

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.