

*Despatch 28, paragraph 10.*

12. The men of the 4th and 6th Bengal European Regiments, and the Men of the Bengal European Infantry of the Depôt at Barrackpore, will be allowed to volunteer for any one of the three new Regiments of the Line in Bengal. The Men of the Bengal European Light Cavalry of the Depôt at Barrackpore will be allowed to volunteer for any one of the three new Regiments of the Cavalry of the Line. The Men of the Cavalry and Infantry Arm of the Depôt at Barrackpore who do not volunteer will join the Local Regiment of their Arm.

13. Her Majesty having graciously determined to mark Her estimation of the services of Her Indian Armies, by conferring the designation of "Royal" upon three of the European Regiments, and by selecting for this honour one Regiment from each Presidency—the selection of which has been left by Her Majesty to the judgment and discretion of the Government of India—the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council has much gratification in announcing that the following Regiments will henceforward bear the honourable designation of "Royal" Regiments:—

- The 1st Bengal Fusiliers.
- The 1st Madras Fusiliers.
- The 1st Bombay Fusiliers.

*Despatch 28, paragraphs 17, 23, 26, 29.*

14. The three older Regiments in the several Presidencies will thus be converted into Regiments of Her Majesty's General Army, and will be numbered and designated as follows:—

- The 101st Regiment of Foot (Royal Bengal Fusiliers).
- The 102nd Regiment of Foot (Royal Madras Fusiliers).
- The 103rd Regiment of Foot (Royal Bombay Fusiliers).
- The 104th Regiment of Foot (Bengal Fusiliers).
- The 105th Regiment of Foot (Madras Light Infantry).
- The 106th Regiment of Foot (Bombay Light Infantry).
- The 107th Regiment of Foot (Bengal Infantry).
- The 108th Regiment of Foot (Madras Infantry).
- The 109th Regiment of Foot (Bombay Infantry).

*Despatch 28, paragraphs 17, 23, 26.*

15. The Corps transferred to Her Majesty's Service will retain all honorary distinctions which they have won. These will be borne on appointments and colours, or in the Army List, in such manner as Her Majesty's Government may think best suited to the Arm of the Service to which the Corps belongs.

*Despatch 28, paragraphs 10, 12, 24, 27.*

16. The Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Infantry who may prefer the conditions of Indian Service will be placed in one or more Regiments of Infantry, to be formed as Local Regiments in each Presidency, with Officers selected from those who may not volunteer for Line Service.

*Despatch 28, paragraph 10. Despatch 29, paragraph 10.*

17. In the Artillery, Cavalry (including the Lahore Light Horse), and Infantry of the Indian Forces, there are many Men who volunteered from Regiments of the Line. To these Men the

Governor-General in Council allows the option of returning to the Regiments, whether of Cavalry or Infantry, from which they volunteered, if those Regiments are now in India, or of transfer to other Regiments of British Cavalry or Infantry serving in India, or to the Regiments to be now retained of the Arm to which such men belong. The men of this class electing to be transferred to British Regiments serving in India will not receive Bounty, having received it on entering the Indian Service. To those who accept the conditions of Her Majesty's General Service now offered Bounty will be given on the same terms as to the other Men in the Indian Service. The Volunteers here alluded to will be further allowed the option of discharge, if unwilling to remain in the Service. Those who prefer the existing conditions of the Indian Service will be allowed to remain with a Local Regiment.

18. The Non-Commissioned Officers of Artillery, of the 4th and 5th Bengal European Cavalry, and of the 4th and 6th Bengal European Infantry, who volunteer for the new Regiments of the Line, will carry their rank with them, and be Supernumeraries in the Regiments for which they volunteer, being made effective in their respective ranks as vacancies occur, in the proportion of three appointments to four vacancies.

*General tenor of Despatch 28.*

19. To the Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Men employed in the several Departments of the Army, to the Non-Commissioned Officers serving with Native Regiments, and to all other Men borne on the Unattached List in Bengal, and the Lists of Effective Supernumeraries in Madras and Bombay, the Governor General in Council offers the option of accepting the conditions of Her Majesty's General Service, according to the Arm of the Service to which they belong, with Bounty to all Men not of Warrant Rank who, under the usual conditions of Service, would be entitled to Bounty, or of remaining on the conditions of the Indian Service, if they prefer to do so.

*Despatch 28, paragraph 10.*

20. The rates of Bounty to be issued will be as follows:—

To men who have more than 4 years to serve from the 18th February, 1861 . . . . .	Rs. 50
To men who have more than 3 and less than 4 years to serve from the same date . . . . .	" 40
To men who have more than 2 and less than 3 years to serve from the same date . . . . .	" 30
To men who have more than 1 and less than 2 years to serve from the same date . . . . .	" 20
To men who have 1 year or less to serve from the same date . . . . .	" 10

Any expense caused to a man by his transfer will be reimbursed to him. No kit, or compensation in lieu of kit, will be given.

21. The immediate issue of Bounty to men volunteering is hereby authorized, on their making the Declaration appended to this General Order before a Justice of the Peace or Magistrate.

*Despatch 28, paragraph 9.*

22. The earliest measures will be taken in the three Presidencies, under the orders of their Excellencies the Commanders-in-Chief, to ascertain the wishes of the Men; and the result will be reported to the Government of India without delay. The Commander-in-Chief in India may