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Government of Madras.

Judicial
Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 657

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
6th May 1864.*

No. 47. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Madras Police; to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd April 1864, No. 854.

General Department.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honor to request the permission of Government to introduce an enactment rendering penal the offences of keeping houses where gambling is carried on and public gaming.

No. 103, dated 23rd March 1863, from E. B. Foord Esq.,
Magistrate of Kistna District, to Honorable A. J. Arbuthnot, Chief Secretary.

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3. A short Act extending the provision of the Presidency Police Act as regards gaming, would suffice for all purposes.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1864, No. 651.

In the foregoing letter, the Inspector General of Police urges the expediency of extending to the Provinces those provisions of the Presidency Towns Police Act which relate to the prevention of gambling. The subject was brought under the consideration of Government by the late Acting Magistrate of Masulipatam, in June last year, and it was then the opinion of the Governor in Council that it was not necessary to legislate on the matter singly and specially, but that when any general Police enactment might be under preparation for the Mofussil, gaming or keeping gambling houses should be made punishable by it *inter alia*. Mr. Robinson states that "gambling is now carried on everywhere in a bare-faced manner, and to an extent which is a scandal to the administration;" that as "it is well known that the law as it now stands does not reach it, the practice is on the increase," and "the publicity and the impunity with which it is pursued are luring many into crime that would not otherwise commence the downward course."

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(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
,, Legislative Department.

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