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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Volunteers.

Read the following papers :—

No. 26. *Telephonic message from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General, Madras Army ; dated Ootacamund, 23rd June* 1893, *No.* 4107.

With reference to remarks of G.O.C. Madras District, on inspection report of Madras Artillery Volunteers forwarded with your letter No. 2839 of 5th June 1893, please ascertain and report in what departments leave was refused to men who are Volunteers.

No. 27. *From Brigadier-General H. P. PEARSON*, C.B., *Adjutant-General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department ; dated Ootacamund, 18th July* 1893, *No.* 3673 *(Royal Artillery—Volunteers—Inspections).*

Referring to your telephone message No. 4107, dated 23rd ultimo, enquiring in what departments certain men of the Madras Artillery Volunteers were refused leave, I have the honor, by direction of the Provisional Commander-in-Chief, to forward the enclosed correspondence giving the information asked for.

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Telephonic message from the Secretary to Government, Military Department ; dated 23rd June 1893, No. 4107.

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(2)

No. 3214.

Please furnish this office with the required information as early as possible.

2. The following are the remarks alluded to—

"The Officer Commanding states that, notwithstanding the wishes of Government on the subject, Government servants were refused leave in certain departments even when the men were in camp of exercise for practice."

3. Return requested.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
23rd June 1893.

(Signed) W. E. LOCKHART, Colonel,
Asst. Adjt.-Genl., Royal Artillery.

To the General Officer Commanding Madras District.

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No. 81-C.

Forwarded for favour of report.

2. Return requested.

(Signed) W. L. RANKING, Colonel,
Asst. Adjt.-Genl., Madras District.

26th June 1893.

To the Officer Commanding Madras Artillery Volunteers.

(4)

Forwarded to the Officer Commanding Madras Artillery Volunteers for the favour of information required being furnished.

MADRAS, 7th August 1893. (Signed) H. S. STEWART, Colonel, *Comdt., Madras Volunteer Guards.*

(5)

From Major J. H. SPRING BRANSON, Commanding Madras Artillery Volunteers; dated 1st July 1893.

In compliance with the above request, I have the honor to enclose the reply of Mr. Wickham, General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, Madras, to my letter of the 7th October 1892, and the copy of the correspondence therein referred to.

I request that these may be returned to me, as they belong to the correspondence file in my office.

I also enclose the list of prizes given by me in which will be found my "donation to daily workmen who have lost pay by coming into camp." These were—

Gunner F. Garnett,	of the Public Works Workshops.	Gunner I. Holden,	of the Gun Carriage Factory.
" F. Murphy,		" S. Greene,	
" I. Reboiro,		" R. Hall,	
" G. David,			
" M. Bowers,			

I believe that all the above men were "daily workmen." The Rs. 24-10-0 I paid was the amount of pay unearned by them in consequence of their coming into camp. I request that this loss may also be returned.

Proceedings of Madras Government in the Public Works Department; dated 9th May 1892, No. 1439-W.

Read the following papers—

Office-note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts; dated 14th April 1892, No. 564-SA.

4. In this connection I may state, that volunteers on *salaried* establishments are, under general orders of Government, always treated as on duty when they attend drill or rifle meetings, but if a similar concession is granted to labourers in a workshop, it may be desirable to charge the wages for such periods to a separate head, so as not to increase the cost of jobs. But I do not press this point.

Office note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts; dated 3rd May 1892, No. 633-SA.

The General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, states that the men referred to are paid at daily rates of pay.

No. 1439-W.

Order.—The charges may be admitted in the present case, but, for the future, no pay will be allowed to men on a daily wage, who may absent themselves from work, under similar circumstances.

(True Extract.)

9th *May* 1892. (Signed) O. V. BODDY, Major, R.E., *Under-Secretary to Government.*

No. 88-PWS.

To the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, for guidance.

MADRAS, 13th *May* 1892. (Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Lieut.-Col., R.E., *Superintending Engineer, V Circle.*

From L. L. WICKHAM, Esq., General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle; dated Madras, 20th May 1892, No. 21-SE.

With reference to your endorsement on G.O., No. 1439-W, dated 9th May 1892, No. 188-S, dated 13th idem, I have the honor to bring to your notice that monthly paid men are, to all practical purposes, the same as daily paid men, and the advantages of paying daily and monthly are, I believe, a mere matter of opinion.

2. I have monthly paid and daily paid Volunteers, and why should any difference be made between them? Both have been charged to "general" at present when absent on drill. The men during the drill season are unavoidably an hour late.

3. I cannot well charge this to any particular job, and when it is placed to "general charges," the cost is distributed over all jobs.

4. Supposing the men were monthly paid, I cannot charge any other way.

5. The Government order practically, therefore, comes to this: The D.P.W. Workshop is debarred from employing Volunteers on daily pay, but is allowed to employ Volunteers on monthly pay.

6. A man of a certain standing requires a certain amount of pay, and if his pay is stopped because he is serving Government as a Volunteer, he must either be paid at a higher rate, or else will find work elsewhere. If he is paid at a higher rate, it means that the non-volunteers are discontented, because they get less pay and do the same work, and there is no difference between paying a higher daily rate than giving him pay for the time that he is absent at drill.

7. It is not, I believe, the object of Government to discourage Volunteers, but rather the contrary; and I find it myself useful to have a steady intelligent set of men accustomed to obey orders, and if Volunteers are discharged in the Government Workshop, it can hardly be expected that private firms will do otherwise. The total is, say Rs. 200, which is an insignificant item when distributed over a lakh and a quarter of work.

8. I therefore request that you will again refer the matter to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department; dated 31st May 1892, No. 1657-W.

Read the following papers:—

From the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, No. 21-SE-5, of 20th May 1892.
Endorsement by the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, No. 246-W, of 23rd May 1892.

No. 1657-W.

Order.—G.O. No. 1439-W, dated the 9th May 1892, should be adhered to. With reference to paras. 5 and 6 of the General Superintendent's letter, it is observed that the Workshops are not prohibited from employing Volunteers on daily pay, but from giving a day's pay to a man who contracts for a day's work and does not perform it.

(True Extract.)

31*st May* 1892. (Signed) O. V. BODDY, Major, R.E., *Under-Secretary to Government.*

No. 232-PWS.

To the General Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, with reference to his No. 23-SE 5, dated 20th May 1892.

MADRAS, 4*th June* 1892. (Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Lieut.-Col., R.E., *Superintending Engineer, V Circle.*

(6)

No. 21[illegible]

Has the honor to forward the information called for in minute No. 3214 of the 23rd ultimo. Return of documents forwarded by the Commandant, Madras Artillery Volunteers, is requested.

3*rd July* 1893. (Signed) H. S. STEWART, Colonel, *Comdt., Madras Volunteer Guards.*

To the Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras District.

(7)

No. 91-C.

Please see para. 2 of minute (2).

Is it to be understood that the men were refused leave with pay, or that leave was refused under any circumstances?

(By Order.)

(Signed) W. R. RANKING, Colonel,
Asst. Adjt.-Genl., Madras District.

6th *July* 1893.

To the Officer Commanding Madras Artillery Volunteers.

(8)

Forwarded for favour of information called for.

(Signed) H. S. STEWART, Colonel,
Comdt., Madras Volunteer Guards.

8th *July* 1893.

To the Officer Commanding the "Duke's Own" Madras Artillery Volunteers.

(9)

From Major J. H. SPRING-BRANSON, Commanding Madras Artillery Volunteers, dated

(Signed) H. S. STEWART, Colonel,
Comdt., Madras Volunteer Guards.

11th *July* 1893.

To the Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras District.

(11)

No. 95-C.

Forwarded. From the above correspondence it appears that the refusal of leave under reference was consequent on Order No. 1657-W, dated 31st May 1892, a copy of which is attached.

Madras,
13th *July* 1893. (Signed) T. VAN STRAUBENZEE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Madras District.

To the Assistant Adjutant-General, Royal Artillery.

No. 4839.

Forwarded to the Inspector-General of Ordnance for favour of information whether arrangements similar to those mentioned in Proceedings of Government, No. 1468-W, dated 2nd June 1893 (copy enclosed), might not be made with reference to men of the Gun Carriage Factory who are Volunteers.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND,
26th *July* 1893. (Signed) H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General of Ordnance, with copy of P.G.
No. 1468-W, of 2nd June 1893.

ENCLOSURES.

Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department; dated 13th June 1893, No. 3861.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department; dated 2nd June 1893, No. 1468-W.

Read the following papers:—

From the Adjutant-General; dated 29th November 1892, No. 2281-BA.
Endorsement thereon in the Military Department; dated 9th December 1892, No. 7870.
From the Superintending Engineer, V Circle; dated 13th Feb. 1893, No. 55 W.
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Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts; dated 15th May 1893, No. 1688 C.

Order—dated 2nd June 1893, No. 1468 W., Public Works.

It would appear that there are about 60 Eurasian daily-paid workmen usually employed in the Presidency Public Works Workshops. In order that there should be no impediment in the way of these men joining the Volunteer Corps, they will, if they are enrolled on the strength of the regiment, be allowed the same privileges in regard to leave of absence for attending drills as is enjoyed by monthly-paid servants of Government.

2. The grant of such leave must be decided in each case by the General Superintendent with reference to the exigencies of work. The pay of the men for these periods of absence will be debited in the first instance to "General charges" and subsequently distributed proportionately over the cost of all jobs done in the month.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
General Buildings and Roads Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, V Circle,
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

No. 3861.

Order.—Communicated for the information of the Provisional Commander-in-Chief.

(True Extract.)

OOTACAMUND,
13th *June* 1893. (Signed) H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

No. 28. *Memorandum from Brigadier-General H. P. PEARSON, C.B., Adjutant-General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 7th August 1893, No. 1387-BA (Volunteers).*

Submitted and strongly recommended for the favorable consideration of Government.

From Colonel H. S. STEWART, Commandant, Madras Volunteer Guards, to the Adjutant-General, Madras Army; dated Madras, 27th July 1893, No. 243.

I have the honor to request you will be good enough to move the Commander-in-Chief to consider the advisability of addressing the Government on the subject of extending the provisions of Proceedings of Government, Military Department, No. 3861 of 13th June 1893, to all Government Departments so that the employés of the Gun Carriage Factory, Arsenal, Government Press, &c., may be included in the indulgence therein granted.

2. I am induced to represent this matter to the Commander-in-Chief as I have lately received numerous complaints from the men in the departments above quoted.

No. 93.

Forwarded for favorable consideration. I strongly recommend in the interests of the Volunteer movement that the indulgence granted to the employés of the Public Works Workshops in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3861, dated 13th June 1893, be extended to those employed in all public offices.

(Signed) T. VAN STRAUBENZEE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Madras District.

1st August 1893.

To the Adjutant-General.

No. 29. *Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Inspector-General of Ordnance; dated Ootacamund, 10th August* 1893, *No.* 5208.

Reference my 4839 of 26th July.

Please also include in your remarks members of the Arsenal who are Volunteers.

No. 30. *From Colonel T. WALKER, R.A., Inspector-General of Ordnance, to Brigadier-General H. R. HOPE, Secretary to Government, Military Department; dated Fort St. George, 11th August* 1893, *No.* 7642-*E.*

In returning herewith the enclosures of your No. 4830, dated 26th July 1893, and with reference to your telegram No. 5208, dated 10th August 1893, I have the honor to state, for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, that the Superintendent, Gun Carriage Factory, Madras, has been directed to grant leave for attending drills, &c., to all hands (whether permanent or temporary) duly enrolled in a Volunteer Corps, always of course on the understanding that such leave is not to the detriment of the work of the factory. Similar instructions have been issued to other Ordnance establishments in this circle.

No. 31. *Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Department; dated 4th September* 1893, *No.* 714.

Read the following papers :—

From the Adjutant-General, Madras Army; dated 7th August 1893, No. 1387-BA.

ABSTRACT.—Recommending that the provisions of Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3861, dated 13th June 1893, may be extended to all Government departments.

No. 5365.

Forwarded to the Public Department, for favour of information as to whether arrangements similar to those sanctioned for the employés of the Public Works Workshops in G.O., No. 1468-W., dated 2nd June 1893 (Military G.O., No. 3861, dated 13th June 1893), might not be made as regards members of the Government Press who are Volunteers.

(By Order.)

(Signed) H. R. HOPE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

16th August 1893.

To the Public Department, with copy of P.G. No. 3861, dated 13th June 1893.

From the Superintendent, Government Press; dated 23rd August 1893, No. 2355.

In returning herewith endorsement No. 1454, dated 19th August 1893, on Public Current No. 2241, the Superintendent, Government Press, submits that

there are 44 Volunteers in the Government Press; of these 27 are on the permanent establishment and 17 are piece-work compositors. It is the piece-work compositors only that lose pay when attending camps of exercise, &c. They also lose a few hours' work on several days in the year when attending the butts.

2. In 1892, when the men had attended the camp of exercise, the Superintendent forwarded the average daily earnings of the compositors to the Officer Commanding and the regiment paid the men, so that none of the compositors suffered pecuniary loss on the last occasion.

3. If the Press is to pay the average salary earnings of the compositors when away from work for several days and for the hours lost daily when attending the butts, the amount can be shown under a separate heading and be added to the other items which are proportionately distributed against the total outturn of pages during the year.

No. 714, Public.

Order.—The course indicated in para. 3 of the Superintendent's note may be adopted.

(True Extract.)

4th September 1893. (Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department, with 10 enclosures returned.
" Superintendent, Government Press.

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1893, No. 6578.

Recorded.

2. The necessary instructions have, it is observed, been issued by the Public Works Department, the Inspector-General of Ordnance, Madras, and the Public Department, in regard to the grant of leave, without loss of pay, to members of Volunteer Corps who are employed in the Presidency Public Works Workshops, in the several Ordnance Establishments and in the Government Press, to enable them to attend drills, camps of exercise, &c.

(True Extract.)

Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.
" Inspector-General of Ordnance.
" Public Department.
" Public Works Department.
" Controller of Military Accounts

Erd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Govt. of {1893} Madras.

MILITARY.

To

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

Dated October, 4th.

Issued

Recd. Enel.

G.O., 4th October 1893, No. 6578.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 26—32.

Volunteers.

Leave.—Correspondence regarding the grant of — without loss of pay to members of Volunteer Corps employed in certain Public establishments in the Presidency, who may attend camps of exercise, &c., recorded, with remarks.