

# Government of Madras

HOME DEPARTMENT (MISCELLANEOUS)

G.O. No. 866, 5th December 1918

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of club servants at political meetings applies also to attendance at  
of conferences whereby violation of the law, but that attendance authorized  
by the head of - Dept., for fraying public opinion is not deemed to be an act of the Dept.  
READ AGAIN G.O. No. 684, dated June 11, 1918

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*READ ALSO:—*

C. No. 3030, From the Dt. magk, Vijaya, No. 1339, dated 21.10 1918  
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## ORDER.

No. 866, dated 5-12-1918.

The D<sup>r</sup> Master, vizagapatam,  
is informed that the prohi-  
bition against Govt. Servants  
attending political meetings  
adverted to in the proceedings  
read above applies also to  
attendance at W. Conferences,  
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ABSTRACT.—

**II**  
Letter—from H. A. B. VERNON, Esq., I.C.S., District Magistrate, Vizagapatam.  
To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous) Department.  
Dated—the 21st October 1918.  
No.—R.C. 1339/B. & G.

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(True extract)

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Letter from H. A. B. Varman, I.O.S., District Magistrate, Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to Government, Home (Miscellaneous), dated 21st October 1918.

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