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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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1st APRIL 1885, No. 884, JUDICIAL.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

LETTER—from

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to enclose a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Military department, dated Calcutta, the 13th March 1885, and to point out that paragraph 2 appears to have been written under the misapprehension that the whole police force in the Madras Presidency is armed with breech-loading Snider carbines.

I am to state that only the special reserves in the Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Jeypore, Godáviri, Kistna, and Malabar districts are so armed, and that the idea of arming the whole of the police with breech loaders has been abandoned, as stated in my letter, dated 14th October 1884, No. 2631.

2. A few breech-loading carbines were issued to the reserves of Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and Jeypore, so far back as 1877, while the whole of the reserves already mentioned have been entirely armed with these weapons since 1881. This course was recommended by the late Inspector-General of Police in his report on the disturbances in Rampa and the other hill tracts of the Northern Circars, and was approved by the Madras Government in their order, dated 23rd July 1880, No. 1765.

3. It was subsequently decided to arm the reserve in Malabar also with breech-loading carbines, as, owing to Moplah fanaticism, the danger of disturbances in that district was as great as in the hill tracts of the north.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council would, therefore, strongly deprecate any change being made in the class of fire-arms at present furnished to these reserves. I am accordingly to request that His Excellency the Governor-General in Council may be moved to permit the issue as heretofore of breech-loading carbines to the reserves named in my first paragraph.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1st April 1885.

Chief Secretary.

[Annexure.]

Regd. No.

HOME 1885 DEPT.

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From the Government of
Fort St. George.

Issued

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Encl.

Letter, 1st April 1885, No. 884.

APRIL.

Police—Arms.

Requesting that the issue of breech-loading
carbines to the special reserves in certain districts
may be permitted instead of smooth-bore arms.

No. $\frac{G}{103}$

From

Colonel S. CHAMIER,

Inspector General of Ordnance.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

Sir,

Fort Saint George.

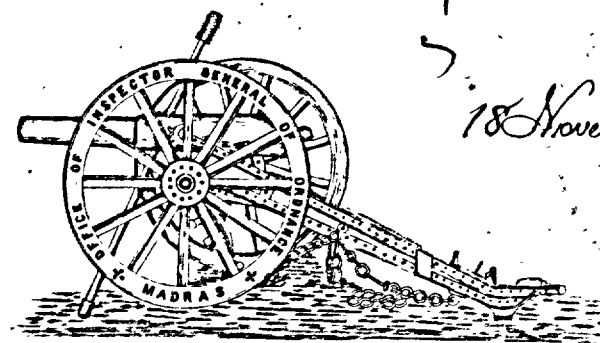
Having received instructions from the Director
General of Ordnance, Simla, that no issues of B. L. Arms
are to be made to the Police without the sanction of the
Government of India, I have the honor to request that the Government
of Madras may be moved to obtain the approval of the Government of
India to the sanction accorded in Proceedings of Madras Government
Judicial Department No. 2520, Miscellaneous, dated 4th October 1884
for the continuance to the Police in this Presidency of a supply of
Snider carbines and components thereof, in replacement of those now
in use as may become unserviceable —

I have the honor to be,

Yours most obedient Servant,

S. Chamier Colonel R. A.
Inspector General of Ordnance.

CWS



18 November 1884.

20 Oct/84 No 317-318A
23 July 184 - 387-388
11 Feb/84 130-131

Copy of the above,
with a copy of P.G.
No 5197, of 20.10.84,
forwarded to the
S. to the G. of I.
M.D. for the approval
of the M.H. the G.G.
in Council.
20/11/84

Fort St George
20th Nov 84

S. to G. of I. etc. m/s copy
with 1900 (m/s 5197)
20-11/84

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Military {1884} Department.

No. 6007
From
The Inspector General of Ordnance,
Fort Saint George.
To
The Secretary to Government,
Military Department
Fort Saint George.

DATED 18
RECEIVED 20 } November 1884.

No. G 103.
Requests that the Government
of Madras may be moved to obtain the
approval of the Government of India to the sanction
accorded in P. M. G. Judicial Deptt No 2620
dated 4th October 1884 for a continuance to the
Police of a supply of Snider carbines.—

JC No 1092/83

Equipment
Police.

It is requested that
the above heading,
with number and date
of this communica-
tion, may be quoted
in any subsequent cor-
respondence on the
subject.

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No. 488.
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 13th March 1885.

To
THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 5797,
dated 20th November 1884, soliciting sanction to the continuance to the police
in the Madras presidency of a supply of Snider carbines and components
thereof in replacement of such of those now in use as become unserviceable.

2. In reply I am to say, for the information of the Governor in Council,
that the necessity for arming the police in the Madras presidency with breech-
loaders does not appear to the Government of India to be established, and
I am accordingly to request that, under the orders of His Excellency in
Council the Sniders now in possession may be withdrawn and replaced by
smooth-bore arms.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

7. Mar. 1885
Secretary to the Government of India.

Copies forwarded to—
The Home Department.
The Director-General of Ordnance in India, with reference to his letter
No. 369 Camp, dated 12th December 1884.
The Accountant-General, Military Department.

Ind. L. 4-10-84 2520 Ind.

Former papers.

MILITARY (1885) DEPARTMENT

1092

6007. D-5797/1469 of 85

No. 1469

N^o 1471

Transferred to
the Judicial Depart-
ment, for disposal.
(By order)

Athenay Street, Secret Cals
Offs. Secy. to Govt.

For Lt. Genl. Gense
19 March 1885

From

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

No. 4881

Dated 13 March 85

Recd. 19 - " -

Registered

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ENCLOSURES

P.G., No. , dated

Directing the
withdrawal of snicker
carriers from the Police
of the Madras Presy.,
and their replacement
by smooth bore arms.

Ind. L. 4-10-84 2520 Ind.

Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Endorsement of 19.3.85 No 1471
in the M. D. transferring a
letter from the Secretary to
the Govt. of India Milit. Dept.
of Fort William, the 13th March
1885, No. 488
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Order.

The Govt of India in the
Home Dept. will be addressed.

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N^o 884

To
The Secretary, G. I. Home.

Ind. L. 4-10-84 2520 Ind.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose
a letter from the Secretary

to the Govt. of India, Milit.
Dept. of Calcutta, the 13th
March, 1885, and to point
out that para 2 appears to
have been written under the
misapprehension that the whole
police force in the Madras
Presidency is armed with
breach-loading Snider carbines.

I am to state that only
the Special Reserves in the
Ganjam, Vizagapatam, Jeypore,
Godavari, Krishna, and Mala-
bar districts are so armed,
and that the idea of arming
the whole of the police force
with breach loaders has been
abandoned, as stated in my
letter of 14th Oct. 1884 No. 2634.

2. A few breach-loading car-
bines were issued to the re-
serves of Ganjam, Vizaga-
patam, and Jeypore, so far

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back as 1877, while the
whole of the reserves already
mentioned ^{have been} ~~were~~ ^{entirely} armed
with these weapons since 1881.
This course was recommended
by the late ~~Mr. St. John~~ ^{Mr. St. John} formerly
Inspector General of Police, in
his report on the disturbances
in Rampa and the other hill
tracts of the Northern Circars,
and was approved by the
Madras Govt. in their order
of 23rd July, 1880 No. 1765.

3. ~~The necessity for arming the~~
3. It was subsequently decided ~~reserves with breach-loading~~
to arm the reserve in Malabar ~~weapons is even greater in Malabar~~
also with breach-loading car- ~~than so in the Malabar~~
bines, as, owing to Moplah ~~of the north, for during the~~
fanaticism, the danger of ~~recent outrages a small band~~
disturbances in that district ~~of fanatics held a force of~~
was as great as in the hill ~~European soldiers and the district~~
tracts of the north. ~~police in check for many hours~~

The Rt. Hon. the Governor
in Council would, therefore,
strongly deprecate any re-
change being made in
troop movement so far as
the class of firearms at present
the arming of these reserves
is concerned. During the
past four years for which
breach-loading weapons have
been in use, nothing has oc-
curred to induce H.E. in Council
to think that this it has
been a mistake to arm
these special reserves with
a weapon which gives alike
confidence alike to the men
and officers in place of a
musket long out of date
and on which ^{but little} reliance
could be placed. I am,
therefore, to request that H.E.
the G.C. in Council may be
moved to permit the issue as heretofore
of breach-loading carbines
to the reserves named in my
first para.

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Fort St George
1st April/85

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