

Public (1891) Department. 4/3

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 216-17.

Dated 4 March 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Volunteer Guards: Referring to the Govt of India that if there is any proposal to send to England in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's celebration representatives of the — in India, & the South world with the — Madras, to be represented.

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Public (1897) Department.

H.E. the Governor

CURRENT No.

For orders whether
the papers may be
sent on to India
for favourable con-
sideration.

From : D. A. & Co. Calcutta.

3/3/97
Order

The proposal is sent in a long
Cable form: it is not stated or suggested
to whom from the Corps should be represented.
Considering the state of matters at present in
India it is hardly likely that the G. P. I. will
assent to a proposal which must necessarily involve
considerable expense. The request might however
be forwarded for the orders of the G. P. I.

No. A
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Dated 25-2-97

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Enclosures 1

Spare copies

Report to Col. Stewart about this last

night, but he was unable to suggest

any more definite proposals than those
suggested in the letter. I think the

letter should be sent to the Govt. of India
with the observation that if there is any

general proposal to send to England,
in honour of the Queen's Celebration,

M. R. for papers representative of the

Volunteer Force in India. This force

would with the Madras Volunteer force

be represented.

3/3/97

SUBJECT.

Forwarding for disposal
Correspondence from Col.
H. S. Stewart, Commandant
Madras Volunteer Guards to
the Asst Adjutant General
Madras District, soliciting
that the Regiment of the
Madras Volunteer Guards
should be represented at
the festivities which would
take place in London next year
in honour of the late King's
Reign.

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FOR ST. GEORGE,

27th November 1896.

No. 395.

From

Colonel H.S. Stewart,

Commandant, Madras Volunteer Guards.

To

The Assistant Adjutant-General

Madras District.



SIR,

I have the honour to state for the information of the General Officer Commanding the District that a strong desire has evinced itself among all ranks of the Regiment which I have the honour to command that the Regiment should be represented at the festivities which it is hoped will take place in London next year in honour of Her Majesty's glorious reign. The movement has been quite spontaneous and as I fully sympathise with it, I venture to express the hope that the General Officer will submit this matter for the consideration of His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces with his favourable recommendation and with a view to its being finally transmitted to the Government of India.

2. It is already within your knowledge that the Madras Volunteer Guards owes its origin to the stirring events of 1857 and that it attained the immediate object of its formation by assisting very materially in maintaining local order and confidence during some anxious months of that memorable year. Coupled with these distinguishing features is the honour which the Regiment has of being "Primus in Indis" and enjoying other special privileges such as being allowed to carry colors and wear gold lace. It may be appropriately added that the Regiment had already done good service before the formation of the existing Volunteer Force in England,

which

which is stated at page 379 of the "Army Book for the British Empire" to owe its origin to a wave of patriotic feeling which swept through the country in the years 1858-59" the real ^{birth} ~~men~~ ^{is} of the Force ^{is} dated the 12th May 1859.

3. The Regiment is now in its fortieth year, and throughout that long period it has maintained its efficient condition. At the Delhi assemblage of 1877 the Regiment was represented by sixty members and the encomiums then earned added to the already high reputation the Regiment enjoyed, and which it has since maintained.

4. It is these circumstances which lead me to strongly support the wish of the members of the Regiment that they should be afforded the opportunity of displaying their loyalty and devotion to their Sovereign by being represented on the auspicious occasion of the rejoicings which it is hoped may be held next year in London.

5. I have purposely refrained from details which it should serve no useful purpose to consider in advance of the general approval and support of the Government of India to the proposal, which I now have the honour to specially solicit may be asked for.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

(Signed) H.S. Stewart, Colonel

Commandant, Madras Volunteer Guards.

(True Copy)

H.S. Stewart Colonel,

Commandant, Madras Volunteer Guards.

Volunteer Corps,

MADRAS VOLUNTEER GUARDS.

FORT ST. GEORGE,

Madras,

12th February 1897.

COLONEL
COMMANDANT, M. VOL. GUARDS,

To

Major J. H. Currie
Lieutenant Colonel
Madras District

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge, that it has only just come to my notice, that my letter N^o 395 dated 24 November 1896, seems unfortunately to have been mislaid or to have miscarried; presuming such to be the case, I have the honor to lose no time in submitting a copy of the said letter with a request that you will be good enough to lay the same before the General Officer Commanding the District, with a view to its being forwarded for the favorable consideration of the Lieutenant General Commanding the Madras Forces.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours most obedient servant,

A. S. Stewart

Colonel,

Commandant, Madras Volunteer Guards

No. A
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CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
27 FEB. 1897
Forwarded.

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2. The original of letter No 395 of 27th November 1896, cannot be found, and it appears that no action was taken on it by my predecessor.

From D.C. M.V.G.
to A.A.G. Madras
District.

Therapies Brigadier-General
Commanding Madras District

CHIEF SECRETARY

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Octacammunt
25th February 1897.

To The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras.

Forwarded for favor of disposal.

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Br. General
D.A.G.

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NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

It is submitted that being a purely matter the letter must go forward ~~as the draft exactly follows H.E.'s note~~ it need not be ~~sent~~ to H.E.

J.S.B.

4/3/97
No more to be sent
to H.E. as draft follows
H.E.'s note
4/3/97

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Public DEPARTMENT.

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Current No. 775 of 1897, dated 25/2, from the O.A.G.

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ORDER. No. 2169/11-2-97

The letter will be forwarded to
the Govt. of India.

To
The Dy. Adj. Genl. Dec/28
4/3/97

LETTER:- No. 217 Dec/28 4/3/97

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Military Department
Sir,

I am directed to forward copy
of a letter No. 395, dated 27th Novem-
ber last, from the Commandant of the
Madras Volunteer Guards, together with
copies of ~~the~~ subsequent letters and ~~of the~~
~~the~~ endorsement thereon, and to inform
you that, if there is any general pro-
posal to send to England in honour of
Her Majesty the Queen's Celebration
representatives of the Volunteer Forces
in India, His Excellency the Governor
in Council would wish the Madras

Volunteer

Volunteer Guards to be represented.

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. 189 DATED

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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