Judicial (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 1002 – 1003

Confidential No.

DATED 23-6-99

[Despatch Abstract.]

ech loading arms and ammunition

eplying to letter from the Govt of India
quiring whether there is any objection to
stinguishing in future between licenses
~~[illegible]~~ and those for other arms a
munition, and to prescribing that
ees for the former should only
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The Collectors of
The District Magistrates of

✓	Anantapur.	1125
✓	North Arcot, Chittoor.	
✓	South Arcot, Cuddalore.	
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FROM

THE MAGISTRATE OF

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

Dated 189 .

Despatched

Received

No.

ENCLOSURE.

SUBJECT.

licence for breech

weapons and ammunition and
those for other arms and
ammunition may be dis-
tinguished and that licences
may be granted for the
former only with the
previous sanction of the
Local Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

District Magistrate

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Judicial (18) Department.

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CURRENT No.

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Con c No 95

Order

From

The District Magistrate

Anantapur

Dis No. 134

Dated 6th March 99.

Received 8 " "

Registered 9 " "

Enclosures -

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SUBJECT.

Submitting report on the Breech-loading and Ammunition.

1894

ar	Form VI		Form VII		Form VIII		Form IX		Form X		Form XI	
	No of Breach loading Arms	Quantity of Ammunition	No of Breach loading Arms	Quantity of Ammunition	No of Breach loading Arms	Quantity of Ammunition	No of Breach loading Arms	Quantity of Ammunition	No of Breach loading Arms	Quantity of Ammunition	No of Breach loading Arms	Quantity of Ammunition
		Cartridges		Cartridges								
1894	-	350	-	-	58	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1895	-	150	-	200	69	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
1896	-	150	-	-	73	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1897	-	-	-	100	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1898	-	-	-	-	90	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
		650		300	371		18					

W. Walter

Ag District magistrate

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Judicial (189) Department.

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S
7 APR. 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From The Ag. District Magistrate
Nor. Arcot

Order

Conf. No. 3/1899.

Dated 5th April 1899

Received 7 — " —

Registered 8 — " — "

Enclosures one.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting report regarding Breach loading arms and Ammunition.

not being distinguished from o ammunition in the registers, n return under this head can b submitted.

4. The Superintendent of Police i of opinion that, in future, licens should distinguish breech-loading arms and ammunition from other arms and ammunition, and I agre with him. He thinks the former should be granted only with the previous sanction of Government. I would require the sanction of Government for rifled breech-loaders and revolvers and ball ammunition for such weapons. Licenses for Breech loading guns might be issued as now by the District Magistrate.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

Acting District Magistrate.

tement showing the number of Breech-loading arms for whi
censes were issued under the Indian Arms Act in the Distr
South Arcot during the past five years.

m of cense	No. of arms included in licenses issued in 1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	Remarks
m No. VIII	89	124	142	180	141	Vide remarks in covering report 676
IX	–	–	–	–	–	
X	–	–	–	–	–	
XI	–	–	–	–	–	

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Acting District Magistrate

Collector's Office
Cuddalore
7th February 1899 } SL

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS CHIEF SECRETARIAT
-9 FEB 1899

From The District Magistrate
of South Arcot

Order

No. 9-R / Mag. Dn. of 1899

Dated 7th February 1899

Received 9 " "

Registered 10 " "

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SUBJECT.

Reporting about the grant of licenses under the Indian Arms Act for Breech loading arms and ammunition

Dated 23-1- 189

FROM E. A. Elwin Esquire I.C.S
ag DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF
BELLARY.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras.

SIR,
With reference to G.O. No. 1963 Judicial dated 15-12-1898, I have the honour to submit herewith the return called for in para (i) of the Government of India letter, embodying information so far as is available in this office, and to state with reference to para (ii) of the letter that there is no objection to distinguishing in future between licenses in forms VI to XI annexed to the rules under the Indian Arms Act 1878 for breech-loading weapons and ammunition and those for other arms and ammunition but that it is hardly necessary to obtain the previous sanction of Government to the issue of the former.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Statement showing the number or quantity of [illegible] loa
arms and ammunition for which licences were issued d
[illegible] past 5 years

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Year	Licences issued in Form VI		Licences in form VII		Licences in form VIII		Licences in form IX		Licences in form [illegible]		Licences [illegible] X		Remark
	Arms	Ammunition	Arms	Ammunition	Arms	Ammunition	Arms	Ammunition	Arms	Ammunition	Arms	Ammunition	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1894.	x	x	x	x	5		-	-	-	-	-	-	× Infor not avai
1895	-	-	-	1386	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1896	-	-	-	1586	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1897	-	-	-	1586	20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
1898	-	-	-	© 351	18	-	-	-	-	-	1	.	© Issue after th Explosi Act 188 was brou into forc
				4,909	74						2		

Note – The figures in Column 5 of the above statemen
against years 1895 to 1897 represent the numb
of Cartridges for which licences were issued

Bruary District
Magistrate's Office
23rd January 1897.

A. Moore 23/1/95
Actg: District Magist

23.1.95

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Judicial (189) Department.

CURRENT No. [illegible]

CHIEF SECRETARIAT * GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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From The Collector & Dt. Magte.
Saidapet.

Order

Ref. No. 1 of 1899.

Dated 3rd ~~Feby~~ March 1899.

Received 6-3-99

Registered 6-3-99

Enclosures —

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SUBJECT.

Submitting the report & the return called for regarding Breech loading arms & ammunition.

Confidential
No. 3

Jud. (C. No. 148)

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South Canara [illegible] Office
Mangalore, [illegible] 1899.

From
A. F. Pinhey Esquire,
Ag. District Magistrate,
South Canara.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,
Fort St. George.

Sir,

With reference to confidential Government Order No. 1963, Judicial, dated 15th December 1898 I have the honour to forward herewith a return called for in paragraph 1 of the Government of India letter.

As licenses issued in the early years of the enforcement of the Arms Act did not distinguish breach loading guns from other guns (the firearms being described merely as single or double barrelled) and as it was only latterly that the description of firearms was fully given in the licenses the list is not an exhaustive

With reference to paragraph (ii) of the Government of India letter, in my opinion licenses for breach loading weapons and ammunition should in future be distinguished from those for other arms and ammunition

b[illegible] this District is concerned the
D[illegible]strate should continue to grant
such [illegible]

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
[illegible]
Ag. Dt. Magt.

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comp.

Return showing the number and quantity of breach loading arms and ammunition [illegible] in The South Canara District during the [illegible] years.

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Year	Form VI 1	VI 2	VII 1	VII 2	VIII 1	VIII 2	IX 1	IX 2	X 1	X 2	XI 1	XI 2	Remarks
1894	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
1895	.	.	.	.	*1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	* Double barrelled gun
1896	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
1897	.	.	.	.	*4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	* of which 3 are double barrelled and one is single barrelled gun
1898	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Total	.	.	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	

South Canara District Magistrate's Office,
Mangalore, 25th March 1899

A. [illegible]
Ag. Dt. Magistrate

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CURRENT No. 87

30 MAR. 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From The District Magistra
of South Cana

Order

Confidential Disposal **No.** 3 of 1899

Dated 25th March 1899

Received 30

Registered 30

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SUBJECT.

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Stating that licenses for breac
loading weapons and ammunit
should be distinguished from tho
for other arms &ca and that the
District Magistrate should contin
to grant such licenses.

Regn No. 1 of 1899 18

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Dated 3rd March, 1899.

FROM

D. W. G. Cowie Esqre

Dy COLLECTOR & Dt Magte

Chingleput Dt

TO

Chief THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G. O. dated the 15th Decr 1898, No. 1963 Judicial, I have the honor to state that there has been in this District during the past five years only one license issued for a breech-loading weapon, viz, for a breech-loading double barrelled gun. The ~~license~~ in question ~~and~~ was taken out by one Arumugam Nayakan of St Thomas' Mount for purposes of sport and protection under form No VIII.

2. With reference to para (ii) of the

overnment of India letter referred to
e N[illegible] above quoted, I have the
onour to state that I know of no objection
in future
ion to distinguishing between the
icenses for breech-loading weapons and
mmunition and those for other arms and
mmunition and to prescribing that
icenses for the former shall only be
iven with the previous sanction
the Local Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servt.
Sd/ [illegible]
[illegible] Dt. Magte.

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Judicial (189) Department

CURRENT No. [illegible]

CHIEF SECRETARY
25 JAN 1899

From The Ag: District Magistrate
Bellary.

Order

M. Dis: **No.** 4-R.
[illegible] 23-1-[illegible]

Dated 23-1-1899
Received 25-1—99
Registered 26-1—99
Enclosures — one.
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SUBJECT.

Breech loading Arms and Ammunition —
Submitting with a statement, the report called for regarding —

D. Dis No. 57/mag of 1899

COIMBATORE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
2[illegible] January 189[illegible]
Camp [illegible]

FROM
[illegible] Moyasey ESQUIRE,
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF
COIMBATORE,

TO 20
The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. no 1963 judicial, dated 15th December 1898, I have the honor to report that 3 licenses in Form VII and 35 licenses in Form VIII have been issued in this district as shown in the margin for breechloading arms during the past five years. No licenses have been issued in Forms VI IX X or XI.

Taluk	Form VII	Form VIII
Coimbatore	"	16
Satyamangalam	"	4
Pollachi	1	3
Udamalpet	2	4
Kollegal		3
Erode		4
Dharapuram		1
	3	35

2. With reference to paragraph (11) of the Government of India letter, I beg to state that in my opinion there is no objection to distinguishing in future between such licenses for breechloading weapons

[illegible] for other Arms
in & ammunition and those for other [illegible]
and ammunition and that in [illegible] the District I
see no necessity for obta[illegible] the [illegible] persons
Sanction of Government [illegible]
A confidential return of [illegible]
and their holders may be made
annually

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
C. H. Mounsey
Ag. District Magistrate

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Judicial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No.

MADRAS CHIEF SECRETARIAT 28 JAN 1899 DEPARTMENT OF MADRAS

From
The District Magistrate
of Coimbatore.

Order

D. Dis: No. 57/Mag of 1899

Dated 23-1-99

Received 26-1-99

Registered 27-1-99

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SUBJECT.

Indian Arms Act — Reporting about the number of Breech-loading Arms and Ammunition included in licenses given in forms VI to XI annexed to the rules under the — and about the issue in future of licenses for the same.

Ag Distt Magistrate

Confidential

Reference / Disposal No. 27

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Dated Janry 7 1899.

ENCLOSURES.

FROM

H. O. D. Harding Esquire
Ag. DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Cuddapah

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G. O No 1963 Judicial dated 15th December/98 confidential, I have the honor to submit the return called for. I think it will be well to make some distinction between the licenses for breach loading and other weapons, simply that more notice may be taken of applications for licenses for the former, and licenses granted more carefully. It hardly seems necessary however to limit the power of granting such licenses to the Local Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant

HODHarding

Statement shewing number or quantity of breach loading arms and ammunition which have been included in [illegible] have resulted from licenses given under the Indian Arms Act

	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	Remarks
Total number of arms for which licenses issued under Arms Act	3688	4048	4426	4700	4826	No information is available as regards ammunition on account of breach loading guns.
Number of breach loading guns for which licenses were issued	23	27	32	34	34	
			150			

ag Distt Magistrate

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CURRENT No.

21 JAN. 1899

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From The District Magistra
Cuddapah

Order

No. 19 disposal
confidential

Dated 13. 1. 99

Received 21-1-99

Registered 21-1-99

Enclosures –

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SUBJECT.

Furnishing information called called for regarding breach loading arms and stating that the desirability of limiting the power of granting licens to Local Govt. appears unnecessary.

Confidential

From

H. D. Taylor, Esquire, I.C.S.
of District Magistrate
of Ganjam,

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Judicial Department.

Dated camp Russellkonda 16th January 189

Sir,

With reference to G. O., No. 176
Judicial, dated 15th December 1898,
I have the honour to state that the
registers maintained in the office
are defective in the matter of
exhibiting in detail the description
weapons licensed in Forms VI to

in

Indian Arms Act, 1878.

2. The weapons have been
d generally under the term gun
very large number of instances
it is impossible to say whether
term gun indicates a muzzle-loading
breech-loading weapon. A circular
as already been issued on the subject
more accurate description of weapons
for which licenses are applied for.

3. I enclose a statement
pared from the registers of the Office,
howing as far as possible the details of
rms licensed under the various heads
nder which they have been described
regret to add that the Register in
VIII for 1894 appears to have been
nd hence full details for that
year are not available.

4. The increase in the
of arms licensed during the la
years is due in my opinion to
registration. I have been paying
special attention to the subject and
I fancy that up to the end of 1895
a very large proportion of the arms
possessed in the district were never
licensed at all. There has been a very
considerable number of prosecutions
during the last two years for unlicens
possession of fire-arms in the district.

5. This statement does not
include the arms possessed by ancie
Zamindars and other exempted perso
and carried by such retainers whe
in attendance on the Zamindars,

include the guns & for the
rt Matchlocks — and other
possessed by the Savastavam
of Goomsur.

6. The licenses issued in forms
and III do not for the most part
ecify the number and description of
eapons which the licensees are
uthorized to sell in any one year, nor
ere specified do they give any correct
a of the actual sales as the full
uber so specified are not imported
d sold as a matter of course.

7. No arms are manufactured
thin the district other than native
iya matchlocks.

8. ~~On~~ An examination of the
ious passports received for

ammunition

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27 ammunition and guns impor
that after excluding items imp
by exempting classes the followi
and ammunition were imported in
of the last five years.

	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Double barrelled guns	„	„	7	„	„
Single barrelled guns	„	1	14	„	15
Revolvers	„	„	2	„	„
Cartridges loaded	200	2000	100	2000	1000
Do Empty	1800	1000	4200	300	1500
Percussion caps	56000	118000	143750	55000	63250
Gunpowder	325 lbs	2435 lbs	625 lbs	200 lbs	235 lb
Shot	412 bags	96 bags	44 bags	8 bags	65 bag

Here again there is nothing to shew
whether the guns referred to are breech-loadi
or not, but the small number of cartridge
imported would tend to show that the
majority are of muzzle-loading patter
the figures again, however, as compared
with the quarterly statements of inspecti

would, in respect of ammunition,
be defective. These statements
that the following sales of gunpowder,
and caps took place during the
ve years.

	1894	1895	1896	1897	3 quarters of 1898
Gunpowder	1671	2505	7044	4262	2547
Caps	90050	130250	278000	70250	58750
Shot	507	3068	4324	690	1405

It may be of interest to note that
the sales under all heads were far
heavier in 1896 than in any other year.
My attention having been drawn to the
large sale of percussion caps in that
year, far out of all proportion to the
needs of the district, I have since
strictly regulated the grant of passes
in respect of the same.

9. It will be seen from the
bove that none of the statements
ive a sufficiently clear indication

of the actual number of breech
weapons sold or possessed within
during the last five years. I do
however believe that the number is
or very largely on the increase. The ste
and constant demand for gunpowder, ca
and shot, and the small increase
sale of cartridges shew this.

10. In regard to the second
point for report, viz., as to whether any
distinction may be made in future between
licenses for breech-loading weapons an
ammunition and those for other arms an
ammunition, I am of opinion that in
regard to the sale of such arms and
ammunition no special ~~sanction~~ distinction is
necessary. In regard to the grant of
licenses in form VIII, however, I consider
that a higher charge may well be im

uses where the weapon concerned

ech-loader. The persons who

h weapons are well able to afford

her charge. In fact I would go

and make a distinction between

ld Matchlock, the cap gun, and

ngle and double barrel breech-loaders.

think that the charge for the former

might as present remain at 4 annas,

or a cap gun 8 as, and for a single

and double barrel breech-loader,

s 2 and Rs 5 respectively.

This is [illegible] evidence of the [illegible] [illegible] therefore be taken into consideration

11. I think also that all ancient

zemindars and other exempted persons

should be compelled to specify the

number of arms of each sort that

they possess.

12. I do not think it necessary

at the Local Government should

ually sanction the grant of licenses

for

for each breech-loading sho

consider that in the case of revol

rifles such previous sanction may

insisted on.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient se

Offg District Magistra

The number and des[illegible] of arms [illegible]

[illegible]

Form IX

Form XI

Form VI

Form VII

Form VIII

Form IX

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Judicial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 184

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
29 JAN 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Order

From

H. D. Taylor, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Ag. District Magistrate,
Ganjam.

Disposal No. 5/Confl of 1899

Dated 16th January 1899.

Received 29 ,, —

Registered 30 — ,, —

Enclosures one

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SUBJECT.

Submitting the report called for in G. O. No. 1963, Judicial, dated 15th December 1898 regarding breech-loading arms and ammunition.

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GODAVARI DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

No.

Cocanada, 1st June 1899.

FROM J. A. Cumming Esquire

Ag ~~The~~ DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

Godavari,

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government

Madras.

SIR

With reference to G.O. No 1963 Judici dated 15-12-1898 I have the honor to forward a Statement Showing the number of licenses issued for breech-loading guns in the past 5 Years. Details for ammunition are not available.

There appears to me to be no objectio So far as this district is Concerned, to distinguishing between breech-loaders and other guns, and prescribing that licenses for the former, and for the manufacture &c of breech-loading ammunition, should be Sanctioned by Government

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

Sd/ J. A. Cumming

Ag District Magistrate

1-6-99

for Ag District Magistrate.

1,000—10-94.

MAGISTERIAL (189) DEPARTMENT.

FROM

THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Godavari,

TO

THE

No.

ENCLOSURE

Dated
Despatched
Received

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SUBJECT.

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e and Year of application	Name of applicant	Nature of	Remarks
18 of 1896	Sree Rajah Venkatarama rayanimgaru	Double barrelled breech loading rifle	No licenses for breech-loading guns were taken out in 1894 and 1895
9 of 1896	Damerla Suryanarayana garu	Do	
9 of 1896	Perumallayyanaidu	Breech-loader	
0 of 1896	Do	Double barrelled breech loader	
of 1896	Sree Raja Rava Venkatarama Rayanimgaru	Do	
of 1897	K Krishnamachari	Do	
of 1898	Dabudin	Do	
of 1898	J P Banerji	Do	
of 1898	Hakim Inyali Hakub	Breech-loader	(Sd) J. A. Cumming Ag. District Magistrate

Jonniah
1.6.98

For Ag. District Magistrate

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Judicial (1899) Department.

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I think this complete

6/6/99

CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
5 JUN 1899

From The District Magis-
trate of [illegible]

Order

D Dis No. 446 of 1899
Mag

Dated 1 - 6 - 1899

Received 5 - 6 - 1899

Registered 6 - 6 - 1899

Enclosures 1

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SUBJECT.

Submitting a Statement
Showing the number of
breech-loading arms fo
which licenses were take
out, and reporting that th
is no objection to disting
-ing between breech-load
and other guns.

Dis No. 9 of 1899.
Confidential

Judicial

KISTNA DISTRICT.
MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
MASULIPATAM.
Dated 16th March 1899

FROM,
R. Morris ESQUIRE,
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, KISTNA.

To,
THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

With reference to Government Order No. 1563—Judicial — dated 15th December 1898, regarding breech-loading arms and ammunition, I have the honor to state that the registers maintained in my office do not contain an exact description of the arms or ammunition, — whether breechloading or not, for which licenses have been issued. I have made enquiries of the Divisional Magistrates and the Superintendent of Police, but they are unable to inform me even approximately of the number of breechloading guns in the hands of licensees. I regret that I am not therefore in a position to furnish the figures required in Para 1 of the letter from the Government of India with any degree of accuracy. I may however state that the number of such breechloading arms in the District, not covered by the exemption in favour of European and East Indian subjects, would be small.

2. In regard to para 2 of the letter, I can see no objection to distinguishing in future between licenses for breechloading rifles and ammunition, and those for other arms and ammunition, and to providing that license for the former shall only be given with the previous sanction of the Local Government. I would also, suggest that revolvers be classed with breechloaders under separate form of license required for them also.

This is [illegible]
to the present
enquiry

3. I consider however that there is no need to treat breechloading smooth bore guns in this way. They are gradually replacing the old muzzle loaders. I imagine that the only object of requiring the permission of the Local Government before granting a license for a breech-loader is to control the number of long range weapons available for rioters in the case of an outbreak or disturbance of the peace. The range of a smooth-bore gun is limited, and so far as I know, a breech-loading smooth bore has no appreciably greater range than a muzzle loader. There would not therefore seem to be any object in making a distinction.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]
for Dt. Magistrate

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200—20-4-98.

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Judicial (189) Department.

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Confidential No. 116

From The D M Kistna

Order

No. 9/Con [illegible]-3.99

Dated [illegible]

Received 23.3.99.

Registered 23.3.99

Enclosures —

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SUBJECT.

Breech loading arms and ammunition

[illegible]

Confidential

DISTRICT COLL.

No. [illegible]
Tour

Camp Banganapalle

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FROM Mr Raza Ali Khan Esq.,
Magistrate
~~COLLECTOR~~ OF THE
District, of Kur
Camp Bangan

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TO
Chief
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial DEPARTMENT, Fort St. Geo
Madras.

How many arms were covered by these licenses?

SIR,

Adverting to G. O. No. 1763/15.12.98 ...
-cial, I have the honor to sta
that on inquiries, it is foun
that only 15 licenses hav
been issued for possessin
breech loading guns durin
the past 5 years for purpose
of self protection or sport.
Regarding the question whether
there is any objection to
distinguishing in future
between such licenses
for breech loading weapon
and ammunition and th
for other arms and ammunition
and to p scribing that
licenses e the form

ly be given with the
ious sanction of Government,
to submit this to my
there is no expert
t there will be a certain
amount of delay and additional
correspondence. it should
prescribed that each
license for breech loading
s shall only be given
with the previous sanction
~~[illegible]~~ the Government

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Khan
District Magistrate
22-3-99

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Judicial

~~Revenue~~ (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 14

CHIEF SECRETARY'S
MAR 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From District Magistrate of Kurnool

Order

No. 9/Tour

Dated 22. 3. ~~98~~ 99
Received 25. 3. 99
Registered 27-3-99
Enclosures nil
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SUBJECT.

Reporting that only 15 licenses have been issued during the past years for breech loading guns and stating that there will be some delay and additional correspondence if it should be prescribed that licenses for breech loading guns shall only be given with the previous sanction of Government

G/8. 1,500—4-3-98.

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City Police Office.

Madras 22nd. March 1899. 18

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From

A.P. AGAR ESQUIRE,
Ag: ~~THE~~ COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.
MADRAS.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,
Madras,

Sir,

With reference to G.O. "Confidential", No.1963, Judicial, dated 15th. December 1898, I have the honor to submit a return showing the number of Breech Loading Arms only included in the licenses issued during the last 5 years ending with December 1898 in Forms VI to XI annexed to the Rules under the Indian Arms Act for the manufacture, sale and possession of Arms and Ammunition. It is not possible to give the quantity of Ammunition issued during the same period for these Arms, as the Registers of Arms and Ammunition kept in this office or by licensed dealers do not give these particulars, all Ammunition whether for Breech Loading or Muzzle Loading Arms being under one heading.

2.—— With regard to para 2, I see no objection to distinguishing in future between the licenses for breech-loading weapons and ammunition and those for other arms and ammunition, nor do I think there is any objection to prescribing that licenses for the former shall be given with the previous sanction of Government, although this restriction will hamper trade to some extent. To make the distinction would necessitate keeping a register with each class of arms and ammunition under separate headings. This would be quite practicable as, with the exception of shot and a few makes of gunpowder, the ammunition for the different weapons are distinct and even in these cases the purchaser can be asked for what class of weapon the shot and powder are intended. But this procedure will be felt to be a hardship both by the licensed dealers in Arms ~~and~~ as well as their customers, for the former cannot readily comply with the orders of the latter and the customers themselves do not usually say in their requisitions for what arms the ammunition is required. To obviate this difficulty, the licensed dealers can, in their catalogues or by special circulars, request their customers to state the required particulars.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Ag: Commissioner of Police.

Statement showing the No. of Breech Loading Arms included in the licenses issued during the last 5 years ending with December 1898 in Forms VI to XI annexed to the rules under the Indian Arms Act for the manufacture, sale and possession of Arms. 43 (45)

Name of licensed dealers	Rifles	Guns	Revolvers and Pistols.	
Messrs. Wrenn Bennett & Co.	137	470	418	
.. P. Orr & Sons.	169	312	627	
.. Oakes & Co.	105	277	246	
.. Gopalakistnama Chetty and Sons.	-	3	8	Besides these 3 Guns, they sold 52 Revolvers & 1 Rifl whose descriptions are not known.
.. M.V.Ramanujam & Co.	-	3	-	
.. A.D'Rozario & Co (licensed to sell arms by auction)	-	4	-	
Kadir Hussain - (licensed to repair Fire Arms)	-	38	8	
	411	1107	1307	2,825

Messrs. S. Seshachelam Chetty & Sons sold 6 Rifles, 505 Guns & 3840 Revolvers, whose descriptions are not known, as these are not entered in their account books under separate headings.

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
22 MAR 99

Ag: Commissioner of Police.

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Judicial (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1349

Conc no 47

From

The Commissioner of Police,
Madras,

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS * CHIEF SECRETARY'S
23 MAR 1899

Order

No. 29

Dated 22nd.March 1899.

Received 23d " "

Registered 23d " "

Enclosures /.

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SUBJECT.

Breech Loading Arms.

Submitting a Statement showing the No. of ----- included in the licenses issued during the last 5 years ending with December 1898 in Forms VI to XI annexed to the rules under the Indian Arms Act for the manufacture, sale and possession of Arms.

Dis no: 12/Regl (R) of 99 Madura District Magistrate's Office

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Dated 3rd Madura January 1899

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Judl. No. 485 / C. W. 45

From

C. J. Weir Esquire

Acting District Magistrate of
Madura

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department.
Madras.

Sir,

1895 118
1896 ... 127
1897 ... 123
1898 ... 141
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With reference to Government Order No: 1963 Judicial, dated 15th December 1898, I have the honor to submit the marginal figures as shewing the number of licenses issued for Revolvers in this District in each of the 4 years, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1898, the figures for 1894 not being available and to state that I am unable to say what licenses for other breach loading weapons were issued without instituting a long enquiry as the Registers in my office merely show that licenses were issued for single or double barrelled guns or revolvers. I am also unable to furnish figures for Ammunition as all Ammunition license holders in the District have all along taken out

licenses

licenses for merely gunpowder, caps &c and none for breach-loading ammunition or cartridges. Persons possessing revolvers and breach loading guns, if any, have, it is presumed been obtaining their cartridges direct from licensed firms in Madras without separate transport licenses under rule 3 A of the Arms Act Rules. (Home Department notification No: 474 dated 22d March 1882).

No 272 Jud
30-3-82

2. As regards para 11 of the Government of India letter I see no objection to distinguishing in future between licenses for breach loading weapons and ammunition and those for other arms and ammunition. If the former are only to be issued with the sanction of the Local Government, it will of course involve delay and extra correspondence, but it will ensure that such licenses are issued to persons who may properly possess them.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Srinivasachari
for Acting District Magistrate

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28 JAN 1899

28.1.99

Enclosure 1 to Madura D. M. magistrate's letter No. Dis $\frac{12}{Misl (R)}$ 98

Statement showing particulars of the total number of revolver licenses issued in 1894-98

Talug	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	
Madura including Madura Town	"	22	25	24	19	
Tirumangalam	"	6	6	5	9	
Periyakulam	"	8	9	4	10	
Dindigal	"	11	16	23	16	Figures for 1894 not available
Palni	"	11	12	3	11	
Melur	"	4	3	6	3	
Kodaikanal	"	3	3	6	7	
Ramnad	"	23	24	22	24	
Sivaganga	"	25	29	30	42	
	"	113	127	123	141	

Madura
28 January 1899

Srinivasachari
for Acting District Magistrate

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Judicial
~~Local & Munl.~~ (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 485
Con c No 45

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS CHIEF SECRETARIAT
30 JAN 1899

From The District Magistrate
Of Madura

Order

Dis No. 12/Mgl. (R)

Dated 28th January 1899

Received 30 "

Registered 30 "

Enclosures (1)

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SUBJECT.

Breech loading arms and Ammunition

Submitting the report Called for regarding—

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No. 4
Confl.

Confidential 48

Malabar District Magistrate's Office
Calicut 15th January 1899

From

G. W. Dance Esquire
District Magistrate of Malabar

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department

Sir,

In reply to para 1 of G.O No. 1963 dated 15th December 1898 I have the honor to subjoin a statement containing the information called for. Revolvers have not been included.

Year	No. of arms & ammunition in Form VI.		Do. in Form VII		Do. in form VIII		Do. in form IX		Do. in form X		Do. in form XI		Remarks
	Breech loaders	Cartridges	Breech loaders	Cartridges	Breech loaders	Cartridges	Breech loaders	Cartridges	Breech loaders	Cartridges	Breech loaders	Cartridges	
1894	"	"	"	"	31.	4,967							* This license was held by Messrs. Schlunk and Schonert (A European firm)
1895	"	"	"	"	31	4967							
1896	"	"	"	"	35	5,865							
1897	"	"	"	"	64.	11,015							
1898	"	"	50 *	50,000	71	11855							
					232	38,159							

2 In reply to para (ii) I beg to state that there is no objection to distinguishing in future between licenses for breech loading arms and ammunition and those for other arms and ammunition. I submit tha

So

S far as I am aware, no District Magistrate as been found to have shown a want of discretion in granting licenses for breech loaders. I therefore see no reason for depriving them of the power which they now have of granting such licenses.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

District Magistrate

Judicial
~~Public Works~~ (1899) Department.

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CURRENT No. 347 (49) 49F

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S
19 JAN 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From
The District Magistrate
Malabar

Order

No. 4 / Conf^l

Dated 15-1-99
Received 19-1-99
Registered 20-1-99
Enclosures –
Spare copies –

SUBJECT.

Breech loading arms & ammunition

Submitting a statement showing issued in the several forms of licenses & stating that there is no objection to the licenses covering them being distinguished from those granted for other arms.

Nilgiris District Magistrate's
5 Ootacamund 24th March 1899

Judl. No 1436
Cml No 179

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From

The District Magistrate
The Nilgiris

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the return called for in para (1) and the report required with reference to para 2 of the Government of India order letter read in G. O. No 1963 judicial dated 15th December 1898

2 As hitherto no systematic distinction has been made between licenses for breech-loading arms and for other arms, the list is doubtless incomplete and of little value.

3 No information is available here as to the quantity of breech loading

ammunition issued and sold. No licenses for manufacture have been issued but a return can, however, be got of sales of 6th class ammunition by the firms licensed to sell in this district but as it would not show all the breech loading ammunition brought into the district it does not seem necessary to collect the information.

I have already, as District Magistrate [illegible] given my opinion on the point referred to in para 2 and I see no objection to distinguishing in future between licenses for breech loading weapons and ammunition and those for other arms and ammunition and the only objection to prescribing that licenses for the former should only be given with the consent of the Local Government is that some extra correspondence would be involved but as applications for such licenses would not be very numerous, I do not consider the objection serious, while on the other hand the rule proposed would I think be useful in checking the issue of such licenses without thorough scrutiny and care.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obt Servt,

for District Magistrate

JRD

JRW

Return of licenses issued for breech-loading weapons in the Nilgiri Dt during the past year

Name of license holder	Description of Gun	Taluk	Remarks
Jas Cdn	Express	Coonoor	(52)
Akilandiyah	1. D.B.L.		57
Aubleadas	1. D.B.L.	Gudalur	
P.T. Thanpam Pillai	Breechloading	Ootacamund	
Kemp @ Mestri	1 six chambered revolver	Ootacamund	
P.T. Thanpam Pillai	Breechloading	Do	Total no. of licenses – 18
P.M. Joseph	Breechloading	Ootacamund	
Kumarappen	Do	Do	
Ponnusami Pillai	1 six chambered revolver	Do	
Meenakshi Aiyah	1 D.B. C.F. 10 bore 1 D.B. C.F. 12 bore 1 D.B. C.F. 12 bore 1 Westford repeating	Coonoor (Athipoath)	
C.A. Krishnamoorthi	1 D.B. Express rifle	Do	
S. Nanjundiah	1 D.B. C.F. 18 bore shot gun 1 D.B. C.F. 577 Express Rifle	Do	
Mulliyan	1 five chambered pistol	Do	
Aboo Saib	1 single barrelled Breech load Rook Rifle	Gudalur	
Sankaramenon	1 breech loading gun	Do	
Syed Ismael	1 D.B. muzzle loading gun	Gudalur (Mudumalai)	
Krishna Chetty	1 muzzle loading gun	Do	
Veloo Nair	Single barrelled muzzle loading gun	Gudalur (Benne)	
Nallasami Naidu	1 D.B. muzzle loading pistol	Gudalur (Ouchterlony valley)	

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JRW

for District Magistrate

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Judicial (1899) Department.

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Con. No. 129

CHIEF SECRETARY
29 MAR. 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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From the District Magistrate
The Nilgiris

D **No.** 120

Order

Dated 24th March 1899.
Received 29 "
Registered 30 "
Enclosures One
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SUBJECT.

Arms and Ammunition

Submitting the report and the return called for in G.O. No 1963 dated 15 Decr 1898.

Confidential

District Magis
NELLORE ~~COLLECTOR'S~~ OFFICE.
DATED 7th January 1899

No. 54

Judicial [illegible]
[illegible] C No 19

From
C. M. Mullaly Esquire
District Magistrate
~~Collector~~ of Nellore.

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To the Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 1963 Judicial dated 15th December 1898 (Confidential) I have the honour to state that the Arms Act Register now in force does not differentiate between breech-loading arms and ammunition, and non-breech-loading. It furnishes information as to how many revolvers, rifles &c were issued, but not as to whether they are breech-loading or otherwise.

2. As regards para 11 of the Government of India letter under reference, I am of opinion that it is advisable to distinguish in future licenses for breech-loading weapons and

ammunition from those for other
arms and ammunition and to
prescribe that licenses for the
former should be given only with
the previous sanction of the Local
Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

District Magistrate.

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Judicial (189) Department.

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CURRENT No. 236

Confidential

CHIEF SECRETARY
11. JAN. 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From
The District Magistrate
Nellore.

Order

No. –

Dated 7th January 1899.
Received 11 " "
Registered 12 " "
Enclosures –
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SUBJECT.

Reporting that the Arm
Act Register does not diff
-tiate between breech-load
arms and ammunition
non-breech-loading, and
considering it advisable
make such a distinction
future.

No. 56

SALEM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
22nd April 1899

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FROM
Robert Bliss Esq.
Ag. COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,
Salem.

TO
Chief
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

SIR,

Ootacamund.

With reference to G. O., dated 15th December 1898, No. 1963 Judicial, I have the honour to state that there is no record to show the actual number of breech loading arms that have been included in or have resulted from licences issued in Forms VI to XI annexed to the rules under the Indian Arms Act, during the past five years. As the registers maintained in the off lo not give the information, the ubordinate magistrates were called on make confidential inquiry and port. The figures furnished by them, am of opinion, is not accurate and is noted in the margin.× I consider it desirable to distinguish in future, etween licenses for breech loading weapons and those for other arms, lest uch licenses may be issued by District Magistrates. If Government is made the anctioning authority, there will be a lot of correspondence without corresponding enefit. Inquiries are invariably made to the Character, Social position etc

of

× Revolvers 17.
Guns 4

of the applicants before licenses under the Arms Act are issued by the District Magistrate and licenses for such weapons may be refused by them in doubtful cases. The previous sanction of the Local Government seems to be unnecessary as it will, in all cases, have to depend on the recommendations of the District Magistrate.

2. No information is available in regard to breech loading ammunition as it is, in most cases and almost invariably, obtained by the licensees possessing such arms directly from Madras and Bombay. No further restrictions

regard to the possession or possession

sale of this kind of ammunition

necessary.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

Ag. District Magistrate.

K. S.

24-4-99

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Judicial (189) Department.

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CURRENT No.

From the District Magistrate
of Salem

Order

No. 274/Jn

Dated 22-4-99
Received 27-4 99
Registered 27-4 99
Enclosures
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SUBJECT.

Breech loading arms and ammunition:— Submitting report called for in regard to —

Confidential

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No. 80/Mag of 1899.

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TANJORE, DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Camp, Vallam 3rd February 1899.

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FROM

J. Twigg ESQUIRE,

Ag. DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF

Tanjore,

To

THE Chief Secretary to Government,

Judicial Department

Madras.

SIR,

With reference to Government Order No. 1963 Judicial Department dated 15th December 1898, I have the honour to submit the statement called for, which shows the number of licenses for breech loading arms and ammunition in force in each of the years 1894 to 1898.

I see no objection to the proposal contained in para ii of the Government of India letter, though from a district point of view, no such change appears to be necessary.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

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For Acting Dt Magte

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Statement showing the Number of breech loading arms and Ammunition which have been included in, or have resulted from, licenses in Form VI to XI under the Arms Act during the 5 Years 1894–1898. Tanjore District.

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Year	Name of form	No. of breech loading arms				No. of Cartridges	Remarks.
		Revolvers	Guns	Rifles	Total		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1894	VI	"	"	"	"	"	
	VII	17	"	"	17	"	
	VIII	217	3	3	223	1500	
	IX	"	"	"	"	"	
	X	"	"	"	"	"	
	XI	"	"	"	"	"	
1895	VI	"	"	"	"	"	
	VII	11	"	"	11	"	
	VIII	246	6	1	253	2500	
	IX	"	"	"	"	"	
	X	"	"	"	"	"	
	XI	"	"	"	"	"	
1896	VI	"	"	"	"	"	
	VII	5	"	"	5	"	
	VIII	234	8	2	244	"	
	IX	"	"	"	"	"	
	X	"	"	"	"	"	
	XI	"	"	"	"	"	
1897	VI	"	"	"	"	"	
	VII	5	"	"	5	"	
	VIII	245	15	3	263	"	
	IX	"	"	"	"	"	
	X	"	"	"	"	"	
	XI	"	"	"	"	"	
1898	VI	"	"	"	"	"	
	VII	5	"	"	5	"	43
	VIII	243	18	3	264	"	1247
	IX	1	"	1	2	"	2
	X	"	"	"	"	"	
	XI	"	"	"	"	"	

For A. G. Dist. Magistr

Judicial (189) Department.

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CURRENT No.

CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
-7 FEB. 1899

From The Actg District Magistrate
Tanjore

Order

D Dis No. 80/Magl of 1899

Dated 3rd February 1899
Received 7 - 2 - 99
Registered 8 - 2 - 99
Enclosures one
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SUBJECT

Submitting a list of licenses for breech loading arms and ammunitions in force in the Tanjore District during 1894-98 and offering opinion as to making distinctions between such weapons and other arm

ROM

THE COLLECTOR OF THE
District,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

Dated
Despatched 189
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ENCLOSURES.

SUBJECT.

Judicial (1899) Department.

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CURRENT No.

Order

From
The District Magistra
of Tinnevelly

No.

Dated 6th April 1899
Received
Registered 18-4-99
Enclosures -
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SUBJECT.

Reporting on breach
loading arms an
ammunition.

District Magistrate's
TRICHINOPOLY ~~COLLECTOR'S~~ OFFICE,

CAMP, Pudukottah

Dated 15th January 1899.

Conf. Cir. No. 127
18.1.99

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 19 JAN. 1899

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FROM

R. H. Shipley Esquire
District Magistrate of
~~THE COLLECTOR OF~~
Trichinopoly.

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras

SIR,

In reply to Government Reference No. 1963 Judicial dated 15th ultimo (Confidential) I have the honour to inform you that during the last 5 years — 1894 to 1898 — 9 persons took out licenses for breech-loading arms.

2. Licenses granted to two of them have since been cancelled. Two other persons have since been exempted under the rules and the remaining five still hold licenses.

The quantity of ammunition

There

for the licensees is not ascertainable from the registers maintained in this office.

As regards the question a to distinguishing between licenses for breach loaders with their ammunition and those for other arms I am of opinion that the distinction should be noted and maintained. But I do not think it necessary or advisable that licenses for the former be given only with the previous sanction of the Local Government — at any rate as long as English District magistrates are in the majority.

I have the honour to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
R H Shipley
Sd District [illegible]istrate

Judicial (1899) Department. 65 651

CURRENT No. 316

Confl

From
R. H Shipley Esquire
District Magistrate
Trichinopoly.

Order

Confl No. 65

Dated 15th January 1899
Received 19 " "
Registered 20 " "
Enclosures –
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SUBJECT.

Breech loading arms: –

Submitting reply to G. O 1963/Jud dated 15.12.98 (Confl) about issue of licenses for ———

There

Confidential Judicial

~~J.~~C.
Dis. No. 2 6.6

COLLECTOR'S O.

Dated 17th January 18

18 [illegible]

FROM

W. O. Horne Esq,
District ~~Collector~~, Magistrate
Vizagapatam District,

To

The Honourable Mr G. Stokes
Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department,
Madras.

Sir,

Replying to G.O. no 1963 Judicial, 15th December 1898, I have the honour say that I am not able to furni with even approximate accuracy th return asked for in para (i) of the Government of India letter read in t G.O. I find that hitherto in this District firearms have been very inaccu described in the licenses – generally as "si barrelled gun" or "Double barrelled gun" these descriptions often including both breechloaders and rifles. I have now issued orders for the accurate description of arms and for the bringing to my person notice of all applications for the grant or renewal of licenses for breechloaders and rifles.

There

many breech-loaders and rifles
session of Zamindars and other
persons, but I have forbidden
be carried by their retainers
license.

think, with reference to para (2) of
overnment of India letter, that licenses
breech-loaders should be distinguished
those for muzzle loaders and
discretion should be used in their
. But I see no necessity for
sanction of Government. I think
District Magistrate can be vested
the necessary discretion.

There are no licenses for breech-
ding ammunition – as such – in this
trict. The licenses are for shot, powder,
ps etc. but possibly the latter have
n held to include cartridge cases.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

District Magistrate

Confidential

CHIEF SECRETARY
21. JAN. 1899

Judicial (1899) Department.

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CURRENT No. 359

From The District Magistrate Vizagapatam

Order

Confl. Register No.

Dated 17 January 1899

Received 21 - 1 - 99

Registered 21 - 1 - 99

Enclosures –

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SUBJECT.

Reporting that licenses for breech-loaders should be distingu-ed from those for muzzle loaders and that discretion should be used in their issue and that the return asked for in para (1) of the Government of India letter read in G.O. No 1963 / 15.12.98 Confide. cannot be furnished with even approximate accur

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From

H. Luson, Esq.,

Depy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To

The Chi[illegible]etary to the Government of Madras.

Home Department.

(Public)

Simla, the 17th May 1899.

Sir,

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I am directed to invite attention to my letter No. 2439, dated the 26th November 1898, and to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be furnished with the information asked for therein on an early date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. Luson

Depy. Secy. to the Government of India.

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Statement showing the number of breech loading arms & quantity of ammunition which have been included in licenses in Forms VII to XI annexed to the rules under the Indian Arms Act, 1878.

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	Form VI		Form VII		Form VIII		Form IX		Form XI		Total	
	No. of breech loading arms	Quantity of ammunition (Cartridges)	No. of breech loading arms	Quantity of ammunition (Cartridges)	No. of breech loading arms	Quantity of ammunition (Cartridges)	No. of breech loading arms	Quantity of ammunition (Cartridges)	No. of breech loading arms	Quantity of ammunition (Cartridges)	No. of breech loading arms	Qua ammu (Cartri
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CURRENT No. 2237

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For the US

The letter referred to in ~~this~~ current is the one disposed of by G.O. 1963 Jud'l d/ 15-12-98

All the Drs except ~~Order~~ the Dr of Godavari have replied. The latter was reminded on the 24th March. Another reminder has gone today

Order
26/5/99

Sent
29/5/99

Reply from Godavari recd 6-6-99

From The Govt of India
Home Dept
(Pub.)

No. 1038

Dated 17-5-99

Received 26-5-99

Registered 26-5-99

Enclosures

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SUBJECT

Requesting that the information called for in Home Dept letter No 2439 d/ 26-11-98 re Breech loading arms and ammunition may be furnished at an early date

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Re the issue of licenses for the possession or sale of breech loading arms & ammunition

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FOR ORDERS.

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The foregoing reports are the replies to G.O.No.1963, dated 15-12-98, in which the Commissioner of Police, Madras, and District Magistrates were asked

(i) to submit a return showing the number or quantity of breech-loading arms and ammunition which have been included in or have resulted from licenses in forms VI to XI issued under the Arms Act rules, and

~~and~~ (ii) to report on the question raised by the Govt. of India whether there is any objection (a) to distinguishing in future between such licenses for breech-loading weapons and ammunition and those for other arms and ammunition, & (b) to prescribing that licenses for the former should only be given with the previous sanction of the Local Government.

cove[illegible] by licenses issued under the Arm[illegible]t have not always been correctly [illegible]ed in the registers maintained in [illegible]ic offices, and ammunition for breech-[illegible]ading arms have not everywhere been distinguished from other ammunition. District Magistrates are therefore unable to afford precise information as to the number or quantity of breech loading weapons and ammunition licensed in their districts. The accompanying statement, which has been compiled from the statistics furnished by ~~the~~ District Magistrates, shows that on an average about 1400 breech loading weapons are licensed every year in this Presidency. This is only a very rough estimate and does not of course include arms possessed by exempted persons. The statistics available in regard to breech loading ammunition are so incomplete and unreliable that no calculations can be based on them. It is to be observed that, under Rules 3 & 3 A of the Arms Act rules, persons licensed to possess breech loaders can, without the consent or knowledge of the authorities, transport the ammunition required for their personal use, and that it is thus not practicable to obtain complete information regarding the extent to which breech loading ammunition is used by persons entitled to possess these weapons. It is therefore submitted that the Govt. of India may be informed, with reference to clause (i) of their letter in G.O.No.1963, dated 15th February 1898 that as breech

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loading weapons and ammunition have not hitherto been everywhere distinguished from other arms and ammunition, reliable information is not available as to the number or quantity of these arms and ammunition covered by licenses issued under the Arms Act during the past five years, but that it is believed that about 1400 breech loading weapons are annually licensed by District Magistrates and the Commissioner of Police.

3. As regards point (a) referred to in para. 1 supra, it is submitted that there is no objection to distinguishing in future between licenses for breech loading weapons and ammunition and those for other arms and ammunition and that the Govt. of India may be informed accordingly.

4. With reference to the question (b) adverted to in para. 1 above, it will be seen that the majority of District Magistrates are opposed to the suggestion that licenses for breech loading arms and ammunition should be granted with~~out~~ the previous sanction of Govt. Under the existing rules such licenses are given by District Magistrates or the Commissioner of Police, as the case may be. As these licenses are somewhat numerous it will involve much delay and unneces~~sary~~ correspondence if the Govt. is made the licensing authority. Further,

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the Govt. cannot possibly exercise any scrutiny in the matter and will always be guided by the recommendations of the local authorities in disposing of such cases. It is therefore a matter for consideration whether the existing practice in regard to this matter should not be left undisturbed.

5. Orders are requested.

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I agree

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Regarding the issue of licenses for the possession or sale of breech-loading arms and ammunition.

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ORDER No 1002 D 28-6-99

H.E. the Governor
Letter to India

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The Govt. of India will be addressed.

(From Orders)

LETTER 1003 D 28-6-99

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of
India, Home Dept.

Issue 28/6

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Luson's letter, No. 2459, dated 26th Novr. 1898, requestin to be informed of the number or quanti of breech-loading arms and ammunition which have been included in, or have resulted from, licenses in Form VI to XI issued under the Arms Act rules during the past five years, and inviting the opinion of this Govt. on the question whether there is any objection to distinguishing in in future between such licenses for breech-loading weapons and ammunition and those for other arms and ammunition, and to prescribing that licenses for the former should only be ~~gien~~ given with the previous sanction of the Local Govt.

2. In reply, I am to say that, as breech-loading weapons and ammunition have not hitherto been everywhere distinguished from other arms and ammunition, reliable information is not available as to the number or quantity of such weapons and ammunition covered by licenses issued under the Arms Act during the past five years. It is, however, believed that about 1400 breech-loading weapons are annually licensed by Dt. Magistrates and the Commissioner of Police. H.E. the Governor in Council has no objection to distinguishing in future between licenses for breech-loading arms and ammunition and those for other arms and ammunition, but he is unable to approve of the proposal that licenses for the former should only be given with the previous sanction of the Local Govt. The adoption of such a procedure will lead to considerable delay in the issue of these licenses and will involve much correspondence without serving any useful object seeing that the Govt. must be guided in such matters by the opinions of the local officers with whom the power to issue licenses now rests. H.E. the Govr. in Council has no reason to suppose that sufficient discrimination has not been

exercised

exercised in the past in regard to the grant of licenses for the manufacture, possession, or sale of breech-loading ~~arms~~ weapons, and I am therefore to request that the existing practice may be allowed to continue, so far at least as this Presidency is concerned.

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