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officers & men of the Hong Kong Regiment
and Asiatic Artillery when proceed-
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No. 4682-D. (Arms), dated Simla, the 23rd September 1895.

From—Colonel M. J. KING-HARMAN, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,
Military Department,

To—The Adjutant-General in India.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1950-E., dated the 15th March 1895, and in reply to state, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that, subject to the concurrence of the Colonial authorities concerned, which has been asked for through the Secretary of State for India, the Government of India approve of the following rules for the grant of passes for fire-arms to native officers, non-commissioned officers and men belonging to the Hong-Kong Regiment and Asiatic Artillery when proceeding to India:—

I.—Native officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Hong-Kong Regiment and Asiatic Artillery arriving in India on furlough may be permitted to carry a rifle, gun or pistol, as well as a sword or knife for *bona fide* personal use, subject to the following conditions:—

- (a) No individual may carry more than one fire-arm, which must be covered by a pass signed by the Commanding Officer of the Corps to which the man belongs.
- (b) The pass must contain an accurate description of the weapon and its distinctive marks.
- (c) Should the holder of any such officer or soldier be beyond the frontier, he must, previously to being granted such pass, obtain from his fellow clansmen in the corps, and deposit with his Commanding Officer, security to the extent of three times the value of the arms he proposes to take across the frontier.
- (d) On arrival in Calcutta each man with arms in his possession must obtain a license from the Commissioner of Police to cover the journey up-country. No man will be granted a license for more than one fire-arm.
- (e) Ammunition to the extent of 20 rounds only for the fire-arm carried may be taken if entered in the pass and license.
- (f) On return from furlough each soldier will be required to produce his pass and the weapon for which it was granted, and his Commanding Officer will satisfy himself that the fire-arm has not been changed during the man's absence; should he have lost, exchanged or made away with it, he will forfeit the amount of his security, and will not again be allowed the privilege of carrying fire-arms.

II.—Native officers or soldiers of the Hong-Kong Regiment or Asiatic Artillery proceeding to their homes on discharge will be permitted to take a gun (not a rifle), pistol, sword or knife, but not more than one fire-arm, for which a license to cover the journey up-country must be taken out in Calcutta. On arrival at their destination they must, if in British India, obtain from the nearest Magistrate a license to possess the arms.

III.—Native soldiers or officers of the above-named corps, who may desire to take fire-arms beyond the North-Western Frontier, must present for endorsement by the Deputy Commissioner or the Assistant Commissioner or the District Superintendent of Police of the frontier district by which they are to pass out of British India, the license granted them in Calcutta.

The District Officer, to whom the license is thus presented, will enter the period for which his endorsement will remain in force.

On his return from across the frontier, the holder of the license shall at once present himself to the Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, or District Superintendent of Police, who will satisfy himself of the identity of the arms and certify on the license that such verification has been made.

2. I am to add, for His Excellency's information, that the Secretary of State for India will also be asked to move the Secretary of State for the Colonies to cause the issue of stringent

instructions prohibiting men of these regiments from bringing away service rifles with them when proceeding on leave to India.

[CONFIDENTIAL.]

No. 195, dated Simla, the 16th October 1895.

From—The Government of India, Military Department,
To—The Secretary of State for India.

With reference to paragraph 18 of India Office Military Despatch No. 112, dated the 20th September 1894 (M.-8460), we have the honour to forward correspondence relative to the grant of passes for fire-arms to native officers, non-commissioned officers and men, belonging to the Hong-Kong Regiment and Asiatic Artillery, etc., when proceeding to India.

2. We would ask that the Secretary of State for War may be moved to give the necessary instructions to Officers Commanding to ensure that the rules on the subject proposed to be issued by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India are made known, and to request them to prevent native officers and men of any of the corps referred to from bringing away service rifles with them when proceeding on leave to India; or any private rifles that are capable of taking any description of service ammunition.

Extract, paragraph 15, of a Military letter from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State of India,—No. 115, dated the 12th December 1895.

15. The Secretary of State for War has caused the necessary instructions to be conveyed to the Commanding Officers concerned regarding the rules for the grant of passes for fire-arms to native officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Hong-Kong Regiment and Asiatic Artillery.

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FROM

L. M. THORNTON, Esq.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

Home Department.
Public.

Calcutta, the 18 February 1896.

SIR,

IN continuation of the letter from this Department, No. *17-Pub.*
1335, dated the 8th August 1894, I am directed to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of correspondence* containing rules for the grant of passes for fire-arms to native officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Hong-Kong Regiment and Asiatic Artillery when proceeding to India.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. M. Thornton

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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READ—also the following paper :—

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ORDER—No. 419, Judicial, dated 27th February 1896.

Communicated to all District Magistrates, the Inspector-General of Police, and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, in continuation of G.O., No. 2062, Judicial, dated 28th August 1894.

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Chief Secretary.

To all District Magistrates. *with one &c.*
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 " the Commissioner of Police. *— do —*

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