposes.	The concession to have retrospective effect. Recommended to include additional copies of India Army Circulars and corrections of Volunteer Regulations; also that in stations where Government printing presses exist, local printing, exclusive of military forms, be allowed free of charge at the Government Presses, the stationery being provided by the corps.	Approved.

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26	Special educational grant to encourage the training of cadets.	Commanding officers have brought to notice the great assistance they receive from Principals of educational establishments in the numbers and in the training of cadets when those officials are personally interested in volunteering, and at the same time the detriment to their corps which any head master can cause when animated by different feelings. The Committee look upon the early military training of cadets as a most important State question. Not only is a boy taught to handle and use a rifle, but his physique is improved by his military exercises, and lessons of discipline are instilled into his mind at an early age, which cannot fail to be of service to him in his future career. To encourage the formation of Cadet battalions, the Committee think that local Governments and Administrations might be invited to consider the propriety of giving a special educational grant of eight annas per month, or Rs. 6 a year, to schools for each European or Eurasian cadet taught therein, who is certified by the Commanding Officer of his corps to be thoroughly efficient.	Approved. The formation of Cadet corps, as proposed, will be suggested to local Governments.
	<i>Head IV.—Personal Concessions.</i>		
1	That troopship passages be provided from and to India for volunteers.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India do not approve this proposal.
2	Passages by steamship companies.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal.
3	Passes by Railway for volunteers travelling not on duty.	Not recommended	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal.
4	One month's additional service to be allowed to reckon towards pension or gratuity admissible under existing rules to Government servants for each year's volunteer service.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal.
5	Assisted education of the children of volunteers.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India approve of the proposal that children of volunteers be admitted into the Lawrence Asylums so far as accommodation may exist after the children of non-commissioned officers and men of the regular forces have been provided for.
6	Exemption from taxation.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India do not approve this proposal.

Order.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Departments of the Government of India, to all local Governments and Administrations, to the Adjutant-General in India, and to all departments under the Military Department of the Government of India, and to the President of the late Volunteer Committee.

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4	Alteration of the syllabus of instruction of volunteers and proposals regarding their future training.	While the Committee have no desire in any way to limit the training and degree of efficiency to which volunteers may be brought, they are sensible that the possibilities for drill in the various corps vary very considerably, and they are therefore of opinion that, under ordinary circumstances, it should be understood, and be laid down, for the guidance of inspecting officers, that, after musketry practice which is held to be of primary importance, the acquaintance with— (i) simple company drill; (ii) battalion drill to the extent of simple line and column movements; (iii) skirmishing; (iv) outpost work of an elementary description; (v) the defence of houses and hasty entrenchments; (vi) advanced and rear-guards; (vii) reconnaissance; shall, as regards Infantry corps, be held to fulfil all the requirements expected by Government, and that for Cavalry and Artillery corps similar limits to their respective drill shall be held sufficient. For (v) the Committee recommend that Government sanction an issue of entrenching tools to Volunteer corps. The Committee recommend that the course is too severe and requires revision, especially in respect to reservists and cadets. Commanding Officers have, it is understood, been already called on to report as to the particular points in which the course is defective.	Approved, with the exception of (v) which the Government of India are unable to sanction on financial grounds.
5	That a less laborious course of musketry be laid down for volunteers.	The Committee recommend that the course is too severe and requires revision, especially in respect to reservists and cadets. Commanding Officers have, it is understood, been already called on to report as to the particular points in which the course is defective.	A revised course of musketry has been laid down.
7	Improvement in the training of Naval Volunteers.	(1) The Committee recommend that Calcutta be made a naval reserve station and that the officers and members of the Calcutta Naval Volunteers work on board any vessel that the Government of India might deem fit to use for that purpose with the reserve. (2) That one of the Government of India torpedo gun-boats be stationed in Calcutta with an officer instructor from the Navy on board, so that both the Reserve and Naval Volunteers could be properly trained for the defence of the river.	Some of these arrangements are impracticable. The best arrangements practicable will be made.

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		(3) The conditions that the vessel be stationed in Calcutta should be: (a) that the Naval Volunteers provide two full sea crews for the vessels; (b) that they shall be responsible for the care of the vessel and pay for all repairs due to neglect; (c) that they submit the vessel to inspection as often as called upon by any officer the Government of India may be pleased to depute, and satisfy him of their efficiency. (4) As an alternative, it is suggested that Government should arm one of the local Government vessels (steamers) fit to protect the Sandheads in time of need, or to take the pilot station, should it be necessary to withdraw the sailing brigs. The Naval Volunteers guarantee to train on board and man her. (5) The Committee also recommend that the Calcutta Naval Volunteers have access to all Government armed vessels, and that every facility be given in this direction. (6) The cost of this measure, it is thought, will be nominal, being merely the transfer of a vessel from Bombay to Calcutta.	
	<i>Head III.—Measures involving Expenditure on Corps.</i>		
1	Withdrawal of the restriction debarring local Governments from spending money on volunteers.	The Committee strongly support the recommendation of the Simla Volunteer Committee on this head, viz., that the restriction be withdrawn, as it is believed volunteering would be much encouraged thereby.	The Government of India do not approve this proposal.
2	That loans be granted to Volunteer corps on easier terms.	The Committee anticipate that, if their recommendations for an increased capitation grant are sanctioned, the necessity for corps to obtain loans from Government will be materially decreased, but they recommend that, if such necessity should arise, the repayment of the loan should be spread over a larger number of years than is at present the custom, and that in no case should the capitation allowance be retained by the Comptroller. They recommend to the notice of the Government of India Major Temple's statement as to the seizure of his capitation grant for two years.	It is not considered necessary or desirable to lay down any rule. Each case will be considered on its merits.
3	Appointment of an Inspector-General or an Assistant Adjutant-General for Volunteers.	Appointment of an Inspector-General not recommended. Appointment of an Assistant Adjutant-General carried by 10 votes to 8.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal for financial reasons.
4	Appointment of Adjutants on formation of corps.	The Committee recommend that a paid Adjutant be allowed or lent from the date of formation of a Volunteer corps, to be withdrawn within one year, if it should appear that the corps is not likely to reach the minimum strength prescribed by regulations for the appointment of a permanent Adjutant. In the case of Artillery Volunteer corps, it was resolved that corps of two batteries with a minimum strength of 175 be allowed an Adjutant.	The Government of India are willing to consider each case on its merits.
5	Revised scales of capitation allowance.	The Committee recommend the following revised scales of capitation allowance:— (a) For Light Horse and Mounted Rifle Corps. Scale A— Rs. 50 for efficient. " 60 for extra-efficient. " 100 for highly-trained men. Scale B— Rs. 50 for efficient. " 60 for extra-efficient.	The Governor-General in Council is unable to sanction any increase to the capitation grant for financial reasons.

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		(b) <i>Naval, Artillery, and Engineer Corps.</i> Rs. 40 for efficient. " 60 for extra-efficient. " 50 extra for proficient officers and non-commissioned officers. " 100 extra for proficient field officers.																					
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6	Allowances for officers who pass the prescribed examination in tactics.		The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal for financial reasons.																				
7	That a permanent advance be made to Light Horse or Mounted Rifle Corps to serve as a Chanda fund for buying remounts.		The Government of India do not approve this proposal.																				
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8	(a) That a larger allowance of free ammunition be given to volunteers. (b) Rules for the issue of ammunition and return of empty cartridge cases.	(a) The Committee recommend that the annual free allowance of ammunition be increased from 100 to 150 rounds per volunteer. (b) The Committee also recommend that the rules for the issue of ammunition in corps be more closely attended to. As regards empty cartridge cases, the Committee think that a modification of para. 282, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, is expedient. It is obvious that, during the varied phases of a field day, it is impossible to have arrangements for collecting every blank cartridge that is expended, yet the Ordnance Department charge Rs. 5 for every 1,000 deficient cases. The Committee think that this is an unfair charge on the capitation fund, and while recommending that Commanding Officers be exhorted to take measures for the collection of these cases, think that no charge for any deficiency should be enforced in future.	(a) The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal for financial reasons. (b) The existing rules must be adhered to. They were framed to meet a grave danger to which the State was exposed.																				

* In order to earn the capitation grant of Rs. 40, a volunteer should fire the whole course, but need not obtain the number of points required for a marksman.

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9	That armouries, magazines, volunteer head-quarters (institutes, &c.), quarters for sergeant-instructors, &c., be provided by the State.	The Committee recommend that Government be requested to provide a sum annually in the military budget for the provision of armouries, magazines, quarters for sergeant-instructors and volunteer head-quarters (clubs, &c.); also that para. 460, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, as amended by clause 60, India Army Circulars of 1887, be re-written, so as to prevent objections against expenditure of the capitation grant being urged by the Audit department, as is now frequently the case.	In Government of India Resolution, No. 3424-B, dated 20th October 1892, this proposal was approved for the present year, and a sum of Rs. 30,000 was granted out of the estimates. The grant of the same sum for this purpose in 1893-94 has also been sanctioned.
10	That help be given for the construction of ranges.	The Committee consider that the provision made by the Government of India of Rs. 5,000 annually for assisting volunteer corps in constructing ranges is sufficient.	No increase of the present provision is necessary.
11	Allowances for expenses connected with volunteer camps and allowances for field days.	(a) The Committee consider that the expenses of entertaining an inspecting officer and of providing refreshments for a corps on field days should certainly not fall upon the officers, nor entirely on the capitation fund. At present it is allowed to come on the capitation fund by the application of clause II, para. 460, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, as amended by India Army Circulars, clause 60, of 20th April 1887. (b) To assist corps, the Committee propose that the following allowances be specially made by Government:— The extension of India Army Circulars, clause 206, of 1890, "Camps of Exercise," to ordinary field days, i.e., a money allowance of Re. 1 for each officer, non-commissioned officer and man of any corps that has not been detailed for a camp of exercise in that particular year. These allowances to be granted for not more than seven field days in any one year, and to be supported by a certificate of the members attending on each occasion, signed by the Commanding Officer. It is estimated that the cost of this would come to about Rs. 20,000 a year.	In Government of India Resolution No. 3424-B, dated 20th October 1892, this proposal was approved for the present year and Rs. 20,000 were granted from the estimates. The grant of the same sum in 1893-94 has also been sanctioned.
12	Grants for camps of exercise.	The Committee recommend that the provision made for concessions to volunteer camps, as per clause 205, India Army Circulars of 1890, be raised from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 60,000 per annum, and that the money be allowed rateably on the strength of each corps that submits an application, the minimum amount allowed per man remaining as heretofore. Also recommend that the duration of camps of exercise be extended from five to six days. Also that in the circular quoted above, clause III, the words "or 50 per cent. of the corps" be inserted after the words "a hundred volunteers."	In Government of India Resolution No. 3424-B, dated 20th October 1892, the Governor-General in Council approved of this proposal for the present year and granted a sum of Rs. 45,000 out of the estimates. The grant of the same sum in 1893-94 has also been sanctioned.
13	Charges for transporting guns and stores of Artillery Volunteers.	The Committee recommend that Government should provide the transport for guns and stores of Artillery Volunteers, and that, in the event of this not being practicable, a contingent bill of actual expenses should be passed.	Each case will be considered on its merits.
14	Band allowance	The Committee recommend that the band allowance of Rs. 100 a month, now given to Volunteer corps over 300 strong, be allowed to corps attaining a strength of 240. Also that in towns where two or more Volunteer corps exist, a corps may draw the allowance if qualified by its numbers, and pay it towards the support of a band maintained by any of the other Volunteer corps.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this for financial reasons.

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15	Pensions to volunteers on account of wounds or injuries received in the actual performance of military duty.	The Committee endorse the recommendations of the Simla Volunteer Committee, which were as follows:— The Committee understand that pensions to volunteers (and in the case of death, pensions to their widows) will be granted for injuries sustained on active service; but they would go further than this and recommend that, as regards wound and injury pensions and widows' pensions, the volunteers should be placed on exactly the same footing as members of the regular forces, whenever they are in the performance of military duties.	This proposal is still under consideration.
16	Capitation allowance for volunteers transferred from one corps to another.	The Committee recommend that in the case of members who qualify in one corps, but leave the station and are transferred to another corps at their new station prior to the inspection parade (vide para. 447, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX), the capitation earned should be drawn by the corps in which the volunteer qualified, and not in the corps to which transferred.	Approved.
17	Capitation allowance for volunteers who enlist after the inspection parade, but qualify.	The Committee recommend that, in case of volunteers who enlist after the inspection of a corps but who qualify, capitation should be passed on a certificate of enlistment from the Commanding Officer of the corps, and a certificate from the Commanding Officer of the corps to which the volunteer is trained. The grant should be made to the corps in which the volunteer qualified.	Approved.
18	Capitation allowances of Rs. 10 for active volunteers who fail to qualify in their first year.	The Committee recommend that the capitation grant sanctioned for efficient reservists be passed for recruits of active Volunteer corps who comply with the regulations for reservists, but who have not been able to attain the required number of drills to earn the capitation grant as active volunteers. This grant to be given only to recruits who have been enrolled for at least two months before the close of the season to which the grant relates.	Approved.
19	Inefficient recruits to count any drills of the first year as drill for the second year.	The Committee suggest that paras. 336 and 337, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, be amended so as to lay down that recruits joining during the year, if not efficient that year, may count the drills which they have put in towards their efficiency for the succeeding year.	This proposal cannot be approved. It would enable the recruit to attend in the second year a less number of drills than is required for efficiency.
20	Prizes for rifle shooting.	The Committee recommend that the concession made to Railway corps in para. 406, Army Regulations, India, Vol. IX, viz., the grant of an allowance of Rs. 200 to every 100 efficient volunteers, be extended to all volunteer corps.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal for financial reasons.
21	That one provincial medal be given for Assam and one for Burma.	The Committee recommend this.	Approved.
22	That concessions for travelling by steamer and tonga be granted to volunteers in Assam.	The Committee recommend that the words "steamer and tonga" as applicable to Burma and Assam be added to clause 208, India Army Circulars of 1890, after the word "railway," i.e., steamer and tonga fare be allowed to volunteers travelling to camps of exercise in Assam and Burma.	Approved.
23	Grant of long service medals.	Recommend the grant of a long service medal to volunteers of 15 years' service (including officers), provided they have been "efficient" for 15 years. The medal to be accompanied by a certificate signed by the head of the local Government of Administration.	This proposal is still under the consideration of the Government of India.
24	More liberal issue of forms (not on payment) for order-room purposes.	The concession to have retrospective effect. Recommended to include additional copies of India Army Circulars and corrections of Volunteer Regulations; also that in stations where Government printing presses exist, local printing, exclusive of military forms, be allowed free of charge at the Government Presses, the stationery being provided by the corps.	Approved.

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25	That special allowances be given to sergeant-instructors in Assam.	Recommend a grant of Rs. 25 per mensem to sergeant-instructors of corps stationed in Assam, Cachar, Sylhet, and Burma, on account of the extra expenses of living. There being 27 sergeant-instructors, this will cost Rs. 8,100 per annum.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal for financial reasons.
26	Special educational grant to encourage the training of cadets.	Commanding officers have brought to notice the great assistance they receive from Principals of educational establishments in the numbers and in the training of cadets when those officials are personally interested in volunteering, and at the same time the detriment to their corps which any head master can cause when animated by different feelings. The Committee look upon the early military training of cadets as a most important State question. Not only is a boy taught to handle and use a rifle, but his physique is improved by his military exercises, and lessons of discipline are instilled into his mind at an early age, which cannot fail to be of service to him in his future career. To encourage the formation of Cadet battalions, the Committee think that local Governments and Administrations might be invited to consider the propriety of giving a special educational grant of eight annas per month, or Rs. 6 a year, to schools for each European or Eurasian cadet taught therein, who is certified by the Commanding Officer of his corps to be thoroughly efficient.	Approved. The formation of Cadet corps, as proposed, will be suggested to local Governments.
<i>Head IV.—Personal Concessions.</i>			
1	That troopship passages be provided from and to India for volunteers.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India do not approve this proposal.
2	Passages by steamship companies.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal.
3	Passes by Railway for volunteers travelling not on duty.	Not recommended.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal.
4	One month's additional service to be allowed to reckon towards pension or gratuity admissible under existing rules to Government servants for each year's volunteer service.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India are unable to sanction this proposal.
5	Assisted education of the children of volunteers.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India approve of the proposal that children of volunteers be admitted into the Lawrence Asylums so far as accommodation may exist after the children of non-commissioned officers and men of the regular forces have been provided for.
6	Exemption from taxation.	The views of the Committee are expressed in para. 7 of their covering letter.	The Government of India do not approve this proposal.

Order.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Departments of the Government of India, to all local Governments and Administrations, to the Adjutant-General in India, and to all departments under the Military Department of the Government of India, and to the President of the late Volunteer Committee.

(Signed) E. H. H. COLLEN,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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