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[Despatch Abstract.]

Coming to the A.G. Pres: genl. dept. sanctioning as a special case the employment of two temporary clerks in the office of the S. M. Cuddeback for work in connection with the enforcement of the Arms Act Rules; and requesting the Bd. of Rev. to submit the usual proposition and reappropriation statements.

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2. The Board of Rev will
be requested to submit the usual
proposition statement and the reas.
proposition statement presented

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To the Acct. Genl (C.C.)

M. 3.6.99. The Board of Rev (C.C.) through
the Rev. Dept.

Arms Act Rules.

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Sanctioning, as a special case, the employment of two temporary clerks on Rs. 15 each in
the office of the District Magistrate of Cuddapah for work in connection with the enforcement of
the —, and requesting the Board of Revenue to allot the necessary funds for the current year.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From H. O. D. HARDING, Esq., Acting District Magistrate, Cuddapah, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 17th March 1899.

G.O., No. 813, Judicial, dated 4th May 1896, enjoins the following procedure in the District Magistrate's office in respect of disposal of applications for licenses under the Arms Act :—

(1) *Registry of applications received.*—The usual number of applications vary from 4,800 to 5,000. In the register details of the applicant's name, father's name, taluk and village, description of weapons, number of arms and retainers, &c., have to be noted.

(2) *Correspondence in connection with applications.*—Fresh applications have to be forwarded to Taluk Magistrates for report, and references have to be made to parties in cases wherein information furnished is incomplete.

(3) *Preparation of licenses.*—

(4) *Despatch of licenses, Service bearing, to parties direct.*—A wrapper has to be put on for every license and the full address of the individual superscribed. Entries have also to be made in the tappal book.

(5) *Posting of numbers of licenses issued in the printed register of arms holders for each taluk.*—These registers have alphabetical index of villages. Pages have to be turned over in reference to this index and the numbers of licenses issued have then to be posted.

(6) The preparation of the following monthly lists to be furnished to the Superintendent of Police and Taluk Magistrates after the expiry of the first quarter of every year :—

(a) list of new licenses with full details ;

(b) list of licensees who have renewed their licenses after the first quarter of the year ;

(c) list of persons to be struck off the register by reason of death, transfer of weapons, or of the District Magistrate's refusal to renew the license.

(7) The preparation of quarterly lists of old licensees who have not renewed their licenses to be sent to the Superintendent of Police and Taluk Magistrates.

2. Prior to the receipt of the Government Order above quoted, the practice obtaining in this district in respect of the issue of the Arms Act licenses was as noted below :—

Applications for licenses were gathered from the parties through the village officers and station-house officers by the Taluk Magistrates and Deputy Tahsildar Magistrates as the case may be and sent to the District Magistrate's office in batches of 300 or 400 applications. The applications were classified villagewar, and were accompanied by lists in triplicate. The lists furnished the following information :—

1. Taluk and village.
2. Applicant's name.
3. Father's name.
4. Description of weapons.
5. Number of arms and retainers.
6. Under what rule required.
7. Value of stamp on which application made.
8. Whether application is one for renewal or for fresh grant.
9. District within which license should be valid.
10. Purpose for which arm is required.
11. Recommendation.
12. Remarks.

The licenses were prepared in the District Magistrate's office and the serial numbers given were noted in the remarks column of each of the lists. One copy of the list with the licenses was returned to the Taluk Magistrate for distribution of licenses to parties through the village officers and the station-house officers ; the second copy was sent to the Superintendent of Police and the third retained in the District Magistrate's office for reference.

3. It will be observed from what is stated above that the only work done in the District Magistrate's office under the old system was the issue of licenses and noting down the numbers of licenses in the printed registers kept for the purpose, while the work of registering the applications, distribution of licenses and preparation of lists to be sent to the Superintendent of Police was divided among fifteen officers, viz.,—eleven Taluk Magistrates and four Deputy Tahsildar Magistrates. The new system was attempted to be worked out in its entirety from the year 1897, but it was found impossible to adhere to the rules. The magisterial work in the District Magistrate's office is allotted in this district, as in other districts and as contemplated by Board's Standing Order to two clerks (the magisterial clerk and an assistant on Rs. 20). Last year the Arms Act work had to be divided among the magisterial clerk, his assistant and eight other clerks of the Revenue branch. The work, however, was not satisfactorily got through. The pressure of work in the Revenue branch is very great in the first-half of the calendar year owing to jamabandi and other reasons, and this is just the season when aid for Arms Act work is needed. The work has inevitably to fall into arrear till the Revenue branch is in a position to come for relief, i.e., till the second-half of the calendar year.

4. When the establishment returns to head-quarters after jamabandi, it has to dispose of the arrears which accrues during jamabandi and this it does under considerable pressure, when it cannot be expected to render any help to the Magisterial branch. As soon as the rains commence, several of the clerks fall sick in Cuddapah simultaneously, so that it is even found difficult to keep current work going. I request, therefore, that Government will be pleased to sanction an annual expenditure of Rs. 180 towards the pay of two clerks on Rs. 15 each to be entertained during the first six months of each year. The revenue derived from stamps ranges from Rupees 1,100 to Rs. 1,200, leaving out of account the amount of Rs. 150 or so annually gained by the postal department by sending licenses under the new system, service bearing. To enable me to entertain the extra establishment from this year forward, I solicit the early sanction of Government.

ORDER—No. 654, Judicial, dated 25th April 1899.

The increased establishment recommended by the District Magistrate is sanctioned as a special case, and the Board of Revenue will be requested to allot the necessary funds for the current year.

(True Extract.)

for Chief Secretary.

To the District Magistrate, Cuddapah.

Financial Department. ✓
Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
through the Revenue Department.

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