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No. 22. From J. R. BOYSON, Esq., Honorable Company's Solicitor; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th April 1858, No. 188.

SIR,

Minute Consultation, dated 8th April 1858, No. 240, Political Department.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Extract Minutes of Consultation noted in the margin.

I submitted same, together with the Advocate General's previous opinion on the subject, for his further consideration and advice; and I have since conferred with him thereon.

I now forward a copy of his further opinion.

COPY OPINION.

I think that if the Arms (meaning Cannon, Cannonballs, Muskets and the like, and *not* ornamental Arms) had been broken up, the step might be sustained and shewn not to be a breach of the Injunction issued by the Supreme Court.

The whole tenor, however, of Mr. Phillips' letter of the 22nd March seems to shew clearly that no plea of necessity, with a view to the preservation of the public peace, can possibly be pleaded for taking such a step, and under these circumstances it appears to me very undesirable and highly inexpedient to adopt such a step, or to alter the existing arrangements.

If broken up, they ought certainly to be valued before this is done; and I would suggest that if it is resolved to do so, that the Honorable Company's Solicitor be apprised of the intention, that he may apprise the other side that there is no intention of infringing the Injunction.

No necessity, however, can I think be pleaded for the proposed step, and, as it may give rise to troublesome proceedings, I repeat I think it decidedly inexpedient.

(Signed) THOMAS SYDNEY SMYTH,
Advocate General.

13th April 1858.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, No. 258; dated 15th April 1858.

Ordered that the opinion of the Advocate General be communicated to the Commissioner of Tanjore, for his information and guidance, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 8th Instant, No. 240.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

No. 258

Ordered that the opinion of the Advocate General be communicated to the Commissioner of Tanjore for his information and guidance, with reference to Ex. Min. of Consn. dated the 8th Instant No. 240.

B. R.

Fort S. Geo.
15 April/58.

To the Commissioner of Tanjore } Dispd. 15th

H. C. Solicitor Dispd. 19th