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With reference to the recent decision of the House of Lords in *Dixon* v. *London Small Arms Company*, 1 App. Cas. 632, the Governor-General in Council deems it desirable to state that when any invention or improvement in an appliance, whether patented or not, is adopted and used by the Government, its officers, agents and servants, it is left to the discretion of the Local Government or Administration, as the case may be, to recognize the value of such invention or improvement by the grant, as a matter of bounty but not of right,* of some pecuniary remuneration to the inventor or improver.

A report of the amount of the grant, with the reasons for considering the invention worthy of such recognition, should be made for the information of the Government of India.

* It may be well to mention that ever since 1869 the rights of the Government, as against all patentees, have been further guarded by the insertion of a clause in every "letter of leave to file" specifications. This clause appears in the printed form of "leave to file," which is used on all occasions. English Letters Patent, unless registered under the Indian Patent Act (XV of 1859, Section 20), give no rights in this country.

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