

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	357	Press
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Dated	4-6-	1858

Not to be folded or roughly handled.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 8th June 1858.

No. 12. From G. F. EDMONSTONE, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India with the Governor General ; to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Allahabad, 11th May 1858, No. 1045.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 18th February last, No. 119, addressed to Mr. Secretary Beadon, forwarding a remonstrance from Prince Azeem Jah against the orders of the Government of India, whereby he was prohibited from retaining any armed Sepoys in his service.

2. In reply I am directed to state, that the Governor General sees no sufficient reasons for reversing the orders already passed on this subject.

3. If however, as the Prince complains, the Madras Government have interdicted him from entertaining servants with arms, they have, I am desired to observe, gone beyond the instructions of the Government of India.

4. The Supreme Government intended that the Prince should have no "armed Sepoys" that is to say, men carrying muskets or other fire arms and wearing uniform and accoutrements, and drilled. There can be no objections to the Prince having servants, armed with swords, or spears, or other weapons than fire arms, and wearing neither uniform nor accoutrements, unless the whole population of Madras be disarmed, in which case it will rest with the Government of Madras to decide, whether the Prince may not be exempted from the operation of that measure.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, No. 357 ; dated 4th June 1858.

Resolved, that the Chepauk Agent be requested to inform the Prince Azeem Jah, in reply to the address forwarded by him under date the 9th February last, that the Supreme Government see no sufficient reasons for reversing the orders already passed on the subject of his maintaining "armed Sepoys" in his service ; but they have no objection to the Prince having Servants, armed with Swords, or Spears, or other Weapons than Fire-arms, and wearing neither uniform nor accoutrements.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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The Chapauk Agent
will communicate the Pub.
-stances of par. 2 and 4 of the
foregoing order to H. H. the
Chief Agent, in reply to the
address forwarded under date
the 17th February last.

To the Genl Agent
at Chapauk.

Political Department

No. 357

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

Under date 4 June 1858.

Read letter from
the Secretary to the Govern-
ment of India with the
Governor General.

(Dated 11 May 1858 N^o 1055)

Resolved, that the
Chepauk Agent be requested
to inform the Prince Azem
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date the 9th February last,
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for reversing the orders already
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accoutrements.

J.P.

In 5th to 8th June
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Request the Chevalier
agent to inform the Prince
agrees that the
Prince's Gov. seems to
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reversing the order also
by proposed on the subject
of his maintaining arms
in his service but
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Prince having servants
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In the Gov. Agent at Chepauk. Dispt. 8th