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MEMORANDUM

Of Instructions for Officers in Charge of Sections of the Elephant Procession on the occasion of the State Entry of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General into Delhi on the 29th December 1902.

(1) The attention of Section Officers is invited to the following portions of the programme of the State Entry :—

Paragraph 6, page 2, last sentence.

" 7 " 2, " "

" 8 " 2, first "

" 9 " 2, first portion, *i.e.*, line of route, and then again from on "elephants" to last name in list of Ruling Chiefs (Sawbwa of Keng Tung, page 3).

" 10 " 4, from "The elephants" to "Railway station," and again "from His Excellency" * * * * to "on the road".

" 11 " 5, from beginning to * * * "enter their carriages".

(2) In order to avoid confusion at the start, and ensure uniformity of pace and movement throughout the progress of the procession, the elephants taking part therein shall be marshalled in four sections (as shown in plan). In charge of each section will be a mounted Attaché.

(3) The elephants will stand facing each other as indicated in paragraphs 9 and 10; thus the first pair will be those of His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad and His Highness the Gaekwar of Baroda (see plan).

(4) The interval between each of the electric light posts running down the centre of the Queen's Road is 200 feet (66½ yards). With 16 elephants (eight pairs) arranged on either side of the road, an interval from 6 to 8 yards (according to the size of the elephants) should be maintained. The elephants on the left side (the odd numbers) will be arranged as close against the footpath as possible, and those on the right side (the even numbers) will stand facing the former in the same position on the opposite side of the road, so that a clear pathway of about 40 feet be left between the two lines.

(5) On the morning of the State Entry the elephants taking part in the procession will rendezvous on the ground to the east of the point where the Elgin Road joins the Queen's Road (as laid down in the orders for the regulation of traffic), and shall there be marshalled in their correct order and then marched down to the railway station, which should be reached by A.M. On arrival there the Viceregal elephants will at once take up their appointed places within the station enclosure. The remainder will be halted when the station gate is reached by the first pair (Nizam and Gaekwar), and will then open out right and left and take up their proper positions on the Queen's Road.

(6) Once in position no elephant shall leave its place until it is required to do so in the proper manner and in its proper place in the procession. All ladder-men shall be standing ready ladder in hand by the side of each elephant, and the spearmen should be grouped on both sides of all elephants on which they may be attending. Chobdars and other retainers will take up similar positions on both sides of each animal, and none of these persons shall be allowed to stand about in the middle of the road, or away from their particular charges.

(7) After the reception of His Excellency the Viceroy and His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the ruling Chiefs taking part in the procession will be conducted to their elephants by their Political Officers and the Foreign Office Attachés on duty. Section Officers will then see that no time is lost by the Chiefs in their respective sections in mounting their elephants and getting into positions, and, in order to prevent confusion, each elephant (when the Chief arrives) should be made to sit down on the spot where it stands, and shall not move into the main road or otherwise shift from its appointed place.

(8) The Chiefs having taken their seats, and all Political Officers not taking part in the procession having left, the street will be cleared of all unauthorized persons, such as extra-attendants, etc., and as soon as each Section Officer is satisfied that all is in order in his charge, he will signal to the officer in charge of the elephant procession, who will be stationed in the centre of the Queen's Road opposite the entrance to the railway station. The officer in charge will then report to the Foreign Secretary, upon which the Viceregal procession will issue from the railway station enclosure, and immediately in rear of the Viceregal party the Native Chiefs will join in, in pairs, in the manner described in paragraph 10 of the official programme, and the formation of the procession will then proceed in the manner shown in plan. Thus, as soon as the elephant of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught passes into the middle of the main street clear of the station gate, the first pair of elephants (on which shall be seated Their Highnesses the Nizam and Gaekwar) shall circle inwards and join in. The next pair and all others after them shall in the same manner join in as soon as the preceding portion of the procession passes ten to twelve paces beyond their own position (see plan).

Section Officers will see that each pair circles in correctly and takes up its proper place in the column of route, and when the elephants in his charge have all joined in he will follow

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in rear and ride on one flank as shown in plan, so that he may be in a position to watch the pace from in front, and regulate that of his own section accordingly.

The procession will, therefore, be complete when the 28th pair (Nos. 55 and 56) has joined in and the Viceregal party will have reached a point about 800 feet beyond where the last elephants had been stationed (see plan).

(9) Once the procession begins to move, a steady walking pace will be maintained up to the entrance to the Khas Road, from which point the intervals will be closed up to about 8 yards, and the pace decreased, and all mahouts and attendants should move their "Chauris," etc., so that full effect may be given to the splendour of the scene. The pace may be increased to a steady walk once the procession emerges from the Chandni Chauk and a steady walk shall then be maintained till the final position outside the Mori Gate is reached.

In decreasing the pace, Section Officers should see that mahouts do not stop their elephants dead, as this results in a sudden stoppage and crowding up of all the animals in rear—a contingency specially to be avoided.

(10) Balamdars (spearmen) should march, when present, on either side and "in front" of all tuskers and *between* them whenever possible. Chobdars and other attendants should range themselves on the outer flanks of the elephants on which they attend.

(11) The procession will close in the manner described in paragraph 11 of the official programme. On arriving at the spot indicated the elephants of the Viceregal staff will enter the ground and form up in rear of the elephants of His Excellency and His Royal Highness (see plan). The staff having dismounted, His Excellency and His Royal Highness will then dismount and enter their carriages.

The remainder of the elephants will be conducted down the Boulevard Road as laid down in the official programme.

Political Officers and Attachés on duty will assist materially if they would kindly communicate these instructions to their respective mahouts, etc., so that they may become fully acquainted with the work which will be required of them on the occasion of the State Entry.

By order,

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The 18th December 1902.