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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a copy of a notice
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Simla, the 15th September 1899.

To

THE COMMISSARY-GENERAL-IN-CHIEF.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2200-A, dated the 22nd April 1899, requesting that certain concessions may be granted to hired and purchased transport which may be required in future campaigns on the North-West Frontier. It is observed that hitherto it has been customary for the terms on which transport animals are hired to be considered only when the mobilisation of a force has actually been ordered, and that, in these circumstances, doubt existed in the minds of the officers engaged in hiring the transport, and still more so in those of the owners of the transport animals, as to the concessions which the Government of India were prepared to grant. It is said that such doubts deterred owners from bringing forward their animals for hire, and also that much misapprehension and discontent has arisen in consequence of owners not clearly understanding beforehand the terms on which they were engaged.

2. It is further stated in your letter that the terms now proposed have been fully considered in the light of the experience gained in recent operations, and it is asked that they may be sanctioned as quickly as possible, and the widest possible publicity given to them, in order that the owners of transport animals may be aware of the terms which the Government of India will grant in the event of a sudden call being made for transport for military operations.

3. In reply I am to state that the Government of India agree in the desirability of settling beforehand, and making widely known, the terms on which hired transport will be engaged in the event of active operations having to be undertaken on the North-West Frontier. The proposals contained in your letter under reply have been very carefully considered. The rates of hire are those which were granted during the frontier operations of 1897-98, and many of the proposed concessions have either been specially granted at various times, or are modifications of existing rules, which are justified by experience. These the Government of India are generally prepared to approve with certain alterations ; but in some cases the proposals appear to go beyond the actual requirements of the case, or at least the necessity for them has not been established.

4. The Government of India are accordingly pleased to sanction the terms of entertainment of hired transport, detailed in the accompanying statement, and approve their being made public.

5. Proposal (12) of your letter is still under consideration, and a separate reply will be made on this point hereafter.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) F. G. CARDEW,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copy of the above, with a copy of the statement referred to therein, forwarded to—

The Finance and Commerce Department.

The Foreign Department.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of the Punjab.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

The Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

The Chief Commissioner, Assam.

The Agent to the Governor-General, Rajputana.

The Agent to the Governor-General, Central India.

The Quartermaster-General in India.

The Controller of Military Accounts, Punjab Command.

The Controller of Military Accounts, Bengal Command.

The Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command.

The Controller of Military Accounts, Bombay Command.

The Accountant-General, Military Department.

By order,

(Signed) F. G. CARDEW,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Statement showing the terms to be granted in future to the owners and attendants of hired transport and to the hired attendants of purchased animals.

I.—Pending the institution of a system of registration which will prevent animals plainly unfit and immature from being collected, a fee of Rs. 2 as subsistence allowance shall be paid by the district officer to the owner of each animal collected at passing stations, whether such animal be finally accepted or not.

II.—The monthly rate to be paid for hired animals, including necessary gear, shall be for camels Rs. 18 per mensem, for mules Rs. 12 per mensem, for ponies Rs. 10 per mensem, for donkeys Rs. 8 per mensem, for pack-bullocks Rs. 10 per mensem and for draught bullocks (including hire of cart), Rs. 15 per mensem.

Payment at the above rates will commence from, and include, the date on which each animal is passed as fit for service, and will continue until the animal dies or is discharged. On discharge, one day's hire will be paid for every 20 miles from the place of discharge to the "place of entertainment or hiring centre," or in lieu thereof free passage by rail will be allowed.

III.—If the owner of a hired animal, or his representative, die in the field, and a new representative be not sent up within a reasonable time, the animals in his charge may be purchased at a price not exceeding their estimated value as recorded in the schedule at the hiring centre; or (if a price was not recorded) at a value fixed by a committee immediately after the death of the owner or his representative.

In the case of owners or their representatives deserting, the hire of their animals should cease until a suitable substitute is provided.

IV.—In cases in which a hired transport animal is rendered temporarily ineffective by causes which are beyond the control of its owner or attendant, full hire will continue to be paid to the owner until the animal is fit for work. But no hire shall be claimable for a disabled animal which dies before it is fit to return to duty.

In cases in which the animal is unfit for work owing to the owner's neglect or ill-treatment, the whole hire will be forfeited for the period the animal is ineffective; but to simplify accounts in the field the Transport Officer in charge may inflict a suitable fine instead.

V.—A free issue of grain and salt (and also fodder when grazing is impracticable) may be given to all hired animals at the discretion of the Transport Officer in charge, from the date of entertainment at the passing centre.

VI.—A free issue of rations in kind on the same scale as for Government followers may be similarly made to the personnel of hired transport from the date of their entertainment at the passing centre. For the railway journey to the base dry rations, such as parched gram, parched rice, etc., should be issued. Free rations to men and animals should cease on discharge at the base.

VII.—A free issue of field service clothing on the summer and winter scales, as authorized for Government followers, will be given and the rules in paragraphs 354 and 355 of the Field Service Departmental Code, Commissariat-Transport, shall apply, as in the case of other followers.

VIII.—Government clothing will be renewed in the field under the same terms as that of Government followers.

IX.—The pay of supervising establishments and spare drivers will be the same as for enlisted Transport non-commissioned officers, drivers or *survans*.

X.—Men becoming non-effective on service from sickness or the loss of their animals may be allowed free passages by rail to the place where they were entertained.

XI.—Such clothing as may be necessary for the proper protection of animals will be supplied free by the State. If fit for further use at the end of the campaign or expedition it will be returned into store; unless deemed to be absolutely necessary for the protection of the animal after discharge.

XII.—Casualties amongst hired animals on field service will be classed as either "ordinary casualties" or "casualties under exceptional circumstances." No compensation will be allowed on account of casualties due to neglect or ill-treatment by the owner or attendant.

XIII.—The following shall be considered as "exceptional circumstances":—When animals are killed, captured or stolen by the enemy, under circumstances beyond the control of their owners or attendants; animals destroyed to prevent the spread of infectious or contagious disease, or dying from severity of weather, excessive work or accidents which are not due to neglect on the part of the owner or attendant. All other causes will be considered "ordinary."

XIV.—The rates of compensation to be paid for casualties caused by "exceptional circumstances" may be: for camels Rs. 80; for mules Rs. 100; for ponies Rs. 60; for pack-bullocks Rs. 30; for draught bullocks Rs. 40; and for donkeys Rs. 30.

XV.—For casualties arising from ordinary causes the following amounts of compensation may be paid: for camels Rs. 40; for mules Rs. 50; for ponies Rs. 30; for pack-bullocks Rs. 15; for draught bullocks Rs. 20; and for donkeys Rs. 15.

XVI.—The Transport Officer on the spot should enquire into all casualties and the General Officer Commanding will have discretionary power to sanction rates 50 per cent. above or 25 per cent. below those specified in clauses XIV and XV.

XVII.—Animals purchased on mobilisation should be paid for on the spot at a fair valuation, to which 15 per cent. may be added for compulsory acquisition.

NOTICE.

Should it become necessary at any future time to collect transport animals for service on any campaign they will be hired or purchased by Government on the following terms:—

1. Owners will receive from district officers a fee of Rs. 2 as subsistence allowance for each animal not obviously unfit which they may bring into passing stations for inspection, whether the animal be accepted or not for Government use.

2. For animals including necessary gear, the following rates of hire will be given, commencing from the date of entertainment and continuing until the animal dies or is discharged:—

	Per mensem.
	Rs.
For each camel ...	18
Do. mule ...	12
Do. pony ...	10
Do. donkey ...	8
Do. pack-bullock ...	10
Do. draught bullock ...	15 including hire of cart.

On discharge, one day's hire will be paid for every twenty miles from the place of discharge to the place of entertainment, or in lieu thereof free passage by rail will be allowed.

3. If an owner or his representative dies in the field, the animals in his charge will be bought by Government at a fair price, unless another suitable representative is appointed by the owner within a reasonable time.

4. Full hire will be paid for all animals except in the following cases:—

(a) When animals become unfit for work and die before they are fit to return to duty, no hire will be paid for the period that they are sick, but in this case, compensation under rule 11 or 12 is admissible.

(b) No hire will be paid for animals which may become unfit for work owing to the owner's neglect or ill-treatment, during such period as they remain ineffective.

(c) No hire will be paid for animals whose owners or their representatives may desert until suitable representatives are provided.

5. All animals will ordinarily receive a free issue of grain and salt (and also of fodder when grazing is impracticable) from the date of their being passed for Government service.

6. The attendants of hired animals will ordinarily also receive free rations from date of entertainment.

Free rations to men and animals will cease from date of discharge at the base.

7. Attendants of animals proceeding on service between April 1st and October 1st will receive a free issue of the following clothing, on the conditions upon which issues are made to Government servants of the same class and this clothing will be renewed on field service when worn out—

Summer scale.

1 Blanket, country;	1 Blouse, khaki;
1 Pair putties;	1 Pair shoes;
1 Havresack;	1 Pugri;
1 Water-bottle, tin;	1 Belt, leather.

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Attendants of animals proceeding on service between October 1st and April 1st will receive the following clothing on the same conditions:—

Summer and winter scale.

1 Blanket, country;	1 Pair shoes;
1 Pair putties;	1 Pugri;
1 Havresack;	1 Belt, leather;
1 Water-bottle, tin;	1 Coat, warm;
1 Blouse, khaki;	1 Jacket, Cardigan;
1 Pair pyjamas, warm.	

Attendants proceeding on service between April 1st and October 1st and remaining on service after October 1st will receive the extra clothing necessary to make the summer issue of clothing up to the winter scale as above.

8. Men becoming sick or losing all their animals may be sent to the place of entertainment by rail.

9. Necessary clothing for animals will be issued free, but may be taken back into store at the end of the campaign.

10. If animals die owing to the fault of the owner or his representative no compensation will be allowed.

11. If animals are destroyed to prevent the spread of disease, or if through no fault of the attendants they die from severity of weather, excessive work or accidents, or if they are killed, captured or stolen by the enemy, the rates of compensation may be:—

For each camel	Rs.
Do. mule	80
Do. pony	100
Do. pack-bullock	60
Do. draught bullock	30
Do. donkey	40
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12. For animals dying from causes other than these through no fault of the owner or his representative, the rates of compensation may be:—

For each camel	Rs.
Do. mule	40
Do. pony	50
Do. pack-bullock	30
Do. draught bullock	15
Do. donkey	20
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but rates 50 per cent. above or 25 per cent. below these rates and those given in paragraph 11 may be awarded by the General Officer Commanding.

13. Animals purchased will be paid for at a fair valuation to be fixed by a committee composed of a civil officer, the purchasing officer and two native gentlemen belonging to the district.

Commissariat Department.

Transport.

No. 5173-D.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 20th November 1899.

It is requested that the above heading, with number and date of this communication, may be quoted in any subsequent correspondence on the subject.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PUNJAB.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, CENTRAL PROVINCES.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ASSAM.
THE AGENT, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, RAJPUTANA.
THE AGENT, GOVERNOR-GENERAL, CENTRAL INDIA.

SIR,

In continuation of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a notice which embodies in a concise form the terms for the hire or purchase of such animals as may be required for use on future campaigns, sanctioned by the Government of India in that letter.

2. I am to suggest that, under the orders of His Excellency the Governor His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, the greatest possible publicity may be given to this notice and that civil officers may be directed to explain the terms in darbars and to have vernacular translations of the notice placarded in villages in their districts, so that the people may be afforded every facility of clearly understanding the information it contains.

3. I am to add that as the sudden general issue of a notice of this kind may be misunderstood or give rise to reports that Government is about to undertake some great expedition, it should be clearly explained to civil officers that the notice has reference only to eventualities.

I am, &c.,

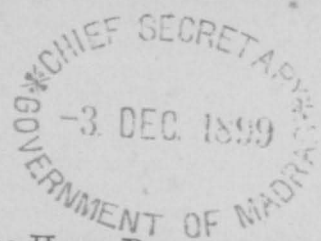
(Signed) E. DEBRATH,

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copies of the foregoing, and of its enclosure, forwarded to—

The Finance and Commerce Department, in continuation of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899.

The Foreign Department, in continuation of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899, for information and further necessary action.



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- The Home Department (with a copy of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899).
- The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras (with a copy of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899), for information and further necessary action.
- The Chief Secretary to the Government of Burma (with a copy of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899), for information and further necessary action.
- The Agent to the Governor-General in Baluchistan (with a copy of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899), for information and further necessary action.
- The Quartermaster-General in India, in continuation of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899.
- The Commissary-General-in-Chief, with reference to his No. 6113-A, dated 26th September 1899.
- The Controller of Military Accounts, Bengal Command, in continuation of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899.
- The Controller of Military Accounts, Punjab Command, in continuation of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899.
- The Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, in continuation of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899.
- The Controller of Military Accounts, Bombay Command, in continuation of Military Department No. 4053-D, dated 15th September 1899.
- The Accountant-General, Military Department.

By order,

J. Cardew

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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