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FROM

J. D. SIM, Esq.,

Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

The Notification of the Supreme Government noted in the margin, vests in

" the Chief Officer of Police in every

" sea-port Town and frontier District in

India" authority to grant licenses, under

1st October 1860.

13th January 1862, No. 262.

Section 17, Act XXXI of 1860, for the importation of Arms, &c., subject to the general control, and direction of the Chief Executive authority of the Presidency or place.

2. It happens that in several of the sea-port and frontier Towns of this Presidency, there is no Officer of Police above the grade of Inspector or Head Constables; and it is to these then that the Notification entrusts the power to issue licenses. This is obviously objectionable; and I am, therefore, directed to urge on His Excellency the Governor General of India in Council the expediency of modifying the Notification, so far as this Presidency is concerned, and vesting the power in question in the Magistrate of the District in the Provinces, as the Chief Executive local authority, and in the Commissioner of Police at Madras.

3. As the Magistrate of each Maritime District is also Ex-officio Collector of Sea Customs, it is obvious that the license issued by him in his Magisterial capacity must again pass into his hands, when application is made to him for permission to land and pass the articles specified in it, and that it will thus be in his power to bring under proper control, and exercise due supervision over, the importation of Arms, as well as the issue of licenses for the purpose. It is to be remarked,

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Sections 7 and 28 of Act XXXI of 1860.

desirable that there should not be a division of responsibility in the matter.

4. Experience has shown the inexpediency of the arrangement which it is now desired to alter.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

28th June 1866.

Acting Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

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