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For Supply of water in Cantonments - Recording
endorsement from the Govt. of India forwarding Copy
of a letter addressed to the Quartermaster General
in India regarding the Classes of persons who
should be held to be entitled to —

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Subm^d that it is unnecessary
to communicate this to any
one as action will be taken
by Milz Authorities in Canton-
ment areas.

SUBJECT.

Intimating classes of persons
who should be held to be entitled
to a free supply of water at the
expense of the State.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 25th November 1899.

To

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL IN INDIA.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 512-B, dated the 17th February 1899, asking for a definite ruling as to the particular classes of persons in cantonments who should be held to be entitled to a free supply of water at the expense of the State, and therefore be exempted from payment of water rates, wherever pipe supplies are installed.

2. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that the following should be held to be so entitled, viz. :—

- All commissioned officers holding honorary rank, and all departmental warrant and non-commissioned officers, including their families;
- All commissioned and warrant officers of the Indian Subordinate Medical Department, including their families;
- All warrant and non-commissioned officers on the Indian Unattached List not in departmental employ, including their families;
- Military hospital assistants and their families;
- All British and Native troops and their families;
- All followers, whether regimental or departmental, paid by Government, and their families, specially including the grass-cutters of siladar cavalry regiments.

3. In reply I am to say that the classes mentioned in (a), (b) and (c) above, who have been accustomed to pay for their own bhisties, should not be held to be entitled to a free supply of water, and should therefore be liable to payment of water-rates. The Government of India see no reason why persons who have been accustomed to pay for having their water brought to their houses by bhisties from wells or other sources of supply, should now be exempted from payment of water tax for water laid on by means of pipes. A pipe water-supply is introduced into stations for general sanitary reasons, and these persons benefit by the improved condition of the station as well as by the convenience resulting from the water being brought to their doors. It is therefore fair that they should contribute towards the cost to the same extent, approximately, as they had to pay before the pipe-supply was introduced.

4. The classes of persons referred to in (d), (e) and (f) should, however, be held entitled to a free supply of water at the expense of the State.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) C. H. SELWYN,
for Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Copy forwarded, in continuation of Military Department No. 731-C, dated 25th April 1898, to—

The Home Department.

The Legislative Department.

The Director-General of Military Works.

The Commissary-General-in-Chief.

Copy, with copy of Military Department No. 731-C, dated 25th April 1898, forwarded to—

The Foreign Department.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

The Secretary to the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, Miscellaneous (General) Department.

The Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, Home (Judicial) Department.

The Secretary to the Government of Burma.

The Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

The Chief Commissioner, Assam.

The Chief Commissioner, Coorg.

By order,

C. H. Selwyn

Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 731-C, Cantonments, dated Simla, the 25th ^{April} ~~September~~ 1898.
Taxation

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department.

To—The Quartermaster-General in India.

In continuation of Military Department letter No. 748-M.W., dated the 14th March 1898, regarding the general principles to be followed in connection with the water-supply in cantonments, I am now directed to convey the orders of the Government of India on the recommendation contained in paragraph 11 (b) of your letter No. 3552-B, dated the 3rd November 1896, that all persons in military employ in a cantonment should be exempted from the payment of a water-rate.

2. In reply I am to say that the extra cost that would be thrown on Government, if this proposal were carried into effect, is so considerable that the Government of India are unable to entertain it.

3. The question has, however, been raised whether a water-rate should be levied on those—

(a) who occupy Government quarters,

(b) who being entitled to have accommodation provided for them, live in houses hired by the State.

On this point I am to observe that, as a water-rate is generally paid by the occupier, it should, in the opinion of the Government of India, be levied on officers and others to whom the State does not undertake to supply water free, whether they occupy quarters provided by the State or not, and that it is immaterial in this connection whether the quarters are actually the property of Government or are rented for the occasion. The rate should be paid whether the water is supplied by house connection, or by means of public stand-posts. The actual rate of the tax would, no doubt, be more in one case than in the other, but some tax would be levied, whatever the method of supply might be.

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The Home Department.

The Director-General of Military Works.

The Commissary-General-in-Chief.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Punjab.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Bengal.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Bombay, with reference to his letter No. 690—945, dated July 1897.