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Madagas Body Guard.

Recording letter from the Government of India sanctioning the reorganization of the —, with an establishment as indicated in the statement attached, to take effect from 1st April 1897, and the reduction in the strength of Madras cavalry regiments by 70 men on certain conditions to be commenced at once.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., Nos. 521, 522, Public, dated 8th May 1896.

G.O., Nos. 806, 807, Public, dated 6th August 1896.

Read—the following papers:—

From Colonel M. J. KING-HARMAN, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 15th June 1896, No. 1558-B.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 522, Public, dated the 8th May 1896, on the subject of the reconstitution of the Madras Body Guard. It was proposed that, instead of the present arrangement under which 125 men from the three Madras cavalry regiments are detached for duty with the Body Guard, the strength of the three regiments should be reduced by a total of 70 men, and that a separate Body Guard of this strength should be created. His Excellency the Governor in Council acquiesces in this scheme subject to the modification that a second British officer shall be permanently retained for the Body Guard, as in His Excellency's opinion one officer cannot in any case properly supervise 70 men and horses, and when allowance is made for sickness and absence such supervision becomes still more impossible.

2. In reply, I am to point out, with reference to the retention of a second British officer, that the Bombay Body Guard, which is of the same strength as that proposed for Madras, has only one British officer, and that the proportion of one officer to 70 natives of all ranks is not less than that obtaining in the native cavalry generally, where frequently only one British officer is available for a squadron. I am therefore to ask whether there is any special reason, apart from that already given, why two British officers are considered necessary for the Madras Body Guard.

From Major F. W. ROMILLY, D.S.O., Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 24th July 1896, No. 247.

I have the honour, in returning Government of India, Military Department, letter, No. 1558-B, of 15th June 1896, to make the following remarks as requested in your endorsement, No. 1287, of 30th idem:—

The question as to whether one or two British officers are necessary to supervise and maintain the Body Guard in a state of efficiency and properly carry out all its duties is not affected by the proposal to reduce the strength of the unit in men.

It is precisely for the reason stated in paragraph 2 of above-quoted letter, that "frequently only one British officer is available for a squadron," that the necessity, as in the native cavalry, for an establishment of two is apparent.

In a regiment of four squadrons with two British officers to each squadron, it is easy to arrange for the duties of any officer temporarily absent being carried out by another, but if the total establishment be one only, that one cannot be replaced when desirous of recreation or temporary leave or is ineffective for short periods from sickness.

In the event of the one British officer leaving, or becoming incapacitated, there would be none to teach his successor or officiating substitute the peculiar duties pertaining to the Body Guard.

The case of a Commandant proceeding on furlough or privilege leave, no doubt, can be partially met by appointing an "officiating" officer, though this course is open to many objections, for the latter must be hampered in the proper performance of his duties by ignorance of local customs, persons, places, etiquette and ceremonial.

With a second British officer on the strength of the unit no such inconveniences would be experienced, as he would be perfectly acquainted with the peculiar duties for which it is maintained.

With regard to the fact, referred to in paragraph 2 of Government of India letter, that the Bombay Body Guard has only one British officer, it is within my knowledge that the want of a second British officer is greatly felt in that Presidency and is constantly the cause of much inconvenience.

I have reason to believe that, when the Commandant of the Bombay Body Guard proceeded on leave last year, no little trouble was experienced in selecting a suitable officer with sufficient service experience and the various other necessary qualifications to replace him; and that the officer who was at last appointed to the officiating command spent the whole of the time during which he acted in learning his duties.

The example of Bombay thoroughly bears out the contention that a second British officer on the establishment of a Body Guard, though with a strength of only 70 men, is at times quite essential.

If it is held that 70 men is too small a number for the constant charge of two British officers, it would seem best to retain the Body Guard on its present effective footing of approximately a native cavalry squadron, and so avoid the necessity of bringing a half squadron of native cavalry to Madras whenever required, which essential condition of His Excellency the Governor's acquiescence in the proposed reduction is not referred to in paragraph 1 of Government of India letter, and is only on the further express condition of the retention of two British officers on the establishment of the Body Guard, which all experience has proved to be necessary, that His Excellency is able to concur therein.

Order—No. 806, Public, dated 6th August 1896.

The Government of India will be addressed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

Letter—No. 807, Public, dated 6th August 1896, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

In reply to Colonel King-Harman's letter, No. 1558-B, dated the 15th June last, I am directed to forward copy of a letter from the Military Secretary to the Governor, with the remarks in which His Excellency in Council fully concurs.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

READ—also the following paper:—

From Colonel P. J. MAITLAND, Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 29th October 1896, No. 2592-B.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 807, dated the 6th August 1896, stating, with reference to the reconstitution of the Madras Body Guard proposed in the letter from this department, No. 793-B, dated the 12th March 1896,

that His Excellency the Governor in Council can only concur in the proposed reduction of the strength of the Body Guard from 125 to a total of 70 of all native ranks on condition that half a squadron of Madras cavalry is sent to the Presidency to assist the Body Guard for the five months of the year during which His Excellency the Governor is there, and at any other time if required, and that two British officers are retained with the Body Guard.

2. In reply, I am to state that, after careful consideration, the Governor-General in Council has been pleased to decide that the establishments of the three Madras cavalry regiments shall be permanently reduced by a total of 70 men, and that a separate Body Guard of this strength shall be created. The establishment of the new Body Guard is shown in the statement attached. The necessary orders will be issued for a half squadron of Madras cavalry being sent in future to the Presidency to assist the Body Guard in the performance of their duties for the five months of the year during which His Excellency the Governor is there. There is no objection to their being sent at any other time, if specially required.

3. His Excellency's stipulation that two British officers shall be retained with the Body Guard is accepted on the distinct understanding that one of them will be liable to be withdrawn in the event of mobilisation or other emergency.

4. The reduction of the Body Guard will result in a decrease of expenditure of about Rs. 11,650 per annum. Deducting Rs. 1,335, the estimated average cost of sending half a squadron of cavalry to Madras to do duty during the winter months, the net saving will amount to Rs. 10,315 per annum. There will, however, be initial expenditure amounting to Rs. 710 on account of expenses involved in the return to their regiments of men and horses of the present Body Guard surplus to the new establishment.

5. The re-organisation of the Body Guard may take effect from 1st April 1897, but the reduction in the strength of Madras cavalry regiments should be commenced at once.

ENCLOSURE.

ESTABLISHMENT of the Body Guard of His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

Rank.	Numbers.	Rate per mensem.	Total per mensem.	Total per annum.
Commandant	1	Rs. A. P.	374 1 6	
Adjutant	1	..	225 12 0	
	2			7,198 2 0
Subadar	1	..	150 0 0	
Jemadar	1	..	80 0 0	
Havildar	5	22 0 0	110 0 0	
Naicks	5	18 0 0	90 0 0	
Trumpeter	1	..	18 0 0	
Farrier Havildar	1	..	22 0 0	
Troopers	56	11 0 0	616 0 0	
	70			12,792 0 0
<i>Extra Allowances.</i>				
Subadar	1	..	30 0 0	
Jemadar	1	..	8 0 0	
Havildar	5	5 0 0	25 0 0	
Naicks	5	4 0 0	20 0 0	
Trumpeter	1	..	4 0 0	
Farrier Havildar	1	..	5 0 0	
Troopers	56	1 8 0	84 0 0	
	70			2,112 0 0
<i>Command and Staff Allowances.</i>				
Presidency house-rent of Commandant and Adjutant	..	..	..	1,380 0 0
Exchange compensation allowance	..	..	..	2,492 0 0
Command allowance	..	300 0 0	300 0 0	
Adjutant's allowance including office allowance	..	235 0 0	235 0 0	
Troop Havildar Major	..	2 0 0	2 0 0	
Orderly Havildar	..	1 13 10	1 13 10	
Rough rider, first class	..	5 4 0	5 4 0	
Rough rider, second class	..	3 8 0	3 8 0	
				6,571 6 0

Establishment of the Body Guard of His Excellency the Governor of Madras—cont.

Rank.	Numbers.	Rate per mensem.	Total per mensem.	Total per annum.
<i>Educational Establishment.</i>				
School allowance	..	Rs. A. P.	15 0 0	180 0 0
<i>Sub-medical Establishment.</i>				
Hospital assistant	..	80 0 0	80 0 0	960 0 0
<i>Native Followers.</i>				
Superintendent of artificers	1	..	20 0 0	
Smith	1	..	15 0 0	
Chuckler	1	..	8 0 0	
Hammerman	1	..	7 0 0	
Bellowsboy	1	..	3 0 0	
Puckally	1	..	10 11 10	
Lascar	1	..	6 5 4	
Toty (Hospital)	1	..	7 0 0	
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Syces	28	5 4 0	147 0 0	
	37			2,793 14 0
<i>Contract Allowances.</i>				
Shoeing horses	70	0 12 0	52 8 0	
Repair of arms	..	..	26 8 0	
				948 0 0
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>				
Conservancy allowance	..	..	..	90 0 0
Rice money	..	..	..	2,552 0 0
Allowance for musketry instruction	..	..	..	36 0 0
.. for rifle range	..	..	..	48 0 0
Family allowance	..	..	..	240 0 0
Good conduct allowance	..	..	..	1,506 0 0
Prizes for good shooting	..	..	..	21 0 0
Postage and telegrams	..	..	..	30 0 0
Total per annum	..	..	..	42,040 6 0

Copy forwarded to—

The Finance Department for information.

The Adjutant-General in India, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief and for favour of the issue of the further necessary orders.

The Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, for information, with reference to the correspondence ending with his letter, No. 803-G, dated the 30th October 1895.

The Accountant-General, Military Department, for information.

ORDER—No. 1252, Public, dated 26th November 1896.

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Chief Secretary.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General.

„ Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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	80617	Q	6/8/96
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