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Government of Madras.

Judicial. DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 813

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No. 813, JUDICIAL, 4TH MAY 1896.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following paper:—

G.O., No. 1065, Judicial, dated 18th May 1895.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating, with remarks, to all District Magistrates for an expression of opinion thereon reports from certain officers on certain schemes proposed for the regulation of the procedure to be observed in future in the renewal of licenses under the Arms Act.

READ—also replies of the several District Magistrates to the above order.

ORDER—No. 813, Judicial, dated 4th May 1896.

In the order read above certain suggestions advanced by the Inspector-General of Police and the District Magistrates of Anantapur and Bellary as to the procedure which should be followed in the granting and renewal of licenses in Form VIII under the Arms Act were referred to all District Magistrates for an expression of their opinion thereon.

2. The consensus of opinion expressed in the replies received is in favour of the scheme suggested by Mr. Nicholson, the District Magistrate of Anantapur, and the Government considers that with one or two alterations (the most important of which is the substitution of the proposal of the District Magistrates of South Arcot and Bellary, that all licenses should be delivered by post service bearing for the suggestion that they should be distributed through the police), this scheme is in every way suitable. For convenience of reference the main points in the proposals now approved are set forth below.

3. All District Magistrates should in future keep a register of Arms Act licenses in Form VIII sufficient for entries for at least ten years. It should be in the form appended to this order (the Government does not consider that the amplifications suggested by the District Magistrate of Bellary in his letter in the Government Order read above are necessary) and should be strongly bound. The entries in it should be arranged by taluks and villages, the villages being entered in alphabetical order. Extracts from it in the same form should be supplied to all Taluk Magistrates and Deputy Tahsildar-Magistrates in zemindaris, but not to Stationary Sub-Magistrates, and a duplicate copy of it should be furnished to the District Superintendent of Police, who should forward similar extracts from it to all station-house officers.

Applications for new licenses should be sent at the option of applicants either to the Taluk Magistrate (in zemindaris to the Deputy Tahsildar and Sub-Magistrate), or the station-house officer having jurisdiction.

District Magistrates would probably find it convenient to have blank application forms printed on 4-anna impressed stamps and distributed to stamp vendors. These should distinguish clearly between applications for new licenses and those for renewals.

Station-house officers should submit applications for new licenses through their Inspectors to the District Magistrate with their report.

Taluk Magistrates and Deputy Tahsildar-Magistrates in zemindaris should forward to the police for report only those applications which are received from individuals whose character, status or reputation is unknown or doubtful. They should submit all others to the District Magistrate direct with their own reports. Applications received by District Magistrates direct should be sent to Taluk Magistrates for report.

Encl. S. J. Pershing

JUDICIAL.

Encl.

G.O., No. 813, 4th May 1896.

MAY.

Arms Act.

orders regarding the procedure to be followed in the granting and renewal of licenses under the —.

APPENDIX.

Register number.	Residence of licensee.	Name		Nature of the arm.	Number of arms.	Year.
		Of licensee.	Of his father.			
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G.O., No. 813, 4th May 1896.

MAY.

Arms Act.

Passing orders regarding the procedure to be followed in the granting and renewal of licenses in Form VIII under the —

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Coimbatore district magte
Office 12th June 1895

CURRENT NO. 2878

From,

Herbert Bradley Esquire,
District Magistrate of Coimbatore.

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,

Sir,

With reference to J. O., dated 18th May 1895,
N. 1065, I have the honor to report that the
system proposed by Mr. Nicholson with the forms
modified: so as to show the description of the arms
as proposed by Mr. Tremmheere should in my
opinion be adopted generally.

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

For Jt. magte

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Judicial Dept
CURRENT NO. 2378

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From
CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
14 JUN. 1895

The St. Magistrate
of Coimbatore

The Chief Secretary to Govt.
Judicial Dept.

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Reporting on the various schemes
proposed in connection with the pro-
cedure to be observed in future in
the renewal of the Arms Act.
To a

CURRENT NO. 2746
Jas. (1895). DEPARTMENT.



FROM
R. Sammut
INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF POLICE.

No. 3699

Dated 17 June 1895
Received 19 June 1895
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CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
19 JUN. 1895
SUBJECT.

Expressing his opinion on
the various schemes proposed
in connection with the procedure
to be observed in future
in the renewal of Licenses
under the Arms Act.

DEPARTMENT.

No. 3699

CURRENT NO. 2946

CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

MADRAS, 17th June 1895.

FROM

M. HAMMICK, Esq., I.C.S.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE,

Madras,

To

THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

SIR,

Enclosures.

With reference to G.O. 18th May 1895, No. 1065, Judicial, regarding licences under the Arms Act, I have the honor to state that the mode of distribution of licences and the procedure necessary in applying for licences or their renewal are matters which really concern the District Magistrates more than myself. I agree with Messrs. Sreenivasulu and Nicholson that the less the Police are used in the matter the better and shall be perfectly satisfied, if the Police are given nothing to do. The only thing I stipulate for is that the Superintendents of Police in all Districts shall be regularly supplied with information

to the number of licences issued and the names and villages of the holders thereof and that before the issue of new licences the Police are given an opportunity to express their opinion on the propriety of the grant. On this point I am inclined to think that all new applications should in the first instance be referred to the Police for report. If these two things are secured, it is all that I require.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servt.,

M. M. M.
Inspector General of Police

Judicial Dept.

CURRENT NO. 2955

From

The District Magistrate
Malabar

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department

Dated 18th June 1895

Desd. 17th

Recd. 20th
Regd. 21st

CHIEF SECRETARY
20 JUN 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

No 993

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Subject

Replying to G.O. dated 18th
May 1895 No 1065 calling for
an expression of opinion of various
officers relating to the renewal
of arms licences.

to the number of licences issued and
the

Magistral Standing Order No. 12 of 1895

Renewal of Arms Licences

As great difficulty is experienced now in checking
and enforcing the proper renewal of licences in Form VIII, the
following instructions are issued for general information
and guidance.

in licensed Taluk &
four annas in other
Taluk.

Licencees desirous of renewing their licences should
apply to the District Magistrate through the Ashikani of the
village on an impressed stamp paper of the value of eight
annas for each weapon on or before the 1st October of each
year. The Ashikani should check the application for renewal
with the licence and then enter it in the list of applications
(see form A1). On the 10th October, the Ashikani will forward
the list of applications for renewals together with the
applications themselves to the Station House Officer of the
Police Station in whose jurisdiction the Amman is situated.
Within three days from the receipt of the list, the Station
House Officer must forward it, after recording his objections
if any, to the District Magistrate. The District Magistrate
will without delay forward it and the

to the number of licences issued and

applications to the District Magistrate. The District Magistrate will pass orders in the appropriate Column of Form A1 and return it to the Taluk Magistrate with an authority to sign for District Magistrate such licences as are to be renewed.

2. On receipt of this authority, the Taluk Magistrate will proceed to the Amram or some neighbouring Amrams, call for the licences to be renewed and the arms covered by them, and proceed to stamp the arms in the manner prescribed by District Standing Order No. 3 of 1894. As each arm is stamped, he will renew the licence concerned it, signing for the District Magistrate.

3. When all the licences have been renewed and Column 9 of Form A1 properly filled in, the Taluk Magistrate will forward Form A1 to the Officer in charge of the Police Station to which the Amram belongs. That Officer will note in his register of arms maintained in his Station the fact of renewal and forward A1 with the least possible delay to the District Magistrate.

4. Before the Adhikari forwards Form A1 to the Station House Officer, he must carefully compare the entries in it with the entries in his register of Arms Licences and note at the foot of it for what licences applications for renewal

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have not been received and the reason for each omission. It is the duty of every Adhikari to see that all the arms in the Amram are duly licensed and promptly report the name of any person owning an unlicensed arm. It is consequently his duty to persuade persons who hold licences to apply for renewal of the same in proper time. Adhikaris must understand therefore, that any neglect of duty in this respect will be severely noticed.

5. The Officer in charge of every Police Station must maintain a register of Arms licensed within the Station limits (G.O. dated 2nd January 1898 No. 6 Judicial). The register should be Amramwar and can be easily prepared either from the Amram registers or from the Taluk registers.

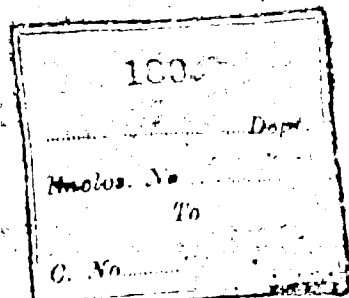
6. Every Taluk Magistrate must understand that arms are to be stamped in his presence and under his supervision and that the stamping of arms is not to be entrusted as is apparently the case in certain Taluks, to the Taluk Duffadar. Each arm as it is stamped, must be shown to the Taluk Magistrate who will at once sign the licence - if the licence covers only one arm - and mark the licence and the arms over to the licensee. If the licence covers

7. If the above rules are carefully followed, all applications for renewal of licenses with the District Magistrate's orders thereon should be in the hands of the Taluk Magistrates by 15th November at latest; and the Taluk Magistrates make proper arrangements, the stamping of all arms, licenses for which have been ordered to be renewed should be completed by 31st December. Fortnightly reports showing progress in stamping arms, licenses for which have been ordered to be renewed are to be submitted in future on 1st and 16th December and

12th January
8. In future new licenses will always be signed
by the District Magistrate.

Calcutta
May 21, 1892

of H. Mahony,
District Magistrate



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T. Paradaroo
for *Dr. Magistrate*

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Book of applications for renewals of Arms Licenses.

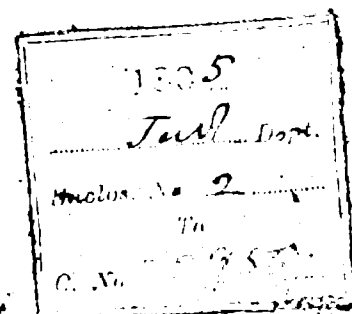
name of House	Name of applicant	no of existing license	no and nature of weapons & ammunition been covered by license	Station House Officer's objection if any, & removal	Date of receipt to Station House Officer	Taken magistrate's remarks	District Magistrate's Order	Date on which signed revised license
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8

by W. Mahoney
Petaling District Magistrate

(True Copy)

T. Canadensis

For District Judge



List of applications for renewal of arms licenses

Name of Applicant.

Date of despatch by Adhikari.

Station House Officer	
Taluk Magistrate	
District Magistrate	
Taluk Magistrate	
Station House Officer	
	Date of receipt Date of despatch

Date of receipt by District Magistrate.

True copy
Tharadaw.
for District Magistrate

[Signature]

Palawan Dist. Magistrate's Office
Camp Palapiran, 15th June 1895.

From CURRENT NO. 2955.

H. Roberts Esq.

at Dist. Magistrate's
Palawan.

To

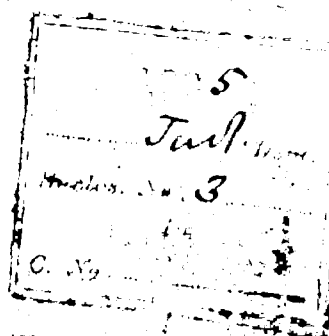
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department.

Sir,

In reply to G.O. dated 18th May 1895,
no. 1065, calling for an expression of opinion
on various schemes relating to the renewal
of Arms Act licenses, I have the honor
to enclose copy of an order recently issued
by me to all Taluk Magistrates. The number
of licenses issued in this District during 1894
was 9804. In the taluks of Enak and
balevanded it is very necessary that
the Police should be given an opportunity
every year of expressing an opinion as
to whether licenses should be renewed or
not.

2. In this District, adliguis (or heads of
amsams) are required to maintain
register of licensed arms in their amsam
and as they have hitherto been held
responsible for all arms in their amsam
being licensed, I have followed the practice

As



As licensed arms have to be stamped,
it is impossible to distribute licenses
through the Police, and it is certainly
simpler to distribute licenses at the time
of stamping.

3. In these circumstances, I request
that my order may be approved.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt. servant,

C. D. M. G.

By Dist. Magistrate

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Judicial Dept
CURRENT NO. 2481

1895.

From,
The District Magistrate of
South Canara.

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

Dated 12th June } 1895.
Received 21st do }

Reference No. 2486/95
Chapl.

ENCLOSURE

Subject.

Licenses under the Arms Act.
Stating that he agrees with
the proposal of the Inspector General
of Police and thinks that the
correspondence may be only between
the District Magistrate and the
Police in the renewal of

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CURRENT NO: 2981
SOUTH CANARA DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Bangalore 12th June 1895

From

W. H. Welsh Esquire,

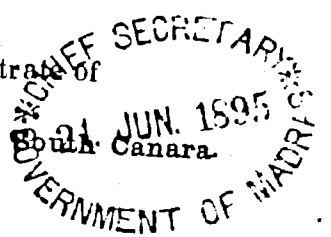
District Magistrate of

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial Department,

Fort St. George.



Sir,

In reply to order No: 1065, judicial dated 18th Etlins, I have the honor to state that I agree with the proposal of the Inspector General of Police and think the correspondence may be only between the District Magistrate and the Police. I do not think that the new form describing arms proposed by the District Magistrate of Bellary is desirable.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedient servant

For D. Magi etc.

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CURRY, INDIA

NO: 2237
S. H. Wayne Esquire.

District Magistrate
North Arcot

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Judicial Department

Sir

In reply to Government
Order dated 18th May 1895
No 1065 Judicial, I have
the honor to state, that I
prefer the method described
by Mr. Nicholson as prevailing
in his District and to add
that it is much the same
as that obtaining in this District
as will be seen from the short
summary of the procedure given

now
the names of license
Supplied to Division

Taluk and Division Sub Magis-
trates, District and Assistant
Superintendent of Police, Inspectors
of Taluks and Zemindari Divi-
sions; so far as their respective
ranges are concerned. Provision
is made for 10 years' entries.
At the beginning of each Cal-
ander year the Magistrates
in Communication with the
Police and Village Munsiffs
give notice to the owners of
arms to renew their licenses
except where they know that
the arms have been otherwise
disposed of. Applications for
renewal or fresh licenses

CORRESPONDENCE

NO: 3237
Collector's Office,
1st July 1896.

draft licenses, and send them
with a list once a fortnight
to the District Magistrate
through the Divisional Magistrate.
New names are entered in the
list in red ink. These are
checked by the Divisional Officers
who note 'R' and 'L' in their
registers according as the
names are old or new, and
send them on to the District
Magistrate with their Recom-
mendations. The licenses are
issued in this office after
check and registry and returned
to the Sub Magistrates for
distribution who note renewal
with 'R' and for new

Primes in over 1000 has been

are sent to the Superintendent
of Police for necessary entries
in the books supplied to him,
and his subordinates. Besides
this periodical defaulter
lists are called for from the
Magistrates and the work
renewed. A printed Circular
issued by Mr Le Franc in
1889 is herewith submitted.

3. In this Connection, I
may add that this system
has been in force in the District
since 1889 and Government
has on more occasions than
one noted its satisfactory
working. vide Government
Order No 1403 Judicial dated

CURRY

3rd August 1892. I therefore
that no change is desirable,
necessary.

I have the honor to
be,
Your Most Obedient Servant
S. P. S. S.
District Magistrate

Primes

Judicial Dept

NO. 3114
The District Magistrate
North Arcot

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Judicial Department
Madras.

Dated 26
Recd. } June 1895
to Account 18th July 95
Enclosure

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CURRENT NO.

CURRENT NO: 3237
Nellore Collector's Office,

Dated 2nd July 1895.

No 767
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K.C. Manavedan Raja Esq

From C. D. Maclean, Esq.,

Collector and District Magistrate

of Nellore.

To the Chief Secretary to
Government

Sir,

With reference to G. O. No. 1065 dated
18 May 1895, I have the honor to state
that I would adopt Mr. Nicholson's
Scheme in its entirety and my sub-
divisional magistrates agree with me.

2. I see no objection to the registers
of licenses and form of application pro-
posed by the District Magistrate -
Ballary.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedient servant

12. July 1895
District Magistrate

*Times in order, and
received*

Judicial Dept.
From the District Magistrate.
CURRENT NO 3239
of Nellore

To The Chief Secretary
to Government

Dated 2nd July 1895
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Subject.

Expressing opinion upon
the issue of licenses under
the Arms Act.

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Salem Collector's Office,
13th July 1895
No. 1116
From me to be forwarded 18th " 95.

G. STOKES Esq.,
Collector & Dist. Magte. of Salem.
To Chief.
The Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,
MADRAS.

SIR,

In reply to G.O. dated 18th May 1895
Nº 1065 Judicial I have the honor to state
that as set out in para 2 of my letter
embodied in G.O. dated 2nd January 1895
Nº 6 Judicial the features of the scheme
which I suggested are as follows:—

- (1) The Police to receive and forward all
applications for licenses.
- (2) The Police to maintain in each station
a register of arms independent of the
Magistrate.
- (3) The Police to be responsible for seeing
that the licenses are taken out.

There is no objection to the scheme in the

and if his arguments etc be examined it will be found that his reasons reduce themselves to two.

(1) To point (1) that it is not necessary or advisable that the Police should receive all applications for licenses. Renewal applications, he says, need not be presented to them.

(2) That the Police should not be responsible for seeing that licenses should be taken out but that this should be done in the District Magistrate's office. The basis of the 1st objection is Police untrustworthiness and interference. It is possible to make a great deal too much of that argument. The Police are not worse than the like subordinates of any other department. But under the scheme which I sketched the licenses have both to be received and delivered by the Police. The force of the suggestion now made lies in the fact that it is asserted that it is possible in the case of renewals to get rid of any

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this is possible. Mr Nicholson describes a scheme which runs on oiled wheels on paper but my difficulty is that I have tried to work such register as he describes for six years past and have not found it possible. No check is possible unless the registers are complete and up to date. But this presents difficulties. The suggestion is rendered much more feasible by the new form of license but even with that I have found very great difficulties. The first difficulty is to ensure that the license forms are submitted for renewal. If the old license form first issued is submitted, as it no doubt ought to be, the difficulty in the matter is much obviated for it can be at once referred to its number in the register etc. but when such is not submitted is the trouble. Even if it be possible to identify the licensee as all it takes time and examination and the difficulty in the way of this is the short

and handedness of the Magistral staff.

it Mr Nicholson has to deal with 1000
th licenses and 21 magistrates whereas he
(1) have 35 magistrates and 4989 licenses.
In some cases it is impossible to identify
the licensees. It is very easy on paper to
run your finger down a list and pick
out a village name but when you have
(2) 3 or 4 villages of the same name in the
same taluq and perhaps 4 or 5 licensees
of the same name in each village, where
you are to put your R becomes a
problem. The result is that the R
is put nowhere and your register becomes
entirely unreliable. As to point (2) of
the scheme I have only to point out
that the Inspector-General and all
the alternative schemes proposed
recognize that the licensees must be
delivered by the Police and that they
must maintain and check a register
of licensees within their Stations. If
they know also the persons who have

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and whom not to prosecute but they cannot
know this unless the licensees come through
them as well as go through them. They
can then also see that applications are
really put in in proper time and cannot
be put off with excuses.

As to the 3rd point I have found in
practice that the District Magistrate's
office cannot really check such registers.
Doubts crop up and the District Magis-
trate has either to enter on a long corres-
pondence in which he can rarely get
to the bottom of the muddle or he has to
leave it alone. When the work is heavy,
it is in itself a labour to see that such
registers are written up to date. If they
are not so, they are useless as I have said
above.

The question really is this: Is it better
to run along in the old ways with practi-
cally no check and no interference
allowing quite well that not one-third
of the District Magistrate

or registered but with no interference
or question, or to have a real check on
arms. The merits of the system proposed
turn on the answer to this question.
(1) It is not me for me to answer but for
Government. In one of Mr. Nicholson's
Schemes it is proposed to relieve Taluq
Magistrates of all connections with
the issue of licences. I know from
inspection that their registers are rarely
written up and are useless and I think
(2) they might be relieved of keeping
registers at all if there is one in each
Police Station but I think for safety's
sake it will still be necessary to
send to the Taluq bundles of licences
for distribution to Stations, else there
will be no means of knowing whether
the licences sent ever reach their
destination. This is a very minor
point however. I remember that
it necessary to have precise descrip-
tion and classification of weapons.
They know also the ~~descriptions~~

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enforced I think this desirable. At
present such numerical statements
would probably be misleading. If the
system ordered in G.O. No 6 Judicial is
continued the Station House officer could
compile the requisite statements in a
few minutes from his registers.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yours most obedient servant.

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For District Magistrate

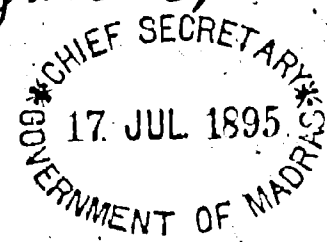
C. J. D. G.
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Or registered but with
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CURRENT NO. 3416

The Collector & District
Magistrate, Salem



To The Chief Secretary to
Government,
Judicial Department
Madras.

Dated 13th July 1895
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Subject

Submitting his opinions
regarding the issue & check
of the Arms Act licenses.

MAGISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT NO. 3416
Cuddalore District MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,
Camp, Dated 16th July
1895.

Dis No. 672
magl.

FROM

J. Hamilton Esquire,
District MAGISTRATE OF

Cuddalore

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government,
Judicial Department,
Fort Saint George.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 1065, ^{dated} 18th May last,
I have the honor to state that the scheme pro-
posed by the District Magistrate of Arcotapur
seems to me the best.

2— The further simplification suggested in para-
8 of the letter seems also desirable. There is at present
great and unavoidable delay in the issue and re-
newal of arms act licenses and the first offices the
papers have to pass through the less will be the delay.

3. In the case of renewals reports from police seems
a mere superfluity and can safely be dispensed
with.

4. In this district I have asked the Superintendent
to bring to notice before the 1st of January any
case in which a license should not be renewed.
First application will, of course, be sent to
you for report.

I have the honor to be,

Sir
Your most obedient servant

J. Hamilton
District Magistrate

Enclosure to this
Office letter no
1074 of 95

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into cma 3448 and
the no of encs in the
docket be altered
into 2 please -

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CURRENT NO. 3442
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Judicial Department.

TINNEVELLY *St* Magle's OFFICE.

From
The *District Magistrate*

Tinnevelly.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government

Dated 15th *Fort St. George.*
Received 19th *Judicial Dept*
July 1895

No. 10740/95

CHIEF SECRETARY
ENCLOSURE, *US*
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
JUL 1895

*Submitting his opinion on
the various schemes pro-
posed in connection with
the procedure to be observed
in the renewal of licenses
under the Arms Act.*

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Enclosure 1
G. No. 1448

Tinnevely District Magistrate is of

Dated 15th July 1895.

CURRENT NO. 3448

From

A. W. B. Higgins Esquire,

District Magistrate,

Tinnevely,

To

The Chief Secretary to

Government,

Judicial Department,

Fort Saint George

Sir,

In reply to Government order dated the 18th May 1895, No. 1065, Judicial, I have the honor to recommend for adoption the scheme proposed by Mr. Nicholson prescribing the procedure to be observed in issuing licenses under the Arms Act, as modified in para 8 of his letter — Magisterial Reference dated 24th January 1895 on current No. 44 embodied in the Government Order above quoted with the exception that applications for new licenses may be presented in the first instance either to the Taluk Magistrate or to the station house officer concerned or to the District Magistrate. If a Taluk Magistrate has personal knowledge of the character of an applicant, he can

forward the application with his remarks to the District Magistrate direct without a previous reference to the Police. In cases in which the Taluk Magistrate is doubtful of an applicant's character or he has no knowledge at all, he can refer such applications to the Station-House Officers for report through the Division Inspector. In cases in which applications are presented to station-house officers in the first instance, those officers should forward them with their remarks to the Taluk Magistrates through their Division Inspectors. Inspectors should add their own remarks. The Taluk Magistrates, on receipt of such applications, should forward them direct to the District Magistrate with their remarks.

2. The procedure obtaining at present in this district is as follows:-

All applications, whether for renewal or for fresh licenses, are sent in the first instance Taluk Magistrates. (Since the receipt of Government order dated 2d January 1895, No. 6, applications for renewal have been ordered

to be sent to station-house officers in the first instance). In cases of renewal, applications are forwarded by Taluk Magistrates, with remarks, to Sub-divisional Magistrates, who, in their turn, pass them on to the District Magistrate, with their opinion. As regards applications for fresh licenses, Taluk Magistrates refer them to station house officers for report. On their return, they are forwarded to Sub-divisional and District Magistrates as above indicated. Licenses are issued from the District Magistrate's Office direct to the Taluk Magistrates and hence to Police Stations for delivery to applicants.

3. This process of receipt and issue, no doubt, entails much labour, correspondence and delay; which might be avoided under Mr. Rickardson's scheme.

4. The form of application has been printed in Tamil on four-anna stamp paper in this district. A copy of the form with an English translation of the headings is submitted for the perusal of Government.

for All the Sub-Divisional Magistrates and
the Superintendent of Police, whom I have
consulted on the subject, are in favor of
adopting Mr. Nicholson's scheme.

The details of arms suggested by
Mr. Fremereh will be interesting. But it is
a question whether applicants would be able
to furnish correct information.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]

District Magistrate

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Judicial Dept.
CURRENT NO. 3506

FROM
THE MAGISTRATE OF
Chingleput.

To
Chief
THE SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
Judicial DEPARTMENT,
Madras.

Dated 17th
Despatched 20th July 1895.
Received 22nd
23rd

Dr. No. 2686

ENCLOSURE. *[Signature]*

SUBJECT.

Submitting report called for
in G.O. No. 1065 Judicial, dated
18th May 1895 regarding the pro-
cedure to be observed in the
renewal of licenses under the
drugs act.

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CIRCULAR.

THE attention of the Magistracy and Police Officers is drawn to section 5 of the Indian Arms Act XI of 1878 under which the manufacture, conversion, sale or possession of any arms, ammunition or Military stores is prohibited except under a license and in the manner and to the extent permitted by the Act.

2. The Governor-General in Council has, under the authority conveyed by section 27 of the Act, exempted certain persons from the operations of all prohibitions and directions contained in the Act regarding the possession and conveyance of arms and ammunition except those relating to cannon, articles designed for torpedo service, war-rockets and machinery for the manufacture of arms and ammunition.

A list of these persons will be found in the Notification of the Government of India No. 518, dated 6th March 1879, as modified by subsequent orders. It will be chiefly noted that all European and East Indian subjects of Her Majesty, all Magistrates except Village Magistrates, Judicial officers and Members of the Local Fund Boards have been exempted. As to heads of villages and other rural Police who have also been exempted in respect of such arms as the Local Government may notify to be necessary for the discharge of their Police duties, the Local Government has decided under this head that no arms are necessary.

3. The following arms and ammunitions have been excluded from the operation of the prohibitions and directions contained in the Act:—

Spears, bows, arrows, uniform swords and dirks manufactured in Europe, of recognized Military or official patterns, ornamental arms of an obsolete pattern possessing only antiquarian value, provided they are virtually useless for offensive and defensive purposes, sulphur in quantities not above 10 seers, saltpetre, lead-
1 Bird-shot.

It will be noted that no license is needed for the mere possession of any arms except firearms; but a license is necessary for going armed with them.

The manufacture, possession and sale of fireworks do not require a license.

No license is required for mere repair of arms.

The priests or wardens of pagodas may be permitted to keep gunpowder, for the purposes of loading and firing what are called 'adiravidies' without a license, provided they purchase from licensed dealers.

4. The Sub Magistrates and the Police Inspectors should carefully study the rules framed under the Indian Arms Act regarding the various licenses authorized to be issued. They should particularly attend to the following instructions bearing on the licenses most commonly issued in this district.

5. **Licenses in Form VIII.** These are licenses to possess arms or ammunition and to go armed for the purposes of sport, protection or display, and should be renewed every year. Applications for these licenses should be written in the prescribed form printed on 4 anna stamp paper which can be obtained in all Sub Treasuries and from all Stamp Vendors on payment of 4 annas. The applications should be presented in person or sent by post to the District Magistrate. When applications are presented to other magistrates, they should be forwarded to the District Magistrate without delay with a report as to the advisability of granting the license in the case of those who apply for the first time.

6. The due registration of arms is the object aimed at by the Arms Act. For this purpose, it is absolutely necessary that the local Magistrates and the Police Officers should maintain accurate lists of the arms for which licenses have been issued, and should make careful enquiries regarding the individuals who fail to renew their licenses as required by the rules.

7. The Registers of the individuals to whom licenses have been issued for 1892, have been printed and are herewith circulated to the Taluk Magistrates. 12 spare copies are sent to the Superintendent of Police for the use of the Police Department, as requested by him.

8. Cols. 1, 2 & 3 of the register shewing the name of the individual to whom the license is granted, the name of his father and the place of his residence, require no explanation.

Col. 4 gives the particulars of the arm for which the license is granted. The abbreviations given at the top of the Register should be used in filling up the column; thus, a single barrelled gun will be entered as 'S. B. G.' and a double barrelled gun as 'D. B. G.' &c.

The next column is that relating to the years 1893—1893. The abbreviations specified in the column should be specially noted. Thus, if the individuals entered in the Registers renew their licenses for 1893, the entry in the column relating to that year should be R. / date of the license issued; e. g. R. / 1-1-92 &c. If any individual sells or transfers his arms, the entry should be 'S. or T.' and in the Remarks column, a note should be made in red ink to shew the person to whom the arm was transferred and if the transferee resides in this District the No. of the license granted to him, (e. g. sold to _____ Taluk; or, sold to _____ licensee No. _____ for _____ in _____ District.)

If the arm was destroyed, the entry should be 'D' and if confiscated, 'C'. Licenses newly issued hereafter should be entered in the register in the order of the No. which they bear, in the blank pages provided for the purpose. New licenses should be entered as L / date of issue of the license, in the column of the year to which they relate.

9. All the licenses issued from this office will be forwarded to the Taluk Magistrates concerned with a list in Form A which should be returned with an acknowledgment of the receipt of the licenses, therein referred to and a certificate that the necessary entries have been made in the Taluk Register and that the licenses have been despatched, or delivered, to the proper parties. A similar list in Forms B₁ and B₂ will be sent to the Superintendent of Police who will return it with a certificate of having made the necessary entries in his registers. At the end of each year, an abstract, in the subjoined form, of the licenses issued, should be prepared and submitted both by the Taluk Magistrates and the Superintendent of Police for verification:—

No. of licenses issued in the previous year—

Deduct No. of licenses for arms sold, destroyed, confiscated &c. —

Balance —

Add No. of licenses for arms newly granted in the year —

Total No. of licenses in the year —

10. The Taluk Magistrates should see that the arms for which licenses have been issued in one year are duly accounted for in the next, and to this end should make careful enquiries (themselves and through the Station House Officers) which should be completed within the end of March at the latest. Individuals failing to renew their licenses should be warned to do so forthwith; and if the warning is not heeded, sanction should be applied for for their prosecution. All applications by Police officers for sanction to prosecute should be submitted through the Taluk Magistrates, who will endorse whether the parties concerned have been duly warned. The Taluk Magistrates having been relieved of all their Magisterial work, and

being itinerating officers, have facilities for making enquiries and checking the Registers maintained by the Police officers. They will be held strictly responsible for the due carrying out of the provisions of the Act and the rules framed thereunder. The guma-stah who was hitherto attending to the Magisterial work, should be made to attend to this work and should be carefully supervised by the Taluk Magistrates.

11. The other licenses to which the attention of the Magistrates and the Police officers has to be drawn are those in Forms VI and VII. The applications for licenses in Form VI (to manufacture, convert or sell, or keep arms, ammunition and military stores) should be presented on Rs. 20 non-judicial stamp paper, and those for licenses in Form VII (to keep and sell arms, ammunition and military stores) on Rs. 10 stamp paper. The No. of these licenses is generally very small and they will be communicated to the Taluk Magistrate through the Divisional Magistrate and to the Superintendent of Police.

12. These licensees are required to maintain stock books and accounts of receipts and issues in the Forms (Schedules C and D) appended. The inspections made in the present year disclose that in several shops the books were not maintained in the prescribed form. The headings of the accounts will now be printed in the District press in diglott and supplied to the shopkeepers. The taluk magistrates will indent on the Treasury Deputy Collector for the No. of forms they require for distribution among the shopkeepers in their Taluks. The pages of these accounts should be consecutively numbered and before any entries are made, they should be exhibited together with the manufacturers' or dealers' license to the Divisional or subordinate magistrate who will sign the first and last pages of each account and have each leaf sealed with his official seal.

13. The stock books must shew the quantity of sulphur received and expended in making gunpowder and fireworks. The quantity of gunpowder made and the quantity expended in making fireworks or sold as gunpowder must also appear. But it is only in the last case that any entry is required to be made in the sale book.

14. Besides these books, an inspection book should be kept in Form 'E'. These shops should be inspected once in a quarter by the subordinate Police officers and once in a year by the Superintendent of Police. They should also be inspected once in a quarter by the Taluk Magistrates and occasionally by the Divisional Magistrates. The results of the inspection should be reported as soon as each inspection is completed. The form (E) prescribed for the inspection book & reports will be printed by the Deputy Collector in charge of the District Press and supplied to the Superintendent of Police and Taluk Magistrates on indents made by them. The Taluk Magistrates will introduce the forms in all the shops in the beginning of the next year.

15. The attention of the inspecting officers should be directed to the following points among others:—

(a) Whether a board is put up on a conspicuous part of the shop or usual place of business with an inscription in English or the Vernacular containing the name of the licensed vendor and the words 'Licensed to manufacture or Licensed to deal in arms, ammunition and military stores' as the case may be.

(b) Whether copy of Section 28 of the Indian Arms Act is posted up in Tamil or English on some conspicuous part of the usual place of business.

(c) Whether the vendors make at the time of sale an endorsement under their signature containing the following particulars upon the license of every purchaser holding a license under Form VIII or IX:—

i. the name and address of the person who takes delivery of the articles sold;

ii. the nature and amount of the articles sold;

iii. the date of the sale.

(d) Whether the prescribed accounts are properly maintained.

(c.) Whether the balance as recorded in the Stock book corresponds with the actuals in hand.

The inspecting officers should also issue proper instructions for supplying the omissions and rectifying the errors noticed by them. At the end of each year, the Taluk Magistrates should submit to this office complete extracts relating to the year from the inspection books kept in the several shops licensed in Forms VI & VII, in the subjoined form:—

Name of licensee.	Form of license.	Date of license.	Place of business.	Name of the inspecting officer.	Date of inspection.	Remarks made by the inspecting officer.	Steps taken to supply the omissions and rectify the errors.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

These extracts are called for in view to their being checked with the inspection reports received after each inspection and should be submitted within the 5th January of the year next to that to which the inspections relate. The extracts for the current year should be submitted by the marginally noted shops within the 5th January 1893. Any remissness on the part of the Taluk Magistrates will be severely noticed.

FORM VI.

SAIDAPET TALUK.

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| Name of licensee. | Place of business. |
| 1. Kamarudin Sahib. | No. 144 Mangadu. |
| 2. Abdul Rahiman Sahib | Sennerikuppam near Poonamallee. |
| 3. Sundara Chari | Nasarethpettah. |

CONJEEVERAM TALUK.

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| 1. Muniappa Naicken | Nemanthakara Street, Big Conjeeveram. |
| 2. Thirumalai Mudali | No. 29, Malayala Street, Little Conjeeveram. |
| 3. Subroya Mudali | Shop No. 6, Hyder patrai Street, Little Conjeeveram. |
| 4. Murugappa Naicken | Opposite to Ethirajulu Naidu's Chattram, Sreeparambudoor. |
| 5. Thandu Veeramami Aochari. | 72 Kammalar Street, Big Conjeeveram. |

MADURANTAKAM TALUK.

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| 1. Kadambanada Mudali | Premises opposite to Mariamman temple, weavers' street, Perunagar Village. |
| 2. Angappachari | Kanthapper kod Mandapam, Channampet. |

TRIVELLORE TALUK.

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| 1. Raghavachari | Chetty Street, Trivellore. |
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FORM VII.

SAIDAPET TALUK.

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| 1. Raja Mudali | St. Thomas' Mount. |
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CONJEEVERAM TALUK.

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| 1. Murugappa Chetty | Conjeeveram. |
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The Taluk Magistrates should warn the shopkeepers who have stock at the end of a year to obtain renewal within one month of the expiry of the previous license.

The attention of the Taluk and the Divisional Magistrates is also drawn to para 9 of G. O. No. 1473, Judicial, dated 8th July 1887, in which the Government adverts to a practice under which the license fees for transport of ammunition, &c. are evaded by the sulphur or other stores being made up into parcels of and under 10 seers. Enquiries should be made whether this practice is general and the results reported.

16. *Prosecutions.*—The attention of the magistracy and the Police officers is drawn to chapters VI and VII of the Indian Arms Act, containing the penal sections.

The bulk of the prosecutions in this District are under Sec. 19, clause (f) of the Act, for possession of firearms without license. In this connection, the attention of the Police officers and the Taluk Magistrates is drawn to the repeated orders of Government setting forth that the object of the Arms Act is neither to disarm ordinary districts nor to make a revenue, but to bring the possession and use of arms under control by a system of licenses, and the fees are fixed low, because it is the wish of Government that, while there shall be a complete registry, no respectable person should be denied a license for a reasonable supply of arms according to his needs. The District Magistrate directs that sanctions for prosecution should not be applied for before the parties concerned have been duly warned.

Attention is also invited to G. O. No. 2309, Judicial, dated 31-8-83, which is reproduced below for facility of reference.

GOVERNMENT ORDER—dated 31st August 1883, No. 2309, Judicial.

His Excellency in Council observes that (1) for the possession of arms not being firearms no license whatever is required; that (2) for the possession of firearms the rules prescribe an annual license, which is granted free; that (3) to go armed for the purposes of sport, or of protection or of display, necessitates an annual license, for which a fee of four annas only has been fixed; and that (4) free licenses, valid for a term of five years, are granted to all ryots and others who require arms and ammunition for the destruction of wild beasts, which do injury to human beings, cattle or crops.

(2.) It is Section 13 of the "Indian Arms Act 1878," which prohibits the going armed without license, and Section 14, which prohibits the unlicensed possession of fire-arms. These sections still form part of the Act, but looking at the views expressed in the circular letter of the Government of India, two years ago, regarding their highly restrictive character, the Governor in Council feels he could not approve the prosecution of persons who hold uncanceled licenses under Form X or XI, merely because they have not renewed such licenses each twelve months succeeding the first issue thereof.

(3.) To provide, however, for cases where firearms and ammunition are kept without any license whatever—the following Notification will be issued in the Fort St. George and District Gazettes, viz. :—

Whereas it is provided by Section 30 of the Indian Arms Act, 1878, that "where a search is to be made under the Code of Criminal Procedure or the Presidency Magistrates Act, 1877, in the course of any proceedings instituted in respect of an offence punishable under Section nineteen, Clause (f), such search shall, notwithstanding any thing contained in the said Code or Act, be made in the presence of some officer specially appointed by name or in virtue of his office by the Local Government in this behalf, and not otherwise,"—the Governor in Council is pleased to declare that such search may be made in the presence of any Magistrate, of any Inspector or Sub Inspector of Police or of any Head of a Village.

17. Arms confiscated under Section 24 of the Act may be sold in auction to any person, provided that the arm is not delivered to the purchaser till he obtains a license in respect of the particular arm purchased.

Military arms should invariably be effectually destroyed.

18. Ammunition serviceable for ordinary firearms and sulphur should be disposed of by sale to licensed dealers only.

18. The Divisional and the Cantonment Magistrates should forward a statement of offences dealt with under the Indian Arms Act in the year in Form (y) herewith appended, on the 1st January of the next year, to the Superintendent of Police who will check the returns and transmit them to this office not later than the 10th with an abstract statement in the subjoined form for submission to the Inspector-General of Police.

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Statement of Cases under the Indian Arms Act.

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Name of Court.	CASES				PERSONS				Remarks by way of explanation of any increase or decrease over the previous year.
	Reported		Detected		Arrested		Convicted		
	Last year.	This year.	Last year.	This year.	Last year.	This year.	Last year.	This year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

The Divisional Magistrates and the Superintendent of Police are requested to see that these returns are furnished punctually and accurately.

5th December 1892.

J. THOMSON,
District Magistrate.

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Before no 1049 magte.

Communicated to all magtes except the Bench Court Presidents and to the Supt of Police with 12 spare copies for distribution in the Police Dept. for information & guidance.

2. One copy of each of the Forms A, B₁, B₂, C, D, * & referred to within are here with attached.

3. Form E is also sent to the Jans Magtes of Sai daph and Cojjevaran who will duly fill up cols 19-32 and return them to this office on the prescribed date. (Vide sub paragraph 4 under Para 15)

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FORM A.

The licenses in Form VIII bearing the undermentioned numbers are forwarded to the Taluk Magistrate of

The numbers of the licenses renewed

The numbers of the licenses newly granted

District Magistrate.

I hereby certify that the licenses above mentioned have been received by me and despatched or delivered to the licensees concerned and that the necessary entries relating to them have been made in the Registers maintained in this office.

Taluk Magistrate of

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The licenses in Form VIII bearing the following numbers have been renewed for the year 189 .

The licenses in Form VIII bearing the following numbers have been renewed for the year 189 .

Name of Taluk.	Number of the license.	Date of renewal.

District Magistrate.

I hereby certify that the necessary entries relating to the above licenses have been made in the Register maintained by me.

Superintendent of Police.

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John Doe

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FORM B.

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The following licenses in Form VIII were issued for the year 189 .

Name of Taluk.	No. and name of licensee.	Father's name.	Survey No. and name of village.	Description of the arm.	Date on which license was issued.
1	2	3	4	5	6

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District Magistrate.

I hereby certify that the necessary entries relating to the above licenses have been made in the Register maintained by me.

Superintendent of Police

Schedule C.—வினாக்கள்.

..resident of

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Daily Sale Book of

resident of

resident of

sell or loan arms or munitions to:

, license to manufacture, convert,

stores of keep, arm, ammunition and Military Stores (Form VI), or licensed to keep or sell (Form VII) [as the case may be].

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Date. தேதி.	Name and father's name of purchaser. செய்திக்கு வாங்கு னவருடைய பெயர் மும் தாயின் பெயரும்.	Profession of purchaser. செய்திக்கு வாங்கு னவருடைய சொழி.	Residence of purchaser. செய்திக்கு வாங்கு னவருடைய இருப்பிடம்.	Articles purchased. செய்திக்கு வாங்கு கொண்டவை.	Price. விலை.	Signature of purchaser, and dealer, and if purchaser is licensed, date and form of License. செய்திக்கு வாங்குனவருடைய பெயரும் அதற்குரிய பெயரும். செய்திக்கு வாங்குனவர் லைசென்ஸ் பெற்றிருந்தால் லைசென்ஸ் தேதியும் அட்டவணைமையும்.

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FORM G.

Statement showing particulars of offences dealt with under the Indian Arms Act XI of 1878 in the Sub Division of during the year 189

File No. and Calendar No. of the case.	Place, taluk and date of offence.	Particulars of the offence.	No. of persons charged and No. and date of the Police charge sheet.	By whom tried.	Date and result of trial with brief notes in cases of importance.	Remarks explaining (1) the sentence awarded if necessary—(2) reasons for discharge—(3) Variations between the figures of this year and the previous year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

No. 2686

CURRENT NO. 356

Chingleput District MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Station, Chingleput.

17th July 1895.

FROM

B. H. Moussey Esquire

By District MAGISTRATE OF Chingleput,

TO

Chief

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. No. 1865 calling
18th May 1895

on District Magistrates to express their

opinion on the various schemes proposed in

connection with the procedure to be observed

in future in the issue of licenses under the

Arms Act, I have the honour to submit

that the procedure now obtaining in my

district in this matter is that applications

for licenses, whether for renewal or for the

issue are presented to the District Magistrate

direct. The taluk Magistrates and the Police officers are also empowered to receive such applications when presented to them and submit them to the District Magistrate with their remarks. In all cases of applications for new licenses, opinions of taluk Magistrates are first obtained as to the advisability of granting the licenses sought for, but in the case of renewals no reference is made before the licenses are renewed. A register is maintained in my office for the licenses issued talukwar, copies of this register have been supplied to the taluk Magistrates for maintenance in their offices and to the Superintendent of Police for maintenance in his office and in ^{his} subordinate offices. It would certainly be an improvement to maintain them villagewar as is done in Anantapur district and if my recollection serves me in budhapah district where there was some such system as is

in force in Anantapur. All licenses issued are sent to the taluk Magistrates for noting in their registers and delivery to the parties concerned. The Superintendent of Police is at the same time supplied with lists of licenses issued for noting the register supplied to him and for intimation to the station house officers concerned. In addition to the above, certificates are obtained (1) from the taluk Magistrates to the effect that necessary entries were duly made in their registers and that the licenses have been delivered to the parties or despatched to them; and (2) from the Superintendent of Police that the necessary entries have been made in his register. It would thus be seen that a procedure nearly similar to that followed in Anantapur district is followed here. A copy of the circular issued in this district in December 1892, on the subject of the maintenance of the register under the Arms Act with its enclosures is herewith forwarded for your information. The practice in this district to dispatch the licenses to the

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no longer necessary.

do
the taluk Magistrates causes unnecessary delay as
the taluk Magistrates have in their turn to send
them to the Station House officers for delivery,
as I do not altogether approve of the practice of sending
the licenses direct to the Station House officers for
delivery to licensees. I think the Stationary Sub-
Magistrates who are not overburdened with work
should be the distributors. As regards the forms
of registers proposed by Mr. Drenth to show the
various kinds of arms, I have to state that in
this district, the arms for which licenses are
issued consist of single and double barreled
guns and occasionally of revolvers. I however
see no objection to the adoption of the form.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

(M. M. M. M.)

Dy. District Magistrate.

[V. C. P. - 17-11-94. - 700.]

CURRENT NO. 3

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

FROM District Magistrate
THE COLLECTOR OF VIZAGAPATAM.

TO
The Chief Secretary to
Government Judicial
Department.

CHIEF SECRETARY
25 JUL 95

Dated 19
Received 25

July 1895.

Re. C. No. 1027
Dis.

ENCLOSURES. Nil

Subject.

Submitting the opinion called for
by D. no 1065 of 18th May last
on the various schemes proposed
in connection with the procedure
to be observed in future in the
renewals of licenses under the
Indian Arms Act XI 1902.

Dis No. 1027

VIZAGAPATAM COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dated 19th July 1895.

From

D. C. Miller Esq.

W. A. Willock Esq.

Collector Magistrate

Vizagapatam District.

To

The Honourable J. F. Price

Chief SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF Government

LAND REVENUE,

Judicial Department

MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit the opinion called for in G.O. No 1065 dated the 18th May last.

2. The Divisional Magistrates generally express themselves in favour of the adoption of the Anantapur system i.e. the system described in Mr. Nicholson's standing order printed in the G.O. under reply.

3. The scheme which commends itself to me as the simplest and most suitable is that sketched in para 8 of Mr. Nicholson's letter. I would modify it in the following particulars.

(1) I would not compel applicants.

to present their applications to the District Magistrate. I would let them present them to the Taluk Magistrate or the Divisional Magistrate if they prefer it or to the Station House Officer of their station: it is only if compelled to apply to the Police that applicants would be in danger of oppression at the hands of Station House Officers and there seems to be no reason why applications should not be made to those officers if such a course is most convenient to the applicant. It would be the duty of all officers subordinate to District Magistrate to send applications received by them direct to District Magistrate noting on them any remarks they might have to make as to the advisability or otherwise of granting the application. This modification is practically that advocated by the Inspector General of Police in para 4 of his letter.

(2) The District Magistrate in the case of 1st application should send application

Police Station House Officer who would report through the Inspector and Taluk Magistrate. The enquiry is made by the Police and there is no reason why the application should pass twice through the Taluk Magistrate's office. It is desirable that it should pass once through him and that on its return journey that he may see what the Police have to say and correct it if necessary. I prefer the Taluk Magistrate to the Stationary Magistrate as he has more opportunities of knowing the villagers of his taluk.

4. As regards registers & application forms I would adopt Mr Freeman's which seem very suitable and not troublesome to maintain and I would open alphabetical village war registers as proposed by Mr Nicholson. I agree with the Inspector General of Police (para 3) that Police Superintendents should have complete

lists of arms licensed from year
to year and this might be written
up in the way he suggests. I doubt
if it is necessary for Sub Divisional
Magistrates to keep registers at all
but Taluk Magistrates should have
registers for their Taluks which would
of course be open to inspection by
Divisional Magistrates. The registers
once started would however
be very easy to maintain and the
only objection to their maintenance
by Sub Divisional Magistrates is
that it would give the District
Magistrates office a few more
extracts to send out every month
or quarter.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

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For District Magistrate

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District Magistrate's
Kurnool Collector's Office.

Kurnool DATED 23rd July 1895

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From

C. A. ^{CURRENT NO. 3601}
Collector of

Kurnool.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government
Judicial Department
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government
order No. 1065 Judicial dated 13th May
1895 I have the honor to state that
the alternate scheme proposed
in para 8 of the mentioned letter which
is virtually the same as the former one
seems to me to be the best.

The undersigned & will shall

before the 1st January in each year a
list of licenses which ought not

to be renewed. (These will usually be

very few). All applications whether

for renewal or first applications

should be forwarded direct to

the Justice Magistrate. All

applications for renewal should

be granted and licenses issued

as a matter of course if they

are not mentioned in the

above list of the Superintendent

of Police. First applications by

persons whose status is known may

be granted at once. First applications

on doubtful should be sent to the

Local Inspector of Police for report

The Town or Stationary Magistrate

need only be called on to report

in special cases where it may be

considered necessary. In other

respects the status standing

order may be adopted.

3. The modified form VIII suggested

by Mr. Fremantle should I

think be adopted.

I have the honor to be

your obedient servant

Justice Magistrate

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Judicial Deptt
CURRENT NO. 3601.
1895

Revenue Department.

FROM
S. A. Mulla Esq.
Collector of
Kurnool.

TO
THE Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

DATED 23
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DESPATCHED } July 1895.

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ENCLOSURES. Nil

SUBJECT.

Something we have
concluded for in G.O. No.
555 dated 18.5.93 regarding
the various schemes
proposed in connection
with the procedure to be
followed in future in the
renewal of licenses
under the Arms Act.

Judicial Deptt.
CURRENT NO. 3604
MAGISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

FROM
THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF
BELLARY.

TO
THE Chief Secretary to
Government Judicial
Department
Madras

Mag. Ind. No. 120

Dated 24
Despatched 25
Received 28
Rys. 29 } July 1895.
Enclosures. One
Abstract.

Reporting on Govt order
no 1083 Jnd. Concerning
18.5.95
Suggestions for the improve-
ment of Arms Act procedure.

Please
send this
to Mr. J. H. H. H.
for reference

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ADONI TALUK
ARMS' LICENSE REGISTER.

24-167-06.

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ADONI TALUK.—Register of licenses granted in form VIII under the Arms Act XI of 1878.—(Continued).

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ADONI TALUK.—Register of Licenses granted in form VIII under the Arms Act XI of 1878.—(Continued).

Serial number of Territory.	Father's name.	Number of Retainers, if any.	Village.	Description of Arms.																	Spare columns.		Remarks.
				6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21				
				Kills, Carbine, Magazine or Repeater for bullets.	D. B. Shot Gun.	S. B. Shot Gun.	D. B. Shot Gun.	Muzzle loading with cap.	Carnatic, Flint or Match lock.	S. B. Pistol.	D. B. Pistol.	Revolver or Pistol with more than two shots.	Sword.	Axe.	Dagger.								
87	P. Pedda Danalingappa	Adoni	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
88	T. Kairabappa	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
89	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
90	Jalaluddin	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
91	Thippanna	Yemiganur	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
92	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
93	Hussain Sahib	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
94	Yogappa	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
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96	Yellappa	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
97	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
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99	Nanjappa	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
100	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
101	Hannan	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
102	Gangappa	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			
103	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.			

104	Narasappa	Yemiganur	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
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106	Yagappa	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
107	Nabi Sahib	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
108	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
109	Ummarilla Baig	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
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111	Mogappa	Adoni	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
112	Anjanna	Kalagotta	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
113	Pacha Sahib	Yemiganur	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
114	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
115	Virupan Gowd	Gajjhalli	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
116	Mahantswamy	Halvi	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
117	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
118	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
119	Rajibilla Sahib	Adoni	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
120	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
121	Masalamani	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
122	Nagiladinni Ayyanna	Rampuram	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
123	Do.	Adoni	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
124	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
125	Laddai Nanjundappa	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
126	Peddannah	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
127	Kamsala Rudrappe	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.

No. 120

Dated 24th July 1895

FROM

A. Tremereux Esq
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF
BELLARY.

TO

THE Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras

SIR,

I have the honor to report on Government order 1085 18th May concerning Suggestions for the improvement of Arms Act procedure.

2. Columns in Register to specify arms To show how. Conveniently this work I have only to enclose for the inspection of Government a Specimen Register for one Taluk. The number of rifles, revolvers etc. can be at once seen and totalled up. It is necessary of course that the forms of application should correspond (these should be printed and available for purchase from stamp vendors)

3. Procedure in receiving applications

(a) Reviews It seems agreed that these may be sent direct to the District Magistrate.

(b) Fresh applications People should be encouraged to make these to the

of Police, for he is the officer to whom they finally come for report. Applications received by other officers should be sent direct to the Inspector that they may reach him as soon as possible. He will report on all such fresh applications (i) direct to the District Magistrate provided he sees no objection to the license; (ii) if he sees objection, he should report through the Sub-Divisional Magistrate who will consult his Sub-Magistrate or not as he sees fit, and forward his own recommendation to the District Magistrate. This gives the minimum of work to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate and the sub-Magistrate.

4. Procedure in issuing licenses

Mr. Hammick in para 5 of his letter 6. March says that licenses must be issued through the Police in order that they may know who have licenses. But this information should rather be communicated in the following way; just as we send the Superintendent a copy of our Register for the whole district, so we send each Inspector and each Station House Officer printed extracts for their district. This is the course now being followed in this district. Subsequent changes in the Register should be communicated monthly along with the list of defaulters to the Superintendent of Police to be passed on to his Inspectors

and Station House officers. I see indeed no great objection to issuing licenses through station house officers, though I think licensees will often have to pay some small fee. But the district post is now so well served that I should prefer that method of delivery. As each license would be sent $\frac{1}{2}$ A. "bearing", this would absolutely ensure delivery. At any rate I should like to try the system in this district, it will save trouble to the licensees and the Police.

5. Police Objections to renewals My first proposal was that these objections should be invited towards the end of the year. I now think Mr. Nicholson's plan better, that Cancellation should be effected on special occurrence report as occasion arises. This is very easy when Station House officers will have a complete printed list of licenses.

6. Checking and enforcing renewal As Mr. Nicholson says in his para 1, this is very easy with properly kept registers. I hope however we shall not be compelled to have the register arranged by license number as this interferes with the license numbers being consecutive in each block, which I prefer. I am, Sir, Sir,

in the other views expressed in that
para. As to para 8, I differ only in
thinking that licenses need not
necessarily be distributed through
the Police, but may in some districts
be sent by post.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
C. D. M. K. R. S.
For District Magistrate

CURRENT NO. 3/27
1895.

Judicial Department.

From
The District Magistrate of
South Arcot.
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras.

Dated 28th
Despatched 27th
Received 30th

July 1895.

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No. 1005

ENCLOSURE 2

Subject.

Submitting his report
referred to in Govt order
No 1005 dated with his
opinion on the various
schemes proposed in con-
nection with the proce-
dure to be observed in
the renewal of licences
under the Arms Act.

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SOUTH ARCOT.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

NO.

Camp Cuddalore
Dated 28th July 95

FROM

A. E. Castle Blackthorn Esquire

TO

OF DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF SOUTH ARCOT.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

TO GOVERNMENT

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS.

SIR,

With reference to Government order
no. 1065 Judicial dated 18th May last,
I have the honor to report that the system
described by Mr. Nicholson in paragraph 7
of his letter is virtually that obtaining
in this District with the following modi-
fications:-

(1) There are no printed forms of ap-
plication, as such forms were ordered
by Government to be discontinued - vide
Government order no. 1993 Judl dated
27th September 1893.

(2) Applications for new licenses are
sent either to the Police or to the Station-
ary Sub Magistrate for the Tahsildar's
Division, and to the Deputy Tahsildar
Magistrate outside it, as applicants
may find convenient. In those cases
in which the Magistrates have no

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personal knowledge of the applicants,
the applications are referred by them
to the Police for opinion.

(3) No extracts from the Office Registers
are sent to the Magistrates but only
to the Superintendent of Police.

2. I am of opinion that the alter-
native system proposed in para 8 of
Mr. Nicholson's letter is the best and
may be adopted in this District as
Mr. Nicholson observes there are not many
new applications in this District every
year and there would be no appreciable
delay nor trouble in referring such from
this office to the Police for opinion
regarding the character of the appli-
cants. The Sub Magistrates need not
have anything to do with the matter.
The present system entails a considerable
amount of labour on the Sub Magis-
trates which is unnecessary under
the circumstances, and it is very
desirable that they should be relieved
of this.

3. Forms of applications should,
I think be printed in duplicate and every
licensed stamp vendor should be re-
quired to keep a stock of them. Some-
time ago a villager when called
upon to explain his delay in applying
for a renewal of his license, explain-
ed it to be due to the Stamp Vendor
whom

whom he had applied to not having
been able to supply the printed form.
I do not think any useful purpose will
be served by the exhaustive form, des-
criptive of the weapons concerned, sug-
gested by Mr. Trevelyan. The great
majority of arms-owners in this Dis-
trict are illiterate and they
are not likely to distinguish between
the different kinds of arms and enter
them correctly under the several columns.

Other classes of applicants do not
generally make mistakes in describing
their weapons. I am therefore of opinion
that the enclosed form will be suf-
ficient.

4. I submit a form of Register
in use in my office. I consider this
more detailed than the form used
by Mr. Nicholson and less Cumbersome
than the one suggested by Mr. Trevel-
yan and would prefer it to be conti-
nued as it also provides columns for
noting changes in the number and
description of arms possessed by a
licensee.

5. The above remarks apply only
to licenses in Form No VIII. In the case
of licenses in Forms No. VI and VII, I
am of opinion that the present system
should be continued. The Sub Magis-
trates being required to inspect the

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Sulphur shops, it is desirable that applications whether for renewal or for fresh licences should be sent to them in the first instance and submitted by them with their remarks to the District Magistrate. This alone would give them some control over the licensees.

6. The object of the Scheme proposed being to minimize changes of temptation to the Subordinate grades of the Police and to ensure speedy delivery that object would in my opinion be more fully attained if instead of licences when issued by the District Magistrate being sent in a batch to the Police for delivery, they were sent direct to the licensees themselves from the District Magistrate's office post bearing. The post charge that the licensees would have to pay would be trifling - half an anna - for each licence and thus they would probably be glad to pay. Considering the advantages to be obtained by such procedure. I have heard in formal complaints that Constables deputed by Station House officers to deliver the licences delay delivery until a fee varying from 6 to 2 annas is paid by the licensees. A formal Complaint of this nature was made last year from the Tahsil of Kallakurichi in the Tiruchirappalli Division but the Deputy Magistrate made an

An enquiry into the matter at my instance, he was unable to arrive at the truth. It is not improbable that some unauthorized fee is levied in some localities at least by the Police Constables on licences delivered by them. Despatch of licences to the address of the licensees service bearing from the District Magistrate's office would ensure speedy delivery and freedom of the licensees from possible unauthorized demands. But if Government sees fit to order this procedure, it will be necessary in this District to sanction the entertainment for 2 months in the early part of the year of a clerk to attend solely to the prompt issue of licences. A salary of Rs 10/- per mensem would be sufficient for the very routine nature of the work involved. The number of licences issued last year in Form No: VIII was 3083 and it will be impossible for my present overworked establishment to cope satisfactorily with the additional work which the above proposal will, if carried out throw on it.

7. The Inspector General of Police in para 5 of his letter is of opinion that the licences should be

by the Police in order to enable them
to know who have licenses and
who have not. I am of opinion that
this is not necessary as the same object
could be gained by superintendents
of Police forwarding to Station
House officers extracts from the
Copy of District Magistrate's Register
sent to him once a quarter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Yours Most Obedient Servant

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MAGISTERIAL DEPARTMENT

No. 408

Nalgiri

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Cotacamund 10 August 1895.

FROM

J. D. Rees Esq B. F. E.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

Nalgiri

TO

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department

Sir

In reply to Government
order dated 18th May 1895 no 1065
judicial, I have the honour to
state that I concur in
Mr. Nicholson's views expressed
in paras 4 and 8 of his letter
Magisterial reference on C no 44
dated 24-1-1895 read in Govern-
ment Order dated 18th May 1895
no 1065 judicial.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Yours most obedient servant

Prinsepada

For

District Magistrate

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CURRENT NO. 283

The District Magistrate
Nilgiris

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
stone house.

Dated {
order { 10th August 1875
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General Remarks

Informing that the District
Magistrate concurs in
Mr. Nicholson's views expressed
in paras 4 & 8 of his letter read
Government order No 1065
dated 18 May 1875 —

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RECEIVED
From CURRENT NO. 283
C. J. Deo, Esquire,
Collector of Ganjam
District Magistrate

The Chief Secretary
To Government, Judicial
Department, Madras.

Dated Chattrapur 10th August 75

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I have the honour to reply to
C.C. dated 18th May last 201065 Judicial.
2. Of the various schemes referred to, I
think the Inspector General's proposals in
para 4 are on the whole the most suitable
for general adoption as they leave to the
applicants a choice of methods as to
how they will make their application
and they will select the one most con-
venient. As a rule, the applicants will
have to go either to the Police Station or
Sub Magistrate's Office for instructions
as to how to fill in the application and in
many cases they might prefer to hand in
their applications there to send them to the
District Magistrate direct.

2. I would however relieve the sub magistrates
of all other work in connection with these
licenses and licenses received by them should
be forwarded to the Police Inspector for
the transmission to the District Magistrate.
Could not be sure if it was a first application?
on not. Of course it would be left to the
District Magistrate's discretion to call a
report from the sub magistrate regarding a
new applicant's character & if he desired
to do so, but ordinarily the matter should be
left to the Police. It might perhaps be de-
sirable as a check on the Police, that where
an adverse report was submitted it should
be sent up through the sub magistrate or
Tahsildar Magistrate. The latter has generally
a wide acquaintance with the people in
the Taluk.

3. In this district it has been the habit
to require all Public servants to submit
applications through the Departmental Superior
before receipt of such applications,
licenses issue without further inquiry.
I think the practice might continue but
it will be advisable that even in these
cases for the reasons given by the Inspector
that licenses should be
delivered

delivered to applicants by the Police.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient

servant

District Magistrate
Calcutta

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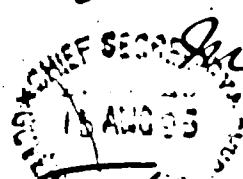
Judicial Dept

CURRENT NO. 3037

From

The District Magistrate
Gangam

To,
The Chief Secretary
to Govt.
Judicial Dept
Madras.



Dated 10 August 1895

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Reporting on the various
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nection with the procedure
to be observed in future
in the renewal of licenses
under the Arms Act.

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CURRENT NO. 3886

Judicial Dept

Magisterial (1895) Department

From

The District Magistrate
Gosauari

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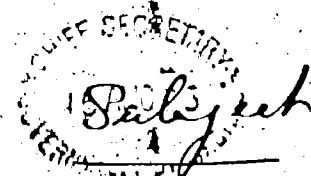
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future in the renewal of
Licenses under the Arms
Act.

CURRENT NO. 3886.

Godavari District Magistrate's office

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From

V. A. Brodie Esquire

Magistrate

Godavari.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Judicial Department.

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Sir,

Referring to G. O. dated 18th May 1895 No 1065, Judicial, I have the honor to state my opinion as follows.

2 Mr. Tremble's scheme is very imperfect in comparison with Mr. Nicholson's full and elaborate scheme. As for ~~the~~ his second suggestion regarding the detailed classification of the various kinds of arms to be adopted in applications and office registers, I have only to say that it is cumbersome, likely to be incomprehensible to the mass of applicants and involves unnecessary and useless waste of time, energy and paper.

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the people and is in a position to know all about them. It is most necessary that his advice should be taken in the matter of any given man's character. It is also advisable that he should be cognizant of trust and work in his division.

4 Secondly, I do not think it advisable as Mr Nicholson suggests, to require that even first applications should be sent direct to the District Magistrate, as the District Magistrate must send almost the whole of them to the police for remarks. It is not likely that applications from persons of known status or reputation such as village officers, municipal or local fund officers, station masters and so forth will be very likely numerous, as they require arms neither for protection nor as a means of earning a livelihood or protecting crops which are some of the main purposes for which licenses are taken out. As for public servants of the higher grades, they are mostly allowed to keep arms

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without a license. Thus the mass of new applicants will consist of persons whose character and status cannot be known except by reference to the police, the sub magistrates or village officers. As it is indispensable therefore that almost all new applications should go to the police for their opinion, it would save ^{time} trouble and correspondence if the applications are submitted through the police in the first instance and they, as I have suggested above, should send them with their remarks through the sub-magistrate to the District Magistrate.

5. As for delivery of the licenses I would recommend that it should be done through the sub-magistrates thus saving the people from the petty exaction of the police in the shape of fees for delivery. The object of Mr. Haunwick expressed in para 5 of his letter will be attained by the Superintendent of Police sending stationer extracts from the quarterly lists of new issues of licenses and defaulters list sent

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sent to him by the District Magistrate. All those old licensees whose names are omitted from the extracts from the defaulters list will be considered by the Station House officers to have renewed their licenses.

6. The Register of licenses should be arranged not talukwar, as proposed by Mr. Nicholson, but submagistrate (i.e. Magisterial divisions) and villagewar.

7. Of the other portions of Mr. Nicholson's scheme I entirely approve, but would also make the village officers (Magistrate and Curman) responsible for all inhabitants of their villages applying for licenses. I insisted on this in South Canara with very good results making the village officers maintain a register of all persons in their villages possessing arms, which was regularly produced at Jambandi and directing them to report the names of all who neglected to apply for licenses or renewal of their licenses after warning to the Taluk Magistrate. Every village Magistrate

should be Authorized to receive applications for licenses and when received should forward them to the Station House officer with his remarks as to whether or not the license applied for should be granted.

8 My Scheme in effect will be this: First applications for arms should be presented to the village magistrate who will forward the same with his remarks as to the applicant's character to the station House officer or to any magistrate within whose local jurisdiction the applicant may reside. In the latter case they must be forwarded to the Inspector of Police for report when the magistrate to whom the application is presented cannot himself vouch for the applicant's character. Applications presented to or received by station House officers for report or transmission will be forwarded by them with their remarks, if any, to the local Sub magistrate who in turn will forward them direct to the District Magistrate. All renewal applications should be

sent or presented to the District Magistrate direct or to village magistrate who will forward to the Sub magistrate for transmission or to the local Sub magistrate. All licenses will be renewed on receipt of the application as a matter of course if nothing against the renewal of any particular license has meanwhile been received from the Superintendent of Police or local Sub magistrate. Lists of all those licensees whose licenses should not be renewed should be sent by the Superintendent and Submagistrate with reasons in each case to the District Magistrate so as to reach him not later than the 30th of November every year. Supplemental lists may of course be sent, if necessary. The District Magistrate will prepare a general register of all licensees arranged by magisterial divisions and village wards. These registers will be printed and a copy sent to the Superintendent of Police and extracts to the Submagistrates. All new licenses should be entered up alphabetically under their respective villages in the spaces left for the purpose. Lists

of all new licenses will be sent quarterly to the Superintendent. Similarly quarterly lists of all persons to be struck out of the lists by reason of transfer of the weapon death etc will be sent by the Superintendent to the District Magistrate as the police only can find out such cases when making enquiries about defaulters. The Superintendent will prepare and print a general list stationwise and send extracts from it to the various stations. Extracts from all the periodical lists sent to him by the District Magistrate will also be sent by him to all stations concerned.

The police should not interfere with old defaulting licensees beyond warning them to renew their licenses for the first quarter of the year. On the 1st of April the District Magistrate will send a list of defaulters to the Superintendent of Police who will send stationwise extracts from it to the various stations. On receipt of these the Station House officers will make enquiries and discontinue all defaulters even those who may say that they have already submitted applications and until they produce licenses new or renewed their arms should not be released. All

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the Registers will have Columns for ten years and "I" or "R" according as it is a new or renewed license will be entered against the respective names under the particular year.

Neither applications nor licenses will go to the Divisional Magistrates. But in order that they may be kept informed of Arms Act work, Copies of the printed alphabetical registers containing the villages in their subdivision will be sent to them. Extracts for their subdivision from the monthly defaulter lists and quarterly lists sent to the Superintendent of Police will also be sent. The Register will then be entered up by making the necessary entries.

The District Magistrate will send all licenses newly issued or renewed to the Submagistrate concerned for delivery to the party. A notification should be published every year in three successive issues of the District Gazette commencing with December to the above effect and stating that applicants should go and enquire at the Submagistrate's offices for their licenses not earlier than 15 days in the case of renewals and

and 30 days in the case of first appli-
cations from the date of application.
Licenses not so enquired for will be
forwarded to the village Magistrate
for delivery to the applicant.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
your most obedient servant
(sd) V. A. Brodie.

District Magistrate

[Signature]
District Magistrate

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Judicial Dept
CURRENT NO 4071.
1895

From

J. Andrew Esq
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The Chief Secretary to
Government
Jud & Department
Madras.

CHIEF SECRETARY
26 AUG 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Committee Opinion
on the schemes proposed
in connection with the
procedure to be adopted
in the issue and
renewal of licenses
under the Arms Act.

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FROM

L. Auden ESQUIRE.

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE OF

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

- DEPARTMENT.

MADRAS

SIR,

With reference to G. O. 12/1065
18.5.95
Judicial, I have the honour to inform
you that the system in force in this
District as regards the issue and renewal
of licences under the Arms Act is
very similar to that in force in the
Munabpur District and very much
in accordance with the views of the
Inspector-General of Police.

A register has been opened in my office for each Taluk in the marginally noted form, the names of licensees as they stood at the end of 1894 printed in alphabetical order, space being left between the last entry under one letter and the first under the next letter, to allow of the names of new licensees of

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Subsequent years being entered, Columns have been opened sufficient to last for 10 years, and as fast as a renewal is granted, or a new license issued the fact is noted in the Column for the year in question, by entering the number of the license or the renewal and the date. By this means it is possible to tell at a glance what licenses of the previous year have not been renewed in the current year. When non-renewal is accounted for in the current year, an entry is made in the Column for the year. From another Register it can be at once known what number should be given to the next new license, and the total number - including renewals - issued during the year up to date.

3. Applications for renewals are received by the District Magistrate or through subordinate officers, and no enquiry is made; it is assumed that there is no objection to the renewal, and it is open to the Police or Taluk Magistrate

before delivery to withhold license and refer the matter to the District Magistrate in any case, very rare, in which it is thought that renewal is objectionable. Applications for new licenses received by the District Magistrate are referred to the Superintendent of Police for report.

4. This system in force here may however be very conveniently modified in the direction of simplicity in general agreement with the views of Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Hammick.

5. I would therefore suggest the following procedure for general adoption.

(a) A Register should be opened by the District Magistrate in the form and in the same manner as in use in this District except that it would probably be better to print them in alphabetical order Villages as in Anantapur. The register for this District having been printed to last

for 10 years might be allowed to remain as they are. Copies of the Register should be supplied to District officers, Taluk Magistrates, Superintendent of Police and Police Inspectors and extracts from the same should be supplied to Station House officers by the Police Inspectors.

(6) Applications for new licenses should ordinarily be presented to Police Inspectors or Station House officers at the option of the applicant. The Police Inspector, having satisfied himself as to the application, should forward the application with his opinion to the District Magistrate. The District Magistrate should communicate his orders to the Police Inspector, sending him the license, if granted, for delivery to the applicant. The Police Inspector should deliver it in whatever manner he thinks best (whether through Station House officers or by sending for the applicant or by post bearing, in his discretion), taking care in any case to inform the Station House officer of the grant of the license. Though

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applicants should ordinarily give their applications to the Police Inspector or Station House officer, there should be nothing to prevent their giving them to Taluk Magistrates or other Sub-Magistrates or Divisional officers or the District Magistrate if they wish, personally or by post. I say this, as considering the ignorance of most of these licensees, it is as well to make it as easy to them as possible in order to save them the chance of blackmailing at the hands of Station House officers as much as possible, if they wish to go to other officers instead. Such officers will refer them for disposal to the Police Inspector (to be disposed of in the manner above mentioned), unless they are themselves satisfied from personal knowledge that there is no objection to the grant of the license, in which case they can send the applications direct to the District Magistrate with their recommendation.

(c) In Cases of renewals, applicants

should be instructed (by means of a note on license forms to be issued in future) that they should apply for renewal to the District Magistrate, in person or by post before the end of December. If, however, they choose to give their applications to any of the other officers they can do so, such officers passing them on to the District Magistrate. I suggest this concession for the reason already given. The District Magistrate will renew them, unless he is aware of any reason for not doing so in particular cases. The licenses should be forwarded to the Police Inspector for delivery as in the case of new licenses. In any case, however, in which the District Magistrate chooses to give in person or send by post a license direct to the applicant, it will be enough to inform the Inspector who will inform the Station House officer concerned.

(4) Renewals take place for the most part in January, February and March. During these months the District Magistrate

might send licenses in batches to the respective Police Inspectors, from time to time, according to the number received at intervals not exceeding 15 days or so. After that he might send them as fast as renewed — though no strict rule need issue on this. It would depend on whether many applications were still pouring in, and it would entail needless work to be perpetually despatching batches of 1 or 2 licenses to Inspectors.

(5) From time to time (according to the time of the year and the frequency of renewals etc) the District Magistrate should send lists of licenses newly granted or renewed to the Superintendent of Police, Divisional officers & Taluk Magistrates by means of which these officers could post up their Registers.

(6) After March it will be him to take up systematically cases in which non-renewals were not accounted for. This would be done primarily by the Inspectors & Station House officers.

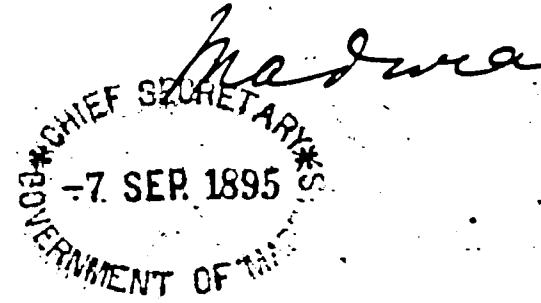
District Magistrate, District Officers, Superin-
tendent of Police and Taluk Magistrates
would have registers to enable them also to
make enquiries when necessary.

6. Printed forms of applications in
Diglot such as suggested by the District Magistrate
of Bellary might be supplied to all
Stamp Vendors.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedt servant
E. S. S. S.
H. D. M. S.

No. 4263
Judicial Dept

From
The District Magistrate



Dated 5 September 1895

Recd
Regd S. D. B. No: 757

Enclosure

Subject

Submitting report on
the various schemes pro-
posed regarding the pro-
cedure to be observed in
the removal of officers
for arms.

CURRENT No. 4263
Madras District Magistrate's Office

No. 757

Ceylon, Ceylon
5 September 1870

From

J. Laing Esq.
District Magistrate
Madras

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Madras

Sir

With reference to Government
Order No. 1065 Judicial dated 18 May 1870, I have
the honor after consulting my Divisional Officer
to report as follows:-

2. Applications for renewal of licenses
should be sent to the District Magistrate direct
and granted as a matter of course in the
absence of objection. Objections to renewal
may be brought to notice by the Police or
Magistrate at any time and should be noted
in the District Magistrate's ten years register
attention at the next issue of licenses.

3. First applications for licenses

may be sent or presented to the District or Taluk Magistrates or to the Police. If to the Police the Police Inspector will forward it with his remarks through the Taluk Magistrate to the District Magistrate: if to a Taluk Magistrate reference should be made to the Inspector of Police except in cases of persons whose status may render it unnecessary.

4. All licenses should be delivered to the recipients by the Police.

5. Extracts from the District Magistrate's ten year register should be forwarded for the information of the Superintendent of Police and the Taluk Magistrates at the close of the first quarter and thereafter a list of subsequent alterations may be sent monthly.

6. The forms proposed by Mr. Tremblay may be adopted.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
Wm.
M. D. Magistrate

CURRENT NO. 347

TANJORE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Camp, Vallam. Dated 11th July — 1895.

No. 628
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FROM

Robert B Clerk
ESQUIRE,

AG. DISTRICT MAGISTRATE,

TO

TANJORE,

The Chief SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Judicial DEPARTMENT,

MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honor to reply to Government Order dated 18th May 1895 N^o 1065 Judicial.

2. The procedure followed in this District in the renewal and issue of gun licenses in Form VIII is as follows:—

Each Station House Officer collects all the applications within his station limits for the coming year for the most part within the end

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may be sent or presented to the District
of November and submit them through
his Inspector to the Taluk Magistrates
concerned. The latter forward them to this
office with specific recommendation or the
contrary generally before the middle of

December. The licenses are then renewed
and issued to the Taluk Magistrates and
by them sent on through the Police Inspectors
of the Division to the Station House Officers
for delivery to the licensees.

3. This system which is the same as that
described in Government Order No 6 dated
2nd January 1895 Judicial has been work-
ing satisfactorily and without friction.

No true complaints have been received that it
is an inconvenient system or that the

Station

Station House Officers have in any way
interfered with the licensees or made petty
demands upon them. If such were the case,
there is no doubt that I should get numberless
complaints in this District. On the other hand,
even in the case of applications received
through the Taluk Magistrates in the manner
described above, a good many further references
have to be made back. The description of
arms is imperfectly given in some cases, in
others, it varies from the one given in previous
years, columns are left blank in some
applications and the old licenses do not
always accompany the applications for renewal.

The number of licenses issued in Form VIII
during 1894 is 3615. If the applicants for
licenses

may be sent or presented to the District or
licenses, most of whom are ignorant and
illiterate villagers, are left to apply to the
District Magistrate direct, the number of
references which will have to be made to
supply the omissions will cause a good
deal of unnecessary correspondence and delay.

Further in the case of new applications
for licenses, almost every application will
have to be sent to the Police for report on the
status and character of the applicant.

The number of new licenses (Form VIII)
issued for the current year up to date is 578.

I see no serious objection to the proposals
but in as much as the proposal of Mr.
Stokes approved in Government order

No 6 dated 2nd January 1895 to make
the Station House Officers primarily responsible
is unobjectionable and has caused no
inconvenience hitherto in its working and
as far as this District is concerned, has
worked well, I am therefore averse to
any alteration.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

For A. District Magistrate

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may be sent or presented to the District or

Judicial Dept
CURRENT NO. 807

From

The Dist Magistrate

CHIEF SECRETARY
17 JUL 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To
The Chief Secretary
Govt. of Madras

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Subject

Reporting that he is
averse to any alteration
of the existing system
of renewing licenses
under the Arms act

CURRENT NO 4483

No 865
Magl

From

E. C. Rawson Esquire,
Acting District Magistrate
Tanjore

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government and
Judicial Department
Madras

Sir,

In continuation of this office
letter, dated 11th July 1895. No 628.
I have the honour to report that
the number of licenses in Form VIII
issued in the District during 1894
was 3165 and not 3615 as therein
reported by a clerical error.

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

For District Magistrate

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From
The District
Tanjore

To
The Chief Secretary
to Govt. J.D.
Madras

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From The District Magistrate,
Kistna

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

Dated 22nd October 1895.

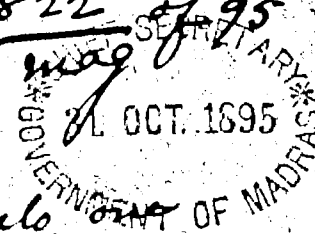
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Expressing his opinion on the
various schemes proposed in
connection with the procedure
to be observed in future in the
renewal of licenses under the
Amis Act.

D^{no} 822
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Kistna District
Magistrate's Office
Masulipatam
22nd Oct. 95.

From

J. N. Atkinson Esq.,
Dt. Magistrate, Kistna.

To

The Chief Secretary to
Government, Judicial Dept.
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following
reply to G. O. No. 1065 dated 18th May, 95.
The abstract of the G. O. limits the scope
of the reference to the procedure then ob-
served in the renewal of licenses under
the Arms Act; but the enclosures of the G. O.
deal also with the procedure then observed
in receiving and disposing of first appli-
cations, and the remarks I have to offer
deal with both points.

2. In G. O. No. 6 Judicial dated 2nd
January, 95, it was laid down that appli-
cations for renewal of licenses should
be submitted through the Police. The
District Magistrate of Bellary and
Anantapur object to the intervention of
the police, and would amend the rule of the

Applicants should apply either to the District Magistrate direct, or through the medium of the Sub Magistrates. I see no reason why the option of the applicants should be limited. If they choose to apply through the police, why need they be prevented? Not all police are corrupt; and if in some remote village, the people have a Station House Officer whom they like & trust, why should they be made to walk perhaps 20 miles to post an application for an Arms license, with the attendant expense for stationery, stamp, petition writer's fees, &c., when they would be quite content to hand over their applications to the Station House Officer? In this District I receive applications either direct or through the Sub Magistrates.

Sub Magistrates to alter the

Magistrate of Anantapur of work thrown onto the Magistrates by applications to pass through.

with advantage

be relieved of much of this work. I would allow parties if they like to submit their applications to Sub Magistrates.

of the parties; but thereafter the applications should at once be forwarded to the Police Inspector, and all subsequent correspondence as to grant or refusal should be carried on direct with the District Magistrate by the Inspector.

5. I agree with the District Magistrates of Bellary and Anantapur that applications for renewal of licenses need not in general be sent to the police for report. The procedure suggested in para. 2 of the Bellary District Magistrate's letter No. 33 dated 2nd January 1895 printed in the G.O. under reply might with advantage be introduced. This would of course not preclude District Magistrates from calling for a special report in cases where they might think it necessary.

6. I agree with the General of Police that license judicial dates distributed through the police should do so that

6. The form of of licenses used by the Government is unnecessarily elaborate. I think that Government will not prescribe any special form for adoption. The Report in all in this are in the

form and were with great labour com-
piled and printed in 1893, and have been
distributed to every Divisional Magis-
trate, Taluk Magistrate, District
Superintendent of Police, Assistant
Superintendent of Police, Police Inspectors
and Station House Officers in the District.
To change them now would involve
great labour and considerable ex-
pense in stationery.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. A. Nicholson

District Magistrate.

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W. S. S.

CURRENT NO. 6004

Dis. No. 7/11

District Magistrate's Office
Mantapur
18th December 1895

From

J. A. Nicholson Esq.
District Magistrate of
Mantapur

To. The Chief Secretary to
Government
Madras.

Sir

Adverting to G. O. No. 1065
Judicial, dated 18th May 1895, I
have the honour to state that I
have nothing to add to my letter
read in the G. O. under reply.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

J. A. Nicholson.

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CURRENT NO. 6004

The District Magistrate
Mantapur

To.
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Madras

Dated 18
Despatched 27 December 1895
Received 27
21 DEC 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Enclosures nil

Subject

Stating that he has
nothing to add to his
letter read in G.O. No.
1065 of 18 May 1895
inviting opinion on
the various schemes
proposed for the renewal
of licenses under the
Arms Act

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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

Read again G.O. of 18 May 95, No. 1065, Judl.
G. No. + file of replies.

FOR ORDERS.

Attention is solicited to the note for
orders in G.O. of 18 May last No. 1065, Judl, in which
are detailed ^{Certain} ~~the various~~ schemes proposed for the pro-
-cess of obtaining licenses in form VIII - to possess
arms or ammunition & to be armed for purposes of
sport, protection or display - under the Indian Arms
Act, 1878. In that G.O. the ~~various~~ schemes were
communicated to all Ds. & the Dy. of Police for
their opinions. These currents are their replies, and
before considering them, the following resume of the
existing practice & the several schemes suggested may
be ^{perpet} ~~mentioned~~ :-

It seems to have been further
condensed by arranging the subject
matter & quoting only the objections
in G.O. against Mr. Nicholson's scheme in
G.O. 1065 which is generally
provided so this piece may be
added for the present & the tabular
statement at the end of this note referred

(1) The procedure ^{originally} ~~hitherto in vogue~~. All applications
for licenses had ^{originally} ~~been~~ addressed to the Ds., submitted
to him or to the Taluk mag. then forwarded to the local
Police subordinates for opinion & receipt of their report
the necessary licenses were, if the reports were favorable
granted and ^{the} licenses were sent to the
Taluk mag. who ^{then} through the Police

(2) The scheme suggested by Mr. Stokes (the

use a device of
to the Ds. in the
subject to the Ds. in the
I have cut it up & pasted it out. Which

(Salem) and approved of by Govt. in G.O. 22 Jan'y. '95
~~has not introduced.~~

6 Judd: - It required the Police to receive all applications for licenses, to forward them together with the licenses of the previous year for renewal and to maintain in each station a register of the arms within it under review of the magistrate, and to hold the Police responsible for seeing that the licenses were taken out.

(3) Mr. Tramecker's (the D.M. of Bellary) scheme. He proposes that lists of arms licenses should be sent to the Police Supt. in the last month of the year with a request to report whose licenses should not be renewed, & that licenses be notified that renewal (where not objectionable) can be effected by simply posting or bringing the old licenses to the D.M. Magistrate.

(4) Mr. Nicholson's (the D.M. of Anantapur) scheme: is that it is not necessary for renewal applications to go to the Police at all; that they should be sent direct by parties to the D.M.s; and that in the rare cases where the Police consider that a license may fraudulently be ~~cancelled~~ ^{be suspended} it should be done by a special ~~not apparently at the time that the information has received~~ ^{occurrence report} as regards the first applications for licenses, Mr. N. says they may be given either to the Taluk Mag. or to the Police at the pleasure of the applicant. He suggests however as an improvement that the Taluk Mag. & the Stry. Sub-Mag. who generally attend to this work, should be relieved of the work of maintaining registers, etc. & requiring applicants whether for renewal or first applications be direct to the D.M.s first applications only being sent by the Taluk Mag. & Police for report as usual.

FOR ORDERS.

HON'BLE MEMBER.

licensees who had not renewed their licenses for information, & he could find out through his stations the cause thereof. A perusal of Mr. Nicholson's letter on pages 1 and 2 of G.O. 1065 J. 1859 is invited. The scheme is very clearly set out there.

Renewal applicants would, under this option, be simply checked in the D.M.'s office, the licenses renewed and sent in batches to the Police for distribution; ^{Supt. of} the Police would then keep the ^a Station Register in correspondence with the D.M.'s office, & the D.M. would send him monthly notes of (1) Mr. Hammick's scheme. He prefers Mr. Nicholson's plan, which is virtually the same as Mr. Tramecker's to the procedure (Mr. Stokes' Scheme) sanctioned by Govt. in G.O. 22 Jan'y. '95, & 6 Judd. He does not think it necessary that all applicants should go to the Police; & considers it advisable that the Police should only deliver the licenses as they are the only officers on the spot except the village magistrates. He thinks that all Supts. of Police should keep a register for 10 years in the same form as that kept by mag. that the D.M. should every month or quarter forward to the Supt. of Police a list of all arms licenses issued or renewed in the previous month or quarter & that from this information the Supt. should wipe up his register after 3 or 4 months had elapsed in each year. The Supt. would then send to each of his stations a list of persons who had not renewed their licenses & the Station House officers would report why renewals had not been taken out & the necessary action could then be taken. He also recommends that it should be notified that applicants for renewal or new licenses may be sent (1) either by post, or (2) by being left at the nearest mag's office or (3) at the nearest Police Station. On receipt of these, the D.M. in case of new applicants sent by post direct to him would call on the local Police Supt. for report as to whether the license should be granted; in the case of the same left at Police Station or mag's office, the applicant would be

forwarded with an cert by the local Supn of Police certifying that the grant was unobjectionable & licenses would at once issue. In the case of renewals, the app should at once be forwarded to the Dir. who would renew them in all cases where no special reports had been received from the sup objecting to this course.

Lastly another point on which also opinion was divided is the question of the forms of Arms Register and application. As an abstract of the various arms licenses in each st cannot be prepared at present owing to the inadequate description by applicants of their arms, Mr. Trenchard suggests that a form might be used giving columns exhausting all the varieties of arms & that corresponding columns be opened in the Register of arms. Please see

The replies of the officers consulted on these various points may now be summarized as follows:

(Mr. Nicholson) Mr. Trenchard states that he has nothing to suggest in the proposals sketched above.

The forms suggested such as printed at the end of the 185 J. 1855

Mr. Nicholson's scheme & the main objections thereto

A Renewals of licenses

I Persons to whom renewal applies should be sent.

I agree with Mr. Forbes all through & except as to the distinction of licenses, whether new or renewed. I would not make this through the Police. To do so, would be to give the Police extra opportunities of getting away with people. It is not to be expected that the Police are not likely to refuse such letters, especially if the nature of the arms is shown on the cover. They go, that is their lookout.

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Mr. Nicholson's scheme is that they should be sent direct by post to the Dir & that in the rare cases where the Dir considers that a license once granted should be cancelled, it should be so stated by a special occurrence report sent at the time that the information was received.

Objections to this, if any.

None adopted

Rev.

Mr. Trenchard's scheme is that the existing practice should be continued. In addition, however, at about the end of the year - say in Nov - the Dir should remind the Police that a list of the names of all licenses on their roster should be at once sent in to be considered in connection with the applications for renewal.

The appl^{ts} for renewal
consists usually in simply
the holder's simply putting
his license in an envelope
add^d to the D.C., with a stamp

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The procedure followed on apply
for renewal of licenses.

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No scheme: the appl^{ts} would send
his scheme, be simply checked in the
D.M.'s office & the licenses renewed. The
Supt. of Police would keep a register
in correspondence with the D.M.'s office
& the D.M. would send him monthly
lists of licensees who had not renewed
their licenses for information.

Objections

None, so may be
adopted.

1701.

The Police know who
have renewed & as the
licenses are returned
to them & they will
mark their books ac-
cordingly. It is not
the D.C.
note of

there who have not
renewed. All lic^s
expire on 31st Dec^r.
any person who has
not renewed is un-
licensed. Otherwise
the proposal above is
unobjectionable, & is
what is now desired.
The Police Supt's own
register sh^d be kept in cor-
respondence with the D.C.'s.
He can always send a clerk
to the magist^r's apt. for the
purpose.

III The way in which renewed licenses
should be returned to licensees.

3

No scheme: They should be
sent in batches to the police
for distribution.

Objections:

As in 1701 for Mr. Cackelbach
quarto application. Mr. Cackelbach
must amend next same an
improvement may be made.

1702. Mr. Stuart & Mr. Henderson
send service bearing by post. This
is not usually a satisfactory mode, as
such cases are rare. (See report
of cases in D.M. He would insist on
office) - In passing through the Taluk
& as is the main point, he would prefer to
not) discontinue the service, as it is
not a satisfactory mode.

distribution thro' the Police. In
this way the police can at once
~~take copies of~~ mark off their
registers without the trouble &
delay of having lists made
out in the Magistrate's office for their
information. W. Hammick
approves of this plan vide
para 5 of his letter in G.O.
18 May 1895 no 1065.

Distribution thro' the Post III
 Method is open to as many
 objections as distribution thro'
 the police and this is certainly
 because delay. Postal delivery
 men also find opportunities in
 the case of service bearing covers.
 On the whole distribution thro'
 P.O.s. as in the case of India
 as general measures used and
 are in houses are in operation
 any & it has the special
 advantage that it is tested
 and is safe. It is

B. Applications for Real Licenses

TV persons to whom they should be sent.

Mr. N says they may be given
either to the Taluk mag. or to the
Police at the pleasure of the appli-
cant; And as an improvement
he suggests that the Taluk mag.
& the Stry. Sns. who generally
attend to areas network, should
be relieved of the work of maintaining
registers. & requires all fresh
applications to be sent direct to the
[Sns.]

Mr. Givanni (Mr. Krotie) states that all
new applicants should in the first instance be sent
through the Police to the Sub-ways. He should
continue to transmit them to the S.W. with their
remarks. (H) That the Sub-ways should
not be deprived of all connection with
the work of issuing car and licences.

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The Eq. of Police requires all new
applicants be referred in the first
instance to the Police for report.

Submitted that, for reasons
given by the D.M.s quoted, Mr.
Nicholson's "improvement" in brackets
above should be omitted, & that
applications should be submitted to the
S.M.O. or the Taluk Magistrate as the
applicants choose.

Mr. P.O., or to the D.M. if the
applicant chooses to incur
the additional delay; but
perhaps the insertion of this is
unnecessary, as applicants
will continue to send them
direct in the belief that they
will receive earlier attention.
The D.M. has then simply
to refer them down.

V. The procedure to be followed
hereafter (New Licenses)

If the app^{ts} received
by the subordinate mag^{ts} or the
Police, they should submit the
app^{ts} with their remarks.
If received direct by the D.M.
he will send them up to the
Taluk Magistrate or Police for report.

Signature

None

Yes

VI The way in which they should
be returned to applicants
(New Licenses)

They are returned by the
Police to the parties concerned.

Suggestions by the Offrs. consulted.

Mr. S. Arest (Mr. C. S. Stewart): To
minimise chances of temptation to the
subordinate grades of the Police to
ensure speedy delivery, he would
send all licenses when issued by the
D.M. direct to the licensees themselves
from the D.M.'s office post bearing. If
of good approval of this procedure, he
proposes to extend it to all matters
in the early part of the year of a clerk
in Rs 10 p.m. to attend solely to the
prompt issue of licenses.

Mr. Bellary (Mr. Tomlinson) recommends
the system of delivery by post service bearing.
Mr. Chindrapur (Mr. Moussey) thinks
that the D.M.s who are not overburdened
with work should be the distributors.

Mr. Godaven (Mr. Brodie) recommends
that licenses should be delivered to
parties through the Police, thus saving the
people from the petty vexations of the Police
in the shape of fees for delivery & requiring
the right of Police to be the D.M.'s office.
Station was extracts from a quarterly
list of new licenses & defaulters lists
sent to him by the D.M.
Mr. S. Arest & Mr. Chindrapur
proposals seem to be the best.
Mr. Nicholson

Mr. P.O. The present practice of
returning them to the Police should
as Mr. Nicholson & Mr. P.O. would
recommend be maintained.

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sort of their registers direct
from the lic. & the trouble &
delay of sending lists to the
S.A.O. are avoided. In fact
the same observations made
under III, as regards the dis-
tribution of renewed lic.
apply here.

VII. Forms of appl. &
registers of how lic.

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Mr. Treiman's proposal: A series
abstract of the various arms licenced
in each dist. cannot be prepared at
present, owing to the inadequate des-
cription by applicants of their arms.
Mr. T. suggested the forms printed
at the end of S.O. 1055 dated
18.5.95

Directions to these forms

Mr. S. Cavara (Mr. Castle Street
Shant) does not think that any useful
purpose will be served by this scheme for
as the great majority of arms-owners in
the dist. are illiterate & are not
likely to distinguish between the different
kinds of arms & enter them correctly under
the several columns. Also because
the classes of applicants do not generally
make mistakes in describing their arms.
He therefore suggests that the forms
now in use in his dist. may be continued.

Mr. S. Cavara: does not consider it
desirable to have forms for describing arms.

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Mr. G. G. G. (Mr. V. A. Morris) considers
the details of the various kinds of arms to be
cumbersome, involving unnecessary & useless
waste of time, money & paper.

Mr. Kishia (Mr. H. H. H.) considers
the forms of registers to be unnecessarily elab-
orate & does not recommend their adoption.

Mr. Higgins considers the details of
arms suggested to be of great interest but
doubts whether applicants would be able
to furnish correct information.

Details of arms in District
do not have to be reported to anyone
& they are not very interesting
as almost the only weapon that
the average licensee can afford is
a S.B. M. gun. Submitted
that the toil & trouble of making
out these returns classified
lic. is not worth while.

I agree that there is
no sufficient reason for altering
the present form

J. H.
14/5/96

Arms Act - Lic Form VIII

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CIRCULAR.

NORTH ARCOT, DISTRICT MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE,

Chittoor, 24 July 1889.

A printed book containing the names of persons licensed to possess and carry arms in 1888, is sent by book-post to Divisional Magistrates, Taluk and Division Sub-Magistrates, the District and Assistant Superintendents of Police, and Inspectors of Police of Taluks and Zemindari Divisions, so far as their respective ranges are concerned.

2. The book is intended to serve for 10 years including the current, and blank spaces are provided for entries in future years. They should be properly ruled, about 16 lines to a page, before bringing them into use. The following instructions are given for maintaining the books, and if they are carefully attended to, there will be no difficulty whatever in ascertaining, at a glance, the exact number of arms in a Taluk or Division, as well as particulars of name and residence of the person possessing them:—

3. At the beginning of each Calendar year, the Sub-Magistrates should, in communication with the Police and the Village Munsifs, call upon persons possessing arms to renew their licenses at once, and in case of default, satisfy themselves, and report the fact to the District Magistrate through Divisional Officers, whether the arms were otherwise disposed of. If any person fails to renew his license even after a notice, steps should be taken for prosecuting him, and if within the end of the year, the license is not renewed or arms confiscated on prosecution, or voluntarily surrendered, the letter "N" should be entered against the licensee's name in the printed book in the several sub-columns of col. 5 with an explanation for non-renewal in the remarks column of it. Other cases of disposal of arms are confiscation, destruction, and sale, and when any of these occurs, the letter C., D. or S. should be entered in col. 5 as the case may be; in the case of sale, the name of the purchaser being given in the remarks column with the number of fresh license granted to him.

4. Applications for renewal of old, and grant of fresh, licenses should be registered in a separate book kept for the purpose. The Sub-Magistrates will prepare draft licenses, make out a list of them in the form similar to the printed book, and submit them all once a fortnight with their recommendations through Divisional Magistrates. New names should be entered in red ink in the said list and at the foot thereof a certificate be attached to the effect that the licenses received from the District Magistrate up to date have been posted in the printed book and distributed to the owners.

5. Divisional Officers are requested, on receipt of draft licenses, &c. from the Sub-Magistrates, to have them checked, and new names in manuscript in the book supplied to them, assign numbers to these draft licenses, enter B. in the case of renewals and L. for fresh licenses in col. 5 of the draft list, note their recommendation in the list and then send them up with a covering letter. The licenses will, as usual, be checked in this office, registered, and after signature sent to the Sub-Magistrates for distribution who will note the renewals with R. and enter new names in order in the books supplied to them. The list required in this office will be finally sent to the Superintendent of Police for making necessary entries in the books, and to him and his subordinate.

6. All the books distributed as per para 1 *supra* should have corresponding entries and be requested that the Magistracy and the Police will pay their best attention to the matter.

7. All Sub-Magistrates are directed to send, in view to check with this Office, a list of persons who have renewed, or taken out fresh licenses up to date, and report why the rest have not renewed their licenses and what steps have been taken to prosecute the unlicensed possession of arms. The list should be in the same form as the printed book and sent within one week direct to this office. Nos. in the printed list will be sufficient for old names, and be returned after comparison through the Divisional Magistrate when the District Magistrates' and Sub-Magistrates' books should be brought up.

8. Village Munsifs should be directed to report from time to time any unlicensed possession of arms, and the Superintendent of Police is requested to order his subordinates to continue the vigilance, make the people take out licenses, and in cases of failure to bring them to justice.

9. The renewal of licenses for the current year has been going on very slowly. The Superintendent of Police is requested to take immediate steps to see that all renewals are applied for. In case of obduracy he can apply for sanction to prosecute.

H. LE FANU,
District Magistrate.

(2) The Dir. of N. West: Mr. Wayne prefers the method described by Mr. Nicholson & adds that it is much the same as that in force in his Dist. since '89. He thinks that no change is necessary or desirable as the present system in the dt. has on more than one occasion been commended upon by Govt as satisfactory: viz 50 of 3 Aug. 92 & 20 1903. Just the similar is found in the dt. (marked A) is not for period.

(3) The Sm. of S. Arcot, states that Mr. Nichol-
son's system is virtually that obtaining in his est.,
with the following modifications: -

(a) That there are no printed forms of application, as such forms were ordered to be discontinued by govt. in go. no. 1993 J.D. dt 27. Sept. '93.

(b) That applications for new licenses are sent either to the India or to the Supr. Sub. Mag. for the Tah's division & to the by. Tah's Mag. outside it, according to the convenience of the applicants & that in those cases in which the Mag. have no personal knowledge of the applicants, the appls are referred by them to the India for opinion; n

(c) That no extracts from the Office registers are sent to the maps. but only to the sup^t of India. He is of opinion that the selection system proposed by Mr. Nicholson (of selecting ^{the best} maps of the lab^r) is the best & best of maps ^{in the} in the ^{of the} ^{of the} being into many new copies in the ^{of the} ^{of the} ^{of the} thus no appreciable delay or trouble in referring to the India for opinion. He thinks that the sub maps need not have anything to do with the registers & states that it is very desirable that they should

This is incorrect. The
Go. quoted did not order
the discontinuance of
the use of printed forms, but
the use of the old forms of
printed forms will be
continued.

licensd of the considerable amount of unnecessary
work now thrown on them.

He recommends that forms of appl^{ns} should
be printed in duplicate & that every licensed stamp vendor
should be required to keep a stock of these.

He does not think that any useful purpose will be
served by the rehearsive form, descriptive of the weapon
concerned, suggested by Mr. Trimmer; because, being
the great majority of arms-owners in the St are
illiterate & are not likely to distinguish
between the different kinds of arms & enter them correctly
under the several columns; & also because other
classes of applicants do not generally make
mistakes in describing their weapons. He therefore
considers the enclosed form (marked B) sufficient.

He also submits a copy of the form of Register in
use in his office & states that it is more detailed
than the form used by Mr. Nicholson and less cum-
bersome than the one suggested by Mr. Trimmer; but
and he would prefer it the continued as it also
provides columns for noting changes in the numbers of
description of arms possessed by a licensee.

As the object of the schemes proposed is to mini-
mise chances of temptation to the subordinate grades
of the P. die, & to ensure speedy delivery, that object,
says the Dm. would be fully attained if
instead of his issuing by the Dm. being sent
a batch to the Dm. for delivery, they were sent
direct to the licensees themselves from the Dm's office.
(not bearing the postal charge, he states, would be
trifling.

They can surely do this.

This form provides only one column for
description but he adds to the form
directing the manner in which it should
be filled up making very nearly as many
distinctions as Mr. Trimmer's does.

These are probably very seldom used.

Fee. 4 annas (in stamp paper)
for each weapon.

Application for license in Form No VIII to possess
Arms or Ammunition and to go armed for purposes
of sport, protection or display?

District

Tehsil

Village

Particulars about appli-
cant

Name

Father's name

Number and number
of retainers

Name of Districts for which
of arms in which license
the license is to be
to applicant (Kide hole in force
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Date of application.

Signature of Applicant

Note: 1. Persons of rank & position such as Zamindars etc
will alone be allowed to enter in Col 5 the
names of servants as retainers. Others shall
enter the names of father, brother or son and
are

P.T.O

None other
 2. Descriptions should be included as follows (1) single bar-
 -relle & a double barreled, muzzle-loading or breech-
 loading, percussion or flint, revolvers or pistols,
 sword, dagger &c

(Inscribed)

28th July 95

W.E.

Foray & Magazine

fully attained
 Issued by the Dr. being sent
 in a batch to the Dr. for delivery, they were sent
 direct to the licensees themselves from the Dr's office
 not bearing. The postal charge, he states, was the
 trifling.

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Register of Licenses Issued under

Form No. VIII of the Indian Arms Act XI of 1878.

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Register of licenses issued under

No.	Name of Licensee.	Father's Name.	Residence.	Number and Description of Arms.	Issued for 1894.	Date.
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Form No. VIII of the Indian Arms Act XI of 1878.

Renewed for											
1895.		1896.		1897.		1898.		1899.		1900.	
No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.	No. and Date of Arms.

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could be encouraged to make fresh appeals to the Sup^r of P^rdia, for he is the officer to whom they finally come for report. Appeals received by other officers should, he says, be sent direct to the Sup^r that they may reach him as soon as possible; so that he will report on all such fresh appeals (1) direct to the D^r M., provided he has no objection to the license; (2) if he sees objection, he should report through the Sub-Div^r Mag. who will consult his Div^r Mag. and as he sees fit forward his own recommendation to the D^r M. This the D^r M. says, gives the minimum work to the Sub-Div^r Mag. & the Div^r Mag.

As regards the procedure in issuing licenses, Mr. Tre. mentions suggests that printed extracts for the Taluk^r should be sent to each Sup^r of P^rdia & each Station House officer, just as a copy of the D^r M's office register for the whole D^r is sent to the S^r P^r; & that subsequent changes in the Register should be communicated monthly along with the list of defaulters to the Sup^r of P^rdia & be passed on to his Sub^r & S. H. officers. This is the course now followed in the D^r & would obviate the 2^d of P^rdia's proposal that all licenses must be issued through the P^rdia in order that they may know when licenses are issued. The D^r M. has no great objection to issuing licenses thro' S. H. offrs. he however, thinks that licensees will often have to pay some small fee & would therefore recommend the system of delivery by post service bearing. He wishes to try this system in the D^r as it will save trouble to the licensees. Lastly Mr. T. withholds his first

proposal that police objections should be made towards the end of the year & thinks Mr. Nicholson's plan better that a cancellation should be effected on special occurrence report as occasion arises.

Mr. S. Canara agrees with the proposal of the 2^d of P^rdia & thinks that the correspondence may be abbreviated by the D^r M. & the P^rdia. He does not consider the new form describing arms proposed by Mr. Trimmer desirable.

Mr. Chingleput. Mr. Moussey after detailing the practice in his D^r, states that it would certainly be an improvement to maintain ^{as in Anantapur} village registers of licenses issued, instead of talukwas as is now done & that the practice in Chingleput is nearly similar to that followed in Anantapur. He does not altogether approve of the practice of sending the licenses direct to the S. H. offrs. for delivery to licensees & thinks that the stationary Sub^r Mag. who are not overburdened with work should be the distributors. As regards Mr. Trimmer's form of register showing the various kinds of arms, he states that the arms in the D^r are generally simple & double barreled guns & occasionally revolvers. He has however, no objection to the adoption of the form.

Mr. Coimbatore. Mr. Krasley reports that the system proposed by Mr. Nicholson with the forms modified so as to show the description of the arms as proposed by Mr. Trimmer should be adopted generally.

Mr. Coimbatore states that Mr. Nicholson's scheme

numerous, as they require a license for protection
 as a means of saving a livelihood of planting
 crops etc. in the sub. mag. or div. mag.
 (iii) As for delivery of the licenses, he would recom-
 mend that it should be done through the sub. mag.
 thus saving the people from the petty vexations of
 the police in the shape of fees for delivery; & would
 require the S.D. Officer to send the S.D. Officer
 stationer's extracts from the quarterly lists of
 new issues of licenses & defaulters lists sent
 to him by the S.D. Officer to the sub. mag.
 (iv) That the register of licenses should be managed
 at taluk as proposed by Mr. N. but division
 (according to mag. sub. division) & village mag.
 (v) That the village officers (Muzafar Khan)
 should be held responsible for all inhabitants of
 their villages applying for licenses; & that the
 village mag. should be authorized to receive
 appls for licenses & forward them to the S.D. Officer.
Mr. Krishna would allow the applicants to
 make option of submitting their appls for licenses
 direct to the S.D. Officer or the sub. mag. or divisional mag.
 or to the Police. He would also advise the sub. mag.
 & much of their work but would allow parties if
 they like to put in their appls to sub. mag. for
 convenience of the parties & he agrees with the S.D. Officer
 that licenses should be distributed through the Police.
 Mr. N. considers the forms of Registers proposed
 by Mr. Tomlinson to be unnecessarily elaborate &
 does not recommend their adoption.

that the Police should have
 an opportunity of expressing their
 opinions annually on renewals.

Mr. Krishna states that Mr. Nicholson's scheme
 is the best & that the Amulapin standing order
 may be adopted generally, calling on the taluk or
shops to report in special cases where
 the status of an applicant is unknown or not clear.
 He thinks that the modified form (VIII) suggested
 by Mr. T. should be adopted.
Mr. Krishna is in favor of Mr. Nicholson's
 scheme & states that the forms proposed by Mr. T.
 may be adopted.
Mr. Malabar states that under Mr. Nicholson's
 scheme are required to maintain registers of licenses issued
 in their areas & as they have been held responsible
 for all crimes in their areas being licensed, the
 existing practice may continue. He adds that a
 license should have the stamp. It is impossible
 to distribute licenses through the Police & that it
 is certainly simpler to distribute them at the
 time of stamping. He thinks it desirable
Mr. Nellore would adopt Mr. Nicholson's scheme
 in its entirety & has nothing to add to the register of
 licenses & forms of appls proposed by Mr. Tomlinson.
Mr. Wilgins concurs in Mr. Nicholson's scheme
 & does not say anything about the proposed forms.
Mr. Salun after contrasting & criticizing Mr. N's
 scheme states that his own scheme, sketched above, is
 certainly better & to require Mr. N's proposal to be
 Taluk mag. of all connections with the Police.
Mr. Stokes states they might be required of keepers

at all if there is one in each Police station but
 such that for safety's sake it will be necessary
 to send to the taluk. bundles of licenses for distri-
 bution to stations, else there will be no means of
 knowing whether the licenses sent ever reach their
 destination. The Dm considers Mr. T's precise
 description & classification of weapons desirable,
 if the Arms Act is to be strictly enforced, & states
 that at present such numerical statements would
 probably be misleading & that also if the system
 now in use is continued, the S. H. officer
 could compile the requisite statements in a few
 minutes from his register.

The Tanjore states that the procedure in vogue
 in his Dt. is the same as that sanctioned by Govt. in
 G.O. No. 6 of 12 Jan'y 95 (Mr. Stokes' scheme, making
 the S. H. officer primarily responsible) & that as it
 is unobjectionable & has caused no inconvenience
 hitherto, in its working in that Dt., he is averse to
 any alteration. He however has no serious objec-
 tion to the proposals.

The Tanjore recommends for adoption Mr.
 Nicholson's scheme with the exception that app. for
 new licenses may be presented in the first instance either
 to the Taluk Mag. or to the S. H. officer concerned or to the
 Dt. Mag. He considers the details of arrangement sug-
 gested by Mr. Trimmer to be interesting, but
 doubts whether applicants would be able to
 furnish correct information.

Dm. Trichinopoly: Mr. Andrew states that
 system in force in the Dt. is very similar to that
 in force in the Anantapur Dt. & very much in
 accordance with the views of the Dy. of Police.
 would however very conveniently modify in the direction
 simplification in general agreement with the views of Mr. N. &
 Mr. Hamrick; & would therefore suggest the following
 procedure for general adoption:

- (1) That a register printed in alphabetical order
 village-wise as in Anantapur should be opened by the Dm.
 that copies of the register should be supplied to his officers,
 Taluk mag., Dy. of Police & Police Insps. & that
 extracts from the same should be supplied to S. H.
 officers by the Police Insps.
- (2) That app. for new licenses ^{& renewals} should be presented
 to the Taluk Mag. or to the S. H. officer or to the Dm.
 at the option of the appli-
 cant, that licenses when granted by the Dm. should
 be delivered by the Police Insps. in whatever manner
 he thinks best (whether thro' S. H. officer or by sending
 for the applicant or by post bearing) taking care in
 any case to inform the S. H. officer of the grant of the
 license.
- (3) That the Dm. should from time to time send lists of licenses
 newly granted or renewed to the Dy. of Police, S. H. officers
 & Taluk mag. from which these officers could put up their
 registers.
- (4) That after March every year the Police Insps. & S. H.
 officers should primarily take up for enquiry all licenses
 in which non-renewals were not accounted for.
 The Dm. thinks that printed forms of app. in duplicate such

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The main objections thereto of the officers who have fully discussed the subject have been tabulated in the accompanying statement paper.

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to be seen by Mr. T. might be supplied to all stamp
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(iii) Mr. Visayapathu: recommends Mr. Nishu
with the modification that applicants should not be
compelled to present their appeals to the S.M. He would
insist on these appeals passing through the Taluk
mag. once & prefer the Taluk mag. to the S.M.
mag. as the former has more opportunities of knowing
the villagers of his taluk. He would accept Mr. T's
form of registers & appeals as being very suitable
& not troublesome to maintain & would also open
an alphabetical village-wise registers as proposed by
Mr. N. He agrees with the S.M. of P. die that
P. die Supt. should have complete lists of areas
licensed from year to year & that these might be
written up in the way he suggests.
S.M. of P. die: states that the questions now considered
him concern the S.M. more than the P. die & that he
agrees with Messrs. Trenchard & Nicholson that the
P. die are used in the matter the better it would be.
He only wants (i) that the Supt. of P. die in all
Sts. shall be regularly supplied with information as
to the number of licenses issued & the names & villages of the
licensees & (ii) that before the issue of new licenses
the P. die are given an opportunity to express their opinion
on the propriety of the practice. On this point, he thinks
that all new appeals should in the first instance
be referred to the P. die for report.

From the foregoing summary of the replies, it will be seen that
Mr. N's scheme is a whole approved by most of us.

Judicial dept:

Read again G.O. No. 1065 Judl, d/

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In the order read above
certain suggestions by the Inspector
General of Police and the Dt. Magtes of
Anantapur and Bellary as to the pro-
cedure which should be followed in the
granting and renewal of licenses in
Form VIII under the Arms Act were re-
ferred to all Dt. Magtes: for an ex-
pression of their opinion thereon. ~~the Governor in Council having considered~~
~~ed the replies received to this refer-~~
~~ence and proceeded to pass orders on the~~
~~matter.~~

The ~~general~~ consensus of opi-
nion ~~expressed by the aforesaid Magtes:~~ is in favour of
the scheme suggested by the Dt. Magtes:
of Anantapur, Mr. Nicholson and the
Govt. considers that with one or two
alterations- (the most important of
which is the proposal substitution of
the proposal of the Dt. Magtes. of S.
Arcot and Bellary that all licenses
should be delivered by post, service
bearing, ~~for the purpose that they~~
~~should be distributed through the~~
Police) - this scheme is in every way
suitable. For convenience of reference
the main points in the proposals now

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approved ^{are} will be set forth below.

3. All Dt. Magtes: should in future keep a registry of Arms Act licenses in Form VIII sufficient for entries for at least 10 years. It should be in the form appended to this order, (the Govt. does not consider that the amplifications suggested by the Dt. Magte: of Bellary in his letter in the G.O. read above are necessary) and should be strongly bound. The entries in it should be arranged by taluks and villages, the villages being entered in alphabetical order. Extracts from it in the same form should be supplied to all Taluk Magtes: and Dy. Tahsildar Magtes: in zamindaries, but not ^{to} stationary sub-magtes:, and a duplicate copy of it should be furnished to the Dt. Supt: of Police, who should ^{and forward} similar extracts from it to all Station House officers.

Applications for new licenses should be sent at the option of applicants either to the Taluk Magte: ^{and} in zamindaries to the Dy. Tahsildar and Sub-Magte:) or the Station House officer having jurisdiction. Dt. Magtes: would probably find it convenient to have blank application forms printed on four anna impressed stamps and distributed to stamp vendors. There should distinguish clearly between applications for new licenses and for renewals.

Station House officers should submit applications for new licenses through

through their Inspectors to the Dt. Magte: with their report.

Taluk Magtes: and Dy. Tahsildar Magtes: in zamindaries should forward to the Police for report only those applications which are received from individuals whose character, status, or reputation is ^{unknown} ~~not known~~ or doubtful. They should submit all others to the Dt. Magte: direct with their own reports. Applications received by Dt. Magtes: direct should be sent to Taluk Magtes: for report, and these officers should then proceed as though they have been received by them direct. The villages, father's names and names of new licensees and should be entered in the registry opposite them, in the column for the year in which the grant is made, the letter M with the date beneath it should be written.

Licenses should be sent to applicants by post, service bearing, and the nature of the contents: should be noted on the covers.

Applications for renewal of existing licenses should be sent to the Dt. Magte: direct with the licenses. Subordinate magistrates and Police officers who may receive such applications should submit them at once without remark (unless some reason for refusing renewal is already known to them) to the Dt. Magte: direct.

Dt. Magtes: should grant renewals of existing licenses as a matter of course unless they shall have previous

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3. When licenses are renewed the letter R with the date should be entered in the appropriate column of the Dt. Magte's register and the licenses sent to the licensees by post, service bearing, the contents of the covers being noted outside them.

4. The Dt. Magte: should send ^{monthly} to the Dt. Supt: of Police and all subordinate magtes: who maintain Arms Act registers a list of new licensees, of licensees who have renewed after the expiry of the first quarter of the calendar year, and of persons to be struck off the register ^{& death, leaving of weapons or} by reason of the Dt. Magte's refusal to renew their license, their death, the transfer of their residence, etc.

The Supt: of Police should at once supply all Station House officers with extracts from this list, and the subordinate officers of both depts: should immediately correct their own registers in accordance with the extracts sent them.

Towards the end of each calendar year the Dt. Magte: should request the Supt: of Police to send up any information his officers have obtained which has not ^{before time} already reported which could appear to render the renewal of any existing license inexpedient.

After the close of each quarter of the calendar year ^{the} Dt. Magtes: should ^{forward} to the Supt: of Police ^{monthly} lists of licensees who have not renewed their licenses with the request that they will ascertain and report the ^{the} causes of such omission. Similar lists should be sent to subordinate magtes: who maintain registers. Dt. Supts: and such subordinate magtes: should assume that individuals not mentioned in the list sent at the end of the first quarter have already renewed their licenses and should mark their own registers accordingly, and the former officers should send extracts from the list to all Station House officers with similar instructions.

6. The I.C. of Police and all Dt. Magtes: will now be requested to issue instructions to officers concerned on the lines of the scheme sketched out above. It is essential to its success that its adoption should be known as widely as possible to possessors of weapons, and Dt. Magtes: will be requested to have the outlines of this order translated into the vernacular and posted up in all public offices.

The I.C. of Police
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Abstract

1. The first section of the report is a summary of the work done during the year. It includes a list of the names of the persons who have been licensed to carry arms, and a statement of the number of arms which have been issued to them. It also gives a statement of the number of arms which have been surrendered, and a statement of the number of arms which have been lost or stolen.

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