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H.E. the Governor's Body Guard.

Comg. to the Military Secretary to
H.E. the Governor letter from the G.O.
Sanctioning the revised scale of
Clothing proposed for ~~the~~ ~~H.E.~~ —;
requesting that a reappropriation
Statement showing how the extra
expenditure can be met from existing
provision in the current year's estimate
may be submitted through the Controller
of Military Accounts, Madras Command.

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G.O., No. 1318, 6th October 1897.

OCTOBER.

His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard.

Communicating to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor letter from the Government of India sanctioning the revised scale of clothing proposed for —, and requesting that a reappropriation statement showing how the extra expenditure can be met from existing provision in the current year's estimates may be submitted through the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., Mis. Nos. 404, 405, Public, dated 7th April 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

From Major F. W. ROMILLY, D.S.O., Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 22nd January 1897, No. 22.

In continuation of my letter No. 9, of 14th instant, I have the honour to enclose a memorandum from the Commandant, His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard, regarding the clothing of the men, and to express my concurrence in the opinion therein expressed.

ENCLOSURE.

Memorandum.

Clothing.—The issue of clothing to which the Body Guard is entitled (*vide* No. 5697, Military, dated 22nd August 1888) is quite inadequate and should be revised at the same time as the new reorganisation is carried out.

Quadrennial Issue.—This consists of scarlet serge alkalik, white moleskin pantaloons and gauntlets. I consider it absolutely necessary that the two former garments should be issued biennially at least. The climate of Madras defaces a scarlet alkalik often the first time it is worn, and I anticipate that in several cases men will have to provide themselves with a new alkalik at their own expense after a single season's wear.

The lengthening of the skirt of the alkalik, as approved by His Excellency the Governor in the last issue made up in the Body Guard, adds somewhat to its cost and is allowed for in the statement attached of proposed revision of issues and cost of clothing required for the corps.

The same remarks apply to the white moleskin pantaloons. These have to be washed on every occasion after wearing, and consequently wear out rapidly. Unless it is desired that the former custom of escorts and guards in khaki should be reverted to, it is absolutely necessary that these two garments should be issued biennially instead of quadrennially. The gauntlets should last the full four years and their term of wear need not be reduced.

Triennial Issue.—The full dress and undress cummerbunds and lungis cannot possibly be made to last a period of three years. I have been obliged to replace already, up to 31st December 1896, nearly Rs. 600 worth of these articles, and I anticipate that, by the expiration of their period of wear, viz., 1st April next, the bill will have mounted up to at least Rs. 1,200 to replace all the undress cummerbunds, most of which are not fit for wear. The cavalry knee boots last their time sufficiently well.

Biennial Issue.—A slight saving might be effected in this issue to put against the increase above suggested. The blue cloth pantaloons can be well made to last three years instead of two in consideration of the now more frequent wearing of full dress.

Annual Issue.—The one suit (blouse and breeches) of khaki annually is quite inadequate in the climate of Madras. The suggestion in this reference made in this office letter No. 209, dated 2nd September 1887, to Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor and ensuing correspondence * were not carried out for no known reason, but the two suits are essentially necessary. The statement attached of proposed revision in the issue and

* No. 5697, Military, dated 22nd August 1888.

probable cost of clothing for His Excellency's Body Guard in its reorganised strength shows a total cost in twelve years of Rs. 27,856-10-6 as against Rs. 40,763-12-9 over a similar period on its former establishment.

Letter from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, No. 113, dated 25th March 1897.

I have the honour to bring to notice that the present issue * of clothing to which the Body Guard is entitled is inadequate and should be revised.

* No. 5697, Military, dated 22nd August 1888.

Quadrennial Issue.—The quadrennial issue consists of scarlet serge alkalik, white moleskin pantaloons and gauntlets. The two former garments should be issued biennially. The Madras climate often defaces a scarlet alkalik the first time it is worn. Scarlet full dress is now worn more frequently than formerly, as His Excellency the Governor desires it for escort duties. The statement attached provides also for the lengthening of the skirt of the alkalik as approved by His Excellency. The above remarks also apply to the white moleskin pantaloons. These have to be washed on many occasions after wear, and consequently wear out rapidly.

Triennial Issue.—The full dress and undress cummerbunds and lungis cannot be made to last for three years. The Commandant reports that he has been obliged to replace up to 31st December 1896 nearly Rs. 600 worth of these articles, and he anticipates an additional expenditure of Rs. 600 before 1st April next. I recommend therefore that these articles be issued biennially.

Biennial Issue.—A slight saving might be effected in this issue. The blue cloth pantaloons being made to last three years instead of two.

Annual Issue.—The one suit (blouse and breeches) of khaki now supplied is inadequate in a climate like Madras. Two suits are required.

The attached statement of proposed revision in the issue and probable cost of clothing for His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard in its reorganised strength shows a total cost in twelve years of Rs. 27,856-10-6, as against Rs. 40,763-12-9, for a similar period in its former establishment.

I request that the early sanction of the Government of India to the proposed revision may be obtained.

ENCLOSURES.

STATEMENT of the annual cost of proposed new scale of clothing over a period of twelve years.

Year.	For annual clothing.	For biennial clothing.	For triennial clothing.	For quadrennial clothing.	Annual cost of clothing on proposed new scale.	Annual cost of clothing on existing conditions before reduction.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
1	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	644 5 0	694 1 10
2	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	3,013 0 8	2,536 3 7
3	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	1,944 14 6	4,469 1 10
4	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	3,249 12 2	4,630 2 4
5	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	644 5 0	694 1 10
6	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	4,313 10 2	6,311 3 7
7	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	644 5 0	694 1 10
8	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	3,249 12 2	4,630 2 4
9	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	1,944 14 6	4,469 1 10
10	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	3,013 0 8	2,536 3 7
11	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	644 5 0	694 1 10
12	644 5 0	2,368 11 8	1,300 9 6	236 11 6	4,550 5 8	8,405 2 4
Total for 12 years	7,731 12 0	14,212 6 0	5,202 6 0	710 2 6	27,856 10 6	40,763 12 9

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STATEMENT showing proposed issue of uniform to His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard and probable cost of same.

Description of garments and period of issue.	Cost of material for each garment.	Making up charges regimentally.	Total.	Strength of His Excellency the Governor's Body Guard.	Total cost.
<i>Quadrennially.</i>	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.
Gauntlets—all ranks	..	..	3 6 3	70	236 11 6
Quadrennial Total	..	..	..	..	236 11 6
<i>Triennially.</i>	..	..	..	..	..
Blue cloth pantaloons—Native officers	16 11 7	0 8 0	17 3 7	2	34 7 2
Other ranks	8 1 11	0 8 0	8 9 11	68	586 2 4
Cavalry knee boots (Henrian pattern)—Havildars	..	..	10 0 0	6	60 0 0
Rank and file	..	..	10 0 0	62	620 0 0
Triennial Total	..	..	..	..	1,300 9 6
<i>Biennially.</i>	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet serge alkalik—Subadars	48 9 11	7 0 0	55 9 11	1	55 9 11
Jemadars	46 13 11	7 0 0	53 13 11	1	53 13 11
Havildars	6 15 8	1 0 0	7 15 8	5	47 14 0
Naiques	6 5 10	0 14 0	7 3 10	6	36 3 2
Louche Naique—Rank and file	5 13 10	0 14 0	6 1 10	57	348 8 6
White moleskin pantaloons—All ranks	..	..	5 11 11	70	402 2 2
Full dress cummerbund—Native officers	4 13 11	0 10 0	3 8 0	2	22 0 0
Havildars	..	..	3 8 0	6	21 0 0
Other ranks	..	..	31 0 0	62	217 0 0
Full dress lungis—Native officers	..	..	15 0 0	2	62 0 0
Havildars	..	..	12 0 0	6	90 0 0
Other ranks	..	..	11 0 0	62	744 0 0
Undress cummerbund—Native officers	..	..	3 8 0	2	22 0 0
Havildars	..	..	3 8 0	6	21 0 0
Other ranks	..	..	3 8 0	62	217 0 0
Undress lungis—Native officers	..	..	..	..	..
Havildars	..	..	..	..	..
Other ranks	..	..	..	..	..
Jackets—Regimental lascars	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Biennially in alternate year.</i>	..	..	..	..	..
Jackets—Puckally	..	..	4 0 0	1	4 0 0
Berge knickerbockers—Puckally	..	..	3 12 0	1	3 12 0
Biennial Total	..	..	2 12 0	1	2 12 0
<i>Annually.</i>	..	..	..	..	..
Red kula—all ranks	..	..	1 4 0	70	2,368 11 8
Blue serge fenthes—all ranks	..	..	0 13 0	70	87 8 0
Two khaki blouses—all ranks	..	..	4 2 6	70	56 14 0
Two khaki breeches	2 10 6	1 8 0	2 15 10	70	290 15 0
One pair of ankle boots	2 3 10	0 12 0	2 15 10	70	209 0 0
Annual Total	..	..	..	..	644 5 0

* An increase of As. 8 per alkalik is allowed for increased length of skirt as approved by His Excellency the Governor.

Order—Mis. No. 404, Public, dated 7th April 1897.
The Government of India will be addressed.
(True Extract.)

To the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
" Deputy Adjutant-General.

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

No. 1318, PUBLIC, 6TH OCTOBER 1897.

Letter—Mis. No. 405, Public, dated 7th April 1897, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

In continuation of my letter No. 234, Public, dated 9th March 1897, I am directed to forward, with its enclosures, the accompanying letter* from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor

* No. 113, dated 25th March 1897.

containing proposals for revising the scale of clothing issued to the Body Guard, which has been found to be inadequate.

2. The proposals made involve the renewal every two years of the scarlet serge alkalik and white moleskin pantaloons, now issued quadrennially, and of the full dress and undress cummerbunds at present supplied triennially. Full dress uniform is now, by desire of His Excellency the Governor, worn more frequently than formerly: in a climate such Madras the alkalik rapidly deteriorates, while constant washings quickly wear out the pantaloons. Climatic causes, too, render necessary the annual issue of two suits of khaki instead of the one now allowed.

3. On the other hand it is proposed to effect a small saving in the present biennial issue of the blue cloth pantaloons by making the pantaloons last for three instead of two years.

4. The revised scale (the details of which are shown in the statements attached to the Military Secretary's letter) involves a total cost for the 70 men—the strength of the Body Guard—from the 1st instant of Rs. 27,857 for twelve years as against Rs. 40,764, the cost of the former establishment of 125 men for a similar period.

5. I am to state that His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the Military Secretary that the revised scale of clothing is absolutely necessary, and to request that the early sanction of the Government of India may be accorded thereto.

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

G.O., Mis. Nos. 1071, 1072, Public, dated 16th August 1897.

Read—the following papers:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. DEBRATH, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 25th June 1897, No. 2706-D.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 405, Public, dated 7th April 1897, submitting proposals for revising the scale of clothing issued to the Body Guard of His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

2. With reference thereto, I am directed to suggest a modification of those proposals for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, to the effect that, until it be proved by experience that scarlet serge alkaliks and moleskin pantaloons will not last for three years, the issue of these garments should be made triennially instead of biennially as proposed in your letter.

From Major F. W. ROMILLY, D.S.O., Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 29th July 1897, No. 260.

I have the honour to return Government of India letter No. 2706-D, of 25th June 1897, forwarded to me for remarks with your endorsement No. 1405, of 8th instant, and to state that for the reasons mentioned in my letter No. 113, of 23rd March 1897, I am of opinion that the garments referred to should be issued biennially.

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CURRENT No.

No. 1318, PUBLIC, 6TH OCTOBER 1897.

Order—Mis. No. 1071, Public, dated 16th August 1897.
The Government of India will be addressed.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

Letter—Mis. No. 1072, Public, dated 16th August 1897, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Lieutenant-Colonel DeBrath's letter No. 2706-D, of the 25th June last, and, in reply, to inform you that, for the reasons stated in my letter No. 405, Public, dated 7th April 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council remains of opinion that the biennial supply to the Body Guard of scarlet serge alkalik, white moleskin pantaloons and dress and undress cummerbunds, and the annual supply of two suits of khaki clothing instead of one are absolutely necessary.

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

READ—also the following paper:—

From Lieutenant-Colonel E. DEBRATH, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 15th September 1897, No. 4271-D.

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1072, Public Department, dated 16th August 1897, on the subject of the revision of the scale of clothing to be issued to the Body Guard of His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

2. The proposals made include the renewal, every two years, of the scarlet serge alkalik and white moleskin pantaloons, now issued quadrennially, and of the full dress and undress cummerbunds at present supplied triennially. The annual issue of two suits of khaki, instead of the one now allowed, and the triennial issue of blue cloth pantaloons, now supplied biennially, are also recommended. The extra expenditure on account of the changes proposed is estimated at Rs. 616 annually.

3. In reply, I am to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor, that the Government of India sanction the revised scale of clothing proposed for the Madras Body Guard.

4. I am also to request that a reappropriation statement showing how the extra expenditure involved can be met from existing provision in the current year's estimates may be submitted at an early date, through the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command.

ORDER—No. 1318, Public, dated 6th October 1897.

Communicated to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, with the request that the reappropriation statement called for may be submitted at an early date.
(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.
Copy to the Deputy Adjutant-General.
" " Controller of Military Accounts.

Exd. C. M. Thambuswamy.

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Order No. 1318 of 6 Oct 97

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The Govt of India
Military Dep^t

No. 4271-D

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Sanctioning the revised
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for H.E. the Governor's Body
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Mly Secy to H.E. the Governor
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