

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. *44, 45*

DATED *10th Jan. 1895*

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[Despatch Abstract.]

ARMS ACT EXEMPTIONS

Pointing out to the Government of India the anomaly resulting from restricting the exemption 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".

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF

BELLARY.

TO

THE

Chief Secretary to
Government, Madras

In Ref No. 1104

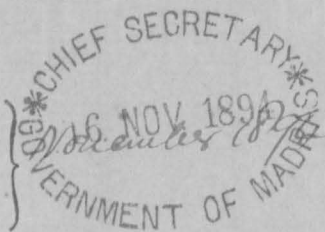
Dated 15th

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Abstract.



Soliciting instructions on
certain points under the
arms act.

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are not under
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The anomaly pointed out does
exist. P.O. 724 March 1892 No 602
contains the Govt. of India notification
which created it. Prior to that notification
classes (3) & (8) of para I of the Rules
contained no condition relating to the
quantity of arms which the exempted
classes might possess. - They were
all liable to prosecution for transport
of arms in unreasonable quantities
vide para VI clause (3) of the rules.
It is not known why the Govt. of India
introduced this restricting condition in the
case of two classes only. Perhaps they
might be asked if it was intentional

18/12/11
This paper has been delayed with the vain
endeavour to trace the reason for the restriction

For - Better ask India
for advice. I think there
should be a general restriction
to reasonable quantities

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BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Dated 15th November 1894.

No. 1104

FROM

H. Kremenkeere Esqr
of COLLECTOR OF District Magistrate
BELLARY.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to
Government, Judicial Deptt.
Madras

SIR,

A member of a Taluk Board being
reported to be in possession of the

- 2. Carnatic Carlines
- 1. Do — Small
- 2. Revolvers some what out
of repair
- 1. Revolver.
- 2. Carlines (old pattern) out
of repair
- 2. Old Carlines
- 1. Cap Gun
- 7. Swords (3 out of repair).

marginally noted arms, the
Superintendent of Police enquired
of me what was a reasonable
quantity of arms which
an exempted person might
possess.

2. On turning to the Rules
under the Arms act, I
find an anomaly which I venture to
bring to the notice of Government.

3. Rule I Clause 3 exempt Military and
Naval Officers and others, provided that
the arms they possess shall not be in
excess of a quantity which may be

Papers to be read in Proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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Current No.

of 18 , dated

from

Current No. 6115 of 1894, dated 15 Nov^r from the Dist. Mag^r of BellaryOrder 10 Jan^y 1895 No 44

The Gov^t of India will be addressed
with regard to the anomaly pointed
out by the Dist. Mag^r.
(from orders)

DESPATCHED
The Dist. Mag^r of Bellary 18 JAN 95
Letter to the Secretary to the
Gov^t of India, DESPATCHED
Home Department 18 JAN 95

Sir,

With reference to the Notification
from the Gov^t of India, Home Department
(Public) of 29 February 1892, No. 1012
I am directed to invite attention
to the fact that that notification has
restricted exemption under the 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 Dept^t
Notification No 515 of 6 March 1899
as amended by subsequent notifications

[in l.c. of 24 March 1892
No 602 Jnd^e]

declared by Government to be reasonable;
Clause 8 similarly exempts certain Pensions
Officers; Clause 9 certain Chiefs. But most
of the other clauses give exemption without
any such proviso; and as Clause 10, under
which Taluk Board members have been
exempted contains no such proviso, it
would appear that there is no limit to the
quantity of arms they may possess.

4. It is true that the note immediately
preceding Clause 1 seems to limit possession
of arms to reasonable quantities; but
the restricting words qualify only the
verb to transport, and not the verb to
possess. Rules 3 and 3A of Clause VI
support this view.

5. If this construction of the Rules is
correct, it may appear advisable to
by an addition to the Government orders quoted under Clause 10
Government, to limit to reasonable
quantities the possessions of arms
by members of District Municipalities
and Local Fund Boards

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedient servant

C. D. Munshi

To the Collector & Dist. Mag^r

Wm

to suggest the desirability of
 extending its application. to 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 liable to
 prosecution if he possesses more
 than "a reasonable quantity of arms".

Arms Act Exemption

(strictly speaking)

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