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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
24th March 1866.

Read the following:—

No. 183. Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Foreign Department, Fort William; dated the 5th February 1866, No. 15.

I am directed to bring to the notice of the Government of India that numerous applications have lately been received by this Government, from merchants and others, for permission to import arms into Bombay.

2. It seems to His Excellency the Governor in Council advisable that the importation and sale of arms should be under the closest supervision, so as to check any wholesale dealings, and that, with this view, some rule should be adopted and announced to the dealers.

3. The rule which His Excellency would propose is that no license should be granted for the importation of arms intended for sale by public auction. There appears to His Excellency in Council no objection to the sale of arms to respectable persons, whether European or Native, provided the sellers are satisfied as to the character of the purchasers. It is quite otherwise when arms are sold wholesale by public auction.

4. As the question involved is a general one, I am desired to request that this Government may be favored with the instructions of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council on the subject.

Letter from the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political; dated Fort William, the 23rd February 1866, No. 186.

In reply to your letter, No. 15, dated 5th instant, I am directed to intimate that the Governor General in Council approves the rule therein proposed for regulating the importation of arms, and their sale in Bombay.

No. 187.

Copy of the correspondence to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, for information.

(Signed) J. W. S. WYLLIE,
Under Secretary to Government of India.

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1866, No. 429.

Ordered that the foregoing correspondence be communicated for the information and guidance of the Magistrates of the several Districts and of the Commissioner of Police at the Presidency, who will abstain, in future, from issuing licenses for the sale of arms by auction, and will cancel any such licenses which may now be in force. In all other respects, the existing rules in regard to the importation and sale of arms will be adhered to.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of
" Commissioner of Police.
" Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

No 429 Dated 24th March 1866.

Ordered that the foregoing correspondence be communicated for the information and guidance of the Magistrates of the several Districts and of the Commissioner of Police at the Presidency, who will abstain in future from issuing licenses for the sale of arms & ammunition & will cancel any such licenses which may now be in force. In all other respects the rules governing such sales & the imposition of duties & fees will be adhered to.

By Cl.

To the Magistrate all Districts
" Commissioner of Police
" Superintendent of Police Nagpore

* dated 28/3.
** dated 5/4.