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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

6th December 1887, No. 7661.

Commissariat Department—Transport.

Read the following papers:—

No. 52. From Lieut.-Colonel E. COLLEN, Offg. Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to Brigdr.-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department; dated Simla, 27th August 1887, No. 2814-D.

Commissariat Department—Transport.

I am directed to forward, for the information of the Governor in Council, a copy of rules for the purchase of transport animals which have been approved by the Government of India, and to request that, under the orders of His Excellency in Council, copies of these rules may be forwarded very confidentially to all civil officers for information and guidance. It must be clearly understood that there is no present intention of carrying on purchasing operations on a large scale, but the system explained in these rules will be followed whenever transport animals are purchased in any numbers, whether in time of peace or war.

2. I am to ask that, under the orders of the Governor in Council, a Nominal Roll of officers of the Madras Cavalry may be prepared in the form shown in Appendix B.

Rules for purchase of Transport Animals on mobilisation.

On the order to commence the purchase of transport animals, the Adjutant-General in India will at once detach from Native cavalry regiments, not ordered on service, the number of officers required for purchasing duty, and detail the districts to which they are to proceed, vide Appendix A. These officers will, in the first instance, report themselves to the General Officer Commanding the Division or District, who will furnish each with a small treasure guard and a few non-commissioned officers and men of the nearest Native cavalry regiment, not proceeding on service, to assist in the collection of animals, their care when bought, and their transmission to specified centres. The purchasing officers will next report themselves to the Commissary-General of the Circle or the Senior Commissariat Officer in the station, and receive from him instructions as to the method of despatching animals bought, to the stations at which they are to be collected, and as to the detail of the system under which attendants will be furnished for their care. The Commissariat Department will furnish each purchasing officer with a 2nd-class Cattle Agent and a clerk, also with a treasure chest, a standard, a measuring tape, branding irons, (Commissariat—Transport) Form No. 20, and vendor's receipt forms. Although the above Form No. 20 is to be used by a purchasing officer as a register of animals bought, it is to be understood that his action is to be considered final, and purchases once effected by him are not to be subject to confirmation by Committees. The General Officer Commanding may, however, on the requisition of the Commissariat Department, convene committees to report on any animals considered unfit for transport.

2. The purchasing officer will next place himself in communication with the civil officers of the district in which he is to operate, with a view to obtaining assistance in the collection of animals at various points and the publication in the district of a notice, showing the class of animals required, and the prices he is prepared to pay for them. Purchasing officers should arrange to visit these points on certain dates so as to localise their work as far as possible and economise time, which, in the event of mobilisation, will be a most important factor of success.

When further collection of animals at the above-mentioned places ceases, the purchasing officers should arrange to visit all villages in their districts where animals are likely to be obtained.

3. Immediately purchasing operations are to commence, the purchasing officers will at once place themselves in communication with the Controller, Military Accounts, and ask him to arrange for cash assignments to be placed to their credit in the different treasuries in the districts where the purchases are to be made. They will inform him approximately of the sums required on each treasury, and will, at the same time, ask him to arrange with the Comptroller of India Treasuries for their cheques against these assignments to be cashed at the Tehsil treasuries, if necessary; but vendors should not be paid by cheques but in cash in the presence of the purchasing officers, who will obtain a receipt from each vendor for the sum paid.

4. Each animal as purchased is to be branded at once in presence of the purchasing officers, as follows:—

On the off side of neck with the two last figures of the year of purchase; on the near fore-hoof, with the purchaser's serial number.

When the animals reach the stations at which they are to be organised they will be given their serial numbers of the circle, and the remaining brands, as per Military Department letter, No. 1494-D, dated 31st August 1886, viz.:—

On the off side of the neck. . . The initial letter of the Transport Circle on the rolls of which the animal is first brought, to be placed underneath the last two figures of the year of purchase which have already been given by the purchasing officer.

On the near side of the neck. . . The letter "G," and below it the animal's serial number on the rolls of the Transport Circle into which it is first brought.

5. Animals purchased will be forwarded in batches under charge of Native Cavalry soldiers (see para. 1) to the centres selected as may be arranged by the Commissary-General of the circle with purchasing officers, who will send with each batch a copy of (Commissariat—Transport) Form No. 20, the original of which he will retain to attach to his accounts. The receiving officer will grant receipts in duplicate for all animals received from purchasing officers.

6. The purchasing officer will keep a daily cash-book showing in detail all his cash transactions as they occur, including the payments made on account of the purchase of each animal, which must correspond with the entries in Form No. 20. He will furnish weekly to the Examiner, Commissariat Accounts, direct a true copy of this cash-book, supported by vendors' receipts for sums paid for the animals, sums advanced to the men sent in charge of the animals to the equipping stations, and sums expended on their feed prior to despatch will be shown separately in this cash-book and the receipts for these payments will be attached as vouchers to the copy sent to the Examiner; also one copy of the receipts granted by the officer at the specified centre for animals sent thither. The Examiner will bring to the notice of the Controller, Military Accounts, and the Commissary-General of the Circle, any unusually high prices paid for the animals, or any other excessive expenditure, for any action deemed necessary by these officers, but he will admit and compile the charges without demur.

7. Attendants will be entertained by the Depot Transport Officers who will utilise men of the permanent establishments for the purpose, a general notification of requirements being published throughout the districts by aid of the civil authorities.

8. All animals collected at centres will be organised by the Commissary-General of the Circle in accordance with instructions to be received from the Commissary-General-in-Chief, and when organised will be despatched to the main transport depot at the equipping station for troops. No animals will be so despatched until locally organised.

9. In Appendix B will be found a list of officers competent to purchase transport animals.

10. It is strongly recommended that the purchase of animals required for ordinary annual replacements be carried out in the above manner, as it will familiarise both purchasing officers and mule owners with the system that will obtain when large transactions have to be effected.

11. While engaged on purchasing duty, officers will draw, in addition to full regimental pay and staff pay, a deputation allowance of Rs. 5 per diem in lieu of actual expenses incurred. They will also travel by rail on free warrants wherever purchasing duty may lead them, as well as when proceeding to take up the duty, and when rejoining their regiments on its conclusion.

12. If, under exceptional circumstances, transport animals or gear be bought by civil officers, the following rules for the adjustment of accounts will be observed.

Every payment made by a civil officer on account of animals or stores purchased for the Military Department should be supported by—

- (1) the payee's receipt, and
- (2) the receipt of the Commissariat or Transport Officer, to whom the animals or store are handed over, in which receipt should be specified, in the case of animals the depot roll on which they will be accounted for, and in the case of stores, the Commissariat returns in which they will be brought to account;

- (3) when there is no representative of the Military Department to whom the animals or stores can be handed over, the civil officer should furnish proof that he has made them over to the railway authorities at the point of transmission for despatch to their destination, the proof being a certified copy of the acknowledgment of their receipt by the station-master or other responsible officer of the railway.

APPENDIX A.

Detail of officers who will be sent to purchase transport animals, and of districts in which each will operate, under the orders of the Adjutant-General.

To purchase Mules.

One officer from the Native Cavalry Regiment at			Peshawar to buy in Peshawar District.
Do.	do.	do.	Dera Ismail Khan } to buy in Rawalpindi
Do.	do.	do.	Nowshera .. } District.
Do.	do.	do.	Mian Mir .. } to buy in Jhelum
Do.	do.	do.	Sialkote .. } District.
Do.	do.	do.	Ferozepore .. } to buy in Gujrat and
			Gujranwala Dis-
			tricts.
Two officers	do.	do.	Murdan to buy in Hazara District.
One officer	do.	do.	Bareilly to buy in Gurdaspore District.
Do.	do.	do.	Cawnpore .. } to buy in Shahpore
			and Jhang Districts.
Do.	do.	do.	Lucknow .. } to buy in Umritsur
			and Hushiarpoore
			Districts.
Do.	do.	do.	Kohat .. } to buy in Kuram and
Do.	do.	do.	Saugor or Nowgong } Thal Districts.
			to buy in Jhansi
			District.
Do.	do.	do.	Allahabad .. } to buy in Etah,
			Agra, and Main-
			puri Districts.

In cases in which two officers are sent to one district, the Commissary-General of the Circle will name the Tehsils in which each should operate.

APPENDIX B.

Nominal Roll of Cavalry Officers in the Bengal Presidency competent to purchase Transport Animals.

Corps.	Names.	Rank.
1st Bengal Cavalry ..	{ Gartside-Tipping, R. F. ..	.. Captain.
	{ Burton, F. C. ..	.. Major.
2nd do. do. ..	{ Martin, M. K. ..	.. Captain.
	{ Garbett, C. H. V. ..	.. Do.
3rd do. do. ..	{ Middleton, H. J. J. ..	.. Lieutenant.
	{ Lamb, H. C. ..	.. Captain.
4th do. do. ..	{ Montresor, E. H. H. ..	.. Do.
5th do. do. ..	.. No officer qualified to purchase mules.	
6th do. do. ..	.. No officer reported available.	
7th do. do. ..	.. On field-service, Burma.	
8th do. do. ..	{ Pollock, F. G. ..	.. Captain.
9th do. Lancers ..	.. No officer.	
	{ Onslow, R. C. ..	.. Lieutenant.
10th do. do. ..	{ Stewart, W. ..	.. Do.
	{ Cowper, M. ..	.. Do.
	{ Heath, H. H. R. ..	.. Captain.
11th do. do. ..	{ Beatson, S. B. ..	.. Do.
	{ Drummond, F. H. R. ..	.. Do.
12th do. Cavalry ..	{ Goad, H. ..	.. Do.
	{ Macmullen, F. W. ..	.. Lieutenant-Colonel.
13th do. Lancers ..	{ Atkinson, F. G. ..	.. Lieutenant.

APPENDIX B—Continued.

Nominal Roll of Cavalry Officers in the Bengal Presidency competent to purchase Transport Animals.

Corps.	Names.	Rank.
14th Bengal Lancers ..	{ Bairnsfather, P. R.	Captain.
	{ Younghusband, G. W.	Do.
15th do. do. ..	{ Atkins, R.	Lieutenant-Colonel.
	{ Tate, H. R.	Captain.
16th do. Cavalry ..	{ Howell, L. J.	Lieutenant.
17th do. do.	All officers reported qualified by Colonel Kauntze.	
	{ Wheeler, R.	Colonel.
18th do. Lancers ..	{ Richardson, G.	Major.
	{ Money, G. A.	Captain.
19th do. do. ..	{ Bruce, E.	Major.
	{ Gordon, S. D.	Captain.
1st Punjab Cavalry ..	{ Shepherd, T.	Lieutenant-Colonel.
	{ Cunningham, D. S.	Major.
2nd do. do. ..	{ Stuart, C. J.	Captain.
3rd do. do. ..	{ Grover, M. H. S.	Lieutenant.
	No officer available.	
	{ Stewart, J. C.	Colonel.
5th do. do. ..	{ Carr, F. S.	Major.
	{ Vonsden, W. J.	Do.
	{ Gambier, C. F.	Captain.
	{ Edwards, C. G. F.	Lieutenant.
Corps of Guides ..	{ Cooke-Collis, M. C.	Captain.
	{ Younghusband, G. J.	Lieutenant.
1st Cavalry, Hyderabad Con-	{ Stewart, H. S.	Lieutenant-Colonel.
tingent.	{ Mason, H. M.	Captain.
	{ Oswald, F.	Lieutenant.
2nd do. do. ..	No officer available.	
3rd do. do. ..	On field service, Burma.	
4th do. do. ..	{ Cummins, J. T.	Major.
	{ Johnstone, R. F. M.	Lieutenant.
1st Regiment, Central India	No officer qualified.	
Horse.		
2nd do. do. ..	No officer available.	

From Major T. DEANE, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Commissary-General-in-Chief; dated Simla, 31st August 1886, No. 1494, S.D. "Commissariat Department."

In reply to your letter No. 1434-T, dated the 19th August 1886, I am directed to state that the Government of India sanction the re-construction, as proposed by you, of para. 1966 and of Appendix No. 42 of Army Regulations, India, Volume V, Supplement, and the inclusion of these corrections in the next list of corrections to those Regulations.

Army Regulations, India.

Branding mules.

Para. 1966, Volume V, Supplement, to be re-constructed as follows.

Para. 1966.—Transport mules are to be distinctly branded as follows:—

On the off side of the neck.—The last two figures of the year of purchase, and underneath those the initial letter of the Transport Circle, on the rolls of which the animal is first brought.

On the near side of the neck.—The letter "G," and below it the animal's serial No. on the rolls of the Transport Circle on which it is first brought.

Should a mule be transferred from one circle to another, it will receive a serial number, but it will not be branded afresh, as the dépôt descriptive roll will show what its existing brands are, which will be sufficient means of identifying it.

No. 53.

No. 5522.

Forwarded to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief for favor of submission of the Nominal Roll referred to in para. 2.

(By Order.)

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Brigdr.-Genl.,
8th September 1887. Secretary to Government.

No. 54. Memorandum from Brigadier-General M. C. FARRINGTON, Adjutant-General, Madras Army, to Brigadier-General A. KENNEY-HERBERT, Secretary, to Government, Military Department; dated Ootacamund, 16th November 1887, No. 2781-O—Transport.

Returned as requested in Military Department Memorandum No. 5522, dated the 8th September last, together with the accompanying Nominal Roll of officers of the Madras Cavalry who are competent to purchase transport animals, prepared on the Form shown in Appendix B of letter No. 2814-D, dated the 27th August 1887, from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

Nominal Roll of Cavalry Officers in the Madras Presidency competent to purchase Transport Animals.

Corps.	Names.	Rank.	Remarks.
1st Madras Lancers.	Lawford, E. E. M. ..	Captain ..	Has served in Transport Department.
	Jones, R. G. ..	Do.	
	Acton, H. L. B. ..	Lieutenant ..	Has served in Transport Department.
2nd Madras Lancers	Burlton, R. D. ..	Do.	
	Holloway, B. ..		
	Mathewes, J. R. ..		
3rd Regiment, Light Cavalry.	Jones, A. A. ..		
	Jones, F. L. ..		
	Georges, H. W. E. ..		
	Logan-Home, F. C. ..		
	Arbuthnot, G. H. ..		
4th (Prince of Wales' Own) Light Cavalry.	Vans-Agnew, J. ..		
	Lighe, M. A. ..		
	Deane, F. B. ..		

(Signed) M. PROTHEROE, Colonel,
Deputy Adjutant-General.

No. 55. From Captain E. G. BARROW, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Commissary-General-in-Chief; dated Simla, 4th November 1887, No. 3699-D.

Commissariat Department—Transport.

In connection with the employment of Captain H. R. Tate, 15th Bengal Cavalry, in the collection of transport statistics in the Umritsur, Hoshiarpore, and Jullundur Districts, I am desired to convey to you the following orders of the Government of India regarding the deputation allowance, &c., of officers so employed:—

(1) Para. 11* of the rules for purchase of transport animals on mobilisation, as approved in Military Department letter No. 2814-D, dated the 27th August 1887, is to be held to be applicable to officers collecting transport statistics.

* While engaged on purchasing duty, officers will draw, in addition to full regimental pay and staff pay, a deputation allowance of Rs. 5 per diem in lieu of actual expenses incurred. They will also travel by rail on free warrants wherever purchasing duty may lead them, as well as when proceeding to take up the duty, and when rejoining their regiments on its conclusion.

(2) Purchasing officers and also those employed in collecting statistics are entitled to sign their own warrants at non-military stations when there is no officer authorised to sign warrants.

(3) Non-commissioned officers and men accompanying officers so employed to draw a special allowance of Rs. 4 each per mensem as compensation for extra expense incurred.

No. 3699-D.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, for the information of the Governor in Council.

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(By Order.)

SIMLA,
4th November 1887.

(Signed) E. G. BARROW, Captain,
Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 56.

ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1887, No. 7661.

Ordered that the foregoing letters from the Government of India be communicated to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, the several Departments of the Secretariat, the Commissary-General and the Controller of Military Accounts for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

A. H. C. Herbert Brigdr.-Genl.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Adjutant-General.

„ Quarter Master General.
„ Public Department.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Public Works Department.
„ Commissary-General.
„ Controller of Military Accounts.

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