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[Despatch Abstract.]

VOLUNTEERS.

Forwarding to the Government of India an application from the Commandant, Bangalore Rifle---, for a loan of Rs. 4,000, in view to the adoption of scarlet uniform by that corps.

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Bangalore
17th March 1896

From

Lieut. Colonel W. B. Belchist
Commandant B. A. Vols.

To

The Asst. Adjutant General
Bangalore District.

Sir,

1 I have the honor now to place before you for the consideration of the General Officer Commanding the exact position of the Corps as to Finances and the probable cost of the adoption of the scarlet uniform. The question has been considered by a Board of officers and a number of representative members of the Corps, and the opinion is strongly in favour of its adoption.

2 To carry this out however at once would involve the Corps in debt or reduce the credit balance to too low a margin and it would be necessary for me to apply for an advance from Government against the future Capitation Grant of the Corps to be refunded in three instalments. The amount I propose to apply ^{for} is Rupees 4000. During the past 5 years the Corps has

repaid to Government the balance of an advance of Rs 5000 borrowed by Colonel Begbie in 1889 amounting to Rs 2500 and has accumulated a credit balance of Rs 4000 in round figures so that the state of the Corps financially is sufficiently sound to justify me in placing before the General Officer Commanding this proposal. It will be necessary to limit our expenditure in the following matters at first.

(1) To avoid getting white helmets until our present issue of Khaki helmets has to be renewed, and then in 97.98 issue white helmets with Khaki covers.

(2) To reduce the present quality of Khaki issue to a cheaper quality.

96/97. Assets.		Proposed Expenditure	
Balance	4,000	Clothing	9729
Expected Capitation	10,000	Rifle Meeting	1000
Proposed Grant		Govt. Charge Rifles	270
Repayable 3 instalments.	4,000	Corps expenses	3000
		White Helmet.	1400
	18000		15399
		Balance	2601
			18000

By leaving out the helmets until 97.98 the working balance at the end of the

next financial year would be 4000 Rs about, and the estimate for 97/98 would stand.

Balance	4000	Kaki	2500
Capitation less refund	8700	Rifle Meeting	1000
		Rifles	270
		Corps. Expenses	3000
		Helmets.	1600
	12700		8370
		Balance	4330
			12700

4. Taking the same expenditure for 98/99 we would be able to clear the whole refund in that year or finally close it in the 3rd year 99/1900 leaving the Corps with as good a credit balance as now if not greater and the entire loan repaid to Government. In the above estimate the Capitation has only been taken at Rs 10000 but the average Capitation earned over the last 5 years has been 11904 Rs and for last year 94-95 was 11045 Rs.

5. I feel sure that the adoption of Scarlet will lead to increased numbers and with a three years life will not be found if carefully managed to be less possible in this Corps than in others.

6. I would therefore enquire whether the General Officer Commanding would be

prepared

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This
prepared to support an application for a
loan of Rs 4000 from Government for this
purpose on the figures I now advance.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant.

Specialist
Lieut-Col



D. A. G. -

Diary No. 2309
Recd 22 MAR 1896
Branch RA 21/23

I would recommend this application
to the favorable consideration of Govt. -

It is well known that the
due to raise the status of the Corps
& improve their efficiency. I consider
that the adoption of a scarlet uniform
would go far to raise the Corps in
their own estimation & of the general
public, besides enabling them to take
part in ceremonial parades in the
same dress as worn by the Regulars.

Matthias
Comd Bangalore Co

No. 648

From

The Controller of Military Accounts,
Madras Command,

Diary No. 1786
Recd 23 APR 1896
Branch P.T. 30/4

To

The Deputy Adjutant-General,
Madras Command.

Madras, the 27th of April 1896.

Sir,
In returning, as requested, the correspondence
received with your Memo No. 18477 dated 6th
April 1896, I have the honor to state that the sanction
of the Govt. of India is necessary to the grant of
the loan of Rs 4,000, applied for by the Commandant,
Bangalore Rifle Volunteers, for making up scarlet
uniform allowed by para 333, Army Regulations,
India Volume IX, Provisional issue, in as much as
the whole amount is not intended to be recovered
from the next capitulation fund of the Corps. Vide
G.O. (Madras) No. 522, dated 8 November 1894.
Should the loan be sanctioned by the
Government of India, the amount to be repaid

3 instalments from the next 3 years' Capitalisation Grant accounts with interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, would be as follows:-

	Instalment	Interest	R. as P.
1 st Year	Rs 1333-5-4	+ 160-0-0	= 1493-5-4
2 ^d Year	1333-5-4	+ 106-10-8	= 1440-0-0
3 ^d Year	1333-5-4	+ 53-5-4	= 1386-10-8

3. The total receipts and expenditure shown in the Capitalisation Grant accounts of the Bangalore Rifle Volunteers from 1891-92 to 1894-95 are given in the margin. The balance to the credit of the Corps on

	Receipts	Expenditure
(a)		
1891-92	11434	3055
1892-93	12010	* 11084
1893-94	13310	3322
1894-95	11450	3948
		15399

1st April 1895

was Rs 3627-3-1.

4. From the above and from the estimated expenditure from Capitalisation of funds during the next 3 years, shown by the Commandant in his letter No. 663 dated 17th March 1896, it appears that the Corps will be in a position to pay the loan applied for, with the amount of interest thereon.

5. It is however a question for consideration whether the above loan should not be repaid in 2, instead of 3, instalments as the closing balance at the end of each of the next 3 years

years is estimated to be as much as Rs 4,000.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. M. Mynor Lt. Colonel,
Commander of Military Accounts

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The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras.

Forwarded and recommended for favorable
consideration and transmission to the Govern-
ment of India.

2. A report from the Controller of
Military Accounts Madras Command is also
enclosed.

A. S. M. S.

Lieut. General
Commanding the Forces, Madras.

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From

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Forward appl. from the
Comd^g, R.R.V., for a
loan to enable the Corps
to provide itself with
scarlet uniform

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Order No 570. d/ 27 May 1896.

The application will be
forwarded to the Govt of India

To the Lt. Genl. Comd^g the Forces,
Madras

No 571.

Letter - to

The Secy to the Govt of India,
Military Dept.
(with 3 enclosures)
Dated 5/6/96

Sir,

With reference to the general
order of H.E. the Comd^r-in-Chief
in India, No 1061 d/26th Oct 1894
(Volunteers), I am directed to
submit for the favourable
consideration of H.E. the General
-in-Chief, the accompanying
correspondence (to be returned)
relative to an application
from the Comd^r, Bangalore
Rifle Volunteers, for a loan
of Rs 4,000, to be refunded
in three instalments, in view
to the adoption of scarlet
uniform by that corps.

2. The measure will,
it is represented, lead to an
increase in the strength
of the corps, and the General
-in-Chief, the Bangalore
District considers that it
will go far towards raising
the

From the Lt. Genl. Comd^g the Forces, Madras
No. A d/ 7.5.96 with two enclosures
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the Corps in its own estimation as well as in that of the general public besides enabling it to take part in the ceremonial parades in the same dress as that worn by the Regulars.

Application for a loan

3. It will be seen from the Comd's letter, and the report thereon by the C.M.A. that the financial condition of the Corps justifies the grant of the loan; and, as the closing balance at the end of each of the next three years is estimated at Rs 4,000, it appears to be a matter for consideration whether the loan should not, as suggested by the C.M.A., be repaid in two, instead of in three, instalments.

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H. E. the Governor

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