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17TH AUGUST 1894, No. 1978, JUDICIAL.

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 (Police), to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 30th July 1894, No. 4-Police—426.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1042, dated the 3rd May 1894, regarding the question of the firing of blank cartridge by the police on the occasion of riots.

2. In reply, I am to say that the principal object in view is to ensure that the utmost humanity shall be used in dealing with rioters which is consistent with the maintenance of the public safety. The great mass of opinion contained in the papers received from the different Local Governments and Administrations in reply to the letter from this department, dated the 20th December 1893, shows that the use of blank cartridge on the occasion of riots is not really a humane course. The Governor-General in Council concurs in this opinion and has accordingly determined to maintain the orders contained in the Home Department Circular No. 5-Police—574-583 of the 28th November 1893. Blank cartridge should therefore never be served out to police employed to suppress a riot. The Government of India at the same time desire to point out that Local Governments and Administrations are responsible for issuing such regulations as may be required within the territories under their respective control to ensure that the fullest warning is given before any order is given to fire on a mob, and that neither troops nor police should fire in such cases except in the last resort.

ORDER—dated 17th August 1894, No. 1978, Judicial.

The foregoing letter from the Government of India will be communicated to the Military Department, all District Magistrates, the Inspector-General of Police and the Commissioner of Police, Madras, for information and guidance.

2. A copy of Judicial letter dated 3rd May 1894, No. 1042, will also be furnished to the Inspector-General of Police who will prepare and submit for the approval of Government rules for the guidance of the Police based on the Queen's Regulations regarding aid to the civil power.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.
" all District Magistrates.
" the Inspector-General of Police,
 with copy of Judicial letter, dated 3rd May 1894, No. 1042.
" the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
 Copy to the Chief Presidency Magistrate.

Ed. C. A. Muniswamy.

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G.O., 17th August 1894, No. 1978.

AUGUST.

Firing of blank cartridge by the
Police on the occasion of riots.

Communicating to certain officers the final orders of the Government of India on the question of the —, and directing the Inspector-General of Police to submit, for the approval of Government, rules for the guidance of the Police based on the Queen's Regulations regarding aid to the civil power.

No. 426

FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,
Offg. Secy. to the Government of India.

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Home Department
Police

SECRETARY
7 AUG 1894
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Simla, the 30th July 1894.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. Hewett.

Offg. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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From

The Govt of India,
 Home Dept

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Regarding the question
 of the signing of blank
 certificates by the police
 on the occasion of riots.

Order 17th August 1894, No. 178
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The foregoing letter from the Govt
 of India will be communicated by all
 District Magistrates, the Inspector General
 of Police and the Commissioner of Police,
 Madras, for information and guidance.
 A copy of said letter of 3 May 1894,
 No. 10412, will also be furnished
 to the Dy. of Police who will prepare
 a memorial for the approval of
 Govt. rules for the guidance of
 the Police, based on the Queen's
 Regulations regarding and to the
 Civil power.

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The Hon'ble H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

Dated 29-8-94

Note for Hon

Copy of G.O. of 3 May 1894,
 No. 10412, hdt. below
 as ordered.

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