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[Despatch Abstract.]

Addressing the Govt of India in re-
gard to the desirability of trans-
ferring the Bangalore Rifle Volunteers
and the Coorg & Mysore Rifles to the
control of the Resdnt in Mysore & Chief
Commr in Coorg.

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to the Governor

CURRENT No. 713

For orders. There is no particular administrative reason why either Corps should remain under this Govt. ad has a paid adjutant the question of patronage therefore has to be considered.

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Yes
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Patronage has nothing to do with the question. The proposal seems to be a very desirable one and it is submitted that it should be accepted.
From Lt. Col. I. Military Dept.
26/2/97
No. 500 B.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting His Excellency the Governor's opinion on the proposal to transfer the Bangalore Rifle Volunteers and the Coorg and Mysore Rifles from the Control of the Govt. of Madras to that of the Resident in Mysore and the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.

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Memorandum from the Adjutant General in
India, No. 281 Camp dated Fort William 3rd February 1897

The following is submitted for the orders of Govern-
ment of India in the Military Department -
2 - The Commander in Chief supports the recom-
mendation of the Lieutenant General Commanding the
Forces, Madras -

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Cotacamund 8th January 97

From

Lieut. General Commanding the Forces, Madras

To

The Adjutant General in India -

Sir

I have the honor to bring to the notice of the
Commander in Chief in India the anomaly of the
Madras Government being considered as the local
Government in the cases of -

The Bangalore Rifle Volunteers

- Coorg and Mysore Rifles

2 - These Corps are located in States which are in
no way subject to the jurisdiction or under the
control of the local Government of Madras, and I

therefore

therefore beg to recommend for His Excellency's considera-
tion the expediency of transferring the control of these
Corps to the Resident in Mysore and Chief Com-
missioner in Coorg.

3 - Previous to the 1st April 1895 there may possibly
have been some special reasons for the present ar-
rangement, as the forces in Southern India generally
were under the Government of Madras -

4 - On the principle that volunteering flourishes
in direct proportion to the encouragement given to it
by the local civil authorities, it appears to me
that these two Corps would be more properly under
the local Government of the territories in which
they are situated as the Resident in Mysore
and Chief Commissioner in Coorg (one and the
same person) is necessarily, from his position,
better able than the Government of Madras not
only to encourage volunteering but to use his
influence to induce responsible persons residing
in those States to take an active interest in the
movement, in fact to do all in his power to
induce eligible persons to enroll themselves,
whether as officers or men, a power which the
Madras Government does not, under the circum-
stances, possess -

5 - The Mysore Rifle Volunteers (strength
about 40 officers and men) are at present affiliated
for administrative purposes to the Bangalore
Rifle Volunteers, but if the latter Corps is placed
under the control of its legitimate local Govern-
ment the Mysore Corps could be affiliated
without any inconvenience to the Madras Rail-
way Volunteers which has a Company at Salem,
only a short distance from Mysore.

6 - There remains in this Command the case of the
Southern Mahratta Railway Volunteers, the control
of which was transferred from the Bombay to
the Madras Government in 1890; its stations are
scattered through the Civil Administrations
of Bombay, Mysore and Madras, no one of
these administrations having more interest in
it than either of the other two, and this being so
I do not advocate any change in the local
Government of that Corps -

I have &c

M. G. Simpson ^{2nd} Lt
for Lieut General
Commanding the Forces Madras on
leave

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Volunteers.

It is requested
that the above head-
ing, with number and
date of this communi-
cation, may be quoted
in any subsequent cor-
respondence on the
subject.

No. *500B.*

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the *17th* February 1897.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public ~~MILITARY DEPARTMENT.~~

22 FEB. 1897
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SIR,

I am directed to forward
From Adjutant General in India N^o 281 Camp, a copy of the
dated 3rd February 1897 and enclosure. correspondence

*noted on the margin, relative to
a proposal to transfer the
Bangalore Rifle Volunteers
and the Coorg and Mysore
Rifles, from the control of
the Government of Madras to
that of the Resident in Mysore
and Chief Commissioner of
Coorg, and to request that
the Government of India
may*

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Current No. 713 of 1897, dated 17/2, from the Govt of India (Mily. Dept.)

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May be favored with His
Excellency the Governor's opinion
on the subject—

I am,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

M. J. King Harman, Col.

Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of India

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reply be despatched to the Govt. of
India.

LETTER:-

N. 222

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Military Dept.

SIR,

In reply to Col. King Harman's
letter No. 500 B, dated 17th ultimo. I
am directed to inform you that in the
opinion of His Excellency the Governor
in Council the proposal to transfer
the Bangalore Rifle Volunteers and the
Coorg and Mysore Rifles to the control
of the Resident in Mysore and Chief
Commissioner in Coorg is a very desira-
ble one and should be accepted.

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