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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

20th November 1877, No. 2738.

Lotteries.

Read the following paper:—

No. 141. *Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department (Police), dated Simla, 1st November* 1877, *No.* 329.

Read—

A Circular of the Punjab Government, dated the 29th March 1877, withdrawing the prohibition against the publication of advertisements of lotteries not authorized by Government.

Read also—

A letter from the Bengal Government, dated the 13th September 1877, No. 1441-T.

RESOLUTION.

On the 13th September last the Bengal Government forwarded a letter from the Commissioner of Police at Calcutta, reporting that advertisements of lotteries and race-sweeps printed beyond the limits of Lower Bengal are sent in large numbers to hotels and other places of public resort in Bengal, in contravention of Section 294-A of the Indian Penal Code, and that the proprietors of newspapers and other periodicals in Bengal complain bitterly that their columns are closed to notices and advertisements which are freely permitted elsewhere. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal considers that the present treatment of lotteries by the different Local Governments is exceedingly unsatisfactory; in Bengal the law is strictly enforced, while in the Punjab and elsewhere, it is habitually broken with impunity, and newspapers are allowed to advertise and circulate proposals directly opposed to the provisions of the section of the code cited. His Honor is of opinion that if these lotteries and race-sweeps are mischievous, they should be put down by law, instead of being allowed to develop themselves year by year; but that if they are considered to be a harmless amusement, the prohibitory clause in the Penal Code should be repealed, and lotteries should not be discouraged. His Honor himself considers them exceedingly mischievous.

2. The Government of India concur with His Honor's opinion as to the mischievous character of the lotteries and race-sweeps advertised, and believe that the mischief is year by year assuming greater dimensions. As the intention of the law on the subject is clear and as its provisions were intended to operate in one province as much as in another, the Government of India consider that the law should be uniformly enforced. Local Governments and Administrations are therefore requested to enforce the law after giving due notice thereof by publication of this Resolution in their several official Gazettes.

No. 4—336.

ORDER.—Ordered, that this Resolution be forwarded for information and guidance to all Departments of the Government of India, to Local Governments and Administrations, and that it be published in the Supplement to the *Gazette of India*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. HOWELL,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 20th November 1877, No. 2738.

Ordered that the Resolution be republished in six issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette* for general information.

2. Ordered also that it be communicated to all District Magistrates for information and guidance, for publication in the District Gazettes, and for communication to all subordinate officers.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

Assistant Secy. to Govt.

To the Hon. the Judges of the High Court.
" all District Magistrates.
" all District Judges.
" the Inspector-General of Police.
" the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
" the Revenue Department.
" the Military Department.
" the Public Works Department.
" the Supervisor of the Government Press.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Revenue Department

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JUDICIAL.

To

THE HON. THE JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated November, 20th.

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G.O., 20th November 1877, No. 2738.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 141-142.

Lotteries.—Communicating, for publication in the District Gazettes and for communication to Subordinate Officers, Resolution of Government of India, requesting Local Governments to enforce the law prohibiting the publication of advertisements of lotteries and race-sweeps, and directing its publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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