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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th October 1862.*

No. 312. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel T. McGOUN, Controller of Military Finance, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 20th October 1862 F :—

SIR,

Both dated Calcutta, 17th October 1862,
Telegram dated 24th September 1862,
letter No. 3,194 of the 26th Sep-
tember 1862 from Military Finance
Department.

1. I have the honor to submit herewith two telegrams, which I received from the chief of the Military Finance Department, yesterday, relating to the applicability of the Stamp Act to the Military Troops in this Presidency, together with the telegram and letters therein referred to.
2. There is a discrepancy between the No. of the letter as given in the telegram and that which the letter bears, but there can be no doubt of the identity of the document alluded to.
3. The Act is general in its application, there being no exception, as regards classes or persons.
4. The telegram of the 24th September 1862, stated by implication that it is not applicable to the European soldiery, because as they drew daily pay, the amount must necessarily fall short of the maximum sum to be assessed, viz., Rupees 20.
5. This ruling it appears to me does not include the whole of the Military classes, inasmuch as the Warrant and Staff (European) Non-Commissioned grades, as well as the Native Officers and other grades of the Native Army, the Pensioners : and Army Establishments generally, do not draw daily pay, and as their monthly pay is not within the prescribed limit they are liable to the Tax.
6. It is inferred therefore from the telegrams received yesterday that it is the intention to place the whole of the Military classes, whether European or Native, on the same footing, but before acting on this interpretation of the telegrams, I deem it necessary to lay them before Government for instructions.
7. The whole of the documents are submitted in original, to save time : it is requested that they be returned when no longer required.

Referred to the Revenue Department for early consideration and orders.

Fort Saint George,
21st October 1862.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department, with 4 enclosures to be returned.

No. 313. ORDER THEREON, 24th October 1862, No. 2,276.

The Controller of Military Finance will defer acting upon the Order in the Military Department, dated 4th instant, No. 3,421, as instructed in the two telegrams received from the chief of his Department in Calcutta. The interpretation in paragraph 6 of Colonel McGoun's letter seems correct.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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The Comd. Military Finance
To the Secretary of Govt
Military Dept.
Fort S. George.

Dated 20th
Recd 21st October 1862

Enclosure 4000

Forwards certain
Documents received from
the Military Fin. Dept. relative
to the applicability of the
Stamp Act to the Military
Troops in this Presidency
with observation.

By the Secy of the Dept. 21/10/62

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With an order

The Revenue Department
with a reference to the Revenue Secy

For the Secretary, and Order
of the Revenue Secy
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