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To THE QUARTER MASTER GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT, 4TH FEBRUARY 1895, No. 634.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Volunteers.

Read the following paper :—

No. 18. From Major E. GRAHAM, for Officiating Quarter Master General,
Madras Army, to Colonel D. J. S. McLEOD, Officiating Secretary to
Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 7th January 1895,
No. 29 M.W. (Volunteers).

With reference to Proceedings of Government, No. 1811, dated 21st March
last, sanctioning the payment of the contribution due by the South Indian Railway
Volunteer Corps for the construction of an armoury and magazine at Cuddalore in
two instalments, I am desired to submit
the correspondence marginally noted,
containing an application from the
Commandant, recommended by the
General Officer Commanding Southern
District, that the corps may be exempted
from the payment of the contribution,

as the amount cannot be paid without crippling the general administration of the
corps.

2. In support of the application it is stated that though on the 31st March
last an unexpended balance of Rs. 3,032-11-10 remained to the credit of the corps,
a considerable portion of this amount represented liabilities incurred prior to that
date, the bills for which were not received and paid until subsequently.

3. These liabilities are enumerated in the Commandant's memorandum
No. 7/642 of 5th November last (copy attached), and include a sum of Rs. 500 for
the adjustment of the first instalment in question, leaving a credit balance of
Rs. 186-4-10 which, together with the unexpended portion of the capitation grant
drawn by the corps in July last would, it is considered, be available to meet any
emergent demand such as referred to in Minute IX. of the enclosed correspondence.

4. The Commander-in-Chief is therefore unable to concur with the recommend-
ation of the General Officer Commanding Southern District that the corps should be
relieved from its liability to payment in the present case, and, looking to the nature
of the correspondence, His Excellency would suggest that, under the orders of
Government, an inquiry be made into the state of the funds of this corps.

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. CRIGHTON, Commandant, South Indian Railway Volunteer
Rifle Corps, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Madras District; dated Negapatam,
18th October 1894, No. 9/566 (Volunteers—Buildings).

With reference to your No. 1323 B., dated the 5th April 1894, forwarding G.O.,
No. 623 W., dated 6th March 1894 (Public Works Department—Buildings and Roads—
Military Works), sanctioning the proposal that a certain contribution from the funds of this
corps (namely Rs. 2,255) to meet the cost of constructing an "armoury and magazine" at

Cuddalore may be paid in two instalments, I have the honor to inform you that I regret I have not been able to pay the instalment which, in accordance with arrangements referred to in the above quoted Government Order, should have been paid in the course of this year.

2. On the 31st March last, the unexpended balance of cash in hand in the funds of this corps was Rs. 3,032-11-10, but a considerable portion of this amount represented liabilities incurred prior to that date, the bills for which were not received and paid for until subsequently.

3. The capitation grant for the year 1893-94, received in July last, is practically the same as that for the preceding year and exceeds it only by about Rs. 400, and I do not anticipate I shall have sufficient funds to meet the contribution towards the construction of the armoury, much as I would wish it, without crippling the general administration of the corps under my command.

4. Under the circumstances, I have the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to exempt this corps from paying the contribution referred to, and to solicit that early orders may be issued as the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, Madras, is pressing for the payment of the contribution into the treasury as the work will be completed in November 1894.

(ii)

No. 4074 B.

Forwarded with reference to your No. 518 M.W., dated 29th March 1894.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
23rd October 1894.(Signed) T. VAN STRAUBENZEE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Madras District.

To the Quarter Master General of the Army.

(iii)

No. 2193 M.W.

Returned for favor of your opinion—*vide* this office Circular No. 1932 A. of 5th June 1891.

Return requested.

(By order.)

OOTACAMUND,
1st November 1894.(Signed) E. GRAHAM, Captain,
for Offg. Quarter Master General.

To the General Officer Commanding Madras District.

(iv)

No. 4233 B.

I am of opinion that, under the circumstances stated, the concession asked for should be granted. At the same time having no control over the corps funds of the South Indian Railway Volunteers, I was under the impression that the question would necessarily be referred to the General Officer Commanding Southern District, which accounts for Circular No. 1932 not having been complied with.

MADRAS,
3rd November 1894.(Signed) T. VAN STRAUBENZEE, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Madras District.

To the Quarter Master General.

(v)

No. 2233 M.W.

Forwarded for favor of your opinion and early return.

(By order.)

OOTACAMUND,
7th November 1894.(Signed) E. GRAHAM, Captain,
for Offg. Quarter Master General.

To the General Officer Commanding Southern District.

(vi)

No. 3984 B.

I am of opinion that the funds of the corps cannot bear the expense—*vide* my Minute No. 3972 B. of 9th instant.

WELLINGTON,
10th November 1894.(Signed) J. H. PRENDERGAST, Brigdr.-Genl.,
Commanding Southern District.

To the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund.

(vii)

No. 2339 M.W.

In para. 2 of this office letter No. 201 M.W. of 8th February 1893, embodied in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3455, of 29th May 1893, the Commander-in-Chief recommended that the cost of the armoury and magazine, &c. (which Volunteer Corps are ordinarily required to provide themselves with), should be borne by the State.

2. In their letter embodied in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 6411, of 27th September 1893, the Government of India sanctioned a grant of Rs. 3,285 towards the construction of the building in question, and directed that the balance of the cost be met from corps funds.

3. In para. 2 of their letter embodied in Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 6555, of 3rd October 1893, the Government of India repeat that the balance alluded to above should be met from corps funds.

4. A special representation having been made, the Local Government in Proceedings of Government, No. 1811, of 21st March 1894, sanctioned the payment of this balance (Rs. 2,255) in two instalments, viz., Rs. 500 in 1893-94 and Rs. 1,755 in 1894-95.

5. From the Commandant's letter now under reply, it appears that nothing has been paid up to date, and that on the 31st March last the unexpended balance of cash in hand in the funds of the corps was Rs. 3,032-11-10, but that a considerable portion of that amount represented outstanding liabilities incurred prior to that date.

6. The liabilities referred to above are enumerated in the Commandant's memo. No. 7/642 of the 5th instant, forwarded with your No. 3972 of 9th idem, and amounted to Rs. 2,346-6-11, exclusive of the sum of Rs. 500 due by the corps towards the construction of the buildings at Cuddalore.

7. There having thus been an actual credit balance of Rs. 686-4-10 in favor of the corps on the 31st March 1894, its inability to adjust the payment of the first instalment is not understood and should be explained.

Return requested.

(By order.)

OOTACAMUND,
23rd November 1894.(Signed) G. SIMPSON, Colonel,
Offg. Quarter Master General.

To the General Officer Commanding Southern District.

(viii)

No. 4151 B.

Forwarded for information and favor of further report.
Return requested.

(By order.)

WELLINGTON,
24th November 1894.(Signed) C. W. PARK, Major,
Asst. Adjutant-General, Southern District.To the Officer Commanding South Indian Railway
Volunteer Rifle Corps, Negapatam.

(ix)

No. 9/766.

I beg to state that I consider so small a credit balance as Rs. 686-4-10 would not justify me in making the payment under reference, as I am of opinion that even a larger sum than that should be held in reserve and at my disposal in the corps funds to meet unforeseen demands.

2. The corps under my command is scattered over a considerable area, from Madras to Tuticorin and from Negapatam to Nellore, and if the corps funds were paid away to the last rupee, I should not be able even to provide refreshments for my men that in an emergency might be required to be moved away from their head-quarters in aid of the civil authorities.

3. Under the circumstances, I hope that my request may be complied with.

(Signed) C. E. CRIGHTON, Lieut.-Col.,
Comdt., South Indian Railway
Volunteer Rifle Corps.

27th November 1894.

To the Assistant Adjutant-General, Southern District, Wellington.

(x)

No. 4271 B.

Forwarded. I concur in the remarks in Minute IX and recommend that the amount be paid by State.

WELLINGTON, (Signed) J. H. PRENDERGAST, Brigdr.-Genl.,
7th December 1894. Comdg. Southern District.

To the Quarter Master General, Ootacamund.

From Lieutenant-Colonel C. E. CRIGHTON, Commandant, South Indian Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps, to the Assistant Adjutant-General, Southern District; dated 5th November 1894, No. 7/642.

With reference to Quarter Master General's Minute No. VII, dated 23rd October 1894, if the amounts actually due by the corps on the 31st March last had been paid by that date, there would have been only a balance at credit of the corps fund of Rs. 186-4-10 as per following details:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Balance shown to the credit of the corps fund on 31st March 1894	3,032	11	10
<i>Liabilities on 31st March 1894.</i>			
Miscellaneous bills paid on 4th April 1894	248	3	9
Gharry hire allowance paid on 11th April 1894	29	8	0
Value of stores deficient paid to Government on 15th May 1894	11	8	6
"H" Company's contingent bill to 3rd March 1894 paid 15th May 1894	11	8	0
Part-payment of bill for clothing, dated 29th March 1894, paid 15th May 1894	500	0	0
Lawrence Asylum Press bill, dated 20th January 1894, paid 6th June 1894	81	14	0
Government Army Equipment Factory, Cawnpore, bill, dated 23rd December 1893, paid 16th June 1894	149	6	0
E. C. Medina, Calcutta, bill for brown leather paste, dated 18th December 1893, paid 6th June 1894	98	13	0
Gulam Dnstojee's bill for 100 suits of clothing made for Trichinopoly detachment paid 6th June 1894	100	0	0
Paid Government Treasury for stores deficient as per letter No. 1486 of 2nd January 1894	32	9	6
Messrs. Firman and Sons, London, bill, dated 16th September 1893, for buttons, paid 25th July 1894	245	5	2
Balance due to Tailor bill, dated 29th March 1894, paid 25th June 1894	757	11	0
Store Sergeant's allowance for period 1st April 1893 to 31st March 1894, paid 3rd August 1894	80	0	0
Contribution due by corps towards construction of Armoury and Sergeant Instructor's quarters at Cuddalore	500	0	0
Total	2,846	6	11

No. 19.

ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1895, No. 634.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is unable at this period to relieve the South Indian Railway Volunteers from liability to pay in full and at once the first instalment of Rs. 500 due on 31st March 1894.

2. If after inquiry into the financial position of the corps the General Officer Commanding Southern District considers it desirable to recommend the repayment of the balance Rs. 1,755, due in the current year, by easy instalments, Government will be prepared to consider the proposal.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. J. S. McLEOD, Colonel,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

To the Quarter Master General.
" Controller of Military Accounts.

" Public Works Department, for information.

Erd, T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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