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6TH JUNE 1884, No. 1379, JUDICIAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From A. MACKENZIE, Esq., C.S., Secretary to the Government of India, Home department (Police), to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 9th May 1884, No. 116.

The attention of the Governor-General in Council has been drawn to the Proceedings of the Government of Madras noted on the margin regarding the substitution of artillery snider carbines for the smooth bore muzzle loading carbines with which the mofussil police in the Madras Presidency have hitherto been armed.

2. I am directed to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the Government of India has uniformly declined to arm the rank and file of the ordinary police with a breech loading weapon.

3. The only arms allowed to the police, except in tracts where their duties are of a military character and where they are likely to be opposed by arms of precision, are smooth bore carbines for the ordinary district police and muzzle loading rifled carbines for bodies of the nature of special reserves.

4. I am to request that, under the orders of the Governor in Council, the supply of breech loaders to the Madras police may be countermanded, and that the circumstances under which it is deemed necessary to issue such orders may be reported for the information of the Government of India.

ORDER—dated 6th June 1884, No. 1379, Judicial.

The letter will be communicated to the Inspector-General of Police, who will report further upon the question of supplying the police force with breech loaders; G.O., dated 28th November 1883, No. 3147, will be cancelled.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Inspector General of Police.
" Military department.
" Accountant-General.

Ed. C. Howarth.

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Police—Arms.

Communicating to the Inspector-General of Police for further report letter from the Government of India on the question of supplying the police force with breech loaders.