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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
22nd November 1866.

No. 225. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of the Godavery District, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Cocanada, 8th November 1866, No. 306.

I have the honor to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government, copy of a letter from my Acting Head Assistant.

2. The sale or manufacture of *fireworks* is no where alluded to in Act XXXI of 1860; but, as these are but gunpowder done up in a particular manner, I presume that a license under Section 7 of the Act covers the manufacture and sale of fireworks, and that any one manufacturing or selling these of any kind, without license, is liable to punishment, under Section 5 of the Act.

3. I have just examined the form of Telugu license issued in this District to Venders or Manufacturers of arms, ammunition, &c., and find that, instead of being an exact translation of the form of license circulated with Government Order, No. 1252, of 28th September 1860, it specifies, in some cases, such as those referred to in paragraph 1 of Mr. Wigram's letter, that the individual is licensed only to manufacture *fireworks from gunpowder*. This is a mistake, which I shall have rectified in the issue of any fresh license under this Act.

From H. WIGRAM, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, in charge of the Ellore Deputy Magistrate's Division, to the Magistrate of the Godavery District; dated Rajahmundry, 7th November 1866, No. 20.

I have the honor to request instructions in the following matter:—

Four individuals, resident in Ellore, who have taken out licenses under Section 7, Act XXXI of 1860, complain that fireworks are manufactured and sold by unlicensed parties, to the detriment of their trade. It seems always to have been the custom for all Comaties to have been allowed to sell small crackers and other minor fireworks at the time of festivals, but their right to do so has never, I believe, been disputed before.

2. I examined the licenses issued by you; and it is expressly stated in them that they are authorized to manufacture gunpowder, including fireworks. These licenses are written on stamp paper, of the value of ten Rupees. In Section 7, no mention is made of fireworks, and I hardly think it can be included under the term "Ammunition". I have, therefore, declined to issue any orders on the subject, and I consider myself that it is not advisable to restrict the sale of small crackers, &c., too rigidly.

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 22nd November 1866, No. 1846.

The Government do not consider a license necessary for the manufacture or sale of fireworks. The sellers of the powder with which fireworks are made must, of course, be licensed.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of the Godavery District.

„ Inspector General of Police.

„ Magistrate of North Arcot.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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