

Judicial (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 689-690.

Dated 3rd Apr 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

ARMS ACT LICENSE.

Directing that the Government of India be addressed for the grant of the necessary license for the importation by Messrs. Oakes and Co., Madras, of three Lee-Metford sporting magazine rifles, and making certain observations with reference to that company's remarks regarding the delay on the part of the Collector of Sea Customs in giving them the necessary instructions.

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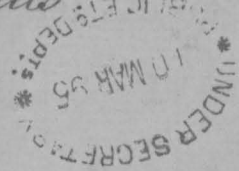
119/ Madras, 9th March 1895

The Honorable J. F. Price C.S.E.

Chief Secretary to Government

Madras

Sir,



We have the honor to inform you that in June 1894 our London Agents shipped to our address per S.S. "Manora" three Lee-Metford sporting magazine rifles which on arrival here were detained by the Collector of Sea Customs (as per his No. 2983 of the 3rd August 1894) pending a reference to the Board of Revenue. In his further No. 850 of the 22nd February 1895 he informed us that it is only on the production of a license from the Government of India that the rifles in question will be passed.

Obtained - vide under copy of No. 1582/95

in No. 197/95

In Aug 94 he told the Collector of Sea Customs to suppress all mention of the rifles in his letter of 11 August 1894 which steps necessary to be taken by us has caused us great inconvenience and we now beg to request that you will be good enough to recommend to the Government of India that we be permitted to import these rifles which were sent to us for sale for purely sporting purposes - We understand that a firm in Madras who received a precisely similar shipment about the same time have been permitted to clear them under licence from the Government of India. Any rules or regulations that the Government may pass

The delay of over six months on the part of the Collector of Sea Customs in informing us of the actual inconvenience and we now beg to request that you will be good enough to recommend to the Government of India that we be permitted to import these rifles which were sent to us for sale for purely sporting purposes - We understand that a firm in Madras who received a precisely similar shipment about the same time have been permitted to clear them under licence from the Government of India. Any rules or regulations that the Government may pass

Yes, but only under recent order from India prior to the receipt of which

Trusting that our request may meet with
your favorable Consideration.

Sir

your most obedient servants.

Out of

CURRENT NO. 1191

From

Messrs. Baker & Co.

Drawn 9 3 95
Recd 10 3 95
Recd 11 3 95

Subject
Regd. that Govt may
recommend to the Govt
that Baker may be permitted
to import the rifles sent
by their London Agents
12/3/95.



No. 197 30 Jan 1895 S.C.
No. 2949 12 94 Mis
No. 846 24 94 S.C.

CUSTOMS
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GOVT. REVENUE 188.

and L No. 548.
Referred to the Board of
Revenue for early remarks
12/3/95, (By order)
Daniel Davidson
of Under Secretary

John Ch. Sewer
12-3-95

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(London)

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1895.
Board of Revenue
(Separate Revenue),
MADRAS.

To
The Chief Secretary
to Government,
Judicial Department.

Recd 23/3

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Proceedings, dated 18th March 1895,
No. 1198. Mis.

Subject.

Reporting on an application
of Messrs. Baker and Company
for permission to import
3 magazine rifles and
stating that the Board
sees no objection to the grant
of a license by the Govern-
ment of India for that
purpose to the firm.

Urgent means calling for papers
submitted.

Ac. 1439/95
No. 197/95 & papers



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 18th March 1895.

No. 1198. Mis.

Read Endorsement from the
Government of Madras, dated
12th March 1895, No. 548:

Resolution.

In his Endorsement No. 3101 G,
dated 13th August 1894, the Collector
of Sea Customs, Madras, communi-
cated to the Board copy of his
letter to Messrs Bakes and Company
informing them that the importa-
tion of magazine rifles had been
prohibited by the Government of India.

2. In G. O. No. 197, judicial
dated

dated 31st January 1895, the orders
of the Government of India on a
case of importation of similar rifles
by Messrs. Gorr and Sons were com-
municated, in which the
Government granted the firm a
license authorizing the importation
of nine rifles.

3. The Board sees no objection
to the grant of a similar license
to Messrs. Gales and Company in
respect of the three rifles mentioned
in their letter.

(True Extract)

Commandant

Assistant Secretary.

To The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department, with letter in
original returned
Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs,
Madras.

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Sea Customs House
Madras 3rd August 1894.

From

The Collector of Sea Customs.

To

Messrs Gales & Co.

No 2983. L.

Enclosures Nil.

With reference to their Bill of Entry dated
30th July 1894 for one case containing:

3 Magazine rifles.

1 W. B. B. L. back gun. firm's "Mauser"

Messrs Gales & Co are informed that the
Magazine Rifles have been detained in
the Customs House pending receipt of a
reply to a reference made to the Board of
Revenue on the question of the importation
of such rifles.

(Signed) E. Turner.

Ag Collector of Sea Customs

(True Copy)

Sea Customs House

Madras 28th March 1895

E Turner

Ag Collector of Sea Customs

Telephonic Message

No. 21464 G.

SEA CUSTOM HOUSE,

Madras, 14-7-1894.

FROM

Ho. Turner Esq.

Ag. Collector of Sea Customs,

Madras,

TO

The Secretary to the Commissioner of

Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue,

Chennai, Madras.

SIR,

Reference Board's Proceedings
No. 161 Dated, 4th May 1894 Com-
municating o. r. Judicial Stk,
dated 9th April 1894.

Please say whether the
prohibition to import magazine
rifles of the description therein
referred to, extends to all magazine
repeating rifles answering that
description but of a different
calibre.

This enquiry is made as a
Case containing magazine repeating
rifles of the above description of
.303, .450 and .500 Calibres respect-
ly has been imported by a local
firm and is now detained in
the Custom House.

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Madras, 28th March 95

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An early reply is solicited.

I have etc
(Signed) E. Turner,
Ag Collector of S. C.

(True copy)

Seal Custom House
Madras, 28th March 95 } Ag Collector of Sea Customs.
M

E. Turner

No 30934 Seal Custom House
Madras, 11th August 1894

From the Collector of Sea Customs,
To Messrs Oakest & Co.
Madras,

With reference to their
letter of the 4th Instant, Messrs
Oakest & Co are informed that,
under a recent ruling of the
Government of India, the
importation of magazine
rifles answering the description
of those now imported by
them, has been prohibited
except under special orders.

Messrs Oakest & Co
could have their
address the Govt.

(Signed) E. Turner,
Ag Collector of S. C.

No 31015
13th August 1894

Copy forwarded to the
Secretary to the Commissioner
of Salt, M. Kari and separate
Revenue for information, in
Continuation of this office letter
24th H. Y. dated 14-7-94 and with
the remark that the 3 magazine
rifles imported by Messrs Oakest & Co
are of .303 Calibre.

(True copy)

(Signed) E. Turner
Ag Collector of S. C.
E. Turner
Ag Collector of Sea Customs

Seal Custom House
Madras, 28th March 95 } M

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue).

Dated 26th March 1895,
No. 1612. sub.

Read Memorandum from the Acting
Under Secretary to Government, Judicial Depart-
ment, dated 25th March 1895, No. $\frac{1457}{95}$
For Judicial C.

Resolution.

Ordered accordingly.
(True extract.)

Commandant
Assistant Secretary.

To
The Under Secretary to Government.

Judicial Department.

with papers referred to, and with
Telephone message, dated 14th July

1894, No 2144.G.

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W.R.

1895.

Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

MADRAS

To

The Under-Secretary to Govern-
ment.

Judicial Department

Recd } 30 March 1895
Regd }Proceedings, dated 26 March 1895,
No. 1612. sub.

Subject.

Ordering certain papers
to be forwarded to Government
for reference as requested.

Ct no 1457/95

197/95 & others

80645/6: 28.3.95

Ct no 1457/95

Order 3 April 1895 no 689

His

The Govt. of India will be
addressed for the necessary license.

2. With reference to Messrs Oakes & Co's
remark that there was a delay of over six
months on the part of the Collector of Sea
Customs it is observed that that officer
informed, in his letter no 3093 of 11 May 94
that under a recent ruling of the G. I. the
importation of the rifles in question has been
prohibited except under special order.
There was thus no delay on the part of that
officer, his later letter of 22 February 1895 being
based upon revised instructions received from
the Govt. of India in January 1895.

To Messrs Oakes & Co., Madras.

Letter

To The Secretary to the G. I.

Hi, In continuation of my letter of 28 March
1895 no 646, subd, I am directed to request
the grant of the necessary license for the
importation by Messrs Oakes & Co., Madras, of three
Lee-Metford sporting magazine rifles, which
were shipped by their London Agents in June last
& are now detained in the Custom house for
want of the necessary license.

2. I am to say that His. the Govt. in Council
sees no objection to this importation, as the rifles
are for sale for purely sporting purposes.
taken up as a respectable firm and they have
expressed their willingness
to abide by any instructions
as to the rifles that Govt. may see fit to issue.

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ENCLOSURES TO G. No

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

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NOTE FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY.

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or some such words
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