

# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

*Judicial* DEPARTMENT.

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| G.O. No. 1148   | Press<br><del>His.</del> |
| 162-163         |                          |
| Dated 14.7.1863 | 19 .                     |

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No. 162. Read the following letter from Colonel G. W. Y. SIMPSON, Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th July 1863, No. 55.

Ordnance Department.

I beg to enclose correspondence in original (to be returned) for the immediate orders of Government.

3 Enclosures.

2. The Collector of Madras requested\* me to depute a person to burst 2 Carronades at Trivatore which I accordingly did.

\* 23rd June 1863.

3. On the 7th instant the owners of the Carronades, which had been purchased by them at duly advertised open auction sale, on the occasion of the wreck of the "Jason" Steamer, addressed an appeal to the Principal Commissary of Ordnance objecting to the Guns being burst, and that they should be taken over for a fair valuation.

4. The Joint Magistrate has again this day requested the Principal Commissary of Ordnance to direct the bursting of the Guns in question.

5. Under these circumstances, the Guns being private property, I beg I may be favored with the early orders of Government.

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1863, No. 1,148.

The possession of the Carronades referred to in this letter is clearly illegal, and Gopaulkistnamah & Co., are liable to the penalties prescribed for such possession by Act XXXI of 1860

2. Before passing orders, however, on the letter of the Inspector General of Ordnance, the Government resolves to direct the Magistrate of the Madras District to call upon the owners of the Cannon to show cause why the law should not be put in force against them. They should also be asked what they intended to do with the Cannons, and whether they have any prospect of disposing of them to persons beyond the jurisdiction of Act XXXI of 1860.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,  
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. McMootry.

Judicial Department.

No. 1499

From the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines  
Dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 1863.

For Orders

Mr Sims' suggestion may be  
acted on. Jps

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No. 1145.

Proceedings of the  
War Office Government.

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> July 1863

Observing that the  
provisions of the Ordnance  
of the War Office of 1863  
are not in accordance with  
the provisions of the  
Regulations of 1860 and  
the provisions of the  
Regulations of the War  
Office of 1863.

The undersigned Secretary of the War  
 Pass: 18<sup>th</sup> Sep. 80 Orders for the destruction of Cannon  
 No: 1198 para 3. are given by Govt. The Magistrate  
 can fine the owners, but not  
 Act XXXI - 60, §§ II & III, is silent as  
 to sale, but makes the possession  
 of Cannon penal.  
 § III exempts the armament of a  
 ship from the provisions of the  
 Act - but the cannonades ceased  
 to appertain to the "Jawon" after sale  
 & delivery.  
 When ordering Cannon to be destroy-  
 ed, the Govt. knows already the  
 fragments or their value to be given  
 to the owners. In all the cases that  
 have occurred, the Cannon appear  
 to have been in the possession of  
 the parties before passing of the  
 Act. That is not the case in the  
 present instance.  
 Cannon transferred to the Arsenal  
 are paid for by the Govt.

May the owners be sold, and the Govt.  
 of India, to what use they propose of 1897  
 the Cartridges, but which placed with  
 them for the Govt. providing them a license  
 to retain and or both pieces, they and be  
 paid for by the Govt. of Rs. 50 required by  
 § IV of the Act?

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read letter from the Inspector Genl of Ordnance & Magazine.  
Here enter dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 1863. No 55.

Order thereon 14<sup>th</sup> July 1863 No 1148.

The possession of the cannonades referred to in this letter by Jopant-kistnamah &c is clearly illegal & the latter are liable to the penalties prescribed for such possession by Act XXXI. of 1860.  
2. Before passing orders however, on the letter of the Inspector Genl of Ordnance the Government resolve to direct the Magistrate of the Madras District to call upon the owners of the cannon to show cause why the law should not be put in force against them.  
They might also be asked what

I think it should be continued to the parties that they have rendered themselves liable to a heavy penalty for possessing cannon without a licence and that they must shew cause why the law should not be put in force against them. The law is well known and they should be asked to shew cause why the law should not be put in force against them. They might also be asked what they can do to prevent such possession in the future. They might also be asked what they can do to prevent such possession in the future. They might also be asked what they can do to prevent such possession in the future.

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the  
Magistrate  
of  
the  
District  
of  
Madras

because they are liable to a heavy penalty for possessing cannon without a licence and that they must shew cause why the law should not be put in force against them.

they intended to do with the  
cannon, or how they would  
dispose of them now, should  
1 what. then have any prospect  
of disposing of them to persons  
beyond the jurisdiction of Act  
XXXI of 1860—

Meanwhile the cannonades  
should be sent to the Arsenal,  
& kept there till further orders.

W.H.M.

The Inspector of Ordnance Mysore

The Magistrate of Madras.

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List of 28 July

Abstract 1883 abstract.

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Proceedings of the  
California Sport.

Dated 14<sup>th</sup> July.  
1883/547.

Passing orders regarding  
the purchase of California  
by the Government of the  
United States. (1883/547)

1883/547.