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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 727, of the 26th March last, forwarding for opinion on its provisions a Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869, I am directed to inform you that the Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court have no remarks to offer. A copy of the opinion of the Advocate-General, who is a Volunteer officer of long standing and ability and Major-Commandant of the Madras Artillery Volunteers, is attached. The officers commanding the Volunteer Corps named in the margin are all in favour of the provisions of the Bill as being calculated to have a beneficial effect on volunteering. A summary of the opinions expressed is attached.

Madras Artillery Volunteers.
Madras Volunteer Guards.
Madras Railway Volunteers.
South Indian Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps.
Southern Mahratta Railway Volunteer Corps.
East Coast Rifle Volunteers.

2. The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces states that the opinion of a few selected Commandants of Volunteer Corps in Burmah have been called for and will be forwarded should they contain any fresh matter.

3. The Government of Madras fully concurs as to the desirability of the provisions of the Bill, which was published together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons as a Supplement to the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 26th March last.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

OOTACAMUND,
22*nd June* 1895.

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

APPENDIX.

[*Re* Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869.]

OPINION.

1. I think that the amendments are very desirable. The original limit of service was absurdly restricted, and I believe that all good Volunteers admitted this.

2. The absence of provisions such as those contained in the draft rules which it is proposed to issue, if this Bill becomes law, was unjust to a body of patriotic citizens who undertook the performance of military duties whenever called upon to do so, such duties involving risk to life and limb.

3. I never could understand why Volunteers should be exempted from the punishment of death if guilty of any offence for which, if committed on active service, death would be the penalty inflicted on a member of Her Majesty's Regular Forces.

4. The jurisdiction which it is proposed to confer upon Commanding Officers of Volunteer Corps is very necessary. At present the Commanding Officer is absurdly helpless.

MADRAS,
22nd April 1895.

(Signed) J. H. SPRING BRANSON,
Advocate-General.

OPINIONS of selected Officers on the Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act of 1869.

Name of Officer.	Opinion.
Major Spring Branson, Madras Artillery Volunteers.	Thinks the amendments are very desirable.
Lieutenant-Colonel Stewart, Madras Volunteer Guards.	Considers that the Bill is a measure calculated to raise the status of the Volunteer Force in general, and anticipates that the majority of the members will agree to be bound by the provisions of the Act. Is of opinion that the sections regarding fines will tend greatly to strengthen the hands of Commandants.
Lieutenant-Colonel Phipps, Madras Railway Volunteers.	States that the provisions of the proposed Bill appear to be fair and equitable and has reason to believe that they would be generally acceptable to both officers and men of the regiment.
Lieutenant-Colonel Crighton, South Indian Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps.	Thinks that the new conditions contained in the Bill will meet with the approval of most Volunteer Corps in India and that it will have a beneficial effect on volunteering generally.
Lieutenant-Colonel Whitcombe, Southern Mahrattah Railway Volunteer Corps.	Is of opinion that the amendments are unobjectionable.
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Erd. A. Raitt.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

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(1895) Department

From
Ernest Barclay
Government Solicitor
Madras

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund

CHIEF SECRETARY
24 APR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

No 248

Dated 23 April 1895

Recd 24/4

Forwarded with reference to the Order of Government dated 9th April 1895 No 267 Public.

Ernest Barclay
Government Solicitor

From the Law Secretary
Dated 23-4-95
Recd 24-4-95
22-4-95

A

BILL

TO

Amend the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869; It is hereby enacted as follows:— XX of 1869.

Substitution of new section for section 8.

1. For section 8 of the said Act the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"8. Every member of a corps of volunteers shall, for all military offences of which he shall be guilty whilst on actual duty, be subject to the Army Act, 1881, so far as the same is applicable to officers, or consistent with the provisions of this Act.

Volunteers subjected to Army Act, 1881, so far as it applies to officers.

44 & 45 Vict., c. 58.

"*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this and the following sections of this Act, volunteers shall be deemed to be on actual duty,—

(*a*) when they are being trained or exercised either alone or with any portion of the regular forces; or

(*b*) when they are attached to or otherwise acting as part of or with any regular forces; or

(*c*) when their corps is on actual military service; or

(*d*) when serving in aid of the civil power."

Amendment of section 12, Act XX of 1869.

2. In section 12 of the said Act, for the words "Articles of War" the words and figures "Army Act, 1881," shall be substituted.

Substitution of new section for section 16, Act XX, 1869.

3. Subject to section 7 of this Act, for section 16 of the said Act the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

Local limits of service.

"16. No member of a corps of volunteers, other than naval volunteers, shall be bound, without his consent, to serve or proceed on duty beyond the limits of the civil district in which he was enrolled, or, where a corps consists of volunteers enrolled in more civil districts than one, beyond the limits of the territory comprised in those districts: and

no member of a corps of naval volunteers shall be bound, without his consent, to serve or proceed on duty beyond the limits of the port to which the corps belongs, such port being construed to include the city or town after which the corps is named, and its suburbs, and the navigable rivers, channels and fairways leading thereto."

Substitution of new sections for sections 19 and 20, Act XX of 1869.

4. For sections 19 and 20 of the said Act the following sections shall be substituted, namely :—

Not attending drill or parade or other minor military offences.

"19. If any member of such corps shall, without reasonable excuse, neglect to attend drill or parade at such times as may be appointed for that purpose, or shall be guilty of any neglect of duty, or other military offence, he shall be liable to pay such fine, not exceeding fifty rupees, as the commanding officer may impose, or (except in the case of a commissioned officer) to simple dismissal from the corps, by order of the said commanding officer :

Provided that no volunteer shall be dismissed from his corps, or otherwise punished by his commanding officer under this section, until his guilt shall have been established by evidence duly taken and recorded in the books of the corps, under the signatures of the commanding officer and adjutant of the said corps :

Provided also that every such sentence of dismissal shall be reported to, and shall be liable to revision by, the Local Government, which may either reverse, or substitute a sentence of fine for, the same, or pass such other order in the case as may in its opinion be just and proper.

Punishment for non-payment of fine.

"20. If any member of such corps shall neglect to pay any fine to which he shall be sentenced by a general court-martial or by a commanding officer within such time as shall be fixed by the commanding officer of the corps, he may be dismissed by the said commanding officer from the said corps, and every dismissal shall be recorded and reported to the Local Government."

Amendment of section 22, Act XX of 1869.

5. In section 22 of the said Act, after the word "court-martial" each time it occurs the words "or commanding officer" shall be inserted, and after the words "President of such Court" the words "or by such commanding officer, as the case may be," shall be inserted.

Addition of new sections after section 26, Act XX, 1869.

6. Subject to section 7 of this Act, after section 26 of the said Act the following sections shall be added, namely :—

"Supplemental.

Calling out of volunteer corps for actual military service.

"27. (*1*) In case of actual or apprehended emergency (the occasion being first declared by the Governor General in Council and notified in the Gazette of India) the Governor General in Council may call out any corps of volunteers for actual military service.

(*2*) All volunteers belonging to any corps so called out shall be bound, unless incapacitated by infirmity for military service, to assemble as the Governor General in Council may direct, and to proceed according to orders within the limits hereinbefore specified; and, from the time of their corps being so called out, shall be deemed to be on actual military service.

(*3*) After a corps of volunteers has been called out for actual military service, the corps shall be deemed to be released from actual military service only after a notification in the Gazette of India declaring the occasion to have passed, and not sooner or otherwise :

Provided that the Governor General in Council may at any time discharge any such corps from actual military service.

(*4*) Before a corps of volunteers is released from actual military service, provision shall be made by the Government for the return of the volunteers present therewith to their homes.

Power to make rules as to allowances to volunteers.

"28. (*1*) The Governor General in Council may make rules for—

(*a*) the making of payments to, and the provision of supplies for, volunteers called out on actual military service; and

(*b*) the grant of pay, pensions, gratuities, allowances and rewards to them.

(*2*) The Governor General in Council may apply such rules or any part of them to any volunteers who may have been called out by any Magistrate or other authority for the preservation of the peace :

and may in such case direct, any enactment notwithstanding, by whom the cost of the payments to be made and supplies to be provided under the rules shall be borne.

Appointment of Local Government to act with respect to corps having members enrolled in more provinces than one.

"29. Where a corps consists of volunteers enrolled in territories subject to more Local Governments than one, the Governor General in Council may, by notification in the Gazette of India, declare what Local Government shall for all or any of the purposes of this Act be deemed to be the Local Government with respect to the corps."

Saving from new sections 16 and 27 in case of volunteers enrolled before commencement of this Act.

7. Nothing in the new section 16 substituted by section 3 of this Act or in the new section 27 added by section 6 of this Act shall apply to any volunteer who was enrolled before the commencement of this Act, unless he consents in writing to be bound by such new section 16 instead of by the section for which it is substituted, or by such new section 27, as the case may be.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

A

BILL

TO

Amend the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869.

(*Sir Henry Brackenbury.*)

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 626 L. D.—27-3-95.—3,173.—E. H.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

The object of this Bill is to amend the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869, in those respects in which the experience of its operation during a quarter of a century has proved the Act to be defective.

2. *Section 1 of Bill.*—Section 8 of the Act of 1869, which subjects volunteers to military law, so far as it applies to officers, whilst on actual duty or parade, has been recast. Some definition of the expression "actual duty" has been found to be necessary, and an explanation based upon section 176 (*8*) of the Army Act, 1881, has therefore been added to the section. The proviso, which exempts volunteers from the punishment of death, has been omitted, for it is obvious that (unlikely as the contingency may be) there are offences for which, if committed on active service, death would be the only suitable penalty.

3. *Section 2 of Bill.*—The expression "Articles of War" is now obsolete, and the reference thereto in section 12 of the Act has in consequence been altered, as in the proposed new section 8 above noticed, to a reference to the Army Act, 1881.

4. *Section 3 of Bill.*—Under section 16 of the Act, a volunteer is not, in the absence of anything to the contrary in the terms of the constitution of the corps to which he belongs, bound to serve beyond four miles from the place at which he was enrolled. This limit is much too restricted, especially in the case of certain naval, cavalry and railway corps. It is therefore provided in the Bill that the local limits of compulsory service shall ordinarily be the limits of the civil district in which the volunteer was enrolled, but that such local limits shall, (*1*) in the case of naval volunteers, be the limits of the port (including the adjacent city or town and its suburbs), and the navigable rivers, channels and fairways leading thereto, and (*2*) in the case of corps consisting of volunteers enrolled in more civil districts than one, be the limits of the territory comprised in those districts.

5. *Sections 4 and 5 of Bill.*—The opportunity of this Bill has been taken to recast section 19 of the Act, under which, as it at present stands, a member of a corps neglecting to attend drill or parades or committing other minor military offences can only be punished with fine after trial by a Regimental Court-martial. It is proposed to confer jurisdiction in such cases on the Commanding Officer of the corps and to empower him to award either dismissal or fine in the case of a conviction, subject to the proviso that every sentence of dismissal is to be reported to and liable to revision by the Local Government. The conferment of these powers of dismissal on Commanding Officers of volunteer corps in this country is in strict analogy to the law in England (see the Volunteer Act, 1863, section 21), where a Commanding Officer possesses like powers, subject only to such subsequent order or direction as may appear just and proper to Her Majesty. The English law has been found to work well, and there would seem no reason why similar provisions should not be equally efficacious in India. The amendments in sections 20 and 22 of the Act, which are also made by these sections of the Bill, are merely consequential on the recasting of section 19, in the manner above indicated.

6. *Section 6 of Bill.*—Proposed section 27 provides for the calling out of volunteers for actual military service, for their discharge therefrom, and for provision being made by the Government for their return to their homes: and proposed section 28 will enable the Governor General in Council to make rules for—

(*a*) the making of payments to, and the provision of supplies for, volunteers called out on actual military service; and

(*b*) the grant of pay, pensions, gratuities, allowances and rewards to them.

A draft of the rules which it is proposed to issue, if this Bill becomes law, is appended hereto for general information.

Under proposed section 28 the Governor General in Council may apply the rules made in favour of volunteers called out on actual military service, or any part thereof, to volunteers who may have been called out by any Magistrate or other authority for the preservation of the peace, and may direct by whom the cost of the payments to be made and supplies to be provided under the rules so applied in favour of volunteers called out for the preservation of the peace shall be borne.

Proposed section 29, following section 2, sub-section (*b*), Act III of 1888 (Police), and section 144, Act IX of 1890 (Railways), will enable the Governor General in Council, if he sees fit, to appoint one Local Government only to be such Government with respect to any corps which has companies or troops in more provinces than one.

7. *Section 7 of Bill.*—On the principle that in all voluntary service it is but right that specific consent should precede the imposition of a new liability, provision is here made that volunteers already enrolled before the proposed amending Act comes into force may, as regards the local limits of compulsory service and the calling out of volunteer corps for actual military service, elect to abide by the law as it stood in the Act of 1869.

The 11th March, 1895.

HENRY BRACKENBURY.

APPENDIX.

DRAFT RULES UNDER PROPOSED SECTION 28.

Grant of pay, gratuities, pensions, etc., to volunteers called out for military service.

When a volunteer corps is called out for actual military service, the following rules shall take effect—

(*a*) There shall be issued to the Commanding Officer a sum of Rs. 32 for the use of every officer, non-commissioned officer and volunteer belonging to, and assembling with, the corps (except such of them as do not desire to receive the benefit thereof); and each such sum, or so much thereof as the Commanding Officer of the corps thinks fit, shall be laid out, under the direction of the Commanding Officer, in providing necessaries for such officer, non-commissioned officer and volunteer; and, within one month after issue thereof, an account shall be settled with each such officer, non-commissioned officer and volunteer respecting the application thereof, and any unapplied residue thereof shall be paid to him.

(*b*) Such officers, non-commissioned officers and volunteers shall, while on, or proceeding to, or returning from, actual military service, be entitled to receive pay, allowances and rations as under:—

In the case of Government servants.—If on leave, civil leave allowances *and* military pay and allowances of rank. If not on leave, the volunteer may draw either civil pay *or* military pay and allowances of rank, according to his option.

If not in Government service.—Pay and allowances admissible to the different ranks in the British Army corresponding with those held by them in the volunteers.

In all cases.—Rations in the same manner and on the same scale as authorised for British troops serving in the military district in which the volunteers are serving.

(*c*) On the release of the corps from actual military service, each officer, non-commissioned officer and volunteer present with the corps at the time of such release shall be paid Rs. 16 (except such of them as do not desire to receive the same) in addition to his pay and allowances.

(*d*) A commissioned officer of the volunteers, who, when on actual military service, shall be wounded in action, or shall have received an injury when in the execution of military duty otherwise than in action, shall be entitled to the same pension or gratuity as an officer of similar rank in the British Army would be entitled to under the Royal Warrant in force at the time being.

(*e*) A commissioned officer of volunteers, who, when on actual military service, shall be so wounded in action or injured when in the execution of military duty otherwise than in action as to be rendered permanently incapable of resuming similar employment to that in which he was engaged at the time when called out for actual military service, shall have the option of being placed for life upon the half pay of an officer of corresponding rank in the British service, as laid down in the Royal Warrant in force at the time being, instead of receiving any pension or gratuity to which he might be entitled under rule (*d*).

(*f*) The widow, children, mother or sisters of a commissioned volunteer officer, who, when on actual military service, has been killed in action or has died of wounds received in action within twelve months after having been wounded, or has died from illness which can be directly traced to fatigue, privation or exposure, incident to active operations in the field, within twelve months after being first removed from duty on account of such illness, provided that the illness be certified to have commenced during such active operations, shall be entitled to such pension or gratuity or compassionate allowances as the widow, children, mother or sisters of an officer of like rank in the British Army would be entitled to under the Royal Warrant in force at the time being.

(*g*) A volunteer non-commissioned officer or man, who, by reason of wounds or injuries received in action, or in the actual discharge of any military duty

when on actual military service, shall be rendered partially or totally incapable of earning a livelihood, or in the same manner shall be rendered temporarily incapable of earning a livelihood, shall be entitled to such pension or gratuity as a non-commissioned officer or man of similar rank in the British Army would be entitled to under the Royal Warrant in force at the time being.

(*h*) If a married volunteer non-commissioned officer or man, when on actual military service, be killed in action or die of his wounds within twelve months after having been wounded, and leave a widow, she shall be entitled to a gratuity of one year's pay of his military rank at the rate which the volunteer was in receipt of at the time of his death or of his being discharged from actual military service. A gratuity of one-third of a year's pay of the military rank of the father at the time of his death shall be issued under similar conditions to each orphan child under sixteen years of age, whose mother is dead.

(*i*) If any person, becoming entitled under clauses (*d*), (*e*), (*f*), (*g*) or (*h*) of these rules to any pension, half pay, gratuity or compassionate allowances, be entitled under the rules of the Civil Service Regulations, or under special conditions of service, to pension, gratuity or compassionate allowances at higher rates, he or she shall be entitled to receive such higher rates instead of those named in the Royal Warrant.

(*k*) Nothing in these rules shall be held to interfere with any rights or privileges as to pensions or gratuities to which members of the volunteer force or their families may be already entitled under the regulations now in force.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

ANNEXURE

TO

Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869.

(Statement of Objects and Reasons.)

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 708 L. D.—27-3-95.—3,173.—E. H.

Annexure

To-Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act-1869.

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Opinion.

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4— The jurisdiction which it is proposed to confer upon Commanding Officers of Volunteer Corps is very necessary. At present the C.O. is absurdly helpless.

Madras ——
29th April 1895

C. C. Spring Branson.
Advocate General.

True Copy

Ernest Bayley
Government Solicitor.

DISTRICT ... 1 MAY 1930 ...

Major J. H. Spring Branson A.D.C.

Volunteers

Assistant Adjutant General

Madras

Sir,

In reply to your ... have the honor to state that I have nothing to the Opinion I gave as Advocate General ... ment dated 22nd April 1895 with regard to the Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers' Act, 1869. That Opinion was as follows:-

"1. I think that the amendments are very desirable. "The original limit of service was absurdly low, and ... Volunteers ad- "mitted this.

"2. The absence of provisions such as those contained in the draft rules which it is proposed to issue if this Bill becomes law, will expose the ... body of patriotic citizens who undertake the ... performance of military duties whenever called ... to do so - such duties involving risk to life and limb."

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"inflicted on a member of Her Majesty's Regular
"Forces". [illegible]
"[illegible] it is proposed to
"confer upon Commanding Officers of Volunteer
"Corps is very necessary. At present the C.O.
"is absurdly helpless

The copies of the said Bill sent to me
shall be distributed to members of the Artillery
Volunteers as requested.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your obedient Servant.
Spring Bradon
Captain Commanding Madras Artillery
Volunteers.

Captain J. A. H. Davies D.A.A.G.
Offg: Asst. Adjutant General
Fort Saint George

No. 134.
Numbers

Fort St George
May 17th 1895

From Colonel A. S. Stewart
Commdg. V.C.

To The A.A.G.
Madras District

Sir, With reference to your No. A. 1377 of the 29th April I have the honor to state that I have circulated the bill to the Officers of the Corps, and the conclusion of opinion, in which I concur, is that the bill is a measure calculated to raise the status of the Volunteer force in general
I anticipate that the majority of the members will agree to be bound by the provisions of the act
The sections relating fines will tend greatly to strengthen the hands of the Commandants

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
A S Stewart Colonel
Commandant V.C.

Volume

No 267/294

From

The Commandant
Madras Rif. Volunt

To

The Asst. Adjt. General
Madras Dist.

Poodamoor
21 May

Sir:—

In reply to your No. A 1377/29. 4. 9.
I have the honour to state that the
provisions of the proposed Bill to
amend the Indian Volr. Act of 186
appear to me to be fair and equit
and that, from enquiries I have made
I have reason to believe that the
Bill would be generally accepted
to both officers and men of the
Regiment under my command.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient
[illegible]

To

Commanded

South Indian Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps.

No. 58/192

Negapatam, 9th May. 1895.

From Lieut.-Colonel C. E. CRIGHTON,

Commandant, S. I. R. Vol. Rifle Corps.

To The Assistant Adjutant General. Southern District.

Sir,

In acknowledging receipt of the 22 copies of the Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act of 1869 I have the honour to report for the information of the G.O.C. the District, that I think the new conditions contained in it will meet with the approval of most Volunteer Corps in India, and will have a beneficial effect on Volunteering generally in India.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant.
C. E. Crighton Lt.
Comm

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To

The D. A. G. Madras Command.

Forwarded with reference to your Memorandum - Volunteers - No. B.A. 2136 of the 25th ultimo para 2.

J. H. Rundall

Brigadier General
Commanding Southern Dist

B.A.
Volunteers.

No 184

Waltair 28th May 1895

From

Major F. D'A. O. Wolfe Murray I.C.S.
Offg. Commandant,
East Coast Rifle Vols

To

The Asst. Adjutant General,
Madras District.
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to your No. $\frac{a}{1377}$ dated 29th April 1895, I have the honor to state that I have no remarks to make on the draft Bill to amend the Volunteer Act forwarded therewith except that in my opinion the proposed amendments are necessary and desirable.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your obedient Servant

W. O. Thersell Capt.
for Offg. Commandant East Coast Rifle Vols.

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Madras Command

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Forwarded with reference to para 3 of my letter No. A/475 dated 22nd May 1895.

J. Hamilton Lang

Commanding, Madras District.

[illegible] has no remarks to make on the draft, but is of opinion that the
[illegible] Rifle Volunteers. proposed amendments are necessary and desirable.

Alpheus Beckie Brigr. General,
Dy. Adjutant General.

Facsimile,
6th June 1895.

Colonel Leighton Dy. Vol. Rifle Corps	Thinks that the new conditions contained in the Bill will meet with the approval of most Volunteer Corps in India and that it will have a beneficial effect on volunteering generally.
Colonel Whitcombe Dy. Volunteer Corps.	Is of opinion that the amendments are unobjectionable.
~~Private~~ East Rifle Volunteers.	Has no remarks to make on the draft, but is of opinion that the proposed amendments are necessary and desirable.

Allahabad,
The June 1895.

Alfred Beglie Brigr. General,
Dy. Adjutant General.

Opinions of selected officers on the Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act of 1869.

Name of officer	Opinion
Major Spring-Branson Madras Artillery Volunteers	Thinks the amendments are very desirable.
Lieut. Colonel Stewart Madras Volunteer Guards	Considers that the Bill is a measure calculated to raise the status of the Volunteer Force in general, and anticipates that the majority of the members will agree to be bound by the provisions of the act. Is of opinion that the sections regarding fines will tend greatly to strengthen the hands of Commandants.
Lieut. Colonel Phipps Madras Railway Volunteers	States that the provisions of the proposed bill appear to be fair and equitable and has reason to believe that they would be generally acceptable to both officers and men of the Regiment.

Ootacamund,
6th June 1895.

No. 247.

From

The Lieutenant-General COMMANDING the FORCES, Madras.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
6 JUN 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras
Ootacamund.

SIR,

Seven ENCLOSURES.

With reference to Proceedings of Madras Government No. 267, Public, dated 9th April 1895, I have the honor to forward herewith the opinions of certain selected Commandants of Volunteer Corps on the Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act of 1869. An epitome of their opinions is also enclosed.

2. It will be seen that all are in favor of the amendments proposed in the Bill and I am also of opinion that they are very desirable.

3. The opinions of a few selected Commandants of Volunteer Corps in Burma have also been called for, but have not yet been received. They will be forwarded to you should they contain any fresh matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
[signature]
Lieut. General,
Commanding the Forces, Madras.

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From

The Lt. Genl. Commanding
The Forces, Madras

No. 2983

Dated } 6 June 1895
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Subject

Forwarding opinions of certain Commandants of Vol. Corps on the Bill to amend the Indian Vol. Act of 1869.

Judicial {1895.} Department.

No.

FROM

The Registrar of the High Court
of Judicature, Appellate Side,
Madras.

Dated 5 June 1895.

Received 6 JUN 1895 CHIEF SECRETARIAT GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

No. 1616

Enc —

Stating that the Hon. the Chief Justice and Justices Parker and Shephard have no remarks to make on the Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869.

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No. 1616. High Court of Judicature,
Madras, 5th June 1895.

From

A. J. Forbes Esquire,
Deputy Registrar, High Court of Judicature,
Appellate Side, Madras.

To

Honorable J. F. Price, B.A.L.,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

Honorable Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated 9th April 1895, No. 267, Public, I am directed to state that the Honorable the Chief Justice and Justices Parker and Shephard have no remarks to make on the Bill to amend the Indian Volunteers Act, 1869.

I have the honor to be,
Honorable Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

A. J. Forbes.
Deputy Registrar.

d/ 22nd June 1895 No. 575

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To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Ind
Legislative Depmt.

Sir

In reply to your
letter No. 727 of the 26th
March last forwarding
for opinion on its pro-
visions a Bill to amend
the Indian Volunteers Act
1869, I am directed to
inform you that the
Honble. the Judges of the
High Court have no
remarks to offer. A
copy of the opinion of
the Advocate-General
who is an old volunteer
officer of long standing and ability and Major-Com-
mandant of the Madras
Artillery Volunteers, is
attached. The Officers
commanding the Volunteer
Corps named in the margin*
are all in favour of the
provisions of the Bill
as being calculated
to have a beneficial
effect on Volunteering.
A summary of the opinions
Expressed is

W
21 June

* Madras Artillery Volunteers
Madras Volunteer Guards
Madras Railway Volunteers
South Indian Ry Volunteers Rifle Corps
Southern Mahratta Railway Volunteer Corps
East Coast Rifle Volunteers

The Lt. Genl. Com
manding the Forces
has the opinion
of a few selected Com-
mandants of Volunteer
Corps in Burmah
have been called for
and will be forwarded
should they contain
any fresh matter

The Govt of Madras
only concurs as to the
inadvisability of three provis-
ions of the Bill, which was
published together with
Statement of Objects & Reasons
Statement as a
Supplement to the Fort
St George Gazette of the
7th March last.

JP
19/6/81

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Expenditure

Pol. Dept. Oct 1889

Same with Indian Volunteers

Pol A

May this be printed for
I think if of Dr Hayes Report
always wants to Copies of
opinion like this on bills &c.

Pol
21/6/81

Send mss copy & slip
copy p.c. will follow. Then
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Read again G.O., No. 189 Dated

Current No.

Enclosures to C. No.

Order of Government .. .. ..

Letter of Government.

Statement with ditto.

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