

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 1009 W

DATED 3 July 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Draw my Hack Co. Circular from the Director
General of Military Works forwarding correspondence on the subject of the provision of —
for instructing the Native Cavalry in en-
training and detaining horses, &c. &c.

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Circular No. 13-B.

Military Works Department.

To

The

*Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Madras.*

Dated Simla, the 1st June 1897.

MEMORANDUM.

The following is forwarded for information.

H. Amott
Major General.

Director General of Military Works in India.

No. 871-C., dated 12th May 1897.

From—The Government of India, Military Department,

To—The Director General of Military Works in India.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1081-B., dated the 26th March 1897, relative to the provision of a dummy wagon for the Native Cavalry detachment at Fort Sandeman to enable it to practice embarkation and debarkation of horses.

2. In reply I am to forward the accompanying copy of a letter No. 1978-C., dated 3rd September 1888, to the Resident, Hyderabad, from which it will be seen that the practice of accustoming horses to enter a dummy wagon in regimental lines is considered to be of no value whatever, and that it is preferable to omit this part of the special course of instruction rather than to incur any expenditure in the construction of dummy wagons.

No. 1978, ^{Transport} ^{Railway}, dated Simla, the 3rd September 1888.

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,

To—The Resident at Hyderabad.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 157, dated the 4th July 1888, regarding the construction of dummy trucks at four stations of the Hyderabad Contingent, for the purpose of instructing the mounted

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branches of the force in entraining and detraining horses in accordance with the orders contained in G. O. C. C., dated the 24th August 1887, laying down a special course of instruction for Native Cavalry.

2. In reply, I am to say that the practice of accustoming horses to enter a dummy wagon in regimental lines would be of no value whatever, as half the difficulties attendant on loading and unloading horses at a railway station consist in the excitement caused by the noise of the unusual surroundings at the station itself, and the Government of India are, therefore, of opinion that to gain any satisfactory results, the training of horses should be carried out from a railway platform, with stock which might be lent by the Railway Companies.

3. If some such arrangements cannot be made, it would appear preferable to omit this part of the special course of instruction, rather than to incur any expenditure in the construction of dummy trucks, the practice carried out with which would not tend to the attainment of the object aimed at.

CASE No. 1556-B.