

Enclosures to para. 5, of General despatch No. 76, dated the 31st May 1900.

Enclosure No. 1.

From MAJOR-GENERAL SIR W. G. NICHOLSON, K. C. B. Adjutant-General in India, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,— (No. 2092, “*Rewards – Good Conduct and Meritorious Service*,” dated Simla, the 14th July 1899).

I am directed by the Commander-in-Chief to bring to notice that no provision is made in Army Regulations, India, Volume I, for the grant of the medals for long service and good conduct, or for meritorious service, with or without annuity or gratuity, to the men of His Excellency the Governor's Band, Madras.

2. A roll of these men is attached, and although serving under the Indian Articles of War and attested on the form in use for Native soldiers, it will be seen that they are all of European descent whilst some are of pure European parentage. From the correspondence attached it will also be observed that soldiers of British regiments are eligible for transfer to this Band.

I am therefore to recommend that the necessary provision for the Governor's Band, Madras, be made in Army Regulations, India, Volume I, Part I, Articles 1264 and 1273 (*b*), and that the men not eligible under these articles be grouped with the units included in Article 334 (*d*), Part II.

3. In this connection I am to remark that as the men of the Governor's Band, Bombay, are provided for with the men of His Excellency the Viceroy's Band in Article 1273 (*b*), it appears desirable to similarly include them in Article 1264.

4. I am to observe that the addition of the Governor's Body-Guard, Madras, to Article 3 4 (*d*), Army Regulations, India, Volume I, Part II, consequent upon the decision notified in India Army Circulars, Clause 205 of 1898, does not yet appear to have been published.

From the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces, Madras, to the Adjutant-General in India, — (No. 620-A.– B T., “*Rewards–Good Conduct and Meritorious Service*,” dated Ootacamund, the 11th January 1899).

With reference to your letter No. 3694-C, dated 19th November 1898, I have the honour to forward, herewith, a memorandum from the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Madras giving the information asked for regarding the men of the Governor's Band together with a Nominal roll showing the parentage of the men.

2. A copy of the form of attestation now in use for such men is enclosed for information.

From MAJOR J. W. CURRIE, Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, to the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command,—(No. 103, dated Government House, Guindy, the 21st December 1898).

The men of His Excellency the Governor's Band, are enlisted under the authority of G. O. No. 36 of 24th January 1865, which for convenience of reference is quoted below.

GENERAL ORDER.

Fort St. George, 24th January 1865

Garrison Band, No 36 of 1865.—The Governor in Council is pleased to notify that it has been ruled by the Government of India, that persons who, though born in India, may be the sons both on the side of the father and that of the mother, of natural born British subjects, are not in future to be enlisted for the Garrison Band, Fort St. George.

2. It has further been decided that men may be transferred from British regiments, and borne on the effective Supernumerary List, for the purpose of serving in the Garrison Band if necessary.

3. It has also been ruled by the same authority, that men who are eligible for enlistment for and who desire to be entertained in the Garrison Band, must be enlisted under Article I of Act 29 of 1861, *viz.*, the Articles of War for the Native Army.

4. With reference to the foregoing instructions, the Governor in Council directs—

I.—That all men now serving in the Garrison Band, who are natural born British subjects, born in Europe, or the children of such subjects both on the side of the father and that of the mother born in India, whose term of limited service may expire and who may be desirous of remaining in the Band shall, on the termination of their present contract, be attested under 24 and 25 Vict., Chap. 74, for some British regiment, and be borne on the List of Effective Supernumeraries.

II.—That all men* now serving in the Garrison Band, Fort St. George, who have never been attested and those* whose contracted periods of service have expired, or may hereafter expire, and all candidates,* for enlistment in the said Band, shall be attested agreeably to the subjoined form, under Article I of Act 29 of 1861.

* Other than those described in clause I of this paragraph

Attestations for the Garrison Band, Fort St. George

(Superseded by India Army Form V. 676)

Questions to be put by a Justice to the Recruit	Answers
1. What is your name? 2. Where were you born? 3. What is your age? 4. Are you married? 5. Are you ruptured or lame, have you ever been subject to fits, or have you any disability or disorder which impedes the free use of your limbs or unfits you for ordinary labour? 6. Are you willing to be attested to serve Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors as a musician in the Garrison Band, Fort St. George, until you shall be legally discharged?	

Oath to be taken by a Recruit in the Garrison Band, Fort St. George, on attestation.

I _____ do make oath that the above questions have been separately put to me, that the answers thereto have been read over to me, and that they are the same that I gave and are true. I do make oath that I will be faithful to Her Majesty the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, and will go wherever I am ordered by land or sea, and will obey all commands of the officers set over me.

So help me God

Witness my hand

Signature of Recruit.

Signature of witness present.

Certificate to be given by the Justice.

Description of —

Age apparently —

Height —

Complexion —

Eyes —

Hair —

Any distinctive marks —

To witness I _____, one of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace of the _____, do hereby certify that the above is the description of the Recruit _____ and in my presence all the foregoing questions were put to the said _____ that the answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me and that the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 48th Articles of War of Act XXIX of 1861, were read over to him, that he took the oath of fidelity, and that I have given him a duplicate of this certificate signed with my name.

Signature of Justice

2. There has been much subsequent correspondence on the subject of pay, pension, etc., but there has been no alteration of the final paragraph of a letter from E. Lawrence, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Military Department, dated Simla, 20th April 1889, No. 1992, which is as follows :—

“I am to add that it is understood that the contemplated changes need not interfere with the present system of enlistment and discipline.” This is shewn by proceedings of the Madras Government No. 7881, Military Department dated Fort St. George, 29th November 1893, the order on which states “that the Madras Government has, or further consideration, resolved to allow the bandsmen enlisted after the 10th January 1890 to serve under Military Rules and Regulations in regard to pension.”

II.—Men are enlisted direct into the Governor's Band, usually joining as pupils, of whom two are authorized, but I understand that there have been instances of transfers from British and Native Corps being received into the Band.

III.—A nominal descriptive roll is attached.

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 14th 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 21st 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

fulfil those conditions being governed by Article 334, clause (d), Army Regulations, India, Volume I, Part 11.

6. The proposals of the Commander-in-Chief would not involve any extra expenditure in the Military Department.

7. The necessary corrections to Article 334, Army Regulations, India, Volume I, Part II, as regards the Governor's Body-Guard alluded to in paragraph 4 of the Adjutant-General's letter were communicated to the Controller of Military Accounts, Bengal Command, in August last.

8. I regret the delay which has occurred in the submission of this report, but it is attributable to the difficulty that has been experienced in ascertaining the orders connected with the constitution, etc, of the Governor's Band and the conditions of service of the men, the pay and allowances of whom are audited in the Civil Department.

Enclosure No. 4.

Memo. from LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JOHN FORDYCE, Controller of Military Accounts, Bombay Command, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department,—(No. 252-772), dated Poona, the 23rd January 1900).

Forwarded.

2. From the attached statement, it will be seen that all the men at present in the Band of His Excellency the Governor, Bombay, have been drawn from British regiments, it is not understood therefore, why they have been excluded from participating in the rewards admissible under Article 1263, Army Regulations, India, Volume I, Part I, as they would appear to be equally entitled with any other non-commissioned officer of the British Army on the unattached list, to the receipt of the same; there would appear to be no objection, therefore, to include the men of the Governor's Band, Bombay, in Article 1:64, *ibid.*

3. In this connection I would remark that although it was only as late as July 1890, that the necessary correction* was made to Army Regulations, India, Volume 1, Part I, Article 1166 (the present Article 1273), making men of the Governor's Band eligible for the grant of "Long Service and Good Conduct medals" with or without gratuity, a reference to, *e.g.*, Bombay Army Orders No. 270 of 1885, and 347 of 1886, will show that these men were granted these decorations long before the correction appeared to Army Regulations, India, Volume I, Part I.

4. The present proposal, if sanctioned, will not entail any extra expenditure in the Military Department on account of the effective men, as the Band establishment is a charge against the Civil Department, *vide* Military Department No. 1995-C, dated 14th September 1894.

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Enclosure No. 5.

From LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. B. WILSON, Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Adjutant-General in India,—(No.1407-B “*Rewards — Good Conduct and Meritorious Service,*” dated Simla, the 2nd May 1900).

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2092-C, “*Rewards—Good Conduct and Meritorious Service,*” dated the 14th July 1899, bringing to notice the fact that no provision has been made in Army Regulations, India, Volume I, for the grant of the medals for meritorious service with annuity or for long service and good conduct, with and without gratuity to the men of the Band of His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

2. It is explained that though these men serve under the Indian Articles of War, and are attested on the form in use for native solders, the men at