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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
18th September 1866.*

No. 171. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of South Canara, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Mangalore, 5th September 1866, No. 38.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Orders of Government, under date the 23rd August, No. 1304, Judicial Department, calling on me to explain the cause of my having issued so many licenses in the year 1865 for the importation of Arms, &c., and, in reply, beg to state that the whole number of Licenses issued in that year was only 19 against 28 in the preceding year. Of these 19, only 13 were issued by myself, and amongst this latter number three were given for the importation of 12 fowling pieces, and small quantities of gunpowder and sulphur, required by a European gentleman and a Native merchant at the station.

2. I beg also to inform the Government that, when I joined the District last year, the number of deaths by Tigers and Cheetahs amongst people was very great, there being scarcely a week without some death being reported from this cause, and, for some time, Mangalore itself was infested by two of these animals.

3. The Government are also aware that, there are, at the lowest computation, from one to two hundred European planters scattered about in Coorg, and in the western parts of the Mysore country, and when it is further considered that the whole of the Coorg population are in possession of Fire-arms, as also a large number of the people residing both below and above the ghauts, and that the whole of these derive their supplies of ammunition, &c., from the Sea Ports of this District, I am inclined to think that the imports, though large when compared with other Districts, are by no means excessive.

4. I may also observe that, during the past eight months, only nine Licenses have been granted, and that the stock of ammunition, &c., is so low at present, that these articles are selling for twice their normal value. I have also this day received information that the devastations of Tigers, and such like animals, are again being felt severely in the Cassergode Taluq; and when the sparseness of the population in the interior is taken into consideration, together with the fact that that small population is continually being lessened by the great and increasing demand for labor above the ghauts, I respectfully submit that the number of Licenses cannot well be further restricted, and, indeed, I am inclined to think, that applications for these Licenses have already been somewhat too stringently dealt with.

No. 172. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1866, No. 1456.

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(True Extract).

J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

Pro. 23rd August 1866 No. 234/5.

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The Magistrate
of South Canada

The Chief Secretary
to Government.
Ind. Dept.

Fort St. George

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No. 38.
Enclosure none.
A. J.

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Submitting the explanation
called for by Government in
their Proceedings noted, with this
as to the cause of his having
issued a large number of
Licenses for the importation
of arms & ammunition into
the District in the year

1865.
18th Sept 1866 No. 1456
W. J.

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