

22ND JANUARY 1885, No. 45, POLITICAL.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following :—

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 20th January 1885.

Number 71-E. Despatches received from Her Majesty's Government regarding present blockade by French of part of coast of Formosa show that Her Majesty's Government recognise existence of state of war between France and China. At the same time, being reluctant to aggravate situation they have declared that so long as hostilities are confined to particular localities and neutral vessels are not interfered with on the high seas, they will not issue a proclamation of neutrality in the usual form and exercise the strict rights of neutrality as regards belligerent vessels in British ports. But will confine themselves to the enforcement of Foreign Enlistment Act, 1870. The Government of India accordingly desire that, with His Excellency's permission, necessary instructions may be issued for observance of provisions of Act at all ports within Madras Presidency. Act was published in *Gazette of India*, dated 27th January 1872. Letter follows. Should ships of war of either nation visit our ports and any complications arise, Government of India should be informed.

ORDER—dated 22nd January 1885, No. 45, Political.

Communicated to the Military department, to the Master Attendant, to the Chief Presidency Magistrate, and to all District Magistrates, for careful observation of the provisions of Act 33 and 34 Vic., cap. 90, entitled "An Act to regulate the conduct of Her Majesty's subjects during the existence of hostilities between Foreign States with which Her Majesty is at peace," which was brought in force on the 27th January 1872, by proclamation (*Government of India Gazette* of that date).

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,  
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Military department.  
„ the Master Attendant, Madras.  
„ the Chief Presidency Magistrate.  
„ all District Magistrates.

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War between France and China.

Communicating telegram from Government of India regarding the —, and directing the careful observance of the provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act, 1870, at all ports in the presidency.

16TH MAY 1885, No. 344, POLITICAL.

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Simla, 13th May 1885.

No. 731 E. My telegram 6th February 1885. As hostilities between France and China have ceased please remove restrictions regarding supplies of coal to French cruisers.

ORDER—dated 16th May 1885, No. 344, Political.

Communicated to departments and officers concerned in continuation of G.O., No. 45, dated 22nd January 1885.

(True Extract.)

E. F. WEBSTER,  
*Chief Secretary.*

To the Military department.  
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French Government.

Communicating to the departments and officers concerned, telegram from the Government of India removing restrictions regarding the supply of coals to French cruisers.

24TH JUNE 1885, No. 421, POLITICAL.

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 20th June 1885.

No. 951 E., my telegram, 15th May. Following telegram received from Secretary of State, dated 12th and 16th June. First begins. Secret. France and China. My telegram of 12th May. French Government still claim exercise of belligerent right on the high sea. Instruct authority concerned to report by telegraph any attempt to enforce against British vessels. Meanwhile orders, 12th May, stand good. Ends. Second begins. Mine 12th June 1885. France and China treaty of peace signed. All restrictions may be removed. Ends.

ORDER—dated 24th June 1885, No. 421, Political.

Communicated to all departments and officers concerned in continuation of G.O., No. 344 (Political), dated 16th May 1885.

(True Extract.)

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Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

To all departments, with copies of previous G.Os.  
,, the Master Attendant, Madras.  
,, the Chief Presidency Magistrate.  
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French Government.

Communicating to all departments and officers concerned, telegram from the Government of India regarding removal of restrictions to the exercise by the — of belligerent right on the high sea.

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