

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET BY THE HON. PRIME MINISTERIssue of a Free Licence to the French Consul General  
to Purchase and Keep an Air-Pistol

Mr A.M. Andreani, the Consul for France, has applied for a free licence to purchase and to keep an air-pistol.

2. The Police Licences Regulations, 1949, provide for the free issue of licences in respect of motor-vehicles to the Consular officers of the United States, France and Italy (G.N. 384 of 1951 and 609 of 1956), but make no such provision in respect of licences under the Arms Ordinance.

3. The fee for a licence to purchase a pistol is 5s/- plus 6d. stamp duty, and 5s/- p.a. plus 6d. stamp duty for a licence to keep the pistol.

4. The practice obtaining in the United Kingdom is that members of the Diplomatic Body are exempted as an act of courtesy from payment of the duty normally chargeable on local taxation licences, e.g. dog licences, game and gun licences, etc.; and, as a rule, consular personnel serving in other territories for whose international relations Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are responsible, receive the same treatment as in the United Kingdom.

5. The Ministry of Economic Planning and Finance have raised no objection to the French Consul General's request being acceded to.

6. As the Governor is empowered by Legal Notice No. 12 of 1960 to remit or reduce any fees specified in the Police Regulations, 1949, Hon. Ministers are invited to say whether they agree that the Governor be advised to remit the fees in question.

26th June, 1963.