

## Enclosure No. 2.

Memo from CAPTAIN C. H. SELWYN, Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, — (No. 1109-B, "Rewards — Good Conduct and Meritorious Service," dated Simla, the 22nd July, 1899).

Forwarded\* for report with a request that his reply may be sent through

\*From Adjutant-General in India, No. 2092-C, dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 1899 the Controller of Military Accounts, Bombay Command, for report regarding the Governor's Band, Bombay.

## Enclosure No. 3.

From MAJOR J. G. DOWNING, Controller of Military Accounts, Madras Command, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department (through the Controller of Military Accounts, Bombay Command), — (No. G-29, "Rewards-- Good Conduct and Meritorious Services," dated Madras, the 13th January 1900).

Re-enclosed.

†Military Department No. 477, dated 17th August 1871.

Military Department No. 2527-F, dated 5th November 1888.

Financial Department No. 6584, dated 31st December 1889.

P.G. (Madras), No. 20, dated 10th January 1890, and No. 980 of 8th February 1890.

2. In accordance with the orders noted in the margin, † the pay, etc., of the men of the Band of His Excellency the Governor of Madras are paid and charged in the Civil Department.

3. It will be seen from Madras G. O. G. No. 36 of 1865 that men (excluding natural born British subjects) enlisting in the Governor's Band are attested under the Indian Articles of War, and that men of the British Army are also eligible for transfer thereto, but with regard to this latter point, I am not aware of any cases, at least during recent years, in which British soldiers have been transferred to the Band. There are none on its strength now, but in order to provide for the grant of meritorious and distinguished conduct rewards and long service and good conduct medals to any such men who may hereafter join the Band from the British Army, the insertion in Article 1264, Army Regulations, India, Volume I, Part I, of the Band of His Excellency the Governor of Madras seems necessary. There have been cases in which drummers of Native Infantry regiments have been transferred to the Governor's Band, *vide* P. G. (Madras), No. 2941, dated 20th June 1884.

4. It may be noted that while Article 1264 above quoted applies to warrant officers and non-commissioned officers above the rank of corporal, none of the men now belonging to the Band, according to the list furnished by the Military Secretary to the Governor, are above the rank of private; in fact all the men but one (the Bandmaster Sergeant) on the sanctioned establishment of the Band hold the rank of private, although classed as senior musicians, first, second and third class musicians and ordinary musicians, *vide* also paragraph 15, page 327, section XV, Military Pay and Audit Regulations, 1861, Part II.

‡Government of India, Finance Department, No. 2240, dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 1871

Bandmaster, on the establishment of the Band, is not‡ an enlisted soldier.

5. According to Article 1273(e), Army Regulations, India, Volume I Part I, drummers, fifers and buglers of European parentage attached to Native Regiments are eligible to receive the medal for long service and good conduct, these men being attested under the Indian Articles of War, *vide* G. G. O. No. 568 dated 31st May 1895, also attestation form, item 11, and as the men of the

§ Madras G. O. G. No. 36 of 1865 Governor's Band are similarly attested, § there seems to be no reason why the latter should not share in the privilege granted by Article 1273, Army Regulations, India, Volume I, Part I, provided they fulfil the conditions of the note to clause (e) of that Article, the grant of the concession to such of them as do not