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G.O., No. 313

Dated 26th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Opium Act, 1878

Commg. to the Br. of Rev. letter from the
Govt. of India approving, with certain
alterations, the draft Notfy amending the
rules under the —, and ordering the publication
of the revised Notfy in three successive issues
of the Fort St. George Gazette

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From

The Government of India
Finance & Commerce Dept.

No. 2225 Ex.

Communicated to the
Board of Revenue.

2. The draft notification
will be published in the
Fort Saint George Gazette.

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SUBJECT.

Approving with certain
alterations & amplifications the
draft rules re: the import of in-
toxicating drugs prepared from
opium &c and forwarding to the
Govt. for address for publication in
the Fort St. George Gazette a copy
of the draft notification as revised
if it be no object.

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No. 2225-Ex.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 14th May 1898.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department.



Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 100 Revenue, dated the 18th February 1898, submitting for the approval of the Government of India a draft notification amending the Rules under the Opium Act 1878, in force in the Madras Presidency, so as to provide for the import (a) of intoxicating drugs prepared from opium on account of the Government, and (b) of opium and its preparations by licensed private individuals for medicinal purposes from places other than Indore.

2. I am to say that the alteration which the Madras Government propose to make

make in Rule XIV of the existing rules, and the addition of a new rule (XIX A) after Rule XIX, are approved. But clause (3) of the draft notification which purports to amend condition I of the special license to medical practitioners referred to in Rule V, is in the opinion of the Government of India unnecessary, since that rule already provides for the license being "in such form as may be prescribed by the Board with the previous sanction of the Governor in Council" and for its consequent alteration by those authorities.

3. On the other hand it appears necessary that the draft notification should be amplified so as to make provision in the Rules—

(1) For possession under Rule IV of the opium and intoxicating drugs which they may be permitted to import under Rule XIX A, by persons who are not farmers, licensed importers, or licensed vendors, within the meaning of clauses (7) to (9) of Rule I, as it at present stands, and are not covered

covered 'as medical practitioners' by Rule V

(2) For the transport by such persons of the articles in question under the conditions of Rules VII to XIII, inclusive, and

(3) For wholesale vend by such persons of the said articles to licensed medical practitioners under Rule XXVI.

These objects can be conveniently attained by the modification of the definition of "licensed importer" given in Rule I (8) so as to include therein persons who may be authorized to import opium or intoxicating drugs under Rule XIX A, and by the addition to Rule IV of the words "or, if he is licensed under Rule XIX A, of intoxicating drugs used for purposes other than smoking."

4. I am to forward a copy of the draft notification, as revised in accordance with the foregoing remarks, and to suggest that, if His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no objection thereto, it may be published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

L. M. S.

Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Government (1898) of Madras.
REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 313, 26th May 1898.

MAY.

Opium Act, 1878.

Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the Government of India approving, with certain alterations, the draft notification amending the rules under the —, and ordering the publication of the revised notification in three successive issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from W. S. MEYER, Esq., Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, the 14th May 1898, No. 2225-Lx. :—

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ORDER—No. 313, Revenue, dated 26th May 1898.

Separate Revenue No. 30.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. The draft notification will be published in three successive issues of the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
,, the Superintendent, Government Press, with notification.

DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the power conferred by section 5 of the Opium Act, 1878 (I of 1878), and with the previous sanction of the Governor-General in Council, the Governor of Fort St. George in Council is pleased to make the following amendments and additions to the rules published with notification No. 556, dated the 26th October 1896, at pages 1431 to 1444 of the *Fort St. George Gazette* dated 24th November 1896, Part I, namely :—

1. For Rule 1 (8) the following rule shall be substituted, namely :—

"(8) 'Licensed importer' means a person authorised to import opium, poppy-heads, or intoxicating drugs under Rules XV or XIX-A."

2. To Rule IV the following shall be added, namely :—

"or, if he is licensed under Rule XIX-A of intoxicating drugs used for purposes other than smoking."

3. For Rule XIV the following rule shall be substituted, namely :—

"The import of opium, intoxicating drugs and poppy-heads on account of Government is permitted."

4. After Rule XIX the following rule shall be inserted, namely :—

XIX-A. "The import on private account of opium or intoxicating drugs used for purposes other than smoking from places other than Indore is permitted (a) in the case of imports by sea on payment of duty under the Indian Tariff Act, 1894 (VIII of 1894, as amended by Act III of 1896), at the port of importation, and (b) in the case of other imports, under the special orders of the Board to be obtained in each case."

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

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