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*Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 22nd June 1858.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from D. MAYNE, Esq., Acting Magistrate of Tinnevely; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Nangoonary, 3rd June 1858, No. 219.

SIR,

Adverting to Mr. Silver's letter of the 6th November 1857, in which with reference to Circular from Government, dated 19th October 1857, he stated that he did not then consider it was necessary to bring the provisions of Sections I to VI of Act No. XXVIII of 1857, into operation in this District, but that should he afterwards see reason to consider that they would be beneficial, it should be communicated to Government, I have the honor to submit that in my opinion a rigorous registry of all the arms in the District would be an arrangement attended with much advantage. Applications have been received by me from Natives returning from Ceylon and bringing guns with them, for permission to carry arms for their protection within this District: other parties residing in the District have made similar requests for permission to keep arms by them. There are very many Zemindars and others throughout the District who are in possession of great numbers of arms which are liable to be introduced wherever an affray may occur as in the case of the riot and breach of the peace that took place between the retainers of the Zemindar of Auttenkarray and the Mittahdar of Nagalapoorum when three lives were lost in December last; only about one month after Mr. Silver's letter above noted was written.

2. To the loyal and well disposed, the requisition of having the weapons they wish to keep by them, whether for purposes of amusement, parade or protection registered, will in no respect be viewed as vexatious interference with the economy of private life, while it is highly advisable, not to say expedient for the good administration of Government that some certainty should be at command regarding the extent to which the weapons of offence and defence are distributed throughout the country.

3. I have reason to suppose that not only with those of substance and position in all parts of the District, but also among those of the lowest and poorest classes fire arms to a very large extent are to be found, and it is unnecessary to point out how very liable these destructive weapons are to be misused on any occasion of excitement, and how readily an affray such as that abovementioned may grow into extensive discord, when facilities for offence and retaliation are so abundant. It cannot be doubted that if a general disarming of the populace throughout the country were to be carried into effect it would tend greatly to relieve the Criminal Courts from a large proportion of cases of the more heinous character of crime which come before them, and without resorting to such an extreme measure (regarding the expediency of which there may be a diversity of opinion) the effect of a rigorous registry of all arms would afford a certain check and some controul over those known to be in possession of them.

4. Under these circumstances, I request that you will be so good as to procure the sanction of Government for bringing the provisions of Sections I to VI of Act No. XXVIII of 1857, into active operation in the District of Tinnevely.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 796; dated 16th June 1858.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to refer to the Court of Foujdaree Adawlut for their opinion on the views of Mr. Mayne that "the disarming of the populace would tend greatly to relieve the Criminal Courts from a large proportion of cases of the more heinous character of crime which come before them."

He is not prepared on the statement submitted by Mr. Mayne to authorize the enforcement of Sections I to VI and XXVI, Act XXVIII, 1857, in the Tinnevely District.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,  
Chief Secretary.

No 219

From O. M. D.

Memo: *gives substance of the*

Mr. Wayne Acting Magistrate of Tinnevely reports that in his opinion a rigorous registry of all arms in his District would be an arrangement attended with much advantage.

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now made out such rea-  
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His allusion to the affray  
between the Antenkurray  
and Nagalapooram people  
is at all events not a very  
happy one. The combatants  
on that occasion were in  
armed chiefly with cud-  
gels and iron pointed  
sticks. The Antenkurray  
Zemindar was indeed  
said to have had a sword  
and to have cut a man  
down with it. but it was  
very doubtful whether

with of making any  
disturbance in the  
Subcontinent.

It  
I am quite of this view.  
We must proceed with  
great caution or we  
shall have our hands  
fuller than we can  
manage. The trouble

E. M. C. No 332, d/11<sup>th</sup> March 1858  
Rajegon of the South now  
so quiet & peaceable  
were most troublesome  
antagonists at the begin-  
ning of the century & nothing  
so likely to  
rouse them than inter-  
ference with their arms.  
At present I believe them  
to be well affected, &

R. B.

No 219

From D. Mayne Esq.

as a class. They  
have no sympathy  
either with Brahmans  
or Musalmanis.

in point of fact he was  
there at all.

J. P.

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above statement.

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From D Mayne Esqre  
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To J. Tyroft Esqre  
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Tinnevely  
Magistrates  
Circuit Hutchery  
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3 June 1858

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Sir  
Your Most Obedt Servt  
J Mayne  
M Magistrate

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He is not prepared on the statement submitted by Mr Mayne Fongk Adawul to advise the enforcement of Sec 1 of Act No. XXVIII of 1857 in Tinnevely District  
16 June 1858  
J Mayne  
M Magistrate

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C205-Data 1/57. 47440 @ 42  
 C245-Data 1/57. 47440 @ 42.

1858 Dec 16  
 Received from J. J. Smith  
 1858 Dec 16

from the Apportionment  
of the Internal  
Revenue to  
the Secretary of  
Treasury to  
be forwarded  
to the Government  
of the U. S.

Attest George  
Date 3 } June 1858  
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1187.  
No 219  
enclosure none

Nov. 16.

Feb 1187.

Request to procure the  
sanction of Government  
for buying the provisions  
of Sections I & VII of  
Act No XXXVIII of 1857 with  
extra operation in the  
District of Tanjore.

With an order

bringing the provisions of  
Act No. XXVIII of 1857 into active opera-  
tion in the District of Pinnewelly.

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Compd. RL

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