

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Police DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1098	Press ~~MIS.~~
76-77.	
Dated 10-8-	1918

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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 10th August 1858.

No. 76. Read the following letter from JOHN VANS AGNEW, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce; to THOMAS PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st July 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Chamber of Commerce, to forward copies of a correspondence that has passed between the Commissioner of Police and myself on the subject of false weights and measures in use at Madras among the Native dealers in produce, and to request that you will submit the same for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

The Commissioner of Police is of opinion that he can only cause search to be made for false weights and measures on complaint being laid against a particular party as suspected of having such in use, and if his reading of the law is correct, the Chamber consider it very defective, and they would suggest that an amendment be introduced into the Police Code, authorizing the Inspectors to verify from time to time the weights, scales, and measures in use within their respective Divisions (without waiting for a specific charge against any particular individual) as is the case in England.

From JOHN VANS AGNEW, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce; to Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police, Madras, dated 22nd January 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor by desire of the Chamber of Commerce to bring to your notice, that the weights and scales and measures in use by the Native Merchants at Periamettoo and other Depots for produce at Madras, are believed to be inexact, and to request that you will depute an European Inspector to verify the same from time to time, as is the practice in all large Towns in Europe.

From Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to JOHN VANS AGNEW, Esq., Madras, dated 25th January 1858; No. 49.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of date 22nd Instant, I have the honor to refer you to the 76 Section of the Police Code, Act XIII of 1856, by which you will observe, that an Inspector of Police can enter any shop or premises to inspect the weights and measures used therein, upon complaint made to him; if therefore you specify any particular shop or premises in which you have reason to believe false weights and measures are used, I will cause a search to be made.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) JOHN VANS AGNEW,

Chairman.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, No. 1098; dated 10th August 1858.

Resolved that the above letter and its enclosure—in original to be returned—be forwarded to the Honorable Company's Solicitor, to the intent that the opinion of the Advocate General be taken as to the correctness of the construction placed upon Section 76, Act XIII of 1856, by the Commissioner of Police.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

of the last session
in connection with the
House.

The reading of the law by the
Commissioner of Police seems
to be correct —

It is not to be supposed that
the Legislative Council would
alter the Act in this or particular,
even if they thought amendment
desirable —

The papers might be put
in the hands of the Council for
duplication

of the Act generally, may be
undertaken by the Council

The remedy, however, for the
evil, if it does exist, is practically
in the hands of the Chamber - Let
any one of them make a few
purchases in the Bazaar, and test
the weight or measure afterwards -
if they are deficient - come down
upon the parties under the Act -
This would be enough.

24-7-58 JPS

will not be in the
the signature of the
show that so that
of any measure having
an inquisitorial tendency
that they are certainly
where it is after the law.

The Chamber can address
the Court of the 1st of October
they can also adopt the
system of inspection
the 1st of October

W.H.
If there is no one to see that
hand - the possession should

satisfy himself on this
point by employing
one of his numerous
abroad friends -

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Exoner. Min. Cons. of 10th August 1858.

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Art XIII of 1856 by
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of the Department of
Immigration publishing certain
correct notices, and in
with the Comm: of Police
regarding false weights
and measures in 1848
at which time among the
nature of sales in France
forwards to the State
Com:

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