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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that this Govt. has no remarks to
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to amend the tables of obligatory garri-
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Madras is not affected. Rangoon does not belong to Madras.

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Order

From the Govt of India, Milly Dept

No. 3049 B.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding, for opinion, copy of correspondence received from the Quarter Master Genl in India containing a proposal for the amendment of the tables of obligatory garrisons, so far as they affect garrison artillery only.

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Any papers please?

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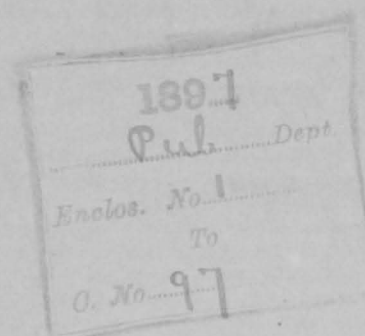
Copy of a letter from the Quartermaster General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, No. 706-elt., dated 17th November 1896. -

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Force, Bombay, having urged the increase of the garrison artillery at Mianora on mobilisation, in order to ensure the presence of at least one complete detachment per gun of the coast defences at Karachi, the Commander in Chief contemplated a change in the Tables of obligatory garrisons by which one Company would be sent from Ferozepore for this purpose, instead of a half company from Roostee as was formerly proposed. -

2. - When, however, it was attempted to draft corrections to the above tables in order to carry out this change, it was apparent that the distribution of garrison artillery was not strictly in accordance with the "minimum obligatory" requirements of each place. - To give an example; it is most misleading to call 2 garrison companies part of the obligatory garrison of Roostee when they might any day be moved away with the Siege Train. -

3. The matter has been referred to the Defence Committee, and the Secretary's reply - letter No. 351 of the 17th ultimo, to the Inspector-General of Artillery in India, is hereto attached. -

4.- I am accordingly directed by His Excellency to recommend that the tables of obligatory garrisons, so far as they affect garrison ~~garrison~~ artillery, be amended to agree with the figures given in the last column of the table embodied in para. 1 of that letter. -



Extract paras. 1 and 2 of letter from the Secretary, Defence Committee to the Inspector General of Artillery in India No. 351, dated 17th October 1896. -

1.- I have the honor by direction of His Excellency the President, to inform you that the question of the obligatory garrisons of Garrison Artillery for the defences of India has been under the consideration of the Defence Committee and that they are of opinion that the proposals submitted by you and shown in the following table should, for the present, be accepted: -

Station	Present Garrison Normal	Proposed Garrison obligatory.
Attock	1 Company	1 Company
Pawal pindi	1 "	nil
Ferozepore	1 "	1/2 Company
Delhi	1 "	1/2 "
Roorkee	3 "	nil
Agra	1 "	1/2 Company
Allahabad	1 "	1/2 "
Fort William	1 "	1/2 "
Barackpore	1 "	nil
+ Madras	1 "	1 Company
Rangoon	2 "	1 "
Quetta - Peshin	2 "	1 1/2 "
Karachi	1 "	1 "
Bombay	3 "	1 "
Aden	3 "	3 "
Total -	23 Companies	12 Companies.

2. - This will leave 11 companies avail-
 able for employment (a) in strengthening the
 garrisons of the Coast Defences in the case
 of an attack threatened from the sea, or
 (b) in strengthening the Frontier Defence
 garrisons in case of an attack from the
 North West or an advance across the North
 West Frontier - or as required in the vary-
 ing difficulties that may arise. -

[Faint mirrored handwriting from the reverse side of the page, including phrases like "I am desired to forward the accompanying copy of correspondence received from the Quarter Master General in India, containing a proposal for the amendment of the tables of obligatory garrisons, so far as they affect garrison artillery only, and to request that the Government of India may under the orders of His Excellency the Governor in Council be informed whether the proposed changes are concurred in."]

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 GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
 MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

It is requested
 that the above head-
 ing, with number and
 date of this communi-
 cation, may be quoted
 in any subsequent cor-
 respondence on the
 subject.

Fort William, the 31st December 1896.

To *Chief*
 THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
 MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

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 ing copy of correspondence received from the Quarter
 Master General in India,
 containing a proposal for the
 amendment of the tables
 of obligatory garrisons, so far as they affect garrison
 artillery only, and to request that the Government
 of India may under the orders of His Excellency the
 Governor in Council be informed whether the proposed changes
 are concurred in.

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 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant
 M. S. Ringkarnum, Esq.
 Deputy Secy. to the Govt of India.

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minimum obligatory
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be addressed

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Letter to N^o 65.

The Secretary to the Govt.
of India, Military Dep.

Sir,

With reference to Colonel
King-Harman's letter No 3049
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forwarding correspondence
regarding the proposed
amendment of the
Table of obligatory
garrisons, so far as
they affect garrison
artillery,

dated 31st Decr 1896, I am
directed to state that as no
change is proposed in the
present obligatory ~~artillery~~
garrison for Madras, His
Excellency the Governor in
Council has no remarks to
offer.

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