

Public (189 6) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1165

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing the Ceylon Govt that the regulations regarding recruiting for the Ceylon Pioneer Force as laid down in Home Dept No 38 of 13 Feb 1877 are still in force.

Public (1894) Department.

CURRENT No. 2267

From the Colonial Secretary,
Colombo.

Order

No.

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SUBJECT.

Enquiring whether the regulations regarding recruitment for the Ceylon Ceylon District Force laid down in general orders issued by the Government of India under section 4 of Act IV of 1874, are still in force.

CA
There are no papers amongst the current records on the subject. From the papers put up I could ascertain that the rules were in force at least till 1883.

Sh R J Meadows Esq for further papers if any. J D P 8/10/96

BACK PAPERS

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date
	225	Pub	23-2-77
	9-10		2-1-77

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, 27 September, 1896.

No.



Sir,

I am directed to request you to be so good as to inform me whether the regulations regarding recruiting for the Ceylon Pioneer Force as laid down in the General Order issued by the Government of India under Section 4 of Act IV of 1874, dated 13th February 1877 No. 38 are still in force.

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant

for Colonial Secretary.

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George
Madras

NOTE FOR THE Chief Secretary

G.O. N° 226 Pubd 23.2.77
C contains the conditions im-
posed upon recruiting for the
Ceylon Pioneer Force and the
instructions to the Collectors of
Trichinopoly Tanjore & Madurai
the districts to which the re-
cruiting was limited.

In 1879 (vide G.O. N° 504 Pubd
23rd May 1879 flaged B) the
Ceylon Govt intimated that no
more recruits were required
and requested that the Collector
should be instructed to with-
draw all licenses granted
for recruiting pioneers for
the Force. This was accordingly
done.

Again in 1883 this Govt was
asked by India, relative to the
proposal of the Ceylon Govt to
lend to the Govt of Persia
for a term of years a portion
of the Force, whether it had any
objection or would wish to
attach any conditions to
the transfer, if allowed.

duration not specified &
orig. letter from Ceylon not
available.

to reply is given in letter
No 105 Pub d/25th Jan 1883
flagged A and is to the effect
that, provided that the existing
conditions of service under
which the force was recruited
were maintained, there will
be no objections to the transfer.
Condition A given in ^{some but} not.

N^o 38 d/13.2.77 (C) states that no ^{one} ^{under 18} ^{years of age} ^{shall be taken} ^{as a recruit.} ^{Please see also rules 1200}
man under eighteen or over thirty ^{of G.O. N^o 9 Pub d/2.1.77}

of age shall be taken
as a recruit." If this age
had been taken to imply that
after 30 a recruit ceases to be
in the active list of the force
then it follows that there
can now be no recruits
left, since the last ^{batches} were
recruited in 1883 which
is more than (30-18 is 12)
12 years ago.

The Ceylon Govt now
enquiries whether the regulations
regarding recruiting
enacted by London in 1877
38 of 1877 mentioned above
are still in force. It is
submitted that they are.
A draft letter is submitted.

No. The condition merely
says "taken". It does not
forbid retention after 30
obviously. If it did
on the eve of 30 could be
retained for only a single
day! M.A.

Yes. They have now
been cancelled
M.A. 29.10.96

Public Dept

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Vis. N^o 1165 d/30-10-96
Letter to

The Honble the Col. Sec
Colombo;

Sir,
In reply to your
letter of the 29th Sept.
last I am directed
to state that, ~~as far as~~
~~the force is concerned~~
the regulations rega-
-ing recruiting for the
Ceylon Pioneer Force, as
laid down in Home
Sept. Not. N^o 38 d/13th Feb^{ry} 1877, ^{which have not been cancelled and} are
still in force

M.A. 29.10.96
Please see note attached.

J.B.
28/10/96