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No. 2. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated 18th May 1857, No. 54.

SIR,

With reference to para: 2 of the Extract from Minutes of Consultation, under date the 25th October 1856, No. 1166, I do myself the honor to submit herewith, for the approval of Government, the accompanying Rules for the regulation of Public Processions, which appear to me to be necessary to meet the provisions of Section LXXVII of Act XIII of 1856, and to remove all doubts and difficulties on the part of the Magistrates in the adjudication of cases sent up by the Police for breaches of that Section.

I beg to state that in framing the Rules, I have endeavoured to make them as liberal as possible, leaving a large margin for the exercise of a just discretion on the part of the Commissioner of Police, taking care, at the same time, to avoid any direct interference with the privileges of the people in the celebration of the feasts and ceremonies, which they have enjoyed from time immemorial. The principal object of the Rules, it will be seen, is the protection of the public peace and the discouragement of religious disputes amongst the people which sometimes lead to serious consequences.

It is almost impossible to frame Rules to meet the necessities of every case, but those now submitted if carefully and cautiously brought into operation, will, I hope, prove beneficial to the people themselves, and the public generally.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

RULES FOR THE REGULATION OF PUBLIC PROCESSIONS, &c., WITHIN THE TOWN OF MADRAS.

The following Rules prepared by the Commissioner of Police under the provisions of Section LXXVII of Act No. XIII of 1856, are sanctioned by Government.

Rule 1. No procession, festival or other ceremonial, whether of a public or a private nature, is to be held in any street or public place without the written license of the Commissioner of Police, to whom application for permission must be made.

Rule 2. Licenses will be immediately given for all ordinary public processions and festivals, on its being shewn that they are to be held in the usual place and manner, and that there is no danger of any disturbance of the public peace. If there is any dispute, the Commissioner of Police will suspend the license until the parties come to an understanding, or he is satisfied that the peace will not be disturbed.

Rule 3. Licenses will also be given for any other festivals, and for private religious processions and ceremonies, such as Marriages, Curmantrum, Varesay or other processions, on its appearing that there is no risk of disturbance to the public peace.

Rule 4. The licenses will show the hours and the limits within which the processions or festivals are to be held, and these conditions must be strictly attended to.

Rule 5. The beating of drums, or tom toms, the playing of musical instruments, or the blowing of trumpets or horns, or the use of dangerous fireworks, or vadiels, will not be permitted in any procession when on a public road, unless specially licensed.

Rule 6. The use of Elephants or Camels in processions passing along public roads is strictly prohibited.

Rule 7. No insignia of caste, banners, drums and musical instruments, priests, religious letters, or any thing calculated to cause excitement or commotion among the people are to be taken in procession without first obtaining license.

PAGODAS.

Rule 8. To assist the Commissioner of Police in giving licenses, there shall be kept at the Office of the Commissioner of Police a Register for each of the 7 Police Divisions.

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Rule 9. Each Divisional Register shall contain a list of the several Pagodas in the Division; the names of the Churchwardens or Durmakurthas, the nature of the festivals appertaining to each, with the dates of their occurrence; the limits of their respective jurisdiction, and such other information as may be deemed necessary.

Rule 10. Only such Pagodas as are registered at the Office of the Commissioner of Police will be recognized.

Rule 11. The Churchwardens or the Managers of Pagodas must give notice to the Commissioner of Police of all casualties and vacancies occurring among their number, either by death, dispute or otherwise.

Rule 12. In case of dispute to right of succession to a vacant Wardenship, the name of that party only will be registered, whose right has been recognized by Court of Law.

Rule 13. Churchwardens, or their responsible Agents, must invariably apply for permission to the Commissioner of Police previous to any public procession of their Pagoda taking place.

Rule 14. As a general rule all processions connected with Pagodas especially the principal ones in the appended list must be confined to the limits heretofore used.

MOHURRUM.

Rule 15. Permission must be applied for and obtained from the Commissioner of Police for the public keeping of Punjabs and Thaboots, and the routes and limits fixed by that Officer for each different procession must be strictly attended to.

POONGUL AND HOOLEE FEASTS.

Rule 16. No Bhoyee-fire at the Poongul feast and no bon-fires at the Hoolee will be allowed without first obtaining permission.

(Signed) J. C. BOULDERSON,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 3. ORDER THEREON, No. 626; dated 27th May 1857.

The Rules drawn out by the Commissioner of Police for regulating festivals and processions, are generally approved of, and are returned with some amendments for his guidance. As they make no change of practice, their publication is at present unnecessary.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Rules for the regulation of Public Proceſsions, &c.

Under the provisions of Section XXII of Act No. XIII of 1856, the Commiſsioner of Police having prepared and submitted the following Rules to Government, and the same having been sanctioned, they are hereby published for general information.

Rule 1st. — There shall be kept at the Office of the Commiſsioner of Police a Register for each of the 7 Police Divisions.

Rule 2nd. — Each Divisional Register shall contain a List of the several Pagodas in the Division; — the names of the Church-Wardens or Durmakurthas, — the nature of the Festivals appertaining to each, with the dates of their occurrence; — the limits of their respective jurisdiction, and such other information as may be deemed neceſsary.

Rule 3rd. — Only such Pagodas as are Registered at the Office of the Commiſsioner of Police shall be recognized —

Rule 4th. — The Churchwardens or the Managers of Pagodas shall give notice to the Commiſsioner of Police of all casualties and Vacancies occurring among their number, either by death, dispute or otherwise.

Rule 5th. — In case of dispute to right of succeſsion to a vacant Wardenship, the name

name of that party only will be registered whose right has been recognized by Court of Law.—

Rule 6th.— Churchwardens, or their responsible Agents, must invariably apply for permission to the Commissioner of Police previous to the Public Procession of any of the Pagodas taking place.

Rule 7th.— These ~~Only such~~ applications will be complied with, on the Commissioner being satisfied that there is no dispute between the parties connected with Pagodas, and no danger to the Peace is to be apprehended.—

Rule 8th.— As a general Rule all Processions connected with Pagodas, must be confined to the limits ~~the~~ Streets, Roads, and thoroughfares heretofore used.—

Rule 9th.— Under no circumstances whatever will permission be granted for any innovation of the established route.

Omit — there may be [illegible] cases occasionally where it would be proper to [illegible] Rule 8

~~Rule 10th.— The beating of Drums, or Tom Toms, the playing of musical Instruments, or the blowing of Trumpets or Horns, or the use of dangerous Fireworks, or Torches, will not be permitted at the processions when on Public Roads, unless Specially Licensed.~~

Rule 11th.— The use of Elephants or Camels in such processions, is strictly prohibited.

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Rule 12th.— The Commissioner of Police ~~shall~~, for the time being, will upon application authorize by written Licenses, such Public Processions, Festivals, or other ceremonials accustomed to take place, in public places ~~in, or about the Streets, or Roads, or in other open Places~~, either during the Night or Day.

Rule 13th.— The Commissioner of Police shall will in such Licences prescribe the Hour and ~~define~~ the limits for ~~the observance of~~ within which such Processions, Feasts &c.— are to be held

Rule 14th.— It shall be lawful for the Commissioner of Police to authorize specially by a written Licence, any ~~other~~ Processions or Ceremonies of a private nature, such as Marriages, Cuimantram, and Varesay Processions, or Private Religious Processions &c. of all denomination. On no danger appearing to the public peace

Rule 15th.— The Native Pagodas [in the list annexed] being the principal ones situated within the Local limits of the Police, and the Festivals of which being attended by a large concourse of people, their Festivals and Processions will be strictly confined to their heretofore prescribed limits.

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Rule 16th.— The Processions of the Mahomedans at their feast called the Mohurrum, the Dusserah — the Pongul, — and the Holee feast processions, belonging to the Hindoos, will be required strictly, to confine themselves to the conditions prescribed in their respective Licences.

Rule 17th.— Permission must be applied for and obtained for the Public Keeping

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of Punjahs, and Thaboots, during the Mohurrum; — for Bonfires during the Holee Feast; — and Bhogee-fire, during the Pongul Feast; — and for the carrying in Processions of Priests; — Religious Letters, or any Documents, calculated to cause excitement or Commotion amongst the people.

Rule 18th. — No body of Men will be permitted to go in procession with any Insignias of Caste, or Banners, or with Drums or Tom Toms, or Musical Instruments, whether of a Religious, Social or private nature, without first obtaining the permission of the Commissioner of Police. —

Rule 19th. — All such Processions as are referred to in the foregoing Rules, may be Licenced for the time being; the Party or Parties to whom the License may be granted, shall be required to conform to the conditions specified in the Licence.

Rule 20th. — Applications for any new Feasts, or processions, connected with existing Pagodas, will not be complied with.

Rule 21st. — In the event of their being disputes as to the observance of Festivals, connected with any Pagodas, or the carrying of Processions in Public Roads, Streets, or thoroughfares; the Commissioner of Police will prohibit the Feast or Procession, as the Case may be, until the parties compromise or settle their differences, or until he is satisfied that the Public Peace, will not be endangered. —

List of Principal Pagodas in the Town and Suburbs of Madras. —

No.	Names of the Pagodas.	Town or Village	Division of Police
1	Sree Parthasarathy — Pagoda	Triplicane	3rd
2	Capalaiswurer — Do.	Mylapoor	4th
3	Cundasawmy — 〃	Black Town	2nd
4	Yakambaraiswurer — 〃	Ditto	2nd
5	Kistnasawmy — 〃	Moothealpettah	1st
6	Mulleeswurer — 〃	Lingy Chetty Street	1st
7	Kutchalaiswurer — 〃	Armenian Street	1st
8	Chennamulleeswurer — 〃	Peddoo Naikenpet	2nd
9	Chennacasawapermal — 〃	Ditto	2nd
10	Aroonachellaiswurer — 〃	Chenga Bazar	2nd
11	Yagattammen — 〃	Seven Wells	2nd
12	Kauleeammen — 〃	Tumboo Chetty Street	1st
13	Casavapermall — 〃	Mylapoor	4th
14	Madavapermall — 〃	Ditto	4th
15	Audecasavapermall — 〃	Chintadrepettah	5th
16	Audeponeeswurer — 〃	Ditto	5th
17	Teroovataiswurer — 〃	Teroovataswurpet	3rd
18	Agusteeswurer — 〃	Nungumbaukum	5th
19	Vycoonthapermall — 〃	Ditto	5th
20	Vencatasapermall — 〃	Pareamettoo	6th
21	Gungadharaiswurer — 〃	Pursawaukum	6th
22	Aroonachellaiswurer — 〃	Aroonachellaiswurpett	7th
23	Comaliswerum Coil — 〃	Comaliswerum Coil	5th
24	Ungalummen Coil — 〃	Chooley	6th
25	Cundasawmy — 〃	Chooley Cosapett	6th

Madras Police.
Commissioner's Office
18th May, 1857.

Commissioner of Police —

22 May 57

My dear Mr [illegible]

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have been no written
rules or regulations
regarding processions
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[illegible] what has been
the usual practice
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Enclosure in a letter
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of Police, dated 18th
May 1857 No. 84.

Rules for the
Regulation of
Public Processions
&c.—

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Yours truly

Strange as it may

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that an [illegible] [illegible]

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Memo

These rules are substantially the same as those drawn out by Colonel Boulderson, but some repetitions have been avoided & they have been made clearer by altering their arrangement, so as to begin with the general principle & then proceed to details. —

Colonel Boulderson's rules 9 & 15 have been omitted — The Police authorities can always refuse sanction to a deviation from the ordinary custom — and it seems unnecessary & inexpedient to declare that such sanction will never be given — There may be cases when a new arrangement ~~[illegible]~~ may be wished for by the people & be unobjectionable —

Colonel Boulderson's note to me shows

that though there are now no written regulations, he has framed his rules on the practice hitherto followed.

- The Registration of the Pagodas to which Sir P. Grant & Mr Elliot allude have, I find, ~~been hitherto~~ heretofore prevailed - Colonel Boldero sent me one of the Division Books for inspection - The object is to have a list of the Feasts & to show what individuals are the proper & authorized persons to apply for permission to celebrate them - ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] the result of this course is that if any disturbance arises from breach

of rule or custom, the individuals chiefly responsible are at once known. -

E Hateley

23 May/57

The Rules as revised can be sanctioned - but I shd recommend that they shd be acted on - & referred to by Company without being published, but at present. They might be easily mis construed - & made out to be an innovation & an interference with the religion - & made a source of mischief. Imagine there is nothing new in them & people are accustomed to them —

I concur

[illegible] 23 May
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Judicial Department

No. 810

From the Commissioner of Police

Dated 18th May 1857

For Orders

The rules appear very good.

I should like to ascertain whether they are in any respect more strict than those which have hitherto prevailed — if so it might be advisable not to publish at once.

Rules 2d 3d 4th & 5th - If hitherto the parties affected to have not been interfered with by the Police or other Govt. Authorities neither ought they now to be meddled with. I see no objection to the rest of the proposed Rules.

These matters have always been under the direction & control of the Police & the licence under which accidents have been greatly & very beneficially abridged of late years. With the exception of the Regulations wh. have not been actually enforced in time past, all the other restrictions appear to be, useful and as light and easy as can be devised in my opinion.

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JM

To The Commissioner of Police
with 12 copies of ye Rules } Desp^d 3^d

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