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Removal of a battalion of Madras Infantry.

Passing orders on the question of the — from Rayapuram to St. Thomas' Mount, and approving the transfer to the Presidency Police of the duty of guarding the Currency office.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 163, Public, dated 30th January 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces a letter from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor intimating that His Excellency approves of certain reductions in the guard at Government House, Madras.

G.O., No. 208, Political, dated 19th March 1896.

READ—also the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-General C. M. CLARKE, Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 31st March 1896, No. 616-M.W.

In acknowledging the receipt of Order No. 208, dated 19th instant, and before I reply to letter from Quartermaster-General, India, No. 30 B-Camp, dated 14th January 1896, on the subject of the proposed evacuation of the Native Infantry lines at Ráyapuram, I have the honour to invite your attention to the following circumstances in connection with the second paragraph of the order.

2. As regards (1) the necessary arrangements for guards can be made from one regiment, but these arrangements will be facilitated, if the military guard now furnished to the Accountant-General is taken over by police.

3. As regards (2) the Native regiment removed from Madras would be retained at St. Thomas' Mount; this is fully recognized in the revised table * of minimum obligatory garrisons in which two Native Infantry battalions are shown for Madras and St. Thomas' Mount.

4. In Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3808, of 15th June 1892, the Madras Government considered that the location of a Native Infantry regiment (its removal from Ráyapuram had been proposed for sanitary reasons) at St. Thomas' Mount was not in any way objectionable on political grounds.

5. In consequence of the state of the lines at Ráyapuram, a wing of the regiment stationed there was moved to St. Thomas' Mount under the sanction of the Government of India contained in letter No. 1782-C, Military Department, dated Simla, 16th August 1894, communicated under your Military Department, No. 5333, dated Ootacamund, 28th August 1894.

6. You are also aware that in letter No. 3417-C, dated 12th November 1895, from the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, the removal of the remainder of the regiment from Ráyapuram was urged by the local Government with a view to the acquisition of the land by the Public Works Department for the purpose of running a canal from the Madras Harbour to the Buckingham Canal, and in consequence of this I addressed the Quartermaster-General in India on the subject of the removal of the remainder of the regiment from Ráyapuram to St. Thomas' Mount in letter No. 1-F, dated 2nd January 1896.

7. As regards (3), I beg to point out (see marginally-noted correspondence*)

* Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 6059, of 29th October 1891.
 Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 5440, of 1st September 1892.
 Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 7432, of 24th November 1892.

that the minimum obligatory garrison of British Infantry at Madras was fixed at six companies in order to meet a possible attack from the sea, and that, as there is not accommodation in Fort St. George for more than head-quarters and a wing of a British Infantry regiment, the Govern-

ment of India decided that two of the six companies were to be kept elsewhere until actually required.

8. In the face of this want of accommodation and of the above-recognized arrangement, it would not seem desirable to make the keeping up of six companies of British Infantry at Madras, a condition on which the local Government would agree to the removal of the Ráyapuram regiment to the Mount, especially as it was

† Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3808, of 15th June 1892.

not urged by that Government in 1892† when the British Infantry garrison consisted, as now, of a wing—indeed, owing to the want of accommodation, it is impossible, unless additional barracks are built.

The head-quarters were, as you are aware, removed to Bellary with the consent of the local Government—see Military Department, No. 6519, dated Ootacamund, 2nd October 1893.

9. I may also observe that the retention of the Ráyapuram lines would effectually block the proposed canal scheme, as I think it will be admitted that there is no site in or immediately about Madras on which a Native Infantry regiment could be located.

10. With reference to (4), as I have no official information relative to any alteration in the status of the Body Guard, I will offer no remark, except to point out that it appears to be in conflict with the proposal contained in your No. 5 of 6th January 1896, as to the removal of the Body Guard to Bangalore during portion of the year.

11. I have forwarded a copy of the Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 208, and of this letter to the Quartermaster-General, India.

From Lieutenant-General C. M. CLARKE, Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 10th March 1896, No. N.A.-1389.

With reference to G.O., No. 163, Public, dated 30th January 1896, I have the honour to forward herewith an extract from my letter No. 2-T, dated the 2nd idem, to your address relative to a reduction in the guard now mounted over the Accountant-General's office, and to request you will be so good as to favour me with as early a reply as convenient.

2. The reduction in the number of sentries, which is sanctioned in the above-quoted Government Order, though a great assistance, does not quite meet the case, as the duties will still be rather heavy on a single regiment.

ENCLOSURE.

EXTRACT from letter, No. 2-T, dated 2nd January 1896, from His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

In connection with the request I have received from Government to vacate the lines at Ráyapuram, which has been submitted for the consideration of higher authority, I have the honour to point out that if the move is sanctioned, only one Native regiment will remain actually in Madras, and it has been brought to my notice by the General Officer Commanding Madras District that the garrison duties would then press heavily on that regiment.

2. On examining the list of guards, I find that * * * a guard is mounted styled the Accountant-General's guard, consisting of one havildar, one naique and twelve privates.

3. * * * With regard to the latter guard, which is mounted over a purely civil building, I am inclined to think, with reference to Army Regulations, India, Vol. II, Part I, paragraphs 1217 and 1220, the duties of guarding that building might be more properly entrusted to police, or at any rate the guard might be considerably reduced.

From F. C. HARRISON, Esq., Commissioner of Paper Currency, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort St. George, 1st April 1896, No. 4.

With reference to your Assistant Secretary's Memorandum, No. 117, dated the 17th January 1896, on current No. 97, Financial, herewith returned, and in continuation of my letters, Nos. 3317 and 3602, dated 19th February and 16th March 1896, I have the honour to inform you that the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, Calcutta, sees no objection, if a military guard cannot conveniently be furnished for the protection of the Currency office and vaults, to its place being taken by a police guard. The proposal, if carried out, will, however, involve a charge against Provincial revenues.

From A. P. AGAR, Esq., Acting Commissioner of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 23rd April 1896, No. 46.

In returning the correspondence forwarded with your endorsement, No. 796, Public, dated 10th April 1896, I have the honour to state that, from the existing strength of the City Police, I am unable to supply the necessary guard for the protection of the Currency office; but if the Government be pleased to increase the present strength by three head constables and twelve constables, I will be able to furnish the guard at a monthly cost of Rs. 152.

2. If my proposal be approved, a formal proposition statement will be submitted.

ORDER—No. 538, Public, dated 16th May 1896.

In paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 208, Political, dated 19th March 1896, His Excellency the Governor in Council informed the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces that there would be no objection to the removal of a battalion of Madras Infantry from Ráyapuram, provided that—

- (1) the necessary guards could be supplied from one regiment;
- (2) the battalion removed from Madras was retained at St. Thomas' Mount;
- (3) the minimum obligatory garrison of British Infantry, viz., six companies, was maintained at Madras; and
- (4) the strength of the Body Guard was maintained so that there might be some mounted men available in the event of a disturbance.

2. In his letter No. 616 M.W., dated 31st March 1896, the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces points out that, as regards condition (2), the table of minimum obligatory garrisons fully recognizes the necessity for the retention of two Madras Infantry battalions for Madras and St. Thomas' Mount.

3. On reconsideration, the Government does not attach importance to condition (4) mentioned above as regards the strength of the Body Guard.

4. With reference to the remaining conditions, the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces considers as regards (1) that the necessary arrangements for guards can be made, but that they will be facilitated if the military guard now furnished for the protection of the Currency office and vaults were taken over by the police. The Accountant-General, who has consulted the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, at Calcutta, reports that there is no objection to this proposal, but points out that, if carried out, it will involve a charge against Provincial funds. The Commissioner of Police states that he is unable to supply the guard unless an addition of three head

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constables and twelve constables, at a monthly cost of Rs. 152, is made to the strength of the City Police. His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees to the transfer to the Presidency Police of the duty of guarding the Currency vaults and is prepared to sanction the additional establishment specified by the Commissioner, who will, without delay, submit the necessary proposition statement and intimate the date from which the duties are taken over by the police.

5. In regard to condition (3), the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces will be informed that by reason of a change in the scheme for the canal connecting the Harbour with the Buckingham Canal, the importance of the evacuation of the Ráyapuram lines has, from that point of view and so far as this Government is concerned, disappeared. His Excellency in Council remains, however, of opinion that, in the event of the battalion of Madras Infantry now located at Ráyapuram being removed to St. Thomas' Mount, the garrison of British Infantry at Fort St. George should be increased to six companies, and earnestly hopes that, should the removal be carried out, steps will be taken as early as possible to increase the barrack accommodation in the Fort.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras.

- „ Commissioner of Police, Madras.
- „ Accountant-General.
- „ Public Works Department.
- „ Financial Department.

Exd. C. M. Thambusawmy.

Current No. 97

DEPARTMENT.

From

Public Dep.

No. Memo 104

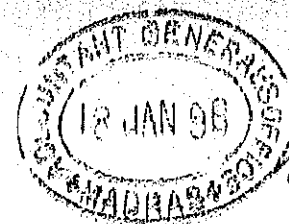
Dated 16.1.96

Received 16.1.96.

Enclosures nil.

SUBJECT.

The forwarding to the Military Secretary to H.E. the Governor letter from the Lt General Commanding the forces, suggesting the reduction in the number of guards daily mounted over the Govt House, Madras, when H.E. the Governor is not in residence.



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Agreed to the Accountant-General for favour of remarks

(By Order)

W. W. Phillips
Ag. Asst. Secy

C.S.
16.1.96

For Lt. St. George
17 January 1896



W. W.



Memorandum. No 104

Read the following

From the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces,
Madras, dated 2nd. January 1896, No. 2.T.

In connection with the request I have received from Government to vacate the Lines at Royapuram, which has been submitted for the consideration of higher authority, I have the honour to point out that if this move is sanctioned, only one Native Regiment will remain actually in Madras and it has been brought to my notice by the General officer Commanding Madras District that the garrison duties would then press heavily on that Regiment.

2. On examining the list of guards I find that, over Government House, Madras, there mounts daily a guard of 1 Havildar, 1 Naique and 15 sepoy increased by 1 Jamadar, 1 Drummer and 3 sepoy, when His Excellency is in residence, and that a guard is mounted styled the Accountant General's Guard consisting of 1 Havildar, 1 Naique and 12 Privates.

3. With regard to the former I am inclined to think that when the Governor is not in residence, His Excellency would have no objection to its very material reduction, and I have the honour to request that His Excellency may be approached in this direction. With regard to the latter guard which is mounted over a purely Civil Building, I am inclined to think, with reference to Army Regulations, India Volume II Part 1, paras 1217 and 1220, the duties of guarding that building might be more properly entrusted to Police, or at any

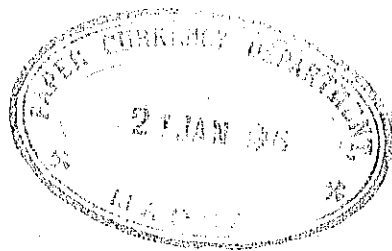
Forwarded to the Military Secretary to
His Excellency the Governor.

The second point will be dealt with separately in the
Financial Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE.

16th January 1896.

Ag. Assistant Secretary.



W. H. Hillier

To,
The Financial Department.

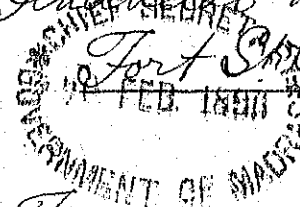
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1896.

Department.

*The Commissioner of
Paper Currency,
Madras.*

*The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Financial Dept
Fort St. George.*



*dated 19th
received 20th } February 1896.*

*No 3317.
Enclosures None.*

Subject.

*Stating that the proposal made
the Military authorities to
use for the protection of the
currency office and vaults
a Police Guard has been
referred to the Head Commissioner
Paper Currency Calcutta.*

await further report.



No. 3317.

Fort St. George,
Accountant-General's Office,
Paper Currency Department,
19th February 1896.

From

THE COMMISSIONER OF PAPER CURRENCY,

Madras,

To

*The Chief Secretary to Government
Financial Dept.
Fort St. George.*

SIR,

*With reference to your Asst^y Secretary's
Memo: No. 117 dated the 17th January 1896, and
subsequent reminder dated 14th February 1896, I
have the honor to state that the proposal made
by the Military authorities to transfer the
protection of the Currency Office and Vaults to a
Police Guard has been referred by me to the Head
Commissioner of Paper Currency Calcutta, and on
receipt of a reply from that Officer, I will reply
finally to your memo: under reference.*

*I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant*

*W. Harris
Commissioner of
Paper Currency*

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Pub. No. 163 of 30-1-96
Final C No. 431 - lines of 6

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Dom

L.G.C.I.

No. $\frac{11.4.}{1389}$

Dated 10 }
Recd 12 } 3. 1896. *Encl. (1)*

Subject.

Forwarding an extract from
his letter $\frac{\text{No. 27}}{2.1.96}$ relative to
a reduction in the Guard now
mounted over the Accountant's
General's Office, for favor of
an early reply.

Pub. No. 559.

Referred to the
Accountant General
for favour of very
early remarks.

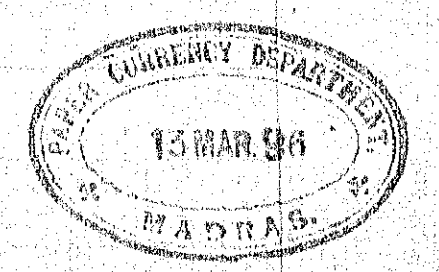
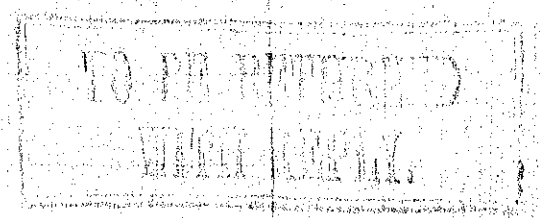
by order.

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W. W. Phillips
Asst Secy

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For L. O. C. Secy
12 March 1896



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1896.

Public
Department.

From.

The Commissioner of
Paper Currency
Madras.

To.

The Chief Secretary
to Government.
Public Dept. Fort St. George.

Dated 16th } March 1896.
Received 17th }
Recd 18th } No 3602.

Enclosure one.
C. NO. 918. Lata. Encl.
returned.

Subject.

Stating that on receipt of a
reply from the Head Commissioner
who has again been addressed on the
subject, a final report will be forwarded
to Government regarding the proposal
to transfer the protection of the Currency
Office and Vault to a Police Guard.

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To await further report from
the Secy. General.
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the recent sp. of
the



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R.L.

No. 3602.

Fort St. George,
Accountant-General's Office,
Paper Currency Department,
16th March 1896

From

THE COMMISSIONER OF PAPER CURRENCY,

Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public Department
Fort St. George

SIR,

re with returned.

With reference to your Asst^y Secretary's
Endorsement N^o 559 dated 12th March 1896, on current
N^o 915, Public, I have the honor to state that no
reply has been received as yet to the reference
made to the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency
Calcutta, (as intimated in my letter N^o 3317 dated
19th February 1896) regarding the proposal to transfer
the protection of the Currency Office and Vaults
to a Police Guard.

2. I have again addressed the Head Commissioner
on the subject, and on receipt of his reply, I shall
forward a final report to Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
H. Harris

[G.]
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Current No. 45

DEPARTMENT.

From The Lieut Jt Comd of the
Forces; Madras

No. 616 m.w.

Dated 31/3.

Received 2/3

Registered 2/3

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Inviting attention to
certain circumstances reg
the accommodation for Native
Troops in connection with the
2nd para of G. O no 208
of 19/3/96.

App.
O.S. No 6057 of 29 Dec 91.
3806 of 15 Jan 92.
5440 of 1 Sept 92.
7432 of 24 Dec 92.
6519 of 2 Oct 93.
5332 of 28 Aug 94.
5847 of 21-7-94.

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CURR 211 No 877
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From

The Commissioner of
Paper Currency
Madras

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Financial Dept
Fort St. George

Dated 14th April 1896.
Received.

No 4
UNDER SECRETARY
APL 1896
Enclosure one.
C.No. 9771
xlms

10796 d/10 April 1896

Referred to the Inspector
General of Police for report as to
whether he can supply the
necessary guard for the protection
of the currency office and vaults
from the existing strength

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Chief Secretary

Informing that the Head
Commissioner sees no objection to
the Currency Office and vaults
being placed under the protection
of a Police Guard, if a Military
Guard cannot be furnished.

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No. O-48.

DEPARTMENT.

No. 1664.

1435
CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras, 20 April 1896.

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,
Madras,

TO

THE Chief Secretary
to Government,
Madras.

SIR,

Enclosures.
Nil.

With reference to Endorsement No. 496,
dated 10 April 1896, on a letter from the Com-
missioner of Paper Currency, dated 1st April
1896, regarding the supply of a Police guard
for guarding the Currency Office, I have the
honor to say that I have transferred the
papers to the Commissioner of Police,
Madras City, and the duty of supplying
a guard will fall upon him.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt. servant

M. Hammick

Inspector General of Police

Public Dept. (189) DEPARTMENT. *Pub.*
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FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

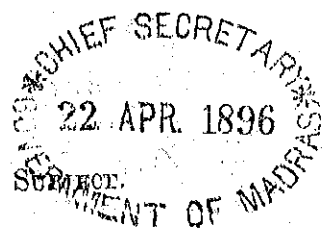
TO

THE *Chief Secretary*
to Government
Cotacamund.

No. 1664

Dated 20 }
Received 22 }
By 23 }
Enclos. —

April 1896.



Stating that the papers re.
the supply of a Police Guard
for guarding the Currency office
have been transferred to the
Commissioner of Police, Madras
City.

Public dept:

G.No. 97 & 431 Financial

,, 915, 1005, 1263, 1435 &

1440 Public

,, 458 Political

FOR ORDERS

It has not been possible to
submit Pol: G.No. 458 earlier as G.O.
No. 503 Pol., d/ 19th March 1896 was
put up ^{with} the Body Guard file which was
received from Madras on Sunday evening,
the 20th instant, and the file of papers
regarding the land required for the
Canal from the harbour to the Buckingham
Canal (referred to in para 6 of G.No.
458 Pol.) which had been sent by the
P.W.D., General Branch, to the Irrigation
Branch was not procurable until today,
(22nd). The references as regards the
guard for the Currency office, which
is now furnished by the Native Infantry
have meanwhile been completed and the
subject is ripe for disposal.

3. In para 2 of G.O. No. 503
Pol., d/ 19-3-96, Govt. stated that I
had no objection to the proposed re-
moval of a battalion of Madras Infantry
from Royapuram provided that—

(1) the necessary guards could be
supplied from one regiment;

(2) the regiment removed from
Madras was retained at St. Thomas' Co

1. A fresh scheme for the ~~removal~~ moving of
the Buckingham Canal and the Canal by
means of water to be let in at Ennore, has
been submitted by Mr. Deane Brockman.
If this scheme be preferred to the one by
which water would be introduced into the
Buckingham Canal, by means of a Canal,
through Royapuram, from the north
end of the Harbour, — the importance
of the excavation of the Royapuram
Barracks, to the extent of 1000 ft. will dis-
appear. But I understand that the
excavation of these Barracks is desired
by the military authorities, in the
interest of the health of the Troops. This
being the case, the Govt. should do everything
in reason to further the removal of
the Troops from Royapuram.

2. I think we should express willingness
to provide, if ~~necessary~~ necessary, the guard

(3) the minimum obligatory garrison of British Infantry, viz., six companies, was kept up at Madras, and

(4) the strength of the Body Guard was maintained so that there might be some mounted men available in the event of a disturbance.

The Govt. considered it of the utmost importance that, in the event of the removal of a regiment of Madras Infantry, the present strength of British Infantry in Fort St. George should be increased.

3. In C.No. 453 Pol., the L.G. C.F. replies to this order.

As to condition (1) he considers that the necessary arrangements for guards can be made, but that they will be facilitated if the military guard now furnished to the Accountant General is taken over by the Police. With reference to this point the Accountant General, after consulting the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency, Calcutta, reports that there is no objection to the Currency Office and of vaults being placed under a Police guard, but points out that the proposal, if carried out, will involve a charge against provincial funds. The Commr. of Police, Madras, states that he is unable to supply the guard unless on addition of 3 head constables and 12 constables is made to the strength of the City Police. This means a monthly charge of Rs. 153 on provincial revenues.

Condition (2) is accepted by

for the Accountant General's Office. This

reads with our conditions No. 1.

3. Condition No. 2 is accepted by the L.G. Govt.

Commr.

4. I have read of what the L.G. Govt. now says,

I do not think we can press condition No. 3.

5. I cannot, with truth, attach importance to the condition, No. 4, that the strength of the Body Guard should be kept up.

A.H. 2.5.96

I think, with reference to Col. Drake Brock's proposal to bring water into the Comm. from Ennore, which is now in air, that we had better postpone the consideration of the necessity of the removal of the Native Regt. from Royapuram. I believe the sanitary aspect of the question depends, not on the site of the barracks, but on the water, which is a matter with which we are not concerned.

I should make the most of our condition No. (3) - what

Pub 1268 we want to do is to get the hill

*vide P. No. 1268 is to get the hill in our way & you must get out of the Fort altogether. - There we may be able to make Indian pay at least a part of the cost of new fort office.

As to condition No. (4) my opinion is that for the purpose of clearing the streets in the event of a popular tumult, such as *C.No. 1440 may at any time occur in any big city, fifty mounted men are ten times their number of mounted men we have only had in Madras the we are apt to form as if we had a perpetual security against disturbance. This seems very reasonable. Also, for instance, should say that the policy we have necessarily embarked upon of closing the Mohammedan Bazaar in the high season may not be a bad thing to do.

A.H.

had units of the military and then there about the number of the Native Regt. for a day or two, but I do not think it will be safe to go long without the minimum number of garrisons of British Infantry. I agree with the above condition 4. 25/5/96 vide P.M.C. No. 7433, G/ 54-11-92 (Slip C)

The most prominent consequence for the proposal to remove the Troops from Royapuram is "the very" "immediate condition of the native town which" "remains the existing state" (See also Deth. 15th June 1892, No. 3808). This being the case, I think we should be careful not to make any condition or unreasonable objection to the removal of the troops. All I think we can properly do, as to condition 3, is to express our sincere hope that the Troops will be taken without delay as to increase the Barrack accommodation of the fort as to make it possible to raise the strength of the British Infantry garrison there to the minimum of six companies.

I think the above is more or less sufficient agreement with me. I enable the Secretariat to draft a reply to the Govt's letter No. 616 of the 31st ult. I should like to see the draft.

A.H. 5.5.96

N.D. In replying we should say that by reason of change in the local scheme, the importance of the maintenance of Royapuram, from that point of view, has disappeared.

the L.G.C.F.

In regard to condition (3) the L.G.C.F. remarks that as there is no accommodation in Fort St. George for more than the head quarters and a wing of British Infantry, the Govt. of India decided that two of the six companies were to be kept elsewhere until actually required, and that therefore it would not seem desirable to make the keeping up of six companies of British Infantry at Madras, a condition on which the Local Govt. would agree to the removal of the Regiment at Royapuram to the Mount. With respect to this it seems to have been overlooked that in addition to the British Infantry in the Fort there is a battery of Garrison Artillery with a strength of, I believe, over a hundred men. This would make the garrison of the Fort equal to about 5 companies. There are two battalions of Field Artillery at the Mount which can always be called into Madras at very short notice, so perhaps under the explanation given by the L.G.C.F. the maintenance of six companies of British Infantry in the Fort need not be insisted upon. If it is, Govt. will have to consider the question, which is not here mooted for the first time, of moving the civil offices from the Fort. The first office to go would be the Secretariat which has long been a Naboth's vineyard to the Nily: authorities. It will take a considerable time to build accommodation for this, and in the meantime

what is to be done? The L.G.C.F. says that there is no room for the six companies of European Infantry in the Fort and Govt. wishes the Regiment of Native Infantry at Royapuram to be cleared out of its present abiding place & in order to utilize the site for the proposed canal.

The only thing to be done appears to be to give in ^{for the present} as regards the garrison of British Infantry in the Fort and to take up the question of building a new Secretariat as soon as possible. The cost of the guard at the Accountant General's office will fall on Provincial but it is not much-only Rs.1834 per annum and does not seem to be a matter for serious objection.

On condition (4) the L.G.C.F. writes "As I have no official information relative to any alteration in the status of the Body Guard, I will offer no remark except to point out that it appears to be in conflict with the proposal as to the removal of the Body Guard to Bangalore". This proposal was, it is submitted, not the proposal of this Govt. but of the Hily: Secy: to I.E. the Governor, vide encl: No. 5, d/ 1-1-06 *slip F*, in which the L.G.C.F. was asked his opinion thereon. The proposal has been vetoed by Govt. which has accepted the reduction of the Body Guard from 125 to 70 with the condition that when Govt. is in Madras a squadron of Native Cavalry will be detailed for

duty there.

The chances of cavalry ever being wanted for anything in the fighting way in Madras is so remote that having a reduced force of that arm stationed there appears to be of no material importance. I.E. the Governor has in a note (marked with flag K in G.O. No. 208, d/ 10-3-06) observed that he does not attach much importance to the condition that the present strength of the Body Guard should on account of the removal of the regiment of Native Infantry from Royapuram be maintained.

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Proposed removal of a Battalion of
Madras Infantry from Royapuram to
St. Thomas' Mount.

(H) CHIEF SECRETARY (P. S.)
4 MAY 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

I. E. the Governor & Circ:

W.H. The Govt.
Reconciled with reference
to the notes recorded within
C.S. 6.5.96
R. 6/5/96.

In G.O. No. 538 Pol.
of 16-5-96

Public dept:
(p) Read again G.O. No. 103 Pub., d/ 30-1-96
(a) ,, ,, G.O. No. 308 Pol., d/ 10-3-96
,, also Pol. No. 458 ----- A
Finan. Nos. 431 & 597 ---B
Pub. Nos. 1005 & 1435---B
,, Nos. 915, 1203 & 1410-
A

ORDER No. 538, d/ 16 May 1896.

In para 2 of G.O. No. 308 Pol.,
d/ 10th March 1896, I.E. the Governor
in Council informed the Lieut.-General
Commanding the Forces that there would
be no objection to the removal of a
battalion of Madras Infantry from Royapuram provided that:

- (1) the necessary guards could be supplied from one regiment;
- (2) the battalion removed from Madras was retained at St. Thomas' Mount;
- (3) the minimum obligatory garrison of British Infantry, viz. 6 companies, was kept at Madras and
- (4) the strength of the Body Guard was maintained so that there might be some mounted men available in the event of a disturbance.

In his letter No. 616 M.V.,
d/ 31st March 1896, the Lieut.-General
Commanding the Forces points out that
as regards condition (3), the table of
minimum obligatory garrisons fully re-
cognizes the necessity for the reten-
tion of two Madras Infantry battalions
for

for Madras and St: Thomas' Mount.

3. On reconsideration, the Govt. does not attach importance to condition (4) mentioned above as regards the strength of the Body Guard.

4. With reference to the remaining conditions, the Lieut:-General Commanding the Forces considers as regards (1) that the necessary arrangements for guards can be made but that they will be facilitated if the military guard now furnished for the protection of the Currency office and vaults were taken over by the Police. The Acct.-General, who has consulted the Head Commissioner of Paper Currency at Calcutta, reports that there is no objection to this proposal but points out that, if carried out, it will involve a charge against Provincial funds. The Commissioner of Police states that he is unable to supply the guard unless an addition of 3 Head constables and 12 constables, at a monthly cost of Rs.152, is made to the strength of the City police. H.E. the Governor in Council agrees to the transfer to the Presy: Police of the duty of guarding the Currency vaults and is prepared to sanction the additional establishment specified by the Commissioner, who will without delay submit the necessary proposition statement and intimate the date from which the duties are taken over by the Police.

5. In regard to condition (3) the Lieut:- General Commanding the Forces will be informed that by reason of

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of a change in the scheme for the canal connecting the Harbour with the Buckingham canal, the importance of the evacuation of the Royapuram lines has, from that point of view and so far as this Govt. is concerned, disappeared. I.E. in Council remains, however, of opinion that, in the event of the battalion of Madras Infantry now located at Royapuram being removed to St: Thomas' Mount, the garrison of British Infantry at Fort St: George should be increased to six companies and earnestly hopes that, should the removal be carried out, steps will be taken as early as possible to increase the barrack accommodation in the Fort.

(from orders)

12/5/96

To

The Lieut:-General Commanding
the Forces, Madras.
,, Commissioner of Police,
Madras.
,, Accountant General.
,, P.W.D.
,, Financial Dept.

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Removal of a battalion of Madras
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