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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India (Home Department—Public), to the Chief Secretaries to the Governments of Bombay and Bengal, dated Calcutta, the 16th March 1895, No. 427—28.

With reference to the correspondence ending with ^{my letter No. 2094, dated the} your endorsement No. 1105 J., dated the

31st December 1894
26th February 1895, I am directed to say that, as the result of the second testing to which Roburite has been subjected by the Chemical Examiner, Bengal, and the Superintendent, Ishapur Gunpowder Factory, has proved satisfactory, the Government of India have decided that the importation of this explosive into India should now be permitted. In view of carrying out this decision, I am to convey the following observations and orders.

2. Under the rules (Nos. 8* and 13) framed by the Government of India to regulate the transport and importation

* *Vide* Home Department Notification No. 1417 of explosives, licenses for importation by (Public), dated the 24th June 1887. sea have to be granted by the Local Government or by some officer specially

authorized by it in this behalf. Under Rule 14 in the case of those explosives which require testing, the Local Government cannot give a license unless a sample of the explosive has been certified by the Chemical Examiner or some other qualified officer to pass the prescribed test. The tests, however, prescribed by Home Department Notification No. 1418, dated the 24th June 1887, apply only to those explosives of Class III, Division 2, which contain gun cotton. The explosive known as Roburite falls in Class III (Nitro compounds), Division 2, but as it does not contain gun cotton, it is not at present liable to be tested under the tests prescribed.

3. I am to enclose a copy (to be returned with your reply) of the test rules which are understood to be in force in England. It will be seen that they apparently provide a test for all explosives of Class III, Division 2. As it is desirable that a test should be provided for Roburite, I am to request that a report may be submitted by the Chemical ^{Analysers, Bombay} ^{Examiner, Calcutta}, who has recently had experience in testing this explosive, as to the nature of the test to which Roburite should be subjected.

4. Meanwhile I am to say that, as the Government of India have intimated to the Secretary of State that the importation of Roburite will be permitted, licenses for the importation, possession, or sale of Roburite in the ^{Bombay Presidency} ^{Lower Provinces of Bengal} should not be refused, if they are applied for. The grant of licenses to possess or sell this explosive will of course be subject to the provisions of the rules for manufacture, possession and sale made by the Local Government. Should any further precautions seem necessary in regard to Roburite, which the existing rules do not permit of the Local Government imposing by its own authority, a report should, with the permission of ^{His Excellency in Council} His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, be submitted to the Government of India.

8TH APRIL 1895, No. 750, JUDICIAL.

No. 429.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with a request that licenses for the importation, possession and sale of Roburite may now be granted if applied for.

(By order.)

(Signed) L. M. THORNTON,
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—dated 8th April 1895, No. 750, Judicial.

Communicated to all District Magistrates, the Inspector-General of Police, the Commissioner of Police, Madras, and the Chemical Examiner.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To all District Magistrates.
 „ the Inspector-General of Police.
 „ the Commissioner of Police.
 „ the Chemical Examiner to Government.
 „ Messrs. Parry and Co.
 „ „ Best and Co.
 „ „ Arbuthnot and Co.
 Copy to the Public Works Department (Railway Branch).
 „ „ Inspector-General of Ordnance.

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MADRAS

From

The Govt. of India

Home

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Dated 16/3/95

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Subject.

Forward Copy of their letter
 regarding Roburite, to
 the Govt. of Bombay
 and Bengal, regarding
 Roburite + stating that
 licenses for the importation
 possession and sale of Roburite
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 applied for

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Comd. Ball St. Magistrate,

the Sg. of Police and the Comd. of Police,
Madras, and the Chemical Examiner.

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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.

Home Department
Public

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By order,

A. M. Thornton

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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