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G.O., No: 427-28-29.

Dated 11. 3. 98.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Addressing the Govt of India and the Secy to H.E. the Viceroy re the apptt of Colt H. Norton - Knight as Commandant of the Madras Artillery Corps in succession to Major G. L. Chambers resigned, the creation of the apptt of a permanent paid Adjutant to the Corps and the temporary apptt of Lt Mayne as Adjutant pending such apptt.

BACK PAPERS.

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CURRENT No. 385

From The D. A. G., Madras
Command

Order

No. 2A
1396.

Dated 26th
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Enclosures -

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SUBJECT.

Intimating that there is
no objection to the appointment of
Lt. H. B. Mayne, N^o 11 Company
Western Division, Royal Artillery
as temporary Adjutant to the
Madras Artillery Volunteers in addition
to his present duties.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

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Public (1897) Department.

From Dy. Ad. fuel.

No. *A/O-19740*

Dated 11. 12. 97

Received } 13. 12. 97
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding resignation
of Major G. L. Chambers
of the Madras Artillery Volunteers

BACK PAPERS.

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~~1570~~	~~1570~~	~~Artillery~~	~~29.1.17~~
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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Madras Artillery Volunteers

Fort St. George 27 Nov 97

Draft Order

Major GEORGE LAWSON

Chambers resigns his appointment
as Commandant of the Madras
Artillery Volunteers

[Signature]

Captain
Offy Comm & Madras Art Vols.

(This is the Offg. Council.
Mother's Meeting, November)

Fair Lodge, Angeleno
11th Nov 1897.

To the Hon. Adjutant General
Fort St. George.
Madras -

Sir, I have the honor to peruse
 my appointment as Commandant of
 the Madras Artillery Volunteers from
 the date of my appointment as
 Commandant of the Bangalore
 Rifle Volunteers -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
 Your most Obedient Servant
 J. Chambers

Commandant, Harbor Artillery Volunteers.

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To

The Commandant

Madras Volunteer Adm' Brigade

Forwarded for the necessary
action.

Df. vinet. New Gu.

Captain

1-12-97

Offy Comm^{rs} M A Volante

W. D. S. Leger Major }
Commandant, 1st Regt Vol. Inf. Brigade }

no A-1444
 IV
 before Adj. General

forwarded & recommended.
 2 Major ~~James~~ ~~and~~ ~~resides at~~
 Bangalore, and is about ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~re-~~
 -mander for appointment as Commandant
 of a volunteer corps at that station.

Madras ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~residence of~~
 9. 12. 97 ~~Madras District~~

SECRETARY
 11 DEC 1897
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
 CURRENT
 Detachment,
 17th December 1897.

To, The Chief Secretary to the
 Government of Madras
 Public Department.

Forwarded in continu-

-tion of this office no A/O-18145 dated A
 15th November 1897.

C. S. S. S. S.

R. S. S. S.
 D. A. C.

Madras Committee,
 Here is Chamberlain's
 reply about the
 command of the
 Volunteers.
 I can suggest none
 else.
 Yours sincerely
 A. Chamberlain
 11.12.97

Bangalore 10th Dec 1897
 My dear Chamberlain,

It is Hobson's
 choice - Capt. R. G. Norton-King
 is the only man qualified. You
 cannot get ready-made guns
 and instead of there being the
 full complement of officers in
 the M. L. V. there is only one
 left when I go - instead of 7.

I have already at various
 times made representations
 with a view to getting officers
 but so far nothing has been
 done in the right direction.

Yours sincerely
 A. Chamberlain



CHIEF SECRETARY
15 DEC 1907
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Dear Mr. Annandale,
I really don't know
what is to be done
about an excursion to
Chadambur. The command
of the Duke's Own is
opposed to it. The
almost no one can be
sent out. The
military is not in the
position to the purpose

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File No 2793 D18.12.97

The Dy Asst Genl
 is requested to be so
 good as to ^{report} ~~say~~ whether
 in the event of
 Captain A. G. Norton -
 - Knight being appointed
 Comd of the Madras
 Artillery Volunteers,
 the L. A. C. B. would
 permit of an officer
 of the 11th Co, Western
 Div. R.A., quartered
 in the Fort, being
 detailed to act as
 Adjutant in addi-
 -tion to his own duties
 at an Extra rate
 of pay. No one is available
 for the Command except Capt. Norton
 Knight, & the Corps

17.12.97
 in very short of officers.
 M.L.

Attkay

The accompanying
 D.Os. were handed to me
 by the C.A. who told me
 the C.B. wished the D.M.E.
 to be addressed in
 the sense of Mr. Major
 Romilly's remarks
 which I have marked
 in pencil

Perhaps if not
 be treated as a ^{case} ~~case~~
 this may be dealt
 with as a case paper
 File with C. 4188
 17.12.97

to the D.A.
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ROYAL ARTILLERY.
Volunteers - Appointments

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Ootacamund,

No. RA
1393

25 January 1898.

From

The DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL,

Madras Command,

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government of Madras
Fort St George

Sir,



With reference to your memorandum No. 2798 dated 18th ultimo, I am desired by the Lieutenant General Commanding to state that there is no objection to the appointment of Lieutenant H. B. Mayne, No. 11 Company Western Division Royal Artillery as Temporary Adjutant to the Madras Artillery Volunteers in addition to his present duties at an extra rate of pay, such temporary appointment being for the present limited to six months, subject to future consideration.

2. In view of the necessity which at present exists for increasing the numbers of the Volunteer Artillery at Madras, and for inducing European members of the mercantile community to join the Corps, His Excellency is of opinion that in the interest of efficiency a paid Adjutant, carefully selected

selected, & should be appointed to the Corps
as soon as possible.

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3. I am therefore to urge the
necessity for this appointment, and to re-
commend that, if approved, the case be
submitted to the Government of India
for special consideration under para 158,
Army Regulations India, Volume IX,
Volunteers.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Yours obedient servant
Br General
By Adjutant General

G.
25 A
100-2-2-97.

C. 10-2-98
R. 16-2-98 Retd open

Public DEPARTMENT

O. No. 385

H.E. the Governor

SUBJECT.

The Command of "The
Duke's Own".
(Madras Artillery Vols)

FOR ORDERS.

Please see the note
at 3 info. 1570 ^{Pub} and at
29.11.97

In C 4788 of 97 the
D.O. forwarded: Major
Chambers's resignation

his appt as Comd of

the Madras Artillery

with effect from the date

his appt as Comd of

Bangalore Rifle Volunteers

In reply to the C.O.

of 41.11.97 the Hon. Secy

H.E. the Governor (in reply

to-) said that Captain

Worthington would not

be averse to being made

Comd if there was an ad-

to assign him; Major

Romilly therefore suggests

that the L.R. C.F. should

ask

According to the ^{latest} Quarterly Army List (H. 195)
Major Chambers has not yet got
Command of the B.R. V. though his
transfer took place last Nov. 21/11/97

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asked whether in the event
of Capt. Walter Knight being
appointed Comdt, he would
permit one officer of the
11th Co, Western Division
R.A., quartered in the
Det, being detailed to
act as adjt in addition
to his own duties at an
extra rate of pay. This

was done vide Mr. 2793
18/12/17 D

C 385 is the D.H.S.'s

reply to the effect that the Staff
has no objection to the appt of
Lt H.B. Mayne, No 11 Co, Western
Division, R.A., as temporary
adjt in addition to his present
duties as suggested above, such
temporary appt being for the present
limited to six months,
subject to future consideration

Further "in view of the

"necessity wh. at present exists
for increasing the number of the Vol
"Artillery at Madras, & for inducing
"European members of the mercantile
"community to join the Corps,"
the G.C. considers that
"in the interests of efficiency"

"a paid adjt, carefully
"selected, shd be appointed
"to the corps, as soon as
"possible"

He therefore urges
the necessity for this
appt & recommends
that the case may be
submitted to India
for special consideration
under para 158 A.R.S.

Vol IX (Volunteers)

This last runs—

"The necessity for paid
"adjutants for Vol Corps
"under four troops or
"Companies, in connection
"with any peculiar
"circumstance, will be
"specially considered
"by the Govt of India"

At page 637 of the

Army List for Oct 1st 1897

The establishment of the Detachment

is given as consisting of 2

batteries with an embodied

strength of 145 up to the end of

the drill season for 1896-97

Please see para 67 page 10 A.R.S. Vol IX

It may be observed

that

*no later copy available
in the office. Copy corrected
up to Jan 4/18. It is recommended
that the G.C.

that the Madras Artillery Volunteers are attached to the Madras Volunteer Guards for administrative purposes but that the question of doing away with administrative battalions is ^{now} under consideration by Govt.

The abolition or retention of the battalions of the corps does not affect the D. A. G.'s proposal. Please see draft letter to India postscript.

M.L.C.

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1. The L.S. left no draft on this file. It is submitted that the Secy. to the Viceroy should be addressed (Please see the S.O. at Flag F.) in reference to the appointment of Capt. Norton Knight as Commandant of the M. A. V. (See 528. Army Reg. Vol. IX. p. 107)

2. The proposals of the L.S.C.F. in regard to the Temporary adjt. to help Capt. Norton Knight are also in reference to the app't. of a permanent paid adjt. Now, it is submitted, be

* S. Please state in what stage this file is and submit to the A.S. Circulated to H.E. the Governor on the 28 Jan'y 1898
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When flag that Capt. Norton Knight

M.L.C.

* L. H. D. Mayne
M. Co. D. D. R. U.

* of letter regarding 1168 K. C. W.

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M.L.C.
9.2.98

It might be as well to write to Capt. Norton Knight and put his answer in writing, as to his willingness to command.

M.L.C.
14.2.98

forwarded to the S.I. for prompt consideration under Sec. 158 A. M. IX. In this connection, however, it may be noted that it was originally intended that the adjt. of the M. A. V. should also supervise the M. A. V. (See para 3. of S.O. 1168. 3. Mar. 77. Flag M). Probably this arrangement is not feasible at the present time, though, as the M. A. V. will ^{it is thought} take up the whole of the adjutant's time.

3. The resignation of Major Abadie should, if it is permitted, be reported to the Mil. Secy. to H.E. the Viceroy in writing. The recommendation for the appointment of the new Commandant.

a.f.h.
4/2/98

Capt. Norton Knight is an asset. in Messrs Parry & Co.

a.f.h.
7/2/98

Asst
NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

This file was circulated in a Confidential box on the 10th instant but was returned ^{today} from Post House with ordinary papers. The necessity for treating it as confidential is not apparent orders are solicited

Wm
16/1/88 Please see notes at foot of page flagged **D**
The papers were marked confidential under the Asst Secy's orders
A draft D.O. to Capt. Robert Knight is submitted
When his repl is recd (if by a/cpts) will be addressed
1) reporting the resignation of the Major Chambers
2) recommending the

the app'l of Capt.
Norton Knight

and

3) forwarding the
proposals of
the 29. C. A. re-
garding the app'l
of a permanent
paid adjutant
for favourable
consideration

CW
17.2.98

Public Dept.

DO.

Dear Sir,

I write to request you
to be good enough to state
whether you would be
prepared to accept the
command of the Madras
Artillery Volunteers, if, as a
temporary measure, a mili-
tary officer is appointed to
act as Adjutant of the Corps
in addition to his own duties
at an extra rate of pay, ar-
rangements being made here-
after for the appointment of
a permanent paid adjutant.

Yours faithfully.

(From orders).

To
Capt A. J. Norton - Knight,
Madras Artillery Buss.

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Public (1896) Department.

D. O No.

From Captain A. G. Norton Knight.

D. O.

No.

Dated } 22 - 2 - 98
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SUBJECT.

*Re: the command of the Madras
Artillery Volunteers*

G.O.	No.	Department	Date

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CHIEF SECRETARY
22 FEB. 1893
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

22. 2. 98

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 19th inst. I am pleased to accept the Command of the Madras Artillery Volunteers under the conditions therein mentioned.

Yours faithfully
O. P. S. Pringle

The Hon^{ble} Lt. Col. O. P. S. Pringle.

Papers to be read in proceedings:--

Again G.O., No. 1570/1, dated 29 - 11 - 1897. Public

Again G.O., No. , dated 189 .

Current No. 4788 of 1897, dated 11/12/97, from Dy Adm Gen

" " 385 " 1898, " 26/1/98, " " "

" " " 189 , " , "

H.E. the Governor

ORDER. No 4279 11.3.98
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The following letter
will be addressed to the
Govt of India and to the
Muz. Secy to H.E. the
Viceroy

2.11.98

25/2/98 3.3.98

Letter No 428

To the Secy to the Govt
of India
Muz. Secy

Sir,

Adverting to the
correspondence ending
with the telegram from
the Govt of India, Muz.
Secy, No 1085 E dt 17.8.18
and with ref to para
180 A.R.I. Vol IX (Pro
Secy) Secy Direct

to address you on the
following matter.

2. The Madras
Artillery Volunteers
("The Duke's Men"), which
consists of two Batteries,
is at present without
a permanent com-
mandant, Major George
Lawson Chambers,
the late Comdt having
resigned that appt
with effect from the
date of his appt as
Comdt of the Bangalore
Rifle Volunteers, to
which corp. he has
been transferred.

The only qualified
officer available
competent to succeed
him is Captain Frank
Norton-Knight, the
Senior Officer of
Corps, who is now
officiating as
Comdt under pay
in the A. N. I. & C. &
and the Madras

Army to H.E. the Viceroy
is being addressed
in accordance with
the instructions com-
municated in Col. H. B. Halliday
Starmans letter, of
18.6.96 with a view to the
appt of Captain Norton-
Knight as the permanent
Comdt.

3. Captain Norton-
Knight is prepared
to accept the appt,
but his duties as
Assistant in Messrs
Parry & Co, Madras,
will not allow him
sufficient time
for the proper supervision
of the corps numbers
is assisted by a
duly qualified ad-
jutant.

The Lt Genl Comdr
the Forces, Madras,
has intimated that
he has no objection
15/6 H. B. Halliday

No 11 Company, 100th
 Division Royal
 Artillery, being appointed
 temporary adjutant
 to the Madras Artillery
 Vols. in addition to
 his present duties, at
 an extra rate of Rs. 100,
 such temporary
 appt being for the
 present limited
 to six months subject
 to future consideration
 by the L. G. C. S.

however urges that in
 the interests of efficiency
 upon permanently paid
 adjutant, ^{and} carefully
 selected, should be
 appointed to the Corp.
 as soon as possible
 in order to meet the
 existing vacancy which exists
 for increasing the
 number of the Volunteer
 Artillery at the Madras,
 & for inducing more
 members of the

(On separate sheet)
Notification
Volunteers
Resignation
Madras Artillery to the
 ("The Duke's Own")
 Major George Lawson
 Chambers, Commandant,
 Madras Artillery, has appointed
 as Commandant

the mercantile community
 to join the Corps.
 5 In response
 therefore that the noti-
 fication of Major
 Chambers's resigna-
 -ation (draft enclosed)
 may be published
 in the Gazette of
 India, I am to submit
 for favourable consideration
 the appt of a permanent
 paid adjutant to the
 Madras Artillery Vols
 for the reasons given by
 the L. G. C. S., and to request
 that pending such appt,
 sanction may be
 accorded for the
 appt of Mr Mayne
 as adjutant in the arrange-
 ment detailed in
 3 of this letter.

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Letter No 429

To the Chief Secy 1873 to Govt
Secy

In accordance with
the instructions conveyed
in Col King's letter and
letter No. 1597 to Mr. G. of
18. 6. 96, I am directed to
submit for the favourable
consideration of H.E. the
proposal in Council
the recommendation of
this post that Captain
Arthur Gerald Norton-
Knight, the Senior
Officer of the Madras
Artillery Volunteers
(The Duke's Own) may
be appointed to the
Command of the Corp.
in succession to
Major George Dawson
Chambers who has
resigned that app't
with effect from the
date of his appointment
of the Bangalore
Rifles Volunteers

to which corps he has
been transferred.
2. Captain Norton-
Knight is an Assistant
in Messrs Parry & Co
Madras, and is the
only qualified officer
available. He is
prepared to accept
the Command provided
that a duly qualified Adj't
is appointed to assist
him in the execution of
his duties; and the L.C.C.,
Madras, has consented
to the appt of Lt H. B. Mayne,
No 11 Company, Western
Division Royal Artillery,
as temporary Adj't
to the Madras Artillery
Volunteers, in addition
to his present service
at an extra rate of pay,
such temporary appt
being limited ^{for the present} to six
months. ~~subject to~~
~~for his consideration.~~
At the same time the

L. G. C. I. urges the necessity
for a permanent paid
adjutant for the 101st.
on the ground that the number
of the Volunteer Artillery
at all times is right to be
increased and that
European members of the
Imperial German Community
should be induced to join
the Corps.

3. The resignation of
Major Chambers has
been forwarded under
cover of letter No 428 R. L.
of 11 March 98 to the for of
India, Mil Dept, which
has been addressed
on the matter with ref
to para 158 A. L. Vol 12
Pool Issues, and
Sanction is being requested
at the same time
for the temporary
appointment of
Lieut. J. H. Jones
which has been accepted by
the L. G. C. I.
pending

pending the appl
for permanent
paid adjutant.

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