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3. With reference to these enquiries, the Government of India have carefully considered the whole question of the conditions of service in the Indian Reserve as affecting officers engaged in the work of civil administration and in the police, and I am to say that, in view of the fact that the cadres of the various services have been reduced to the minimum strength permissible under existing conditions, it would not, in the opinion of the Government of India, be possible on occasions of emergency—at which times only would reserve officers be called out—to spare officers from their civil duties, which would increase in importance at such times. It would be equally impossible under such circumstances to spare police officers from their ordinary duties. The Government of India do not therefore anticipate that permission can, under ordinary circumstances, be given to civil servants or police officers to join the reserve of military officers, and consequently deem it unnecessary to formulate special terms for their employment.

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(By order.)

(Signed) E. DE BRATH,
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(True Extract.)

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- To the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces.
- " Board of Revenue (through the Revenue Department).
- " Inspector-General of Police (through the Judicial Department).
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From

The Govt. of India,
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No. 1538-B

Dated 21st May } 1895.
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SUBJECT.

Offering certain observations on the conditions under which civil officers may be appointed to the Indian Army Reserve of officers.

I think that it would be a good thing to let civilians know what the position actually is. For what applies to Reserve will equally apply to Volunteer officers - & when this letter is published, I do not fancy any civil officers will join the Volunteers. Anyhow it would be as well to publish it. 19 June

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the Governor
19 June 1895 No 504

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It is a question whether para. 2 is necessary. I do good however by drawing attention to the fact that there is a Reserve, which is not generally known.

7.5.13.
Adm. Secy. Publishing the Board of Revenue letter into (thru the Rev. dept) the G.O. of Police. The Indl. dept. Subt. Govt. Press 3

Organisation.

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No. 1538-B.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 21st May 1895.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on this subject.

To

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BURMA.

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I am, &c.,

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The Finance Department for information.

The Public Works Department for information.

The Revenue and Agricultural Department for information.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab for the information of the Hon'ble the Lieutenant Governor.

The Chief Secretary to the Government, North Western Provinces and Oudh, for the information of the Hon'ble the Lieutenant Governor.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal for the information of the Hon'ble the Lieutenant Governor.

The Chief Commissioner ^{Assam} ~~Central Provinces~~ ^{Coorg} for information.

The Resident at Hyderabad.

The Agent Governor General, Baluchistan.

The Agent Governor General, Rajputana.

The Agent Governor General, Central India.

The Adjutant General in India, for the information of His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

By order,

E. H. H. Collen

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