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Political despatch communicating, with remarks,
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2. Copies of these documents have been furnished to the Governments of India and Bombay, and to the Political Resident at Aden.

3. It would be desirable, in the opinion of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to call the attention of all officers whom it may concern to the requirements of the Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870 and to the regulations, and to instruct them to report any circumstances which may come to their knowledge indicating an intention to violate the provisions of the Act or in other ways to infringe the neutrality of this country.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated 31st May 1898, No. 853-E.B.

ORDER—No. 372, Political, dated 3rd June 1898.

The proclamation and letter referred to in paragraph 1 of the foregoing despatch together with the main provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act of 1870 (33 and 34 Vic., c. 89) have been published in the *Fort St. George Gazette Extraordinary* of the 21st May 1898.

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(True Extract.)

S. S. Roberts
for Chief Secretary.

To all Departments of the Secretariat.
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Exd. C. M. Thumbarwamy.

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