

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 893	Press
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Dated 28-7-1967	

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 28th July 1857.

No. 46. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 14th July 1857, No. 226.

Foreign Department.

SIR,

I am desired by the Governor General in Council to transmit translations of two highly seditious Proclamations, said to have been issued by the Insurgents at Delhie; the one addressed to the Native Soldiers of the Regiments of Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery cantoned in the Punjab, the other to "all the inhabitants, Hindoo and Mussulmans, and others of Hindosthan."

2. These were intercepted at Ferozepore; and have been communicated to the Government by the Chief Commissioner in the Punjab.

3. The Governor General in Council requests that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will be pleased to issue such instructions to the Civil and Military authorities in the Presidency of Madras as may seem fitting, to keep close watch against the dissemination of any such Proclamations, whether amongst the Troops or the population generally; and to punish with summary and exemplary severity all persons who may be found distributing or exhibiting them.

(Signed) G. F. EDMONSTONE,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 46A. ORDER THEREON, No. 893; dated 28th July 1857.

Resolved that this letter be communicated to the Provincial Commander in Chief, with a request that instructions, in accordance with the orders of the Government of India, may be sent to all the Military authorities in the Presidency.

Resolved also that the following Circular letter be sent to all Magistrates.

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartridge.

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Extract from the Memo of Cons.
Dated 28 July 1857

Recd letter from the Secy to
the Govt of India d 14 July 1857
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Copy to the Military
Department - 28th

No 894
- To the Magistrate of

Sir,

1 This Govt has received information
from the Govt of India
that the Insurgents at Delhi
have issued highly seditions
proclamations, addressed to
the Native Regiments of the
Company's Army, & to all the
Inhabitants of Hindoo & Mussul-
- man of Hindostan
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may be made to disseminate these
or similar Proclamations in the
Presidency, and you are therefore
strictly enjoined to be active in
taking measures to discover &
defeat any such attempts.

3/ All persons found distributing or
exhibiting seditious proclamations
inciting to mutiny or murder will
be justly liable to the punishment
of death, and are to be immediately
committed for trial to the Commis-
sioner who has been appointed to
try such offences under Act XIV of 1857.

4 - The mere possession even of a
seditious placard, by a party not
otherwise open to suspicion but who
has failed to bring the placard
or proclamation to the immediate
notice of the authorities, will call
for severe punishment & persons
guilty of this offence are also to be forwarded
to the Commissioner for trial.

Letter to Eng
24 Decr No 31 of 1857

Para 29.

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Dated 26 July.

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