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NOVEMBER.

Movement of Troops.

Informing the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, that the programme for the — in the district of Chingleput should be fixed by the local Military authorities in communication with the Collector of that district, and stating that necessary instructions will be issued to the Collector after the final decision of the Military authorities in that matter.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 1st November 1899, No. B./C.-16310.

With reference to memorandum No. 3202-A., dated 28th June 1899, from the Quartermaster-General in India, a copy of which was communicated to you with my letter No. B./C.-10447, dated 8th July 1899, I am desired to forward the marginally-noted correspondence and to state that, before deciding whether the marching out of troops from Madras, as contemplated in the communication from the Quartermaster-General in India quoted above, should be abandoned, the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, would be glad to be favoured with the opinion of Government in the matter.

2. The Lieutenant-General Commanding desires me to state that such difficulties may arise year after year and, if allowed to interfere, would result in serious inefficiency, as it is highly desirable that both officers and men should be given every opportunity of practice in manœuvring, and again it is well known that a few weeks' marching very materially benefits the health of the men.

ENCLOSURES.

From Brigadier-General J. T. CUMMINS, District Staff Officer, Madras District, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, dated Madras, 28th October 1899, No. 3444-B.

In continuation of my telegram No. 3487-B., of yesterday, I have the honour to enclose for information the correspondence marginally-noted.

No. 1177-C., of 14th October 1899, from Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, to General Officer Commanding Madras District.

No. 3278-B., of 16th October 1899, from General Officer Commanding Madras District, to Collector of Chingleput.

Ref on No. 2081-G., of 17th October 1899, from Collector of Chingleput, to General Officer Commanding Madras District.

Dis. No. 2573-D., of 25th October 1899, from Collector of Chingleput, to General Officer Commanding Madras District.

Madras being confined to those connected with the usual Artillery camp at Vellichchi.

4. Kindly return the correspondence.

Telegram from the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, to the General Officer Commanding Madras District, dated Ootacamund, 11th October 1899, No. 1177-C.

Quartermaster-General, India, wires. Begins. Government state that speaking generally outside the Province of Bengal grass and fodder are everywhere scarce and grain prices high and that there are few places where troops could be concentrated without putting the agricultural population to considerable inconvenience. Under these circumstances please wire what modifications you propose as regards concentrations and movements in your Command, besides what has

been already sanctioned at your request. Ends. Modification already sanctioned is abandonment of manœuvres proposed for troops in Bangalore, Bellary and Secunderabad in above officer's Memo. 3202-A, twenty-eighth June last, copies which were communicated to you in July ninety-nine. Please wire modifications if any you consider necessary in connection with conditions mentioned by Quartermaster-General.

From the General Officer Commanding Madras District, to the Collector of Chingleput, dated Fort St. George, 16th October 1899, No. 3278-B.

Forwarded for favour of perusal and return.

2. Will you kindly inform me if there are any local objections to the proposed camping and marching of the troops in this district in January and February.

3. The marching would be as proposed in my letter No. 2817-B., of 19th September 1899 (replied to in your letter of 25th September 1899), for 11 days only, but the troops would be out in camp altogether (inclusive of these 11 days) for one month, from about 15th January to 15th February, remaining at Vellichchi when not out marching.

4. I may mention that the two Batteries of Royal Artillery hold a practice camp annually at Vellichchi for a fortnight, so that the camp this year would only be an additional fortnight as regards the Artillery and a month for the Wing of British Infantry.

5. A very early reply is kindly requested, as the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, awaits a telegraphic reply.

From D. W. G. COWIE, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the General Officer Commanding Madras District, dated Camp, Saidapet, 17th October 1899, Ref. on No. 2081-G.

In returning herewith your minutes No. 3278-B., dated 16th instant, with its enclosure, I have the honour to inform you that if there is a fairly good rainfall in October and November, there will be no local objections to the proposed camping and marching of troops in this district in January and February next, but that I can give you a more definite answer if you can tell me approximately the number of bullocks and followers to be provided for. I presume the Artillery horses would be fed on hay as usual and would not be dependent on grass-cutters.

From D. W. G. COWIE, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the General Officer Commanding Madras District, dated Saidapet, 25th October 1899, Dis. No. 2573-D.

In continuation of my letter, Ref. on Genl. No. 2081, dated 17th instant, I have the honour to inform you that I have since received further information from my subordinates on the subject of routes, camping grounds, water-supply, forage, &c., and that the march of a body of troops, such as that proposed to be taken out, cannot take place without considerable inconvenience to the district. At several camps it would be necessary to interfere with cultivation and, in consequence, compensation would have to be paid to the villagers; in others the water-supply is not at all satisfactory; and in many places along the line of march there would be considerable risk of cholera. The furnishing of supplies also in the former tracts would be a matter of considerable difficulty. Further, the monsoon has opened with unusually heavy rains, and should there be equally heavy rainfall during the next two months (as there was last year), the movement of troops even along the most convenient routes would be no easy matter.

2. On the whole I venture to express the opinion that it would be as well that the proposed march should not be executed this year and that the movement of troops should as usual be confined to the Artillery practice camp at Vellichchi.

ORDER—No. 1313, Public, dated 23rd November 1899.

The Deputy Adjutant-General will be informed that the Government concurs with the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces in considering that the difficulties pointed out by the Collector of Chingleput are only such as would probably attach to the proposed camping and marches of troops in any year, and that the present season does not appear to present any special obstacle to the proposed movements. In view, however, of the difficulty which may be experienced in furnishing supplies in out-of-the-way parts of the district, His Excellency the Governor in Council would

suggest that the local Military authorities should fix their programme, as far as possible, in full communication with the Collector of Chingleput, who will be in a position to advise them as to the places where supplies may most easily be obtained and who, if it is finally decided that the proposed movement of troops should take place, will be instructed by Government to render every possible assistance.

(True Extract.)

G. STOKES,
Chief Secretary.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.
" Collector of Chingleput.
" Revenue Department.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting for the opinion of
Govt: on the subject of the marching
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would have to be paid to the villagers, in others the water supply is not at all satisfactory, and in many places along the line of march there would be considerable risk of cholera. He added that the furnishing ^{of} supplies would be a matter of considerable difficulty, and that, further, ^{the} monsoon was a heavy one and the movement of troops would be no easy matter. He therefore expressed the opinion that it would be as well that the proposed march should not be executed this year, and that the movement of troops should as usual be confined to the artillery camp at Vellich. General Cummins agreed with the Collector.

2. The L.G.C., however, refers the correspondence to Govt. whose opinion on the subject he asks. He points out that similar difficulties may arise year after year, and if allowed to interfere would result in serious inefficiency. Of the objections raised by the Collector, those relating to bad or deficient water supply, risk of cholera and difficulty ^{is} owing to the rains are matters which the military authorities must themselves consider, and with which Govt. is not concerned. The furnishing of supplies is a duty which falls upon the civil officers, ^{but} the validity of this objection cannot be estimated until the military authorities have drawn a programme of their march, and the Collr. has examined it in order to ascertain

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I entirely agree with the L.G.C. The object sought is increase of military efficiency, and the civil authorities ought to cooperate to the utmost. I see no objection to suggesting to the military authorities the course ~~suggested~~ proposed in the note at A.

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I am in accord with the views of the Hon. Member.

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how far the necessary supplies can be provided at each camp. With regard to the interference with cultivation, this is an obstacle which apparently will always exist.

3. It is submitted that the D.A.G. may be informed that Govt. agrees with the L.G.C. in considering that the difficulties pointed out are such as would probably attach to the proposed marches of troops in any year, and that the present season does not appear to present any special obstacles. It may be suggested that in view of the difficulty of furnishing supplies in out-of-the-way parts of the district, it is desirable that the local military authorities should fix their programme as far as possible in full communication with the Collector, who will be in a position to advise them as to the places where supplies may most conveniently be obtained and who, if it is finally decided that the proposed movement of troops should take place, will be instructed by Govt. to render every possible assistance.

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