

S U P P L E M E N T
TO
GENERAL ORDERS.

SEPARATE No. 44 OF 1842.

BY THE HON'BLE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL,

BOMBAY CASTLE, 19th OCTOBER 1842.

The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to publish the following Compilation of all existing orders under the head "Recruits."

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RECRUITS.

INCLUDING REGULATIONS REGARDING BOUNTY MONEY TO EUROPEAN SOLDIERS RE ENTER-
ING THE SERVICE.

I. (H. C. L. 8th January 1796.) "It is our intention to make an humble request to His Majesty, that he will be graciously pleased to issue orders permitting us to recruit the Company's European Army, in the same manner, and with the same privileges, as is done for the British Army."

G. G. O. 25th
May 1796.

II. "A Dépôt will be established for the Company's Recruits, in which they may be placed under Officers by the particular selection of the Court of Directors, under such restrictions as they may deem proper."

III. (Extract of Honorable Court's Letter, dated 8th February 1826. Para. CXLIX.) The Recruiting Officers in our service have been given Orders, not to enlist any Soldiers, discharged from His Majesty's Service, who is at the same time an Out-Pensioner from Chelsea Hospital.

G. G. O. 26th
June 1826.

IV. (E. I. R. 1822. At a Court of Directors, held on the 22d December 1820) "Resolved, that whenever a detachment of Company's Recruits, to the extent of thirty Men, shall be embarked on any one Ship, they be placed in charge of the senior Company's Officer not exceeding the rank of a Field Officer, who shall have obtained permission to return to his duty on the ship, within at least seven days of the period fixed for leaving Gravesend:— That the Officer proceed with the Men from the Dépôt:—That as a remuneration for this service, he be granted the Passage Money of his rank:—And that the Commander of the ship be authorized to draw on the Company's Paymaster for the same."

V. The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct, that Officers arriving from England in charge of Troops, whether of His Majesty's or the Honorable Company's Service, submit to Government any unadjusted claims on account of short issues of Provisions, during the Voyage, to the Men under their Command, as early as practicable after landing.

G. G. O. 25th
Aug. 1826.

VI. When Recruits arrive from Europe, the Town Major is to transmit to the Adjutant General of the Army, Rolls of the Recruits, specifying their names, age, station, country, profession, the ship on which they came out, and the date of their arrival at Bombay.

G. G. O. 5d Aug.
1793. and G. G.
O. 5th Nov.
1836.

VII. Officers Commanding European Regiments are to take an early opportunity after the landing of Recruits of ascertaining from them, whether they have any Complaint to offer regarding their treatment while on board, that the same may be investigated without delay; giving them to understand that no Complaint preferred afterwards, will be attended to.

G. O. C. 27th
May 1823.

VIII. (H. C. L. 18th Nov. 1829. Para. VIII.) We have desired that care may be taken that the Recruits do not give away or dispose of their Bedding upon reaching India, but that it may be landed with them for use on their first arrival.

G. G. O. 12th
June 1830.

IX. (Para. XII.) The arrangement we have made with respect to Diet renders it unnecessary that any portion of the Recruit's Pay should be appropriated to the purchase of separate supplies of Tea and Sugar, as has been hitherto the practice. The amount of the balance of Cash due to each Recruit on his landing in India will therefore be increased, and we think it necessary to desire that arrangements may be made for appropriating the amount of this balance to the purchase of necessaries for the Soldier.

X. (Para. XIII.) The Officer who may have charge of the Recruits will be furnished with 5 Shillings on account of each Man under his care, for refreshments in case of touching at any intermediate Port, and to be accounted for on their arrival at their destination. He will also be furnished with a Statement of the Sum remaining due to the Recruit out of his Ship Money, for the purpose of enabling you to make the necessary payment on his account. The Sum remaining unspent out of the advance of 5 Shillings will be appropriated in a similar manner.

XI. (Para. XIV.) You will take particular care that no portion of the Money due to the Recruits is given to the Men themselves. It is our desire that the whole may be appropriated to the purpose we have specified, under the Orders of Captains of the Companies to which the Recruits may be posted.

XII. (Para. XV.) This arrangement will enable you to reduce the amount of the advance now made for each Recruit, and deducted from his Pay for the provision of necessaries.

XIII. Exclusive of the Off-reckoning Fund, the Clothing of all European Infantry, and Artillery Recruits, as well those received from Europe as those enlisted in India, shall be furnished by the Town Major, who is allowed by the Company sixteen Rupees for each Recruit.

G. G. O. 16th
Nov. 1793.

NOTE.—Recruits of all arms (Sappers, Artillery and Infantry) receive the same advance of pay for the whole period of the voyage from England, viz. £3-5-2, which is appropriated principally in the provision of Clothing and Sea necessaries, and the balance given to the Officer in charge for the benefit of the Recruit on joining his Corps. By this arrangement no pay is granted to any Recruit for any period prior to his arrival at the presidency.

XIV. The Commander in Chief is sorry to have to remark upon the very irregular manner in which the Artillery were sent up from the Presidency to join the Division at Poonah, that part of it particularly which lately arrived from England, were absolutely in want of every necessary.—The consequence has been a degree of sickness very naturally to be expected.

G. O. C. 12th
Aug. 1826.

XV. The cause assigned by the Officer in charge for their not having been supplied, was because it was not known which were intended for the Horse Brigade.—The Commander in Chief, does not profess to understand this reasoning, but to prevent a recurrence of such irregularity in future, he directs that the Commandant of Artillery at the Presidency will cause the selection to be made as soon as possible after the arrival of Recruits from England, for each branch of the service, that the Detachments intended for the different Divisions of the Army may, previous to their march, be furnished with such Articles of Equipment as are wanted to complete them.

XVI. The Recruits for each branch of the service upon their arrival from England, or as soon after as possible, are to be furnished with the Articles stated in the subjoined List, or with such of them as may be deficient and required to complete; and Officers Commanding Regiments, and in charge of Recruits, will be held answerable that each Man be supplied with the full equipment of necessaries before he is sent to an Out-Station to join his Corps.

XVII. The Articles not supplied by Government to the Soldier, must be provided for him on the most advantageous terms.

XVIII. A Muster of each of the Articles for the Horse and Foot Artillery and Infantry Men will be kept in Store, at the Head Quarters of the Regiment stationed at the Presidency or should both be absent the Articles will be deposited at the Office of the Adjutant General.

<i>Horse Artillery.</i> Each Man.	<i>Foot Artillery</i> Each Man.	<i>European Infantry.</i> Each Man.
3 Banyans, Flannel.	3 Banyans, Flannel	3 Banyans, Flannel
1 Pair of Boots, Wellington.	2 Pairs, of Half Boots,	1 Blanket or Camoline
3 Brushes	2 Brushes,	2 Brushes,
2 Carpets	1 Cap, Undress	1 Forage Cap,
1 Watch Cloak	1 Carpet,	1 Carpet and Mat,
6 Colars, False	1 Watch Coat,	1 Watch Coat,
1 Clasp, Stock	6 Collars, False	4 Collars, False
2 do False Collars	1 Clasp, Stock	1 Pair of Gaiters, blue cloth,
1 Goodree, (bedding)	2 Do, False Collar,	1 Do. Nankoen, black waxed,
1 Girdle	1 Camoline,	2 White Nankoen Jacketes,
1 Pair of Gloves	1 Jacket, Undress	1 Knife, Fork, & Spoon
1 Jacket, Undress	1 Knife, Fork, & Spoon	4 Shirts, White
1 Knife, Fork, and Spoon	1 Pillow,	2 Ditto Check,
1 Copper Pot, with Cover	4 Shirts, White	1 Tin Pot, & Plate,
4 Shirts	1 Do. Barrack Change	1 Pair of Shoes, Europe,
1 Stock, Leather	1 Stock, Leather	2 Ditto Country,
1 Pair of Shoes, Europe	1 Pair of Shoes, Europe	1 Pair of Trowsers, blue cloth.
2 do Country	2 Ditto Country,	4 Do. White Nankoen,
1 Pair of Trowsers, blue	1 Pair of Trowsers, blue,	2 Do. Blue Dungaree,
3 do white	4 Do. White,	3 Pairs of Stockings, Cotton,
3 Pairs of Stockings, Woolen	2 Do. Barrack Change,	3 Ditto Woollen,
3 do Cotton	3 Pairs of Stockings, Woolen	1 Button Stick, Brush, and Comb,
2 Covers, Helmet, White	3 Ditto Cotton,	
1 Button Stick, Brush, and Comb	1 Button Stick, Brush and Comb	

G. G. O. 16th
Nov. 1793.

XIX.

Table of Bounty Money to European Soldiers.

	Rnpees.
British Subjects on entering the Service for 5 years, to receive a Bounty of.....	80
Ditto re-entering the Service for 5 years, to receive.....	80
Ditto Ditto for 3 years, to receive.....	50
Foreigners entering the Service for 5 years, to receive a Bounty of.....	50
Ditto re-entering the Service for 5 years, to receive.....	80

G. O. 2d Sept.
1788.

XX. Every Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, shall, a month before the expiration of his contracted time make a report thereof to his Captain or Commanding Officer, that he may receive his Discharge, or the Bounty Money for re-enlisting.

G. O. 5th
Aug. 1784.

XXI. No Man shall receive the Honorable Company's Bounty, until his time shall be fully expired.

G. O. 8th Feb.
1789.

XXII. The Non-commissioned Officers to receive the same Bounty Money for re-entering, as the Private Men.

G. G. O. 23d
Sept. 1795.

XXIII. European Soldiers, whose contracted time has expired, and who wish to re-enter the Service, have their option of re-entering in the Artillery or Infantry, if approved of by the Commanding Officer.

G. O. 20th
Feb. 1786.

XXIV. Whenever any European Non-commissioned Officers or Privates of the Artillery or Infantry, are desirous of being re-entered into the Company's service, they shall be, previously to their being so entered, examined by the Surgeon of their respective Corps, who is directed to give a Certificate that they are in perfect health and fit for field duty; and the Town Major will observe that no Man is to be attested before he has received the Surgeon's Certificate, which must be filed in his Office.

G. O. 20th
Mar. 1788.

XXV. In order to prevent Europeans receiving the Bounty at Subordinate Settlements, before the full expiration of their contracted times, it is henceforward to be observed as a

standing order, that no European is to be permitted to re-enter at Subordinates, until his time has been regularly certified from the Town Major's Office in Bombay, for which the Fort Adjutants are directed to make timely application; and the several Paymasters will be instructed not to issue the Honorable Company's Bounty to any Man, unless he produces the Town Major's Certificate to show that he is legally entitled to it.

XXVI. When Warning Certificates are sent from Out-stations, for the Certificate of the Town Major, a Surgeon's Certificate shall appear on the face of the Warning Certificate, that the Soldier is in perfect health and fit for field duty; on the Soldier's being subsequently attested at the Head Quarters of the Company to which he belongs, a further Medical Certificate is to be granted, to be registered with the attestation, for the information of the Commanding Officer of the Company and the Commandant of the Corps.

G. O. C. 14th
April 1810.

XXVII. The issue of Bounty money allowed to European Soldiers in India is to be strictly confined to Europeans. Boys both of whose Parents are Europeans, having served as Drummers or Fifers, may at the age of eighteen, if fit to bear Arms, contract as Soldiers, and receive the same Bounty as Recruits. The Half Caste Drummers, now in the service, attached to European Corps, are permitted to draw the Bounty as heretofore.

G. G. O. 16th
July. 1842.

XXVIII. (H. C. L. 8th Sept. 1813; Para. II.) "We transmit herewith a Copy of our Reply to a Letter from the Government of Fort St. George dated 5th March 1813, on the subject of allowing a Bounty to European Soldiers enlisted into our Service for an unlimited period; and we desire that you will consider the instructions contained in our reply to the Government of Fort St. George, on this subject, as equally applicable to your Presidency."

G. G. O. 16th
Feb. 1814.

XXIX. (Para. VI. H. C. L. to Madras dated 8th September 1813.) "Every European Soldier enlisted for unlimited Service shall, if he has conducted himself to the satisfaction of his Commanding Officers, be entitled at the expiration of twelve years, from the date of his enlistment, to a Bounty equal in amount to that usually given to Soldiers in our Service, who re-enlist for five years; and at the expiration of seventeen years, shall be entitled to be discharged, or re-enlisted for a further period on the usual terms."

XXX. (Para VII.) "We have fixed twelve years as the period at which the first Bounty is to be given, because it is the period for which Recruits are enlisted for general Service, under the Act of George III. Cap. 87.

XXXI. (Para. VIII.) You will observe, however, that under the provisions of this Act (Sec. 4.) the Service of Recruits enlisted under 18 years of age, can be reckoned only from their attaining that age."

XXXII. (Para. IX) "We trust that the indulgence now shown to the European Soldiers in our Service, will remove every ground of dissatisfaction and complaint, and will stimulate them to a correct and zealous discharge of their duties, during their respective periods of Service."

XXXIII. The Hon'ble the Court of Directors having declared that European Soldiers enlisted into the Service for an unlimited period, shall, at the expiration of 12 years from the date of their enlistment, be entitled to a specified Bounty; and whereas European Soldiers join the Hon'ble Company's Army in India, under different circumstances, which render it necessary to determine when the service, or period of 12 years, of certain Individuals shall be deemed to commence, the Governor in Council is pleased to lay down the following rules on the subject.

G. G. O. 17th
Dec. 1814.

XXXIV. The Persons to whom the regulation of the Hon'ble the Court of Directors applies, form three distinct Classes:—

(1st.) Recruits for the Company's Service enlisted for an unlimited period, the date of whose enlistment is known.

(2d.) Recruits as above, the date of whose enlistment is not known.

(3d.) Men transferred in India from His Majesty's to the Company's Service, originally enlisted for unlimited Service.

1st Class.—The period of service of the 1st Class, will of course be calculated from the date of enlisting, should they then have attained the prescribed age of 18, otherwise from the date when they shall attain that age.

2d Class.—That of the 2d Class, shall be deemed to commence six months previous to their arrival at Bombay.

3d Class.—It appearing to the Governor in Council to be equitable, that the Men composing the 3d Class should be allowed the benefit of their actual service in India, prior to their transfer to the Hon'ble Company's Service, he is pleased to determine that, as in the case of the 2d Class, those included in the 3d shall have the period of twelve years calculated from a date six months antecedent to their arrival in India.

XXXV. (H. C. L. to the S. G. dated 10th March 1830. Para. VII.) On full consideration we do not desire that the instructions conveyed to you in Paras. 98 @ 8 of our letter in this Department dated 4th August 1827, which instructions were communicated, in the General Order (No. 19 of 1828.) should have a retrospective effect, and should apply to persons who entered our Army, relying on the established usage of the service, sanctioned by the express authority of your Government, that time served in India in a King's Regiment should be reckoned as Service to us, we are willing that usage so sanctioned should continue, but then, we positively enjoin that Men entering our Army from that of His Majesty shall be most carefully examined previously to their being enlisted, and shall only be enlisted when from their age and health there may appear every reason to expect from them a long period of service.

G. G. O. 14th
May 1832.

XXXVI. (VIII.) We are satisfied by the Letter of the Adjutant General, which you have transmitted to us, that it is essential to the efficiency of our Army that we should obtain Men from His Majesty's, but; when we consider the very early age at which Recruits for His Majesty's Regiments are sent to India we feel assured that, if you issue and enforce the observance of strict Regulations respecting the admission of Men from His Majesty's Service into our's, in conformity with the direction we have given you above, the cases will be very rare in which the time passed by such Men in our Army will not equal that which they may have passed in the King's.

XXXVII. (IX.) We desire that you will make such Men thoroughly acquainted with the Regulations of our Service as to Pensions, before they are enlisted.

XXXVIII. (X.) This is the more necessary, because a Pension from the King gives His Majesty a permanent claim upon the service of the Men Pensioned, and the enlistment of a Man into our Service places it out of his power to perform the condition on which alone he can hold a Pension from the King.

XXXIX. (XI.) What we have said applies to the cases of Men claiming Pensions for length of service. Men disabled in our Service by accidents and circumstances occurring in the course of their duty will, whatever may have been the time passed by them in our Army, receive our favorable consideration; but we enjoin that you place under very strict Regulation the discharge of Men for disability. It is a matter liable to gross abuse, and which must be most closely looked into by you, and will be at all times by us.

H. C. L. 19th
Aug. 1829.

Submit for the Court's favourable consideration recommendation by the Commander in Chief that one Boy to each European Company the sons of old and deserving Soldiers, be allowed to enlist at 12 years of age receiving 8 Rupees a month until of age for full duty.

XL. (Para. XI.) As an experiment of the operation and the result of which we desire to be annually informed, we authorize the proposition of the Commander in Chief, as described in this Para. We desire that the limitations may be strictly attended to.

NOTE. European Boys are now allowed the Half Pay of Effective Gunners and Privates, with full Rations, vide Separate G. O. No. 43, Para. 88.

Regulations Relative to Native Recruits.

G. O. C. 14th
Aug. 1820.

XLI. By a due attention to recruiting on the part of Commanding Officers, the Commander in Chief feels persuaded that the Native Regiments may be kept up to the regulated strength; and he will be guided in his opinion of their zeal, under ordinary circumstances, by their having their Battalions complete without many Recruits on their Returns.

G. O. C. 27th
Nov. 1832.

XLII. It appears that with the exception of the Southern Concan, the Recruiting of the Army within the Provinces of the Presidency itself, or in the neighbouring States Tributary to, or in alliance with it, has hitherto been insufficiently or unsuccessfully resorted to.

XLIII. The Commander in Chief therefore particularly calls upon the Commanding Officers of Regiments for their immediate and earnest endeavours to promote the above desirable object, now more particularly called for by an Order from the Supreme Government, grounded on a Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, directing that the Recruiting of the Bombay Army shall for the future be confined to those limits above specified.

G. O. C. 5th
Nov. 1817.

XLV. Men of the Musselman, Mahratta, or Poorbee caste, not exceeding 24 years of age, or below 5 feet 6 inches, and young growing Lads 5 feet 5 1/2 inches, will be taken for the Cavalry, regard being had to their character, and to the appearance of the Men for bodily strength and activity; and it is desirable that they should know something of the management of a Horse.

G. G. O. 11th
April 1807 and
G. O. C. 24th
Aug. 1825.

XLVI. No Recruit is to be entertained for the Infantry, above the age of 22 years, or below the height of 5 feet 3 inches; excepting for the Marine Battalion, which is allowed to enlist Men the size of 5 feet 2 inches.

XLVII. The Standard for a Grenadier, is 5 feet 6 inches and upwards; and for Battalion Men, all under that size.

G. O. C. 27th
Feb. 1789.

XLVIII. Every possible care is to be taken by the Recruiting Officers and Officers Commanding Battalions, that no Recruits be entertained that are addicted to drunkenness, thieving or other destructive vices.

G. O. C. 4th
Sept. 1798.

XLIX. No Corps to entertain Recruits above their complete Establishment, without permission from the Commander in Chief.

G. G. O. 29th
Mar. 1832.

L. Commanding Officers are enjoined to be careful that the age of Recruits and Recruit Boys when received on the strength of the Corps, shall be ascertained at the time as accurately as possible.

G. O. C. 23d
Feb. 1804.

LI. All Recruits enlisted at the Presidency, either for Corps there, or intended for general Service, shall be sent to the Adjutant General, (with a Register Roll in duplicate) to be measured and inspected, and if found every way fit for Service, to have a particular description entered in a book to remain in his Office.

G. G. O. 11th
April 1807.

LII. All Recruits entertained by Battalions at Out-stations, to be approved by the Commanding Officers of Corps.

LIII. The Articles of War are to be read to every Native Corps in the Service, after Muster; in view to which, the additional Staff appointment of Interpreter to each is established, for the purpose of reading and explaining the Articles of War to the Recruits, as well as of attending at the period of their being sworn, and seeing that they are made duly sensible of the nature of the solemn obligation they thus contract.

LIV. Every Monday, or oftener if requisite, the following Articles of War are to be read and explained to the Recruits enlisted during the preceding week, viz.

The 2d, 3d, 4th, & 5th, Articles of the 2d Section.

* The 1st, 3d, & 4th Articles of the 5th Section.

The 2d, & 3d Articles of the 10th Section; and the 1st, 2d, 6th, 13th, 16th, and 20th Articles of the 11th Section of the Articles of War.

LV. An Oath of Fidelity shall be administered to every Recruit enlisted at Head Quarters of Corps, and to those enlisted at Out stations, the first Muster after joining, and on Parade under their Colours, as follows:—

“ I, A. B. Private in the—Battalion—Regiment, do swear, that I will not abandon these Colours, but always defend them to the utmost of my power, and that I will implicitly obey all the orders of my Commanders, and in every thing behave myself as becomes a good Soldier and faithful Servant of the Company; and failing in any part of my Duty as such, I will submit to the Penalties described in the Articles of War which have been read to me.

NOTE.—By the 10th Articles of the 12th Section of the Articles of War now in force for the Native Troops, it is directed that all of them, being translated into Hindoostanee and Maratha, shall be read once in every six months, and the Sections relating to Mutiny and Desertion once in every two months, at the head of every Regiment, Troop or Company mustered in the Service.

* The following are the corresponding Articles in the present Articles of War—3rd 4th 5th and 6th Articles of the 1st Sec.—1st 2d and 4th Articles of the 4th Sec.—2d and 3rd Articles of the 6th Sec.—and the 1st, 3d, 4th 8th 15th and 17th Articles of the 17th Section.

LVI. The Native Recruit is not to receive a month's Pay at one payment, until he has been a year in the Service; but it shall be issued to him at three different periods, or as soon as practicable after Pay is received and at two subsequent payments, at ten days' interval.

LVII. Subsistence Money is allowed to every Recruit, from the date of his enlisting. His full Pay is also to commence from the day he is enlisted; but no Pay is to be drawn for Recruits until they have joined their Corps.

LVIII. As Mhow is the principal quarter from which Hindoostanee Recruits are now drawn for the Army of this Presidency, and who compose nearly half the number found in its ranks, and from which Station they cannot march to others within the territories under this Presidency from May to January, all Recruits who may arrive at Mhow between the 15th May and 15th November not belonging to Regiments stationed there, and also those enlisted for general Service, on being passed into the Service by a Committee to be assembled at Mhow for the purpose on the Recruits arrival there shall be entitled to have pay drawn for them from the date of enlistment, in lieu of subsistence only as at present, from which they will be paid the regulated subsistence, and the remainder will be expended in the provision of such Clothing and necessaries as may be deemed requisite to guard them against the effects of the monsoon and consequent sickness and mortality, that has been found hitherto to prevail among the Recruits at Mhow during that season, and on the march to join their respective Regiments and which has been chiefly attributed to insufficiency of Clothing and necessaries.

G. L. 3d July
1840.

LIX. The Recruits while detained at Mhow will be distributed amongst the Native Regiments at the Station and their Drill and discipline properly attended to. Measures will at the same time be adopted for equipping them, as far as circumstances will admit with Arms and Accoutrements, so that by the 15th January of each year drafts will be ready to join their respective Regiments in as efficient a state as practicable.

LX. The subsistence is to be drawn at the rate of two annas and six pies per diem, (which includes the gratuitous sum of one anna and eight pies formerly granted) and paid to the Recruits from the day they are entertained until they join their Corps, when a deduction from the arrears due to the Recruits is to be made of Ten pies daily, for the first month; but for any longer period during which they may have received Subsistence Money the deductions are to be made at the full rate of two Annas and six pies daily.

G. G. O. 16th
April and 1st
June 1812 and
10th Sept. 1834.

LXI. Whenever there may be Recruiting Parties in the neighbourhood of a Military Station, the Officer in Command will give the necessary directions for such Recruits as may be brought in by them, and approved of by him as fit for the Service, being subsisted by the Public Staff Officer of the Station, until they can be forwarded to their respective destinations.

G. O. C. 28th
June 1823.

LXII. Whenever Recruits may be put in march for a distant Station, they are invariably to be furnished with a suitable Escort, under the orders of Commanding Officers of Divisions or Stations, from the nearest Troops from which such can be spared; and strict injunctions are to be given to the Officer or Non-commissioned Officer in charge, to protect whatever Cash may be advanced for their Subsistence during the route, in view to guard against any occurrence of the loss and inconvenience already suffered for want of due precaution on this head.

G. O. C. 25th
Nov. 1826.

- G. G. O. 18th
Sept. 1806. LXIII. The Pay of each Recruits as are enlisted at a distance by Recruiting Parties from Corps, and sent to the Presidency for approval, is to commence from the day of their enlistment, provided they are approved of and passed by the Adjutant General, the Recruits being allowed the regulated Subsistence.
- G. G. O. 17th
Jan. 1798. LXIV. Lascars enlisting in the Corps of Artillery, to receive the allowance for their Subsistence in the same manner as Recruits for the Native Infantry.
- G. G. O. 11th
April 1807. LXV. The allowance of two Rupees for Necessaries to each Recruit, is to be granted to Commanding Officers of Corps, as hitherto to furnish him with an Angraka, &c.
- LXVI. When Recruits enlisted for general Service, are sent to Corps at Out-stations by order of the Commander in Chief, they will receive Provision Money as far as they proceed by sea, and Batta for the march until they join their Corps.*
- LXVII. No part of the Recruiting Regulations is applicable to Boys.
- * NOTE. They are allowed the same Batta and Provisions in such circumstances as would be issuable to Native Troops.
- G. O. C. 2d
Nov. 1811. LXVIII. At the Annual Inspections a Roll shall be prepared by each Battalion, which shall contain an accurate description and period of Enlistment, of all the Recruits who have joined in the course of the preceding year, and to which two Columns for remarks must be annexed the first, for any observations the Commanding Officer may have to make in respect to bodily infirmity, or other defect, calculated to prevent any of the Recruits from becoming hardy and efficient Soldiers;—this Roll is to be delivered to the Reviewing Officer, whose duty it will be to minutely inspect the Recruits; and in the second Column of remarks, he will note such observations as may appear to him to be necessary; and when it is laid before the Commander in Chief with the Review Returns, orders will be issued for discharging such Men as may be reported unfit for the Service.
- G. O. C. 1st
Mar. 1824. LXIX. With reference to General Order of the 19th February 1821, Commanding Officers of Regiments of Light Cavalry and Battalions of Native Infantry, will, in future, be pleased to transmit with their Monthly Returns to the Adjutant General's Office, a separate Register Roll of all Recruits enlisted during the preceding month, with a column specifying the Name of the Officer by whom they were approved and finally passed into the service.
- G. G. O. 21st
June 1827. LXX. It appearing that an opinion has been entertained by some individuals of the Native Army that Military Service to the Hon'ble Company, exempts them from Territorial Imposts on any properties belonging to them, the Governor in Council is pleased to declare such an opinion to be entirely erroneous, and that, under no circumstances whatever, are the Native Soldiers entitled to exemption from Territorial or other Taxes upon property which they may possess independant of their Military Character.
- LXXI. It is also necessary that Natives entering the Honorable Company's Service should be made clearly to understand that Government will not interfere in any dispute which the Depots of the Hon'ble Company's Army may have, either in respect to Land or any other properties, within the Territories of a Foreign State.
- G. O. C. 21st
June 1827. LXXII. The above Government Order is to be distinctly read and explained at the Head of every Native Regiment, by the respective Interpreters, in the Hindoostanee and Mahratta languages. A translation of the same is to be invariably furnished to all Parties who may hereafter be employed on the Recruiting Service, with explicit instructions to communicate these terms to such Men as may offer to enlist; and Commanding Officers will ascertain that this has been duly attended to, on the arrival of the Recruits at the Head Quarters of their respective Regiments.
- G. G. O. 17th
Feb. 1842. LXXIII. The Hon'ble the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that two Infantry Depôts of 1000 Men each, be formed at the undermentioned, or such other stations as His Excellency the Commander in Chief may be pleased to select.
- LXXIV. 1st Depôt Poona—2nd Depôt Ahmednuggur—A Commandant and Adjutant with the allowances assigned to corresponding appointments in Corps of the Line, and as many other Officers as the Commander in Chief may consider necessary will be nominated to each Depôt.
- LXXV. Indents for Clothing, Arms and Accoutrements, are to be prepared by the Officers Commanding the Depôts who will also furnish all necessary Articles of Half Mounting required for the Recruits, agreeably to the Regulations of the service, and draw their Pay as on former similar occasions.
- G. O. C. 22d
Feb. 1842. LXXVI. With reference to the G. G. O. No. 104 of the 17th instant, His Excellency the Commander in Chief is pleased to direct the formation at each of the stations of Poona, and Mhow, a Depôt of Recruits of one thousand Men.
- LXXVII. The Recruits are to be raised for the Army generally, and must be prepared to join any Regiment of Native Infantry of the Line, into which they may be drafted.
- LXXVIII. The Depôts must be Recruited with the greatest care, and each Man before being brought on the Rolls must be subjected to the strictest Military and Medical examination.
- LXXIX. Officers Commanding Corps, stationed at Poons and Mhow, will in communication with the Officers appointed to command, furnish Parties of active and intelligent Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates, for the purpose of obtaining eligible Recruits for the above Depôts.
- LXXX. Descriptive Rolls of Men enlisted are to be sent weekly to the Office of the Adjutant General of the Army, and Numerical Returns are to be sent monthly to the same Department.

LXXXI. Orders for the formation of the Companies and fixing the establishment of the Depôts will be hereafter promulgated.

LXXXII. Drafts of Native Commissioned, Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates in the proportions laid down in the following figured Statement, are to be furnished by the Corps indicated, and ordered to join forthwith the respective Depôts, for the purpose of preserving discipline and as Drill Instructors,

	Subedars.	Jemodars.	Havildars.	Naiques.	Privates.
2d Grenadier Regiment Native Infantry.....	1	1	2	..	4
3rd Regiment Native Infantry.....	1	1	..	2	4
7th Ditto.....	1	..	2	2	4
9th Ditto.....	1	1	..	2	4
13th Ditto.....	1	..	2	..	4
14th Ditto.....	1	1	2	2	4
} For Poona..					

4 4 8 8 24					
18th Regiment Native Infantry.....	1	1	2	..	4
19th Ditto.....	1	1	..	2	4
22d Ditto.....	1	..	2	2	4
23rd Ditto.....	1	1	2	2	4
24th Ditto.....	1	..	2	..	4
26th Ditto.....	..	1	..	2	4
} For Mhow..					

4 4 8 8 24					

LXXXIII. These Men are to be selected with great care and attention, with reference to their perfect fitness for the efficient discharge of the duties required of them.

LXXXIV. The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased, in conformity with the Rules established by the Government of India, to fix the following scale of allowances and Establishment, for the Levies directed to be raised at Poona and Mhow, by late orders.

G. J. O. 21st
May 1842.

LXXXV. The Commandant will draw the allowances of the Command of a Corps of the Line, from the 1st of the month subsequent to that on which he may report his arrival to the Officer Commanding at the station fixed for the formation of the Levy, this allowance is to be held to cover all charges incidental to the Command for Writers, Stationery and for providing Pay Sircars.

LXXXVI. Whenever Arms are delivered out, the Recruits will be formed into Companies of 100 each, not including Instructors, with an allowance of (25) twenty five Rupees per man per month for each Company, for the repair of Arms and Accoutrements, Petty Stores &c. &c.

LXXXVII. The following Establishment will be placed under the Adjutant, who will be entitled to the allowances of an Adjutant to a Corps of the Line, from the 1st of the month subsequent to that on which he may report his arrival at the depôt Station.

1 Bheestee for every 100 Men.....	}	On reaching 400 Men.
1 Native Hospital Assistant.....		
1 Hospital Apprentice.....		
1 Bazar Chowdry.....		
2 Ditto Peons.....		
1 Drill Havildar.....	}	To each Levy.
1 Drill Naique.....		

Drill Instructors from Corps who may be attached to the Levies, will be entitled to full Batta while so employed.

LXXXVIII. Officers in charge of newly enlisted Recruits attached to Regiments, will draw an allowance of Rupees (10) ten for Writer and Stationery, when the aggregate number amounting to the strength of one Company, a similar sum will be admitted for the repair of Arms when they have been issued to the Recruits.

G. O. C. 16th
July 1842.

LXXXIX. No allowance will be admitted for details consisting of a smaller number than those above specified, vizt. of the strength of one or two Companies respectively.

XC. This order to have effect from the 1st July 1842.

Recruiting Parties.

XCI. Commanding Officers of Corps may detach Recruiting Parties to any Station they may think proper; but the number to be absent at one time, must not exceed 2 Native Officers, 6 Non-commissioned Officers, and 12 Privates, whose Names are to be reported to the Adjutant General for the Commander in Chief's sanction.

G. O. C. 11th
Apr. 1807.

XCVI. Details so detached, will be allowed Batta during their absence from the Corps; if Provision Money be advanced for a Passage by Sea, the amount to be deducted from the Accounts of each, in next payment of Pay and Batta.

XCVII. Native Officers and Men detached on the Recruiting Service, are each to be furnished with a Pay Certificate; and a Roll of their names is to be forwarded to the Adjutant General, according to a form prepared in his Office.

G. O. C. 14th
Nov. 1823.

XCVIII. An Advance of Rupees five hundred * is sanctioned to Commanding Officers of Native Battalions, who may from time to time be authorized by the Commander in Chief to employ the Hindoostanee Sepoys proceeding on furlough to the Bengal Provinces, to obtain Recruits for the Service of their respective Battalions; such Advances being disbursed exclusively in the Subsistence of such Recruits, and accounted for accordingly, by regular Abstracts, on the arrival of the Recruits at Head-Quarters of their Corps.

* NOTE. An advance not exceeding Rs. 3000 was granted to the Officers Commanding the Recruit Depôts at Mhow and Poona; G. L. 25th June 1842.

G. O. C. 24th
Sep. 1825.

XCVI. The Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that, when Commanding Officers of Corps may receive the advance of Rupees Five Hundred, (Rs. 500) authorized by the General Orders of the 14th November 1823 for the purpose of employing Sepoys on leave in obtaining Recruits for their respective Regiments, strict injunctions be given to the Parties to whom the Money may be intrusted, to appropriate it only in subsisting the Recruits they may eventually Enlist; and not to lay out the Money, as has in a late instance occurred, in the purchase of other articles as a means of Remittance to the place where the Money was ultimately required.

G. O. C. 16th
Oct. 1824.

XCVI. With reference to the Government General Order of the 15th ultimo. Officers Commanding Native Regiments will direct all Soldiers employed by them to Enlist Recruits, to explain to all such as may not be Natives of the Bombay Provinces, the Rates of Pension which will be granted to the different Ranks when Individuals may become entitled to such a Provision from Government, in the event of their fixing their residence within the Territories subordinate to the Bengal Government, and which must be repeated at the Head Quarters of the Regiment before the Recruit takes an Oath of Fidelity to the Honorable Company, as directed in the Standing Regulations of the Army; and it is directed that a record of the same having been done shall be entered in the Register Books.

G. L. 6th August
1818.

XCVII. "The several Collectors under this Presidency have been directed to instruct the Patells of the different Villages under their collectorship, to keep a Register of all Men who may enter as Sepoys, and to report such as shall return to their homes without a Liberty Pass, or Discharge Certificate, with the view of preventing Desertion in the Army of this Presidency; and it will be necessary that the Recruiting Officer invariably report the Men he may enlist, to the Patell."

G. O. C. 9th
Mar. 1809.

XCVIII. Considerable inconvenience having been experienced by Recruiting Parties detached to places remote from the fixed Stations for British Troops, from the difficulty of procuring their Monthly Pay; the Governor in Council is pleased to notify that, in future, when Recruiting Parties are proceeding to situations where no communication is open with the Out-stations of the Army, the Commandant of the Battalion to which the Recruiting Party belongs, is to draw two or three months' Pay and Batta in advance, as may be required, which he is to pay over to the Native Officer in charge of the Detail, with instructions to issue it monthly to the Men, and to account on his return for its due disbursement.

G. O. C. 4th
Sept. 1798.

XCIX. All Payments to Native Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, or Sepoys, while absent from their Corps on the Recruiting Service, are to be inserted, not only in the Register Book of the Officer who makes the payment, but likewise on the back of the Certificate of the Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or Private who receives it; and this Voucher is to be delivered by those concerned to their respective Commanding Officers, on the return of the Party to their Corps.

G. O. C. 10th
June 1842.

C. With reference to the above Article the Commander in Chief is pleased to direct in supercession of the present system, and to guard as far as possible against exceptionable men, who have been rejected by one Corps, being passed into the service to serve in another, that when Recruits, for particular Regiments or for general service arrive at a Military Station, the Officer Commanding will, immediately on a report of the circumstance being made to him, assemble a Committee for their Inspection, composed of experienced Officers with at least one Medical Officer as a Member, who are to be enjoined to pay most particular attention, to the examination of the Recruits: one copy of whose proceedings is to be forwarded to the Adjutant General's Office, and another to the Officer Commanding the Regiment or Depôt for which the Recruits may have been enlisted.

G. O. C. 23d
July 1842.

CI. With reference to the G. O. C. No. 1 dated the 10th ultimo, the proceedings of station Committees assembled for the examination of Native Recruits, are to be prepared according to the following Form.

(FORM.)

Proceedings of a Committee assembled by order of _____ Commanding
at _____ to examine and report upon Recruits enlisted for _____
Station and date.

PRESIDENT.

A. B., Lieut. Col.

C. D., Major. } Members. } E. F., Surgeon.

Descriptive Roll of Recruits examined.

Number.	NAME.	Date of enlistment.	Height.		Complexion or Mark.	Caste.		Country.			Name of Patel or Head-man of the Village.	Opinion and Remarks of the Committee.
			Feet.	Inches.		Religion.	Tribe.	Province.	Purgannah or Zillah.	City or Village.		
1	Shalk Allia	1st July 1842.	13	5 8	{ Sal- { low.	Mahomedan	Shalk.	Conkum.	Chiploon	Kheir.	{ Don- { doo { Punt.	{ Fit or un- { fit from { malforma- { tion of { the chest.

G. H. Major-General.
Comdg. at _____

A. B. Lieut. Col.
President.
C. D. }
E. F. } Members.

N. B. The names of all Recruits who appear for examination, whether declared fit for the service, or rejected as unfit by the Committee are to appear recorded on the face of the Proceedings, in order to determine the amount of subsistence, to which the latter became entitled from the date of being entertained by the Recruiting party, until finally examined and discharged as unfit for the Service.

CII. Native Commissioned Officers, or Privates, proceeding on the Recruiting Service, are to be transported by Sea, when necessary, on the Company's Vessels or Boats; and where these cannot be procured, the expense of their Passage is to be defrayed by the Hon'ble Company.

G. O. C. 4th
Dec. 1797.

CIII. In the like manner, Recruits are to be conveyed to the Head Quarters of, or nearest Port to their Corps, at the Company's expense.

CIV. All Commanding Officers and Staff at Subordinates, are therefore directed to give every requisite assistance to Officers or Men employed in Recruiting, and they are to take the earliest opportunity of embarking Recruits to join their Corps.

CV. The Officers Commanding, the Majors of Brigade, and Fort Adjutants of Stations, are enjoined to be particularly attentive to Recruiting Parties arriving on Detachment at their respective Stations; and it will be their especial duty to draw the Pay and Subsistence to the Parties and Recruits, while they remain at the Station.

G. O. C. 11th
Apr. 1807.

CVI. When Recruits are brought to them by Individuals recruiting, they must examine them, and be careful not to receive any Recruit who is not in height and age, according to the regulations laid down.

CVII. When Recruits are sent to their Corps, they must furnish a Register Roll of them for the Commanding Officer of the Corps, according to a form furnished from the Adjutant General's Office.

CVIII. Such Recruits and Recruiting Parties as may arrive at the Presidency for Corps at Out-stations, are to be placed under the charge and direction of the Adjutant of the Marine Battalion.

G. G. O. 21st
Mar. 1799.

CXIX. (H. C. L. 15th Sept. 1819, Para. XLIII) "We repeat our directions, that the practice of giving Bounty to the Bringers of Native Recruits, be discontinued-

G. G. O. 6th
Apr. 1820.

CX. The appointment of Recruiting Officer in the Southern Concan, is discontinued.

G. G. O. 9th
Jan. 1839.

CXI. The Hon'ble the Court of Directors having in their commands under date the 12th July 1805, directed that an Establishment of Sepoy Boys should be made to each Native Battalion under this Presidency, the Commander in Chief directs that the following Regulations for the admission of Recruits under that establishment, shall be observed in future:—

G. O. C. 9th
Mar. 1810.

CXII. The Recruits to be formed of the sons, brothers, or near relations * and connexions of the old Soldiers of the several ranks, of such Men as appear inclined to follow the Military Profession, giving the preference in the selections to the sons and brothers of Men who have lost their lives in the Service.

* Restricted to the Orphan Sons and Sons of Native Officers and Soldiers exclusively.

CXIII. Boys of the above description, and not less than eight years of Age, shall be eligible to be Recruits, provided they are healthy and without any defect likely to render them unfit for the Service.

CXIV. Each Boy to receive the Pay regulated by Government, until he is dismissed the Drill and is found fit to take his tour of common duties, when he is to be put on the effective strength of the Corps to which he is attached, and to be entitled from that period to the Pay, Clothing, and all other Allowances of an effective Private,

CXV. Every Boy so transferred from the list of Recruits to the Corps as an effective Private, shall at the first following Muster take the Oath of Fidelity, as prescribed by the Standing Regulations, and in front of the Battalion.

CXVI. As the Boy Recruits thus attached to Corps, are returned, drawn for, and paid separately, so are they to be regularly mustered with the Battalion, and the casualties of admission into the Service, and transfer to the effective strength of the Corps, are to be noted in the Muster Rolls.

CXVII. Commanding Officers of Corps will take care that the Boys are not removed to the Ranks, until they are sixteen years of age, or their stature such, before that time, as may enable them to bear Arms.

CXVIII. As these Regulations are intended as a provision for the Children and Relatives of old Soldiers, Commanding Officers of Native Corps will be particularly careful, that only such Boys are admitted on the Rolls, whose attachment and fidelity may be reasonably expected from the principle of the Institution,

G. G. O. 26th
June 1812.

CXIX. At the Annual Inspection of Corps, a Register Roll of the names, age, size, to whom related, degree of consanguinity, and the probable time of each Boy becoming effective, must accompany the Review Returns, and the Reviewing Officer will consider it a part of his duty to inspect the Boys, and report every deviation from the orders of the 9th of March 1810; he will likewise direct such Boys to be placed on the strength of the Battalion, as are of the prescribed height, and who appear in every other respect fit to bear Arms; and he will further notice such Sepoy Boys who, after having attained a certain age, do not promise either from their height, or other circumstances, to become fit for the Service.

G. O. C. 10th
June 1824.

CXX. All Sepoy Boys of Cavalry and Infantry of the age of 17 without having reached the height of 5 feet 3 inches, and who are fit for Artillery Drivers, are to have the option of entering as such or of being forthwith discharged.

G. G. O. 11th
July 1833.

CXXI. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to repeal the General Order which remodelled the Recruit Boy Establishment attached to the Army of this Presidency.

CXXII. Under this arrangement the Establishment of each Regiment will revert to its former strength of twenty five Recruit Boys.

G. G. O. 25th
Nov. 1836.

CXXIII. (*H. C. L. to G. J. No. 7 of 1836.*) After a careful consideration of the facts and arguments connected with the Establishment of Recruit and Pension Boys at the Minor Presidencies, who have to express our concurrence in the opinion of Sir C. Metcalf, that the Establishment of Recruit and Pension Boys should hereafter be restricted to the Orphan sons and sons of Native Officers and Soldiers exclusively:

CXXIII. As the Establishment of Recruit and Pension Boys in each Corps was fixed at its present Standard, at periods when the number of Native Commissioned, Non-Commissioned and Rank and File in each Regiment of Native Infantry and Cavalry were much larger than at present, we are of opinion, that every available opportunity should be taken for making proportionate reduction in the Establishment,

CXXIV. Mean while, we desire that no vacancy may be filled up; unless there be a duly qualified candidate for it, amongst the Orphan Sons or sons of Native Officers or Soldiers who have been, or now are in the service.

CXXV. We also desire that the employment of the Recruit or Pension Boys, as Sergeants to Officers, be positively interdicted.