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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, for the month of March* 1860.

No. 57. Read the following letter from H. FORBES, Esq., Member of the Legislative Council, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secreatry to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 12th March 1860.

On the 7th instant, I had the honor to receive Colonel Marshall's letter of the 1st idem, transmitting the sentiments of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief on the Bill " to amend, Act XIX of 1847, (Articles of War for the Native Army.")

2. The Bill passed the Council on the 11th ultimo, a necessity for its rapid enactment having been created by the immediate embarkation for China of the Native Troops to whom it is intended to apply.

3. To the objections to the Bill urged by the Commander-in-Chief, I would ask to be allowed to remind the Government that the measure is only optional, that His Excellency can apply its provisions generally, or partially, or can altogether abstain from making use of them, as may appear expedient; and that as the greater proportion of the Native Troops proceeding to China were Seikhs who had always, in the Punjab, been subject to powers similar to those given in the Bill, there was great reason why those powers should be legalized when the men were proceeding on Foreign Service.

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No. 58. ORDER THEREON, 30th March 1860, No. 388.

Communicated to the Military Department.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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