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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the G.O. to sanction
the appointment of Major
St Leger to officiate as
Commandant Madras Volunteer
guards with effect from 4th
March '97.

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Public (1897) Department.

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is a case of an official
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Leon and case.
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✓ 87 Feb 97
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The D.A.G.

No. $\frac{a}{0.13851}$

Dated 6 Sept

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Telephone call from D.A. S. recd
21/9/7

SUBJECT.

Forwarding Major Lt.
Leger's ^{petition} ~~petition~~ requesting
that he may be gazetted
as officiating commandant
from 4th March 1897

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BACK PAPERS.

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Madras

20th August 1897.

Majr G. H. Dyer
Commanding Madras Volunteer Guards

The Assistant Adjutant General
Madras District

Sir,

I have the honor to place the following facts before you with a request that you will be as good as to bring them to the notice of the General Officer Commanding the Madras District, in order that a representation may be made to Government in my behalf.

On the 14th March last, Colonel H. S. Stewart then Commanding the Madras Volunteer Guards, received orders to hand over the command of the Regiment to me, as he was vacating on attaining Colonel's Allowances, and in compliance with a request made to me in person by Colonel Stewart, I called at his residence and took over charge of the Confidential papers, Cheque Books &c. that were in his keeping. The transfer papers were duly signed and a Regimental Order was published notifying that the command had devolved upon me.

Sincerely

Since the above mentioned date, or for a period of upwards of nine months, I have borne all the responsibilities and have carried out all the duties of Commandant of the Regiment, but I have not been gazetted, and it is this point that I desire to lay chief stress upon.

In my record of services which date back to December 1882, I have the honor to include the appointment of acting Adjutant more than once, and of Officiating Commandant for a period of 8 Months (duly gazetted). But with reference to my present appointment, I have no record beyond a Regimental Order, and I beg to submit that this is highly prejudicial to me.

According to the Volunteer Regulations, Army Regulations India Volume IX (Volunteers) para 64, I am perfectly eligible to hold the Command, but I understand that it is the wish of the Government to secure the services of an Officer of the Regulars who will be prepared to hold also the Office of Paymaster of Carnatic Subenrols. Should this be the case, I need hardly say that I shall loyally and dutifully serve under such Officer as his second-in-Command, but meanwhile I trust that the disability under which I am now labouring and which I have pointed out above, may be removed.

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There is another point which I wish to bring to notice and that is, that I have been unable to draw the Command allowance attached to the appointment I am now holding, as I am considered in the absence of a Gazette notification, to be holding "temporary" Command. The new clause, in para 65, in the Provisional issue of Army Regulations India Volume IX (Volunteers) thus operates prejudicially to myself, and the Corps. When Colonel Stewart transferred the Command to me, it was not for any particular period, and yet the Pay Department are unable to pass the Command allowance, which would enable me to do a great deal more for the good of the Corps, than I am at present able to do.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

W. D. S. Leger Major
Commanding Madras Volunteer Guards

P. T. O

No. 959 Madras 1 September 1897.
Deputy Adjutant General
Madras Command

Diary No. 16001
Recd. 25.9.97
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Ootacamund.
Under the circumstances of Major
St. Leger having acted in Command of the
Madras Volunteer Guards for so long a
period, and of the vacancy being a full one,
I should be glad if His Excellency the British
General commanding the Forces, Madras
could see his way to recommending as a
special case that that Officer be gazetted as
Officiating Commandant from 4th March 1897

Memorandum

Brigadier-General
Commanding Madras District
3350
Ootacamund

No. 0-13851.

6th September 1897
To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Public Department.

Forwarded for favorable Consideration.

C. Simpson

Bt. General
D.A.G.

Urgent

Public Department.

C. No. 3350

TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

From The Chief Secretary
CHIEF SECRETARIAT,
To The Dy. A.D.G. Secy

Dated 7th Sept 1897

Issue & send please
return file to me
as

Reference
~~Please refer~~ your
A/O 13851 d/6th
instant Please
say when Major
St. Leger was gazetted
officiating Comdant
for eight months

as
17/9/97

SM
17/9/97

Sent 18/9/97
W.B. Baerney
17/9/97

US
Please see the current.
This information had
have been obt^d by the Regt
but to some time the
D.A.G. Shows on the
spot may be asked
It may have been any
time during the past
half a dozen years
and a search will
und cause further delay as

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TELEGRAPHS

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Instructions.To
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(Person)

32 Word Form.

N. 2 @ 1618 d/17-9-97 your telephone re: Major
St. Leger not understood, not having been notified
as Lt. Commandant Madras Hill Guards since
Col. Stewart vacated. Major St. Leger now applies
for the Appt. to be notified to draw his pay. Please see communication
Madras Lt. forwarded with my 14.013851.51
6th Inst.

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Telegraph Master.

Mr. Cress

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SA
20/9/57

NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

Please see the
D.A.G.'s reply. He
does not under-
stand the telephone
message and
tries to explain
that Capt St
Leger has not
been gazetted
since Col
Newall vacated.

The Rep has been told
to read the Gazette
Telephone to the D.A.G.

Your telephone
today. In his letter
of 20th August
Captain St Leger
refers to his record
of services which
includes the
"apt of of finding
Command for a period
Eight months
and gazetted"
Please when
this was

Sent 18/8
20/9/57
20/9/57

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To *R. S. 1912* From *(Office)*

Day	Hour	Minute	Official Instructions
21	15	30	

To *C. S.* From *L. G. B.*

(Person) *(Person)*

*at 6 11/2 per telegram yesterday
Major St. John & Mr. Jones
Madras at 10 a.m. during the absence
of Col Stewart. P. M. 11/2 per telegram
in 1894. Please see G. O. C. 1524/94
51/1894.*

Form.

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Telegraph Master.

C 23-9-97
R 24-9-97

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Public DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 3350

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HONBLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.~~

~~THE HONBLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

The Command of the
Madras Volunteer Guards

FOR ORDERS.

note
Delay due to necessary papers
not being available - also
to a reference to the D.A.S.
in re Major St. Peter's last app.
app as Comd't.

*sup
22-9-97*

A letter from Major
St. Peter of the Madras Vol-
unteer Guards is submitted
for orders

It will be seen from
Mr. Mosangue's D.O. flagged
W that Lt Col Pryce's services
will ^{most} probably be available
from the 1st December next
as Paymaster, Carnatic
Shipments, and in that case
his app as Comd't, M.V.G.,
in succession to Col Stewart
has been recommended in
letter 401120 Ptdy 27.8.97 V

Major St. Peter ^{having} ~~rep-~~
~~resents~~ that he has not been
gazetted as Offg Comd't
acts prejudicially to
himself and to the corps
as

as well, since in the absence of gazette notification he is held to be holding "temporary" command and cannot therefore draw the command allowance which would enable him to do a great deal more for the Corps than he can at present do.

He points out that on a former occasion vizt in 1894, when Col Stewart was in furlough he was duly gazetted as Offg Comd for a period of eight months. Major St/yer is eligible for the Comd under para 64 A.R. vol. ix.

The J.O.C. and the D.A.G. recommend the application for favourable consideration.

The following draft order is therefore submitted for approval.

CW 21.9.97 mlt regts para 96 A.R.!

* vide para 65 A.R. vol. ix

* The M.V.G. is the only Corps in this Comd with a paid Comd. (V)

* Please see Gazette volume put up & marked with red tape (p. 55)

Public DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Current No. 3350 of 1897, dated 6/9, from The D.A.G.
" " " 189 , " " "
" " " 189 , " " "

ORDER.

His

The following notification will be published in the Fort St George Gazette:—

Notification
Volunteers
Appointment

Madras Volunteer Guards

Major William Douglas St Leger to officiate as Commandant with effect from the 4th March 1897 pending the appointment of a successor to Col Stewart vacated.

Temporary this is reported to the Govt. of India. 24.9.97

Cancelled 24.9.97

CW 21.9.97
Gazette
24.9.97
22.9.97

[G.]
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1,000-8097.

C 29-0-07
R 28/10/7

Public DEPARTMENT.

Cs No. 3350 ~~7355~~

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

~~THE HON'BLE MR. DUNN, C.I.E.~~

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

The Command of the
Madras Volunteer Guards

FOR ORDERS.

With reference to the
proposed officiating
appt of Major St. Legers
to the Command of the
Madras Volunteer
Guards it is submitted
that there is no exact
precedent, nor is there
anything in the regula-
tions to exactly cover
the case. It is regretted
that this was not at
once pointed out.

Previous off. 9.
appts of Comdts were
in leave vacancies
and these ^{within the} powers of this Govt.
vide Art. 96 A.X.I.
Vol. 12 and fo. 531

Public

Pubd/27.6.95 (A).

With reference therefore
to H.E. the Governor's
note d/24.9.97 it
is submitted that,
as the present off^r
appt is a sort of
sub pro tem one, Col
Stewart having
vacated, the con-
firmation of the Govt
of India would
appear to be necessary.

G.O. 531 Pubd/27.6.95 A
read with fo. 591 Pubd/27.9.95 B
would seem to strengthen
this view.

Attention is solicited
at the same time to C. 3561
in the linked file.

His Excellency the Governor
has sanctioned the
appointment of Lt
Col Pye as Comdt
of the M.V.G. and the
M.V. Dept asks that
India may be informed
in due course of the
date from which the
appt.

* This can, it is submitted,
only be decided when it
is definitely known on
what date Lt. Col. Pye's
leave of absence is
to be taken up.

JK
28/9/97

attached

Appd.
A. 9/17
24.10.97

appt should have been
in view of the necessary
notification being made
in the Gazette of India.

It is observed that
the date on which the
services of Lt Col Pye
will be available as
P.C.S. cannot be stated
definitely, but approx-
imately it may be
fixed at the 1st
December ^{next}.

vide letter 372 P.C.S. 5.6.97
and the D.O. of the 24th
August last from
Lt Col Pye.

A draft letter
to India recommending
that in the meantime
Major St. John
may be appointed
to the off^r. This
is submitted
for approval.

AW
27.9.97 JK
28/9/97

JK

Please see draft below
for approval. A. 9/17

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., No. dated 189

Again G.O., No. dated 189

Current No. 3350 of 1897, dated 6th Sept, from the D. A. G.

" 189 , "

" 189 , "

ORDER.
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No. 143682-11-97

The foot of India will
be addressed

A. 47
24.10.97

27.9.7 To the D. A. G. (2) Dec/29
3/11/97

Letter No. 1437
To the Secy to the Govt of India
Mily Dept.

Sir,

I am directed to address you
on the following matter.

2. On Col H. S. Stewart
vacating the command of
the Madras Volunteer Guards
in March last, the appl
devolved under para
100 A.R. Vol. 11. Govt. Issue
on the next senior officer
Major St Leger. Letter
No. 143682-11-97

Subject of the existing temporary
vacancy in the command of
the Madras Volunteer Guards

para
The following addition at the end of
"Should it not be considered necessary to
"gazette Major St Leger to the officiating
"command, authority is retained for
"issue of command pay during the
"period he has acted as Command."

A. 47
24.10.97 V

~~1897 the first recommendation~~
~~for the favourable com-~~
~~mission of the Ensign~~
~~the service of the app't of~~
~~St Col D. D. Pryor M.C.~~
~~to the Command where~~
~~his services should~~
~~be available~~

~~in December next,~~
~~and the Ensign~~
~~states in your letter~~
~~No 2638 B 8/17/97, (then)~~
~~pleased to sanction~~
~~the arrangement~~

~~the which Major~~
Major represents that
his not having been
gazetted ^{meanwhile} as officiating
Comdt. acts prejudi-
cially to himself and
to the Corps; ~~that he~~

In the absence of a
gazette notification he
is ~~precluded by~~ para 65 ~~of~~ the regulations,
~~precluded~~ from drawing
the command allow-
ance which would
enable him to do a
great deal more for

On the recommendation of
this Govt M.C. the Murray
has been pleased, as
intimated in yr letter
No 2638 B 8/17/97 to
sanction the app't of M.C.
D.D. Pryor M.C. to the command.
But his services will not
be available till December
next. In these circs

(C 2638 B 8/17/97)

He has borne all the responsibilities &
carried out all the duties of the
command without receiving the honour
of having his app't formally notified;
and moreover, that in

(by the local Govt)

the ^{regiment} ~~corps~~ than he can at
present do.
3. Major St. Peter
record of services, which
dates back to December
1882, includes the appoint-
ment of acting adjutant
more than once, and
of offg Comdt for a
period of eight months
(duly gazetted) in 1894,
when Col Stewart ^{was} ~~the~~
~~late Comdt~~ was on
furlough. He is under
provisional regulations,
eligible for the Command.
In these circumstances
and as ^{there is a full} ~~there is a full~~ vacancy
afforded, the L.C.C. &
Mentres, has recommended
that, as a special case,
Major St. Peter may
be gazetted as offg.
Comdt from the 4th
March 1897 the date
on which Col Stewart
vacated. H.E. the Governor
in full concurs, ~~and~~ ^{as}
~~that~~ ^{with} this recommen-
-dation

27.9.7

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