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G.O., No. 208

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[Despatch Abstract.]

THE MADRAS GARRISON.

Expressing the opinion of this Government on the proposed removal of a battalion of Madras Infantry from the lines at Rayapuram to St. Thomas' Mount.

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From

L.G. C.F.
Madras

No. 489. M.W.

Dated - 11 }
Recd. 13 } 3. 1896. Encl. (1).

. Subject .

Enclosing copy of a communication received from the Qr Master General India on the Subject of the proposed Evacuation of the Madras Infantry lines at Rozapuram, and requesting to be furnished with ~~the early reply~~ opinion of the Govt of Madras as to the proposed reduction of the Madras Garrison, ~~and~~ change in the Accnt. General's Guard.

No: 30 B.
Camp.

To

His Excellency the Lieutenant-General
Commanding the Forces, Madras,
Ootacamund.

Accommodation for Troops.
Native.

Office of Quarter Master General in India,
Army Head Quarters;
Fort William, 16th January 1896.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief in India to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter No: 1 G. dated 2nd January 1896, with enclosures, relative to a proposal for the removal of a battalion of Madras Infantry from the lines at Royapuram to the old European Barracks at St: Thomas' Mount.

2. Before submitting this Correspond for the consideration of the Government of India, His Excellency desires me to request the favor of definite information on the following points:—

(i) Whether the Local Government has any objecti to the reduction of the Madras Garrison by one regiment.

(ii) In para: 11 of the letter under reference your

Excellen

Excellency states that there is a slight difficulty in connection with the provision of men for the necessary garrison duties, but there is little doubt that this shall be arranged satisfactorily with the Local Government.

On this point I am to ask your Excellency to say definitely whether this difficulty can be over come, and that satisfactory arrangements can be made for the due performance of the garrison duties at Madras in the event of the whole regiment being withdrawn from Royapuram.–

(iii) Further information is requested as regards the exact financial aspect of the case, i.e. what the Royapuram site and lines would realise if the land (other than that required for public purposes) and materials were sold.–

3. I am to request that under your Excellency's orders the Commander-in-Chief may be favored with a plan of the Royapuram site shewing how the lines would be affected by the projected alignment of the harbour canal, together with a sketch map shewing generally the distribution of the garrison in and near Madras.

I have &c:
(Signed) A. R. Badcock, Major Genl.,
Q. M. G. in India.

True

(True Copy)

S. J. Rolland Colonel
Asst: Quarter Master General
DRW

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To

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CURRENT No.

Ootacamund,

11th March 1896

No. 489 M.W.

From

The Lieutenant-General COMMANDING the FORCES, Madras.

To

CHIEF SECRETARY
13 MAR 1896

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras

Sir,

With reference to my letter to you No. 2 T of 2nd January 1896, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a communication[x] received by me from the Quarter Master General India on the subject of the proposed evacuation of the Madras Infantry Lines at Royapuram.

ENCLOSURES.

x No. 30B/camp of 14th January 1896

2 I would request the favor of being furnished, as early as may be convenient, with the opinion of the Government of Madras as to the proposed reduction of the Madras Garrison by one Madras Infantry Regiment, and also as to the feasibility of the Accountant General's Guard, now furnished by Native Soldiers, being in future found by the Police, on which latter point I lately &[x] addressed you.

x No. NA/1384 of 10th March 1896

3 I would further request that I may be supplied with the information called for in Clause III Para 2 of the letter of the Quarter Master General,

General India as to what the Royapuram site would realize if the land (other than that required for public purposes) were sold.

4 I have to express my very great regret that the letter from the Quarter Master General India now forwarded was not communicated to you immediately on its receipt, the delay being due to the fact that through an oversight, it was not sent on or communicated to me when on tour and consequently it has only now come under my notice.

5 I would beg the favor of a very early reply.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
Chas M Muir[?]
Lieut: General
Commanding the Forces, Madras

[G/25]
1,000—5-11-95

Pol. DEPARTMENT

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FOR ORDERS.

I don't think it is necessary to retain 2 regts. of Native Infantry in Madras, provided (1) the ~~appl~~ necessary guards can be supplied from one regt., (2) the regt. removed from Madras is retained at the Mount (3) the full allotted strength of British infantry is kept up (4) the strength of the Body Guard is kept up so that there may be some mounted men available to clear the streets in the event of popular disturbance. Considering the ^inhabitants of the vast population of this Presy which has for 2 or 3 generations not so much as ever seen even a Native soldier, I don't think it safe to make any further reductions than those already sanctioned. The mere transfer of a Native Inf. Regt. from Madras to the Mt. would do no harm, but the strength of Brit. Inf. maintained in Madras should be kept up. It is for the Mily Dept. to provide barrack accommodation in the Fort. This should be emphasized, in the hope that a demand will follow for the removal of the Govt. Offices to make room for more barracks.

x Who has made a representation

H Matuka

HS
17/3/96

G.O. No. 522 Pol, on which G.O.
dd 12 Septr/92, Mis 5940

G.O. No. 691 Pol,
dd 28 Novr/92, Mis

I am not inclined to attach importance to condition (4) that the strength of the Bd. Guard shd be kept up

I agree
JG
17/3/96

JD 17/3/96

The Revenue Dept has been requested to furnish the information sought in para 3 of the Lt. General's letter and the Accountant General^x has already been referred to in regard to the feasibility of the guard now furnished to him by the Native Infantry Soldiers being in future found by the Police. The question for orders is the proposed reduction of the Madras Garrison by one Madras Infantry Regiment. In the table of minimum obligatory garrisons, six companies of a British infantry regiment have been allotted to Madras, but owing to the fact that the barrack accommodation here is insufficient only a wing of

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the Cheshire Regiment is stationed at Fort St. George, its head-quarters being at Bellary. If the full complement of the British Infantry Regt allotted to Madras were kept at Fort St. George there would be less objection to the present proposal. This would however necessitate the provision of additional accommodation, and additional accommodation can only be found by the removal from the Fort of some of the offices. This suggests the resuscitation of the question of ~~[illegible]~~ building new Secretariat offices outside the Fort and the present state of Provincial funds favours a consideration of the subject. Attention is drawn to the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ notes in G.O. No. 634 Public d 29 July 1895.

It seems objectionable that the capital of the Presidency should be reduced so far as Infantry Regiments are concerned - to one N. I. regiment and a wing of British Infantry & it is sugd. that the G. of I. may be informed

14/3/96

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR. 1
~~THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.~~
THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE, C.I.E. 2
Hon. Mr. Price C.S.I. 3

that this Govt. is of opinion that if the Native Infantry is moved from Royapuram the strength of the British Infantry should be increased.

C.S. 16.3.96 In the event of an increase in the number of British Troops in the Fort - the question of moving the Govt. offices, referred to in the notes under G.O. 634/29.7.95 P., will again arise.

16/3.

+ vide list in G.O. No. 5440 Mily d/1.9.92

Political Dept

No. 352.

No. 208 d/19 March 96

Order.

The question of replacing the military guard now furnished to the Accountant General by ~~the Native~~ ~~Infantry~~ ~~being in future found~~ by ~~the~~ Police is under reference to the Head Commr. of Paper Currency, Calcutta ~~correspondence with that Officer~~ and the result will be communicated to ~~H.E.~~ the Lt. Genl. Comg. the Forces. Information as to what the Royapuram site and lines would realise if the land (other than that required for public purposes) were sold has been called for from the Rev. Dep

2. H.E. the Govt. in Council has no objection to the proposed removal of a battalion of Madras Infantry from Royapuram provided that (1) the necessary guards can be supplied from one regiment (2) the regiment removed from Madras is retained at St. Thomas Mount (3) the + minimum obligatory garrison viz six companies of ~~a~~ British infantry ~~regiment~~ is kept up at Madras and (4) the strength of the Body guard is maintained so that there m

Removal of a native
regiment from Madras

be some mounted men available
in the event of a ~~Popular~~
disturbance - ~~H.E.~~ The Government
~~[illegible]~~ ~~attach~~ considers it of the
utmost importance that the
present strength of the British infantry in
Fort St. George ~~[illegible]~~ should be ~~brought up~~
~~to six companies~~ increased.

in the event of the removal
of the ~~[illegible]~~ regiment of
Madras Infantry

(~~[illegible]~~)

(From Order)

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L. G. C. the Forces (M) } dated 21/3/96
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