

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

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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 34 (*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.

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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.