Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1854-55

Dated 4th Sept. 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

INDIAN ARMS ACT.

Addressing the Government of India on the proposal to amend the rules restricting the quantity of arms that may reasonably be possessed by certain classes and persons.

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Anantapur Collector's Office,

No. Dis No 254 / mag

Dated 10th June 1895.

Enclosure

CURRENT NO. 28

From F. Nicholson Esquire

~~Lector of~~ Dist magistrate of

Anantapur.

To

Chief Secretary

to Government,

~~Fort Saint George~~.

Ootacamund

Sir,

Adving to para 1 of G.O. d/ 4th April 1895, 724, Judicial, I have the honor to r that no embarassment has been used in this District by the Omission.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

r most obedient Servant

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RENT NO. 286

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From

F. A. Nicholson Esquire
Dist. Magistrate
Anantapur

To, The Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund

CHIEF SECRETARY
13. JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 10
Despatched 10
Received 13"
Regd. 14"
} June 95

Dis No $\frac{254}{mag^l}$.

Enclosures nil

Subject

Reporting on the proposed amendment of the rules restricting the quantity of arms that may be reasonably possessed by certain classes of persons.

Urgent

No. Dis No. $\frac{254}{magl}$.

Enclosure

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CURRENT NO. 2802

North Arcot District Magistrates Office

Camp Arni 7th June 1895.

Dis $\frac{567}{Mgt}$ of 95
8/From.

DESPATCHED
7 JUN. 95

S. H. Wynne Esquire
District Magistrate, North Arcot.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Judicial department.

Sir,

In reply to para 1 of G. O. dated 4th April 1895 No 724 Judicial, I have the honor to report that no Embarassment has been experienced in Consequence of the omission therein referred to.

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedient Servant.
S. H. Wynne.
Dist. Magistrate.

Judicial Deptt

From CURRENT NO. 2802.
The District Magistrate
North Arcot.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Judicial Department
Madras

Dated 7th
Desptd } June 1895
Recd
Regd 10.6.95

CHIEF SECRETARY
-9. JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Enclosure nil -

Dis No 567/misc of 95

Subject

Reporting that no Embarassment has been Experienced by the omission referred to in para 1 of G. O dated 4th April 1895. No 724. Judl.

CURRENT NO. 2745

1895.

Judicial Department.

From

The District Magistrate of
South Arcot.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Dated 3rd
Despatched 3rd } June 1895
Received 5th
Regd. 6th

Dis No. 371/misc

ENCLOSURE. ..

CHIEF SECRETARY
5. JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subject.

Submitting his report referred to in para 1 of G.O dated 4-4-95 No. 724 Judicial.

CURRENT NO. 2745

SOUTH ARCOT.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Cuddalore

3rd. June 1885

~~Dis~~ NO. 371/Mag

FROM

A. E. Castlestuart Stuart Esquire

Ag. DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

TO GOVERNMENT

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

SIR,

With reference to para 1 of the Government order dated 4th April last, No: 724 Judicial, I have the honour to report that no embarrassment has been caused in this District from the omission of the qualification fications regarding "reasonable" quantity of arms &c from the other exemptions granted by Home Department — notification No: 518 dated 6-3-1879.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

for Ag. Dt. Magistrate.

Judicial Deptt

CURRENT NO. 2414

1895.

From,
The District Magistrate of
South Canara.

To,
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,
Fort St. George.

Dated 4th
Received 12th
Regd 14th
} May 1895.

Disposal № ~~139/95~~
Judl.

ENCLOSURE

MAY. 1895

Subject.

Reporting that no embarrassment has been caused in this District from the omission from other exemptions of the qualification in question.

Disposal № 139/95
May 4th

CURRENT No. 2414

SOUTH CANARA DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Mangalore 4th May 1895.

From

W. H. Welsh Esquire,
District Magistrate of
South Canara.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order No: 724, Judicial, dated 4th April, I have the honor to report that no embarrassment has been caused in this District from the omission from other exemptions of the qualification in question.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

P Duraiswamy

~~For Dt: Magistrate.~~

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CURRENT NO. 2277

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Dis No. $\frac{265}{\text{Magl}}$ of 95. Chingleput Dt. MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Station, Saidapet,

4th May 1895.

FROM

C. H. Mounsey Esquire,

Ag. District MAGISTRATE OF Chingleput,

To

THE Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 1 of G.O., No. 724 Judicial, dated the 4th April 1895, I have the honour to report that no embarrassment was ever reported to have been caused in this district from the omi sion from other exemptions of paragraph of the Home department notification, No. 518, dated the 6th March 1879, of the restriction on the quantity of arms to be possessed contained in the notification of the Government of India, No. 1012, dated 29th February 1892.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C H Mounsey

Ag. District Magistrate

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Judicial Dept

CURRENT No. 2277

From Dt.
The Magistrate of
Chingleput Dt.

To the chief
Secy. to Government,
Judicial Department,
Madras.

Dated 3rd
Despatched 4
Received 6th } May 1895.

Dis No. 265/Magl.
Enclosure.
Subject.

CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 6 MAY 1895

Reporting that no embarrassment was caused from the omission of other exemptions of para 1 of Home department notification No. 518 dated 6th March 1879.

CURRENT No. 2300

Dis No. 491/Magl of 95.

Coimbatore District Magte's ~~Collector's~~ Office,

4th May 1895.

From,
Herbert Bradley Esquire,
District Magistrate
~~Collector~~ of Coimbatore.

To,
The chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department,
MADRAS.

Sir,

In reply to Government order, dated April 4th, 1895, No. 724, I have the honor to report that I have heard of no case in which the qualification referred to has been brought to notice in any way. No cases in which the omission of the qualification has caused any trouble, have come before me.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servt.

~~For~~ District Magistrate

C.V. 6/5

CURRENT No 2300.

Judicial (1895) DEPARTMENT.

From,

The ~~Collector~~ District Magistrate
of Coimbatore.

To, The chief
Secretary to Government
Judicial Department,
MADRAS.
Ootacamund

Dis No. 491/Magte of 95

Dated 4
Received 7th } May 1895

No.

Encs. —

SUBJECT.

CHIEF SECRETARY 7 MAY 1895 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Reporting [illegible] from the Government of India relative to a proposed amendment of the rules restricting the quantity of arms that may reasonably be possessed by certain classes of persons—

Magisterial Department.

CURRENT No. 2746

Dis No. 457/Magl.

Cuddapah District Magistrate's Office,
Camp; Voyalpaud dated
1st June 1895.

From
J. Hewetson Esquire
~~The~~ Ag District Magistrate of
Cuddapah

To
The
Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 724 of the 4th April last, I have the honor to state that no embarrassment is reported to have been caused from the omission, from other exemptions, of the qualification referred to therein.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J Hewetson
Ag District Magistrate

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Judicial Deptt

2nd CURRENT NO. 2746

Magisterial Department.

FROM

THE District MAGISTRATE OF
Cuddapah

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Govt.
Judicial Deptt
Fort Saint George

Dated 1st
Despatched
Received 5th
Regd 6th
June 1895.

Dis No. 457/Magl

CHIEF SECRETARY
5 JUN 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Reporting that no embarrassment is reported to have been caused from the omission or from other exemptions.

Re 475/Mag of 95

CURRENT No. 2218

From

J. G. D. Partridge Esquire,
ag District Magistrate,
Ganjam.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras.

Dated Chatrapur 27 April 1895.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated 4th Instant No 724, I have the honor to report that the omission to restrict the quantity of arms to be possessed by persons exempted under Government of India notification of the 6th March 1879, has not, so far as this district is concerned, caused any embarrassment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt Servant
A Thompson
For ag District Magistrate.

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Judicial Deptt

CURRENT NO. 2218

From

The Ag District Magistrate
Ganjam

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Judicial Department
Madras

CHIEF SECRETARY -3. MAY. 1895 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 27 } April 1895.
Despd 28 }
Recd 3d } May 1895
Regd 4th }
Enc: -

Re No 475/mag of 95

Reporting that the omission to restrict the quantity of arms to be possessed by persons exempted under Govt of India Notification of the 6th March 1879, has not caused any embarrassment.

CURRENT NO. 2085

Ref on No. 477/mag of 95

ENCLOSURES

Kurnool Magistrate's Office,
DATED KURNOOL 23d April 1895.

FROM

A. C. Tate Esq.
Ag DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF
KURNOOL,

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Departt:
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. No. 724 date 4. 4. 95. I have the honor to state that I understand that no embarassment ha been caused in this District from the omissi of the restriction therein referred to from exempti other than those under clauses (3), (8), (9) a (15) of paragraph ~~one~~ I of the notification o 6th March 1879.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedt Serv

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Judicial Deptt

Judicial 1895, ~~Deptt~~

Correspondence Department,

CURRENT No. 2085

FROM A. C. Tate Esq

Ag DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF

KURNOOL.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Govt.

Judicial Deptt. Madras

DATED 23 } april 1895.

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R.C. No. 477/mag of 95

UNDER SECRETARY 27-APL 95 PUBLIC ETC. DEPT.

ENCLOSURES. 1

SUBJECT.

Stating with reference to G. O. No. 724 of 4. 4. 95, that no embarassment has been caused in the Dt. from the omission of the restrictions referred to ~~in the above.~~

K. C- O.—Rg. No. 158—8 8·94—Copies 500.

961/Magl

Malabar Dist. Magistrate's Office
Camp Malapuram. 10th June 1895

CURRENT No. 2859

From

H. Moberly Esqre.,
Ag District Magistrate,
Malabar.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. dated 4th April 1895, no. 724, I have the honor to state that no embarrassment has been caused in this District from the omission from other exemptions of the qualification (limiting the quantity of arms that may be possessed) which applies expressly to exemptions under clauses (3) (8) (9) and (15) of paragraph I of the notification dated 8th March 1879, no. 518.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,
H Moberly
Ag Dist. Magistrate.

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Judicial Deptt

CURRENT NO. 2859

From

The District Magistrate
Malabar

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras

Dated. 10th June 1895
Despd. 11th June 1895

CHIEF SECRETARY
13 JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Recd
Regd 14.6.95

No. 961 magl / 95

Encl. nil

Subject

Stating that no embarassment has been caused in this District from the omission from other exemptions of the qualification which applies to exemptions under clauses 3, 8, 9 and 15 of paragraph I of the notification dated 6th March 1879 No. 518.

CURRENT NO. 2803

No 653 / mag

Nellore Collector's Office,
5th June 1895.

K. C. Manavedan Raja's Despd 6.6.

From ~~C. D. Macleane~~, Esq.,
Collector and District Magistrate
of Nellore.

To the
Chief Secretary to Government Judicia
Department.

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of Governmen order No 724 dated 4th April 1895, I have the honor to state that no embarrassment has been caused in this District, from the omission from other exemptions of the qualification in question

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servan

Fr Dy Collector
Ag Distt Magte.

[MAG.; 28-4-90.]

Judicial Dept

CURRENT No 2803.

From the District Magistrate.

of Nellore

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Judicial Department

Dated 5 June 1895
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No. 653
Mag.

Recd 9th } June 95
Regd 10th }
Exn: "

Subject.

Reporting that no embarrassment has been caused from omission from other exemptions &c. under Indian Arms Act.

CHIEF SECRETARY
-9 JUN 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT

CURRENT No. 284

No. 216

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
11th June 1895

FROM

H. A. Sim Esqr. I.C.S.
Ag. DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, Nilgiris.

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department.
~~Madras~~
Stone House Hill.

Sir

In reply to para 1 of Government Order dated 4th April 1895 No. 724, Judicial, I have the honor to state tha no embarrassment has been caused in this District, from the omission from other exemptions of the qualification referred to in para 2 of the letter from the Government of India dated 23-2-18 No. 226.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
H A Sim
Ag. District Magistrate.

KS
10-6-95

Judicial Deptt

CURRENT No. 2843

From

The District Magistrate
Nilgiris.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government.
Judicial A. Department
Stone House Hill.

CHIEF SECRETARY
12 JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 11th } 11th June 1895
Despatched
Recd 12th
Regd 13th

Enclosure. nil

No. 216

Arms Act

Stating with reference to G O No 724 dated 4-4-1895 that no embarrassment has been caused from the omission from certain exemptions under the rules under — of the qualification referred to by Government of India.

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CURRENT No. 2799

Salem Collector's Office,
6. 6. 1895.

No. 930/M

From

G. STOKES Esq.,
Collr. & Dist. Magte. of Salem.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government Judicial department.

SIR,

With reference to para 2 of the G. O. dated 4. 4. 95 No. 724, I have the honor to state that I have not come across any instance of embarrassment that has been caused from the omission from other exemptions of the qualification restricting the quantity of arms to be possess

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
for Dt. Magistrate

7-6-95
desp'd.

Jud

CURRENT NO. 2799

Judicial Department.

From the Collector

and District Magistrate,

Salem.

CHIEF SECRETARY
8 JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government Judicial
Department, Stone House Hill
Ootacamund

Dated 6. 6. 95

Despd 7. 6. 95

Recd 8. 6. 95
Regd 10. 6. 95 No. 980/M

Enclosure. "

Subject.

Reporting that no instance of embarrassment has come to notice from the omission of the qualification restricting the quantity of arms

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Judicial Dept

From CURRENT NO. 2714

The District Magistrate
Tanjore

CHIEF SECRETARY
2 JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Judicial Department,
Madras

Dated 30th May 1895
Received 2nd June "
Regd 5th do

DESPATCHED
31 MAY. 95

No 504/Mag1

Encl nil

Subject

Reporting that no embarrassment has been felt by the omission of the restriction regarding the quantity of arms to be possessed by certain classes exempted from the operations of the Arms Act.

G.S. (Please type [illegible]
[illegible]

CURRENT No. 2714

No. 504
Mag.

Tanjore District Magistrate's
Office, Camp Kumbakonam,
30th May 1895.

No.

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From,

Robert B. Clegg Esqre,
Acting District Magistrate,
Tanjore.

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To.

The Honourable Mr. J. F. Price,
Chief Secretary to Govt.
Judicial Dept.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to para 1 of G. O. dated 4th April 1895 No. 724 J, I have the honour to state that from the reports of the Divisional officers it appears that there have been no instances in which any embarassment has been felt in this District from the omission from the Exemptions under clauses 1, 2, 4 to 7 and 10 to 14 of Paragraph I of the Home Department Notification No 518 dated 6th March 1879 (as amended up to the present time) of the restriction (regarding the quantity of arms to be possessed) applied to persons coming under clauses 3, 8, 9 & 15 of the Notification.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obt. Servant

Ag District Magistrate

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Urgent

1895

CURRENT NO. 2552

Judicial Department.

TINNEVELLY Dt. Magistrate's OFFICE.

From

The District Magistrate of Tinnevelly.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George.

CHIEF SECRETARY
21. MAY. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 17th } May 1895.
Received 21st }
Rgd 22nd Lan

No. 66 of 1895 Magl

ENCLOSURE. (nil)

SUBJECT.

Reporting that no embarrassment has been caused in Tinnevelly Dt. from the omission from the other exemptions referred to in the G.O. quoted within.

For

No. 66 of 95
Magl.

Tinnevelly Dt. Magistrate's office
Camp Trichendur
Dated 17th May 1895

CURRENT NO. 2552

From,

A. W. B. Higgens Esquire
District Magistrate of
Tinnevelly.

To,

The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Judicial Department,
Madras.

Sir,

In reply to para 1 of Government Order dated the 4th April 1895, No. 724, I have the honor to state that no embarrassment has hitherto been caused in this District from the cause stated.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
A W B Higgens
District Magistrate

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16/5

Dis no 549/95 / M.

CURRENT NO. 3075.

Trichinopoly District Magistrate's Office.

26th June 1895

No. ____

FROM

E. A. Elwin Esquire.

Ag: DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF

TRICHINOPOLY.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial DEPARTMENT,

MADRAS.

SIR,

With reference to para 1 of G. O. $\frac{724}{4\cdot4\cdot95}$, I have the honour to report that, so far as I can gather, no embarrassment has been caused in this District from the omission from other exemptions of the qualification alluded to in paras 1 & 2 of the letter from the Government of India

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedt. Servt.

A. Krishnaramaiyer

For Ag. Dt. Magte

VS.

3d/ Judicial Deptt.

CURRENT NO. 307/S

1895

CHIEF SECRETARIAT * 28 JUN. 1895 * GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Department.

FROM

~~The~~ Eg. Edwin Cope

District Magistrate,

Trichinopoly.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Judicial Department,

MADRAS.

Dated 26 }
Despd. 26th } June 1895
Recd. 28th }

Dis No. 549/195 M.

Enclosures. nil

Reporting that no
embarrassment has
been Caused from the
omission from other
exemptions of the quali-
fication mentioned in
paras 1 & 2 of the letter
from the Govt. of India.

No. $\frac{O}{48}$ 2,000—10-94.

CURRENT No. Jud 2499.

DEPARTMENT.

No. 2524

~~Chief~~ OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

~~Madras~~, 30 April 1895.

FROM

M. Hammick Esq. I.C.S.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Ootacamund.

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. 4th April 1895, a
No. 724, I have the honor to say that as far as
known no embarrassment has been caused
from the omission of the qualification,
referred to in the Government of India
letter read in the above G.O. from the
exemptions in the Notification under
the Arms Act.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servt,

M. Hammick

Inspector General of Police.

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Jud^l (1895) DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No. 2199

FROM

M. Hammick Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL

OF POLICE,

To

The Chief Secretary to

Government,

Ootacamund.

No. 2524

Dated 30 } April 1895.
Received }

Regd 3-5-95
Em ..

CHIEF SECRETARY
No. 2 MAY 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

SUBJECT.

States that no embarassment has been caused from the omission of the qualification referred to from the exemptions in the Notification under the Arms Act.

Bellary Dist: Magt's Office
Dated 2d May 1895

Jud^l Index No 76 / 4.5.95

CURRENT No. 2292

From

H. Tremenheere Esqr.
District Magistrate
Bellary

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Judicial Deptt.
Madras

Sir,

With reference to Government order No. 724/4.4.95 I have the honor to report that though no embarrassment has been felt from the other exempts having no restriction on the number of their arms, I consider it advisable that restriction to a reasonable quantity should be imposed on the following classes.

Rule I Clause (1) Persons who received certificates on 1st January 77.

Clause (4) Honorary magistrates of whom many districts have a large number.

Clause 10. Municipal Committees.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
C W Plunkett
for Dist Magst

[illegible]

Judicial Dept

CURRENT NO 2292

From

The District Magistrate
Bellary

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government Judicial
Deptt: Madras

Magl. Endt No 76

Enc.. –

Dated 2d } May 1895
Despd 4 }
Recd
Repd 7.5.95

CHIEF SECRY
6. MAY. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Reporting that restriction to possess a reasonable quantity of arms should be imposed on certain classes.

Disp No. 410/Magl of 1895 Kistna District Magistrate's Office
Masulipatam, 15th June 1895

CURRENT NO. 29/9

From,

J. A. Atkinson Esquire,
District Magistrate, Kistna.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to G.O. 724 dated 4.4.95 Judicial.

2. The question I am asked to answer is whether any embarrassment has been caused in this District by the omission to limit the quantity of arms that may be possessed by classes other than (3), (8), (9), and (15) exempted under the Government of India Notification No 518/6.3.79. My reply is in the negative. At the same time I beg to point out that in the printed copy of the Notification revised up to 1.5.94 I do not find any restriction laid down in the sense in question in respect of the exemptions in Clause (15).

3. I take this opportunity to respectfully invite attention to the fact that

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the Government does not appear to have taken action on the proviso governing the exemption in clause (9) regarding the number of weapons to be allowed in each case. Under this proviso the exemption granted to Zamindars in this presidency is subject to such orders as the Local Government may issue, among other things, regarding the number of weapons to be possessed by them. No orders having been issued on the subject the restriction, contemplated by the rule is practically a dead letter now. The Zamindars would thus appear to have, though the rules do not intend it, unlimited power to possess arms at their pleasure, and their authority cannot be legally questioned. This renders the working of the Act difficult in Zamindari tracts. The disadvantage is aggravated in this District by its proximity to His Highness the Nizam's Dominions. The Zamindars have already a large quantity of weapons and

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they constantly augment the number by fresh purchases from different quarters.

4. These facts make it impossible to attain anything like complete registry of all arms in Zamindari tracts. But so far as I am aware no inconvenience other than that just mentioned, which is after all, only of an academical character, has resulted from omission to define the privileges of Zamindars and their retainers. Probably therefor the irritation that would be caused by a rigid definition and limitation of these privileges, would a great deal more than counterbalance any advantage to be derived from more accurate registration.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
J. N. Atkinson
17/6
District Magistrate.

P.K. 17.6

2nd

Judicial Deptt

CURRENT No. 2959

From

The Dist Magistrate of
Kistna

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Judicial Department
Madras

20. JUN. 1895

Dated 15 }
Despd 17 " } June 1895
Recd 20th
Regd 21st

Disp No $\frac{410}{\text{Magl}}$ of 1895

Enclosures nil

Subject

Reporting that no embarrassment has been caused by the omission to limit the quantity of arms that may be possessed by certain classes of persons exempted from the operation of the Indian Arms Act

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Judicial Deptt.

CURRENT No. 3016.

From

The District Magte.

Madura.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Govt
Judicial Deptt
Madras

Dated 20th }
Received 24th } June 1895.

Disposal No. $\frac{504}{\text{Magl}}$ **of 1895.**

Enclosures 4

SUBJECT.

Submitting the report called for in G. O. no. 724 d/ 4th April 95 regarding the embarassment caused in the Dt from the omission to extend to all exempted persons the restriction on the quantity of arms to be possessed.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate.

Dis No. 504/Magl of 1895

MADURA DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
20th June 1895.

CURRENT NO. 3016

From

J. Twigg Esquire,
Acting District Magistrate,
Madura.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Depart.
Madras

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
24 JUN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 1 of Government Order No 724 dated 4 April 95, I have the honor to state that from the reports received from my Divisional officers, it appears that no embarrassment has been caused in this district from the omission to extend to all exempted persons the restriction on the quantity of arms to be possessed which is now imposed only on some.

2. The Joint Magistrate and the Deputy Magistrate, Madura Division, consider that it is desirable to apply the restriction to all exempted persons and classes alike; and in this view I concur.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servt.

J. Twigg.
Acting Dt. Magistrate

Judicial Deptt

[V. C. P.—17-11-94.—700.]

CURRENT NO. 2023.

DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE ~~COLLECTOR~~ Dist Magte OF VIZAGAPATAM.

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department,
Madras.

Dated 19th
Received 20th June 1895.

~~Rc. C.~~
Dis. No. 848

ENCLOSURES. 4

Subject.

Indian Arms Act —

Reporting that no embarrassment has been caused in this District from the omission from other exemption of the qualification which applies to exemptions under clauses 3, 8, 9 & 15 of para 1 of the Notification of the 6th March 1879.

CURRENT NO. 3023

Dis No. 848

VIZAGAPATAM ~~COLLECTOR'S~~ District Magistrate's OFFICE,
Dated 19th June 1895.

From
R. Morris Esqre,
~~W. A. WILLOCK ESQR.~~
Ag Magistrate, ~~Collector~~
Vizagapatam District.

To
The Honorable J. F. Price,
Chief SECRETARY TO ~~THE COMMISSIONERS OF~~ Government,
Judicial Department, ~~LAND REVENUE~~,
MADRAS.

SIR,

Referring to G. O. No. 724 dated the 4th April last, (Judicial), I have the honor to report that most of the members of the Local and District Boards and the Municipalities in the District are not aware of the fact that they are as such privileged to possess arms without a license, much less do they know that they are entitled to possess an unlimited quantity of arms under the notification dated the 6th March 1879. A reference to the register of licenses issued in form VIII shows that some members have been in the habit of taking out licenses for possessing guns for sport and protection. Most of the others have no weapons at all and even the few who have, are not reported to possess more than very limited quantities of arms. I am therefore of opinion that no embarrassment has been caused in this District from the omission from other exemptions of the qualification which

applies

applies to exemptions under clauses 3, 8, 9 & 15 of para 1 of the notification of the 6th March referred to in the letter of India Government embodied in the G. O. under reference.

2. It seems invidious that members of Municipal Councils should be allowed a privilege which does not extend to members of a District Board, and I would suggest that as exemption from the necessity of taking out a license is denied to the latter class it should not in future be granted to all Municipal Councillors merely by virtue of their election.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,

for Actg District Magistrate.

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CURRENT NO. 1924

No.

City Police Office.

Madras, 18th April 1895

From ~~THE~~ Colonel H. W. H. Cox
THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
MADRAS,

To The Chief Secretary to Government
with the Governor
Stonehouse Hill

Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated 4th April 1895 No. 724 Judicial I have the honour to inform you that the omission of the proviso in clauses (3) and (8) of Paragraph I of the Notification of Government of India dated 6th March 1879 from other exemption under the Indian Arms Act has not caused any embarrassment in the City of Madras.

2 — It is generally understood that all exemptions apply only to Arms and Ammunition for the personal use of persons exempted and the rest of the proviso in clauses (3) and (8) is at present inoperative as the term reasonable quantity has not yet been authoritatively defined.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

H W H Cox Col
Commissioner of Police

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Judicial Dept.

CURRENT No. 1924.

From

The Commissioner of Police
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Govt
Madras

CHIEF SECRETARY
17. APR. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dated 16th }
Received 17th } April 1895
Regd. 18th
Enc: "

J.S.

No. 32

Indian Arms Act

Reporting that no embarrassment has been caused in the City of Madras from the omission of the proviso in clauses (3) and (8) of Paragraph I of the notification of Govt. of India.

MR 23/4 us Rl. Refer. To await other replies?

MR 23/4/95

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CURRENT No. 2662

Home Department
(Public);
Simla, the 23rd May 1895

No. 832.

To
The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madras.

Subject.

Question of extending to classes to which it does not at present apply the restriction in regard to the quantity of arms to be possessed.

SIR,

I AM directed to invite attention to the communication* marginally noted, and to request an early reply thereto.

CHIEF SECRETARY
30 MAY. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,

H. Luson
Offg: Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

*No. 226 dated the 23rd February 95
~~and subsequent reminder~~
~~No.~~ ~~dated~~

G.O. 4 April 1895, No. 724 Jul.

No. 1322 H. D.—13-3-94.—50.

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CURRENT No. 2662.

From, The Govt. of India,
Home Dept (Public)

No. 832

Dated 23rd }
Recd 30th } May 1895
Regd 31st }
Enc: "

Subject

Requesting an early reply to No. $\frac{226}{23\cdot2\cdot95}$ re the question of extending to classes to which it does not at present apply the restriction in regard to the Quantity of Arms to be possessed.

~~Perhaps replies to this go with~~

~~Lay on and send to J. Dept.~~

Lodged pending receipt of other replies.

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note - May an urgent reminder be now sent to the (14) officers concerned $\frac{D}{1\cdot6\cdot95}$

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CURRENT No. 4011

Home Department,
(Public)
Simla ~~Calcutta~~, 15th August 1895

No. 1196

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Madras

22 AUG. 1895

Subject: Question as to the desirability of extending the restriction in regard to the possession of such quantities of arms and ammunition as may be reasonable for persons to carry or possess

Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to the communication marginally noted* and to request an early reply thereto.

*No. 226 dated 23rd Feby, 1895 and subsequent reminder No. 832 dated 23rd May, 1895

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C.No. 2662

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

L. M. Thornton

Depy: Secretary to the Govt. of India.

G. I. C. P. O.—No. 1323 H. D.—15-3-94—50.

Judicial Dept

CURRENT No. 4011

From,

The Govt. of India,

Home Dept (Public)

No. 1196

Dated 15th }
Recd 22nd } August '95
Regd. 23d. }
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Subject

Regd. an early reply to Comn. No. 226 of 23d. Feby '95 regarding the question as to the desirability of extending the restriction in regard to the possession of such quantities of arms and ammunition as may be reasonable for persons to carry or possess.

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Judl. DEPARTMENT.

Read again G.O. of 4 April 1895, No. 724, Judl ~~C. No~~ & file of replies thereto.

FOR ORDERS.

Wd. say with refce. to the remarks of some Magtes. & the Commr. of Police that the Rules should provide that in all cases possession & transport shd. be for personal use only & in such quantities only as the Local Govt. may think reasonable

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-x-: except the Dm. of Godavari whose reply has not yet been received.

In para. 2 of Mr. Hewett's letter dated 23 Feby '95 No. 226 printed in the G.O. read above, the Govt. of India proposed before amending the Arms Act rules in regard to the proposal to extend to classes to which it does not at present apply, the restriction on the quantity of arms to be possessed, to invite the opinion of Local Govts. upon the suggestion and, in the meantime, enquired whether any embarrassment has been caused in this Presidency from the omission from other exemptions of this qualification, which applies expressly to exemptions under clauses (3), (8), (9) & (15) of para. 1 of the notifn. of 6th March 1879, No. 518.

2. These currents are the replies ~~from~~ all the Dt.: Magts.-x- the I.G. of Police & the Commissioner of Police, Madras. whose opinions were invited in para. 1 of G.O. of 4 ap. last, No. 724 Judl. They unanimously state that no ~~such~~ embarrassment has been caused from the omission of the qualification.

3. The following officers make ~~the~~ certain suggestions & remarks which may be detailed thus:-

(1) The Dm. of Bellary: considers that though no

no embarrassment has been felt from the other exempted classes having no restriction on the number of their arms, it is advisable that restriction to a reasonable quantity should be imposed on the following classes:-

Rule I clause (1) Persons who received certificates on 1st January 1877;

(clause (4) Honorary magistrates of whom many districts have a large number; &

clause (10) Municipal Committees.

(ii) The D.M. of Kistna: points out that in the consolidated Arms Act Rules brought up to 1st May '94, there is no restriction laid down in the sense in question in respect of the exemption in clause (15)†; & invites attention to the fact that the Govt. has not taken any action on the proviso governing the exemption in clause (9) regarding the number of ~~persons~~ weapons to be allowed in each case. Under this proviso, the exemption granted to Zamindars in this Presy. is subject to such orders as the Local Govt. may issue, among other things, regarding the number of weapons to be possessed by them. No orders having been passed on the subject the restriction, the D.M. says, contemplated by the rule is practically a dead letter now; that the Zamindars thus appear to have, though the rules do not intend it, unlimited power to possess arms at their pleasure, & that their authority cannot be legally questioned. Mr. Atkinson complains that this renders the working of the Act difficult in Zamindari tracts & especially in the Kistna Dt. owing to its proximity to the Nizam's territory; that the Zamindars have already a large quantity of weapons

FOR ORDERS.

HON'BLE MEMBER.

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† Clause 15 of the Notification of 1879 exempts certain Revenue officials & Postal runners "where "their superior officers direct them "to carry arms on duty". This presumably gives their superiors power to limit the quantity of arms in their possession.

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& that they constantly augment the number by fresh purchases from different quarters. These facts make in his opinion a complete registration of all arms in Zamindari tracts impossible. But he thinks that no ~~separate~~ other inconvenience has resulted from omission to define the privileges of Zamindars & their retainers, & that probably, therefore, the irritation that would be caused by a rigid definition & limitation of these privileges would a great deal ~~more~~ more than counterbalance any advantage to be derived from more accurate registration.

(iii) The D.M. of Madura: states that his joint magistrate and the Dy. Magistrate, Madura Dt., consider it desirable to apply the restriction to all exempted persons and classes alike & that he concurs in this view.

(iv) The D.M. of Vizagapatam. reports that most of the members of the Local & Dt. Boards & the Municipalities in the district are not aware of the fact that they are as such privileged to possess arms without a license, much less that they are entitled to possess an unlimited quantity of arms, & that a reference to the register of licenses issued in Form VIII shows that some members have been in the habit of taking out licenses for possessing guns for sport & protection. He observes that it seems invidious that members of Municipal Councils should be allowed a privilege which does not extend to members of a District Board & suggests that as exemption from taking out a license is denied to the latter class, it should not

Govt. had decided not to raise this question, when the matter was mentioned in connection with the Exemption of Local Bd. member

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in future be granted to all municipal Councillors merely by virtue of their election.

(V) The Commr. of Police : remarks that it is generally understood that all exemptions apply only to arms & ammunition for the personal use of persons exempted & that the rest of the proviso in clauses (3) & (8) is at present inoperative as the term "reasonable quantity" has not yet been authoritatively defined.

With reference to the remarks of the Dt. M. of Kistna, attention is invited to G.O. of 23 Novr. '94, No. 2838, Judl, mis., in which he was informed that he should exercise his discretion as to the number of retainers who should be allowed in each case but that Govt. was not prepared to engage upon the delicate task of fixing for each Zamindar & Polegar the number of retainers who will be permitted to carry arms without licence.

As the Govt. of India have sent a second reminder (Cu. No. 401) it is submitted that it is unnecessary to wait any longer for the Godavari Dt.'s reply.

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Judl. DEPARTMENT.

Papers to be read in proceedings :—

Again G.O., dated 4th April 1895, No. 784, Judl.
Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
Current No. of 189 , dated from & file of replies thereto.
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& reminders

ORDER. 4th September 1895, No. 1854.

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

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Letter No. 1855.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Dept. (Public)

Sir,

Adverting to para. 2 of Mr. Hewett's letter dated Calcutta, the 23 Febry. 1895, No. 226, I am directed to state that no embarrassment has been caused in this Presidency ~~from~~ by the omission from other exemptions of the qualifications restricting the quantity of arms that may be possessed, which apply expressly to exemptions under clauses (3), (8), (9) & (15) of Para. I of the notifn. of 6th march 1879, No. 518.

2. I am to add that in the opinion of the G. in C. the rules shld. be amended so as to provide that in cases possession & transport shld. be for personal use only & (b) in such quantities only as the Local Govt. may consider reasonable D.

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