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[Despatch Abstract.]

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Recording letter from the Government of India forwarding copy of a circular letter addressed to other local Governments and Administrations as to the desirability of extending to all classes mentioned in paragraph 1 of Home Department Notification No. 518, dated 6th. March 1879, a general proviso restricting the quantity of--to be possessed.

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re the desirability of extending
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No. 578/1879, a General proviso
restricting the quantity of arms
and ammunition to be possessed

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2-11-98 this at this stage, to the Gen. Assembly & other officers.

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Mr.

FROM

No. 1690

FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH.
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
PUNJAB.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF BURMA.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF ASSAM.
THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG.
THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.

Department.
etc.

Simla, the 14th October 1895.

SIR,

I AM directed to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council
His Honour the Lieut. Governor (and Chief Commr.)
your information

Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 45,
dated the 10th January 1895.
Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 226,
dated the 23rd February 1895.
Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 1855,
dated the 4th September 1895.
Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 1650
of this date.

Home Department, Madras, at the proposed

a copy of the correspondence marginally
noted, which has taken place with the
Government of Madras on the subject of
a proposed restriction on the quantity of
arms to be possessed by persons of the
S. mentioned

No. 45, dated Fort St. George, the 10th January 1895.

From—The HONOURABLE E. GIBSON, I.C.S., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

With reference to the Notification from the Government of India, Home Department (Public), dated 29th February 1892, No. 1012, I am directed to invite attention to the fact that that Notification restricts exemptions under the Indian Arms Act in the case of certain classes to the possession of "such quantities of arms as may have been declared to be reasonable for them to carry or possess."

2. I am to point out that this restriction does not apply to the various other classes specified in the Home Department Notification, No. 518, dated 6th March 1879, as amended by subsequent notifications, and to suggest the desirability of extending its application. As the Notification now stands, a Native Member of a Local Board is apparently entitled to possess an unlimited quantity of arms, whereas a European Military Officer is, strictly speaking, liable to prosecution if he possesses more than "a reasonable quantity of arms."

No. 226, dated Calcutta, the 23rd February 1895.

From—J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department,

To—The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

rules public directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 45, dated ultimo, pointing out that the restriction in the Notification of this Department No. 1012, dated the 29th February 1892, of the exemptions granted therein to the possession of such quantities of arms as may be declared to be reasonable for the persons exempted to carry or possess, does not apply to other classes exempted in paragraph 1 of the Home Department Notification No. 518, dated the 6th March 1879, as amended up to the present time. The Governor in Council suggests the desirability of extending the application of the restriction to other classes and persons; and as an instance of the existing anomaly it is represented that, as the Notification of the 6th March 1879 now stands, a native member of a Local Board is entitled to possess an unlimited quantity of arms, whereas a European Military Officer is, strictly speaking, liable to prosecution if he possesses more than a "reasonable" quantity.

2. In reply I am to say that the proposed

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to extend the exemption in a manner not contemplated by the rules. The Government of India are, I am to say, opposed to any extension of such exemptions; but if His Excellency the Governor in Council is unwilling to cancel those already made, the Government of India will not object to their continuance provided that it is made clear that the concession will be personal to existing members, and continue only so long as they are members of the Boards in question. For the future similar exemptions should, with the permission of His Excellency in Council, be refused.

No. 1855, dated Ootacamund, the 4th September 1895.

From—The Honourable Mr. J. F. PRICE, I.C.S., C.S.I., Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To—The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

Adverting to paragraph 2 of Mr. Hewett's letter dated Calcutta, the 23rd February 1895, No. 226, I am directed to state that no embarrassment has been caused in this presidency 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) and (15) of paragraph 1 of the notification dated 6th March 1879, No. 518.

2. I am to add that in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council the rules should be amended so as to provide that in all cases possession of transport should be (a) for personal use only and (b) in such quantities the Local Government may consider reasonable.

No. 1690

FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
MADRAS.

Home Department.
Public.

CHIEF SECRETARY
27 OCT. 1895
Simla, the 1st October 1895.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter No. 1855, dated the 4th ultimo, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, copy of a Circular letter* addressed to other Local Governments and Administrations as to the desirability of extending to all classes mentioned in paragraph I of the Home Department Notification No. 518, dated the 6th March 1879, a general proviso restricting the quantity of arms and ammunition to be possessed.

2. Referring to paragraph 2 of your letter under acknowledgment, I am to point out that the matter of transport has already been provided for in the manner desired by the Government of Madras by paragraph VI, rule (3) of the rules published with the Notification of the 6th March 1879.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. Hewett

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

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