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670. Accounts. Financial arrangements connected with South Persia Rifles. We propose to define financial powers General Officer Commanding South Persia Rifles as follows. General Officer Commanding should be given full powers under Field Service Regulations subject to following restrictions:—

(1) That his powers do not apply to anything outside strict scope of raising and maintaining South Persia Rifles and conducting those operations for which Force has been primarily constituted.

(2) That the General Officer Commanding shall have no power to increase pay or allowances of gazetted or commissioned officers recruited from India without previous approval of Government of India.

(3) That as soon as possible after arrival in Persia of his Financial Adviser, General Officer Commanding should be required to prepare accurate forecast of his requirements, and that after such forecast has been approved by His Majesty's Government, General Officer Commanding should be required to keep strictly within the limits of expenditure laid down therein.

(4) That in view of express injunction given by Secretary of State for India regarding enforcement of economy it shall be open to Financial Adviser in any case in which he considers that this injunction is being disregarded to require General Officer Commanding to report any expenditure which is being incurred for approval of higher financial authority. The question of who this authority should be will depend upon orders which you may pass on our Army Department telegram dated 19th May, No. 7358.

Rivaz, whose appointment as Financial Adviser was reported to you in our telegram dated 23rd April 1917, No. 402, is unable to take up post and we have selected Waterfield, Indian Finance Department, and have instructed him fully as to his duties. He is starting immediately for Persia.

Please telegraph whether you agree regarding financial powers of General Officer Commanding.

