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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording L. O. Public Department adding a note of exception to rule (1) in paragraph 65 A. in section 7, part I, of the Indian Civil Service manual stating that the minimum height of the riding animals maintained by the collectors and Divisional Officers serving in Malabar and South Canara shall be 13.2 hands.

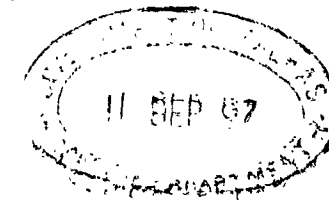
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## GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

## PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 760, Public, dated 17th June 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Altering the additions made to the Indian Civil Service Manual as paragraph 65-A, section VII, of Part I, under G.O., No. 417 of 1897, regarding the maintenance of riding horses by Revenue officers.

READ—also the following paper:—

G.O., No. 672, Revenue, dated 4th August 1897.

Read—again the following endorsement, No. 1174, Rev., dated 19th June 1897:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 2101, dated 10th June 1897:—

Read—the following letter from W. H. WELSH, Esq., Collector of South Canara, dated 22nd May 1897, Ref. No. 967-Eng.:—

Paragraph 65-A of the Indian Civil Service Manual, which lays down the scale for the maintenance of serviceable riding horses or ponies by officers of the Land Revenue Department, renders it imperative that one of the two animals required to be maintained by every Collector and every member of the Indian Civil Service in charge of a division must be a horse.

2. I beg to suggest that this rule may be modified in reference to officers serving in this district and Malabar. The climate of the West Coast is characterized by excessive humidity during part of the year, in consequence of which horses rarely thrive. Harness horses do a little better, but there is a great difficulty about riding horses. The Acting Head Assistant Collector Mr. Booty, for instance, had a mare over 14·3 in 1896, but she came to grief, and since then he has had only a pony. Similarly, last year, one of the few animals over 14·3 in this district—an Arab mare ridden by a lady—went in the loins and had to be shot. When ordered to this district I sold my two horses and have since kept only ponies, believing that it is not possible to keep up a supply of serviceable riding horses of 14·3 or over.

3. One of the great difficulties is want of good riding ground; I only know of three places—Hosdurg, Malpe and Maranante; and it is, therefore, always very hard to keep good animals in proper exercise. The difficulty is specially felt in the hot weather when laterite is as hard as iron and the pebbles slippery, not to speak of the roads being dusty and crowded with people carrying loads and with vehicular traffic. Even the maidan is proposed to be encroached on by police buildings. The sea beach cannot be reached from Mangalore and is too steep and shelving all along our coast. Moreover, the land wind gives the animals bad coughs. In the monsoon they are further susceptible to catch chills, standing about in the rain, and no horses can at that season be obtained from outside to replace casualties.

4. Ferries are another constant difficulty. Moreover, in many inland villages, it is impossible to leave the road on horseback for more than a few hundred yards. Inspection has, therefore, to be done on foot. Bicycles are really far more useful than horses. The order will, of course, cause hardship to Divisional officers more than to Collectors.

5. For the reasons above set forth, I beg that Government may be moved to extend the concession, to keep ponies instead of horses, accorded to Police officers serving in South Canara and Malabar (*vide* Police Order No. 27, published at page 204 of the *Madras Police Gazette*, dated 1st May 1897) to the officers mentioned in the first paragraph of this letter. I believe officers of the regiments formerly stationed at Mangalore were allowed to ride ponies on parade.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2101, dated 10th June 1897.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board recommends the grant of the concession asked for by Mr. Welsh, as there is no doubt that horses are very liable to go in the loins in South Canara and Malabar and it has always been the custom for most officers to keep ponies instead of horses in these districts. The Board considers that this custom is unobjectionable and should not be interfered with under the circumstances.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,  
*Acting Secretary.*

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Endorsement.

Transferred to the Public Department.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,  
*Ag. Asst. Secy. to Govt.*

Read—also the following endorsement of the Public Department, No. 1413, dated 8th July 1897:—

Returned to the Revenue Department, by which all the previous orders on this subject have been passed. The Public Department has merely to embody in the Indian Civil Service Manual the orders communicated to it, and has no power to modify the rules themselves in this case.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,  
*Chief Secretary.*

Order—No. 672, Revenue, dated 4th August 1897.

In the circumstances reported, the Government is pleased to lay down that the minimum height of the riding animals which Collectors and Divisional officers serving in Malabar and South Canara have to maintain shall be 13·2 hands.

Miscellaneous.

The following will accordingly be inserted in the latter part of rule (1) of the rules appended to Board's Proceedings, No. 170 (Press), dated 20th May 1897, immediately above the note at the end of that rule:—

"Exception.—In the case of Collectors and Divisional officers serving in Malabar and South Canara, the minimum height of the animal or animals, which under the above rules they have to maintain, is fixed at 13·2 hands."

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,  
*Ag. Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue )  
Copy to the Public Department.

ORDER—No. 1137, Public, dated 31st August 1897.

The following note will be added to rule (1) in paragraph 65-A, section VII, Part I, of the Indian Civil Service Manual:—

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(True Extract.)

*J. H. S.*  
for Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.  
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" all Collectors of Districts.  
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