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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 3rd December 1860.

No. 25. Read the following letter from H. A. BRETT, Esq., Magistrate of Salem, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Umalúr, 20th November 1860, No. 416.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated the 6th ultimo, No. 1,300, referring for my report a petition addressed to the Government by Messrs. Fischer and Co., of Salem, in which they requested permission to retain in their possession a Cannon now on their premises at Salem, I have the honor to forward herewith the copy of a letter addressed to me by G. F. Fischer, Esquire, dated the 3rd instant, in answer to two communications from my Office, dated the 3rd and 12th October last.

2. It appears that Mr. Fischer has 3 Cannons in his possession, of which one only is in good order and is used by Mr. Fischer for firing salutes on extraordinary occasions. Of the remaining 2 Cannons one is damaged, and the other has been cut into pieces.

3. I see no objection to Mr. Fischer being permitted to retain in his possession the Cannon which he describes as in good order.

4. With reference to the latter part of paragraph 3 of his letter, it rests with the Government to determine whether Mr. Fischer shall, or shall not, pay the fee of 50 Rupees, as required by Section IV of Act XXXI of 1860, for keeping the Cannon in his possession.

From G. F. FISCHER, Esq., to H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated 3rd November 1860.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 3rd and 12th ultimo, the first to the Zemindar of Salem, and 2nd to Messrs. Fischer and Co., and in reply to inform you that I have 3 Connons, one a thirty-two pounder, the second a twenty-four, and the third a six pounder.

The muzzle of the first has been cut for an Indigo Mill and the body of it is used to tie Cattle to. The second is sound, and is used as an ornament, and for firing salutes on such occasions as the reading of the Queen's Proclamation, and the visit of the Governor to Salem, and the third is a damaged piece used by the blacksmith as an anvil.

If Government will be pleased to allow me to retain the *second*, for such loyal purposes as I have mentioned, and the other two for the purposes to which they are put, I shall be greatly obliged; but I cannot afford to pay fifty Rupees for a License for any one of them.

N. B.—In 1858 when the Musselman population was expected to rise throughout the country at the Mohorum, the mounting of this Cannon had I believe considerable effect in keeping the Mahomedans of Salem in awe and order.

(True Copy)

(Signed) H. A. BRETT,
Magistrate.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1860, No. 1,595.

The Government will grant permission under Section IV, Act XXXI of 1860, for Mr. Fischer, possessing the three Cannons mentioned in his letter, if he be willing to pay the prescribed fee of 50 Rupees for the permission. But the law is imperative on this point. If he be not disposed to pay the fee, he must give up the three Cannons.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

Judicial Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Salem.-

(Here enter 20th Nov. 1860 No. 1116.)

Order thereon 3rd December 1860 No. 1595.

The Govt. will grant permission under Sec. IV. Act XXXI of 1860 for Mr. Fischer possessing the three Cannon mentioned in his letter, if he be willing to pay the prescribed fee of 50 Rupees for the permission - But the law is imperative on this point - If he be not disposed to

to pay the fee, he
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three Cannon.—

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