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*Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 21st July 1857.*

No. 56. Read the following letter from A. W. SULLIVAN, Esq., Joint Magistrate of North Arcot; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 16th July 1857, No. 159.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that I have reason to believe that there are large quantities of fire-arms and other weapons in the possession of many of the lower orders here, who can have no good use for them.

2. It has occurred to me that at the present time, it would be a good precautionary measure, if a proclamation could be issued that all persons having in their possession fire-arms and other weapons, should be called upon within a short fixed period, to register them in my office where they would be numbered and a corresponding list kept, and in cases of suspicious characters unless upon good security or even without that they might be retained for the present, and registration refused.

3. I am not quite clear whether in the existing state of the law, this plan can be well carried out, but in the present state of affairs, the sooner some enactment is framed, giving such powers to Mofussil Magistrates, the better.

4. The principal powers required would be:

1st. The power of issuing a proclamation such as I have mentioned.

2nd. The power after expiration of the term of proclamation, to search on good information for Arms.

3rd. The power of punishing by fine or imprisonment or both, for the having in possession unregistered Arms.

4th. Power of rewarding at discretion of Magistrate, for information of concealed Arms unregistered.

5th. Power of confiscating such concealed unregistered Arms.

6th. Registered Arms not transferrable without reference to the local Magistrate, and fresh registry.

7th. A scale of trifling fees for registry of fire-arms and weapons to pay expenses of establishment, stationery, &c.

8th. Power for the Magistrate to refuse to register Arms and to retain such Arms in custody during his discretion.

5. I have in this instance, deviated from the usual course in addressing the Government direct, but Mr. Whittingham is, I understand, at Palamanair, and just about proceeding into the Poonganoor Zemindary, which would involve much delay in a matter I consider just now of great importance, and I would request the permission of Government for the present to be allowed to correspond direct on matters connected with the Police of this large and important station, furnishing the Magistrate with copies of my letters to Government.

(Signed) A. W. SULLIVAN,  
*Joint Magistrate.*

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, No. 856; dated 18th July 1857.

Mr. Sullivan is informed that for the present he is allowed to address the Government direct, sending copies of his letters to the Magistrate when he does so.

2. Application has already been made to the Government of India for an Act to regulate the possession, sale, and manufacture of Arms. This subject will therefore be noticed hereafter.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,  
*Acting Chief Secretary.*

End. F. Cartledge.

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