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Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1844-45

Dated 4th Sept. 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

IMPORTATION OF RIFLES.

Stating that a license from the Government of India is unnecessary for the six Magazine repeating Rifles imported by Messrs. Oakes & Co., per S.S. Dunera and informing the Government of India that of the three Lee Metford sporting Magazine rifles imported by Messrs. Oakes and Co., one has been sold to the Rajah of Venkatagiri and the other two are apparently still for sale.

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CURRENT NO 2831



of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

28th May 1895.
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REVENUE
CURRENT
Current No. 4032

received following letter from the Acting
Collector of Sea Customs, ^{Madras} Dated 20th May
1895 No 22 664.

"I have the honor to report for the
information of the Board that messrs Cooke
and Co recently imported per ss 'Dimeria'
from London six magazines repeating
rifles of .22 Calibre. These weapons,

* Impression attached which are of very small bore, are
* Manufactured of American manufacture, not of the
by the Winchester
repeating arms be English military pattern, and are
New Haven Conn
U.S.A
apparently imported for sporting purposes.
I did not think when passing them that
they came within the restriction imposed

by the Government of India rulings —
embodied in the Board's Proceedings
quoted in the margin and I accordingly
allowed them to pass without obtaining
a special license for their importation.

I have, however, since seen a notice
that military rifles of this bore, and
great efficiency are being manufactured
and I am in some doubt as to whether
I was right in passing them and
request orders

Resolution:-

Submitted to Government for the
favour of orders.

The Board considers that under para
2 of Mr Thornton's letter No 53
dated 18th January 1895 printed
in Government Order Judicial N.C.
No 197 dated 31st January 1895
the importation of the rifles in
question should have been authorised
by

158/10/846/124
No 161 dated 4th
May 1894
No 68 dated 7th
February 1895
Bd. No 197/85

by a license from the Government
of India. Magazine rifles of whatever
calibre, which are capable of being
used for military purposes appear to
fall under the prohibition in para 2
of the letter from the Government
of India, Home Department (Public)
to the Government of Madras dated
22nd March 1894 No 619 contained
in Government order dated 9th
April 1894 No 846 judicial

(True Copy and Extract)

Examination
Assistant Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Collector of Sea Customs, Madras

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Board of Revenue
(Separate Revenue),
MADRAS.

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Endorsement No. 952 R

Transferred to the Judicial
Department.

[Signature]
To: Secretary to Govt.

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10th June 1895

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For orders.

As to whether G. I. may be expressed for
a license? Perhaps it ^{may} be ascertained first,
with ref. to para. 2 of the G. I. letter printed in p. 27
23 ap. 95, no. 834, Tudd, for whom the arms were
intended & whether they have been now sold?

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Ref. to No. 1437 of 22-6-95

The Collector of Sea Customs, Madras,

requested to report the names of the
individuals for sale to whom the arms
were imported; if imported for
purpose of general sale, it should be
stated whether any of them have since been
sold to the Collector of Sea Customs.

CURRENT NO. 3868



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue).

Dated 6 August 1895,
No. 3286 Mis

Read the following letter from the collector of Sea -
Customs, Madras dated 22 July 1895 No 3280 G.

"Adverting to your endorsement No 2635 Mis, dated
24th ultimo forwarding Government Memorandum,
Judicial Department No 1437 dated 22nd idem, I
have the honor to state that messrs Oakes & Co.
report that the rifles in question were imported, in
the ordinary way, for sale and not to special order.
None of the arms have, as yet, been sold.

Resolution:—

Submitted to Government with reference to
its Memo dated 22nd June 1895 No 1437.

(True Copy and Extract)

[Signature]
Assistant Secretary

To the Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department.
Copy to Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Judicial Dept
CURRENT NO. 3868
1895.

Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

MADRAS

Ref No 1437/95
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To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department

Recd 14th } August 1895
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Proceedings, dated 6 August 1895,
No. 3286 mis

Subject.

Submitting to Government, with
reference to its call for information,
letter from the Collector of Sea-
Customs, Madras, stating that
the 6 rifles referred to were
imported by Messrs Cakes and
& Co for general sale, and that
none of them have as yet been
sold

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with ref. to G.O. of 24th Augt.
1895 No. 1769 the Board of Revenue
is requested to report whether
the rifles imported by Messrs
Cakes & Co are sighted beyond
a range of 300 yards or are
fitted for a bayonet

21-8-95

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CURRENT NO. 3867



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue).

Dated 6 August 1895,
No. 3287 mis

Read the following letter from the Collector of Sea Customs,
Madras, dated 16 July 1895 No 3211 G.

"With reference to para 2 of Government of India letter
embodied in Government Order (Judicial) No 834 dated 23rd
April 1895, communicated with Board's Proceedings No 220
dated 20 May 1895, I have the honor to state that Messrs Cakes
and Co have intimated that one of the three Lee-Metford
sporting magazine Rifles imported by them per SS "maison"
in June 1894, has been sold to V. R. Krishnayachandran
Rajah of Venkatagiri."

Resolution: -

Submitted to Government with reference to the latter part
of para 2 of the Government of India letter communicated
in Government Order, Judicial Department, dated 23rd
April 1895 No 834

2. Since the importation of the rifles referred to in
the collector's letter read above, Messrs Cakes and Co
have imported another consignment of 6 rifles as will be
seen from the correspondence ending with Board's Proceedings
dated 6 August 1895 No 3286 mis.

(True Copy & Encl)

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Copy to Judicial Department
The Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Assistant Secretary

21/8

CURRENT NO. 3867

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Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

MADRAS

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department

Recd —

Sept 15.8.95.



Proceedings, dated

6 August 1895,

No. 3287 omis

Subject.

Submitting to Government with
reference to the latter part of para
2 of the Government of India letter
communicated in Government
(Order Judicial Department dated
23rd April 1895 No 834, letter —
from the Collector of Sea Customs,
Madras, reporting the name of
the person to whom one of the rifles
imported by Messrs Cakes and Co
in June 1894 has been sold.

(W.D.)

CURRENT NO. 4065

1895.

Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government.

Judicial Department.

Recd —

Sept 27.8.95



Proceedings, dated

17th August 1895,

No. 3492 omis

Subject.

Submitting to Government,
with certain remarks, petition
of Messrs Cakes and Co explaining
that certain rifles imported
by them cannot be classed
as military weapons.

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(W.D.)

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Board of Revenue
(Separate Revenue),
MADRAS.

To

Proceedings, dated
No.

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Subject.

WAKES & CO.,
MADRAS AND OOTACAMUND
ESTABLISHED, 1843.



The Secretary
Board

for bona fide sporting pur-

posed to one of precisely the
the Lee-Butford rifles used now
and should take the reputation
of one utterly fail to see how
G.O. can be applied to
of 32 Calibre with a charge

Sir,

We have need powder and a bullet of
of Sea Customs we admit that (like bows
ceedings dated 10th Spring gun) these little
that the Board had for these than sporting
of Magazine repeating we consider that to treat
be covered by a licence category of military weapons
of India as they are in the G.O. and that to
fall under the provisions, before importing
ment of India obtain a licence from the
Judicial dia is an oppressive and
friction on Trade

After a careful
above referred to, after perusing the foregoing
it does not refer to please to be considered then
per G.O. "Dumera" weal the order in question

The G.O. refers to have the honor to be,
same as distributes

xxx regulation sight
Charge equal to 80
weighing 215 grains
the Government of
magazine rifles.

Sir,

most obedient servant

W. W. W.

they explain that we refer to
be classed as military weapons, is submitted
to Government with reference to the Correspondence

Justified 3868/95 ending with Board's Proceedings dated 6th August
1895



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 14th August 1895.

No. 3492 Inis

Read petition from Messrs Cakes and Co., Mount Road, Madras, dated 14th June 1895, requesting the Board to reconsider and cancel its Proceedings regarding certain magazine repeating rifles of 22 Calibre, imported by them without a license from the Government of India.

Read also letter from the same firm dated 12th August 1895 forwarding for the Board's inspection one Winchester repeating Rifle .22 calibre.

Resolution:—

The petition of Messrs Cakes and Co., in which they explain that the rifles referred to cannot be classed as military weapons, is submitted to Government with reference to the correspondence

ending with Board's Proceedings dated 6th August 1895

1895 Mis No 3286.

2. In the circumstances stated in the petition, and after inspecting a specimen rifle, the Board begs leave to state that it does not see any reason for considering the rifle to fall under the restrictions contained in the Government of India letter communicated in Government order, Judicial Department dated 31st January 1895 No 194. It is merely a magazine rock rifle of very small bore with only a single back sight for apparently 50 yards. It would not carry more than 150 yards or so at the most.

3. Messrs Oakes and Co will be informed that their petition has been submitted for the orders of Government.

(True Extract)

Arthur James May
Ag. Assistant Secretary

To The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department, with petition in original
Messrs Oakes and Co para 3 only.
The Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

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500-23-7-95.

Jud. DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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Again G.O., dated

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Current No. 2831 of 1895, dated 10 June, from the Rev. Dept.

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" " 3868 " 1895, " 6 Aug, " do ..

" " 4065 " 17 Aug .. do ..

ORDER. 3 4th September 1895, No 1844
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Under the circumstances now reported, a license from the Govt of India for the six magazine repeating rifles recently imported by Messrs Oakes & Co. per SS' Dumera, is not necessary.

2. The following letter will be despatched to the Govt of India.

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30-8-95
31/9/95

To *type 236/9*

The Board of Rev. S.R. & Para. (1) dated

Letter *11/9/95*
No 1845

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India,

Home Dept.
Dated 11/9/95

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Thornton's letter dated the 13th April 1895, No. 585 forwarding a license under Rule 5 of the Indian Arms Act Rules, authorizing Messrs Oakes & Co. Madras, to import three Lee Metford sporting magazine rifles,

I am directed to report that one of these
rifles has been sold to the Rajah of Venkata-
giri. The other two are apparently still for sale.

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Importation of rifles

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When signed _____

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READ AGAIN G.O., No.
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