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G.O. No. 220 *Edd*

DATED 29.2.16.

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Dyes [Despatch Abstract.]
~~Correspondence~~
 Recording correspondence
 forwarded by the Govt of India
 regarding the use of certain
 — in articles of food.

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Government of India,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
(Municipalities)

Delhi, the 18th January 1916.



8.2.16

From

Kunwar Maharaj Singh, C.I.E.,
Asstt. Secretary to the Govt. of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Local & Municipal Deptt.

Sir,

I am directed to forward, for the information
of His Excellency, the Governor in Council,

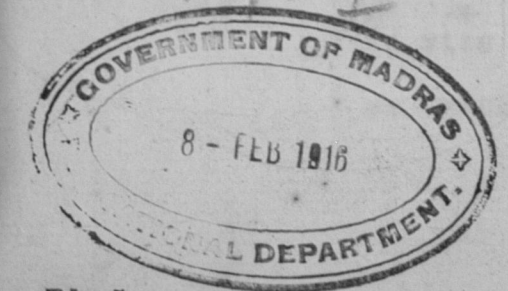
^x a copy of a letter dated the 17th December 1915, from
^x Addressed to the Secretary to the Government : Messrs. Turner
of India, Department of Commerce & Industry :
----- Morrison and Company,

regarding attempts made to purchase from that firm
Mexican red or vermilionette for certain purposes.

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The matter is one for considera-
tion by Deptt. of Industries.
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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Maharaj Singh
Asstt. Secretary to the Govt. of India.



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Copy of a letter No. 20535, dated Calcutta, the 17th December 1915, from Turner, Morrison & Co., Ltd., Managing Agents, to the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce & Industry, Delhi.

We have the honour to inform you that attempts have recently been made to purchase from us Mexican Red or Vermilionette, which was said to be required for the purpose of mixing with Arhar Dall in Cawnpore, Lucknow and Hattas. The dall was destined both for consumption in India and for shipment from Calcutta to Rangoon.

We were shown a sample of dall which contained a pink powder. The colour of the sample appeared however to be due to dye and not to the reds mentioned above. We were informed, however, that Mexican Red of our manufacture was being used for this purpose. This Mexican Red contains a considerable proportion of Red Lead and its use even in small quantities in an article of food is obviously undesirable. We thought it desirable to call your attention to this matter. The pink powder in the dall was said to be necessary to protect it from the attacks of insects. In Bengal the pink powder appears to be recognised as a normal constituent of dall and to be carefully removed by washing before cooking.

It is impossible for us to know the ultimate destination of Mexican Reds which we sell to the bazar. It appears possible that Mexican Reds and Vermilionettes, which were formerly used only for painting purposes, are now, in view of the shortage of dyes, being used for purposes for which an innocuous dye was formerly employed.

OFFICE NOTE.

SUBJECT. Re the use of certain
red dyes in articles of food
From the Govt of India, No. 9. 2 18.1.16

Register No. 497.

see in c.f.

The letter from Messrs. James
Morrison & Co., Calcutta, copy
of which is forwarded by the Govt
of India shows that certain
dyes which should not be
used in articles of food are
so used at present. It is ap-
parently with a view to enable
local Govts to ^(take action, if necessary) prevent such
adulteration that the Govts
of India have communicated
a copy of the company's letter
to this Govt in the Local &
Municipal Dept. It is not
known why the latter Dept
have transferred it to Econo-
mical. This Dept may have
record the papers & communicate

copy

copies
to the Dyewig Expert + to the local
+ Municipal Dept. leaving
it to the latter to communicate
them to Municipal Councils
if necessary. A draft order is
submitted for approval, which
may go to LHM for perusal, before
issue.



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The Dyewig Expert can
do very little. I think that
the Director of agriculture should
see the papers and I would
communicate the report
to the Secy or tell him the
LHM Dept. for such
further action, if any, as
they may think necessary.

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Regd 15.2.16.

2/10/16

As per memo

12/2/16

Est no 497-1
14.2.16

Revenue Dept

To Under Secy.

It is respectfully submitted
that it is not known what the Dy. of Dyewig.

is to do in the matter. Perhaps the go. may go
to the Board for more information.
~~But Reserve is concerned at all in this affair.~~

RA
162.16
to 29/16
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I am not sure that the
letter may not be communicated
to the Board. It will inform
the S. of A. if necessary, -
anyone else who may be in
a position to prevent people
poisoning themselves.

See 17.25

L.F. (100)

I don't quite see what this Department
has to do with the matter. The adulteration of food
and drugs is a Local and Municipal
affair. Even if punitive action cannot be taken
in the present state of the law, Municipal Councils
and Local Boards would seem (through their
sanitary staff) to be the appropriate agency
for warning people of risks they run. If Revenue
can afford any assistance, they will of course
be most willing to do so.

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WJ
I don't understand the very doubt is thrown
on Mr. Turner Morrison's statement of the
facts, so that the question of scientific
investigation does not seem to arise directly
or immediately.

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WJ



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19-2-16

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The draft and proposal at A on page 2
is accepted in hand m.

21.2.16

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Educational dept.

Submitted for orders.

23/2/16

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Current. Draft for
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May the draft order now issue, please?

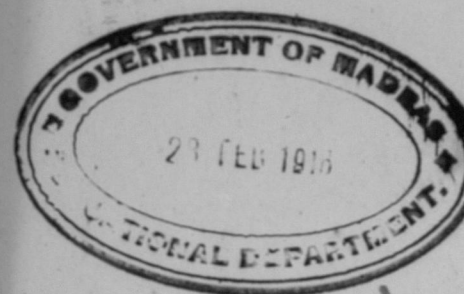
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Let me know 1/83-12
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READ ALSO:-
C. No. 497, From the Govt. of India, No. 9, dated 18.1.1916

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No. 22 dated 29-2-1916

Recorder

To The Director of Industries
The ~~Ministry of~~ ~~Commerce~~ ~~and~~ ~~Industry~~
" ~~Dept. of~~ ~~Commerce~~ ~~and~~ ~~Industry~~
New Delhi

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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