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No. 2958 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

Prohibition against the issue to native subordinates of permits or passes to carry arms.

Simla, the 1st November 1895.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
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The Director General of Telegraphs.

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By order,

G. H. Walker

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 19 Public, dated Simla, the 7th October 1895.

From—J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department,

To—The Chief Secretaries to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal and North-Western Provinces and Oudh; the Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Burma, Assam, and Coorg; the Resident at Hyderabad.

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2. The Government of India think it desirable, with a view to prevent the occurrence of such cases, to draw attention to the rules which regulate the grant of passes to soldiers of the Native Army. Paragraphs 1527-29 of Volume II of Army Regulations, India, permit a Commanding Officer to give passes to soldiers proceeding on furlough from a regiment. But no other authority is empowered to grant a pass to a native soldier any more than to any other

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READ—the following paper:—

From G. H. D. WALKER, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, the 1st November 1895, No. 2958 G.

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(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
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„ Superintending Engineers.
„ the Consulting Architect to Government.
„ the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.
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