

Government of Madras.
Judicial (19 //) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1541

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DATED 2-10-19// .

[Abstract.]

THE INDIAN POST OFFICE ACT.

Recording communication from the Govt. of India on the subject
of action taken under section 26 of -----.

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Letter: No. 3997-6, of 7-9-11

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To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Home Department.

Sir,

In the course of the inquiry into the murder of the late Mr. Ashe, it has been made clear that there has been a close and active connexion between the persons engaged in the conspiracy which led to that murder and V.V.S. Aiyar and other British Indian subjects who are now taking refuge in Pondicherry. Information has just been received from three trustworthy witnesses, whose statements are enclosed, that there has been regular practice in revolver shooting by V.V.S. Aiyar and his friends, accompanied by lectures explaining that the object of the instruction is the assassination of British Indian officials. There is

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reason to believe that the murder of Mr. Ashe was precipitated by the impetuosity of the murderer and that the original intention was to ~~arrange for the~~ assassination ^{of} a number of officials of the Tinnevelly district. The revolver practice, which was discontinued for a short time after Mr. Ashe's murder, is again in ~~full swing~~ ^{operation}, and it is reported that the seditionists are intent on a series of assassinations at the time of the Durbar. It has also been ascertained that a number of revolvers ~~or pistols~~ have been imported at Pondicherry. A considerable quantity of correspondence has recently been obtained from the house of one of the refugees, and this shows that they are in active communication with persons residing in this Presidency. The Governor in Council regards the situation as a dangerous one and he considers that it is ~~extremely~~ ^{important} imperative to discover the ramifications

2 copies enclosed.

of the connexion between the members
of this Pondicherry gang and ^{these} sympathis-
ers in British India. He has there-
fore issued two orders under section
26 of the Indian Post Office Act, 1898,
directing the interception of all
postal articles addressed to the prin-
cipal refugees in Pondicherry and to
their known correspondents in this
Presidency. I am now to request that,
if the Govt. of India see no objection,
orders may be issued under sub-section
(1) of section 26 of the Act that all
correspondence required for the purpose
of the investigation into any offence
which may reasonably be suspected to
have been committed should be retained
by the Madras Criminal Intelligence
Department and that the remainder should
be delivered to the addressees.

2. It is probable that, as
further information is received, it
will be necessary to add to the list

of persons whose correspondence with Pondicherry or the neighbouring post offices should be intercepted. I am to explain that it has been thought advisable to include letters posted in the neighbourhood of Pondicherry as it is known that ^{the} seditionists send their correspondence to be posted at such offices.

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Home Department,

(Political).

Simla, the 15th September 1911.



ORDER.

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Whereas the Governor of Madras in Council has decided under section 26 (1) of the Indian Post Office Act, VI of 1898, that all postal articles addressed to (1) V.V.Subrahmanya Aiyar (2) C.Subrahmanya Bharati (3) S.Srinivassachari (4) S.Nagaswami Aiyar (5) G.S.Dikshit alias S.Guruswami Aiyar (6) K.R.Appadurai Aiyar alias Lakshmi Narayana Aiyar (7) S.Madaswami Pillai (8) The Manager, Editor or Publisher of the newspapers Bala Bharata and Dharmam (9) K.G.Pasupati Aiyar (10) K.R.Venkatarama Aiyar B.A., B.L. (11) S.S.Bharati (12) S.D.Krishna Aiyangar B.A., B.L. and (13) Swami Vallinayagam shall be intercepted and delivered to Cyril Chapman Longden Esq., Superintendent of Police, the Governor General in Council is pleased to direct under the said section and sub-section that such of the said postal articles as are required for the purpose of investigation into any suspected offence shall be retained by the Madras Criminal Investigation Department for the purposes of such investigation and that the postal articles which are not so required shall be returned to the postal authorities for delivery to the addressees.

Sd/ A.Earle,

Secretary to the Government of India.

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with reference to their letter No. 3997-6, dated the 7th September
1911.

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By order,

M. S. D. Butler

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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The India Post office Act

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[C. No 4550] from the Govt of India H.D. No 631 dated 15-9-11

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