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Educational (1916) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 434—5

DATED 19. 4. 1916.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Dye.

Requesting the Director of Industries to remove the consignment of dye ex S.S. "Barenfels" from the premises of Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co.

No.13727.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
22 AUG 1915
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

(COMMERCE & TRADE).

Simla, the 17th August 1915.

Telegram.

From - The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla,

To - The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department, Ootacamund.

Reference will probably be made shortly to Local Governments on the subject of dye stocks. In the meantime perhaps you would have no objection to postponing impending sale of dyestuffs belonging to hostile firms. Danger is purchase by middlemen who in other places are said to have been purchasing and holding with a view of obtaining exorbitant prices.

Copy by post.

for Registrar.

IDM.

[Sent to War Secty: GO 18.8.15]

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Madras Datacamund

13917 attention of government
of India has been
drawn to possible undesirability
of allowing sales by
auction of dyestuffs from
Ouzo ships and hostile
firms Stop. It is
stated that dyestuffs are
being bought at these
auctions by speculators to
hold for enhanced prices
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would be glad if
his Excellency would suspend
any of these sales
which he is in
a position to hold
over pending consideration of

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question whether any other
system could be adopted
for distribution of drugstuffs
and would at the
same time state any
difficulties that may arise

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in connection with sales under
orders of prize
courts Stop please send
earliest possible information as
to extent of difficulty
at present experienced by

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Textile trade or indigenous industry owing to shortage of dyestuffs and whether His Excellency recommends any scheme of allotment among various interests of dyes

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under question or whether any system rendering existing stocks available at reasonable prices for industrial users could be arrived at by mutual agreement between

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them and holders either by use of article of Commerce Ordinance or otherwise

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Madras, 23rd August 1915

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
O O T A C A M U N D.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
24 AUG 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Sir,

DYES

In reply to your telegram of 21st inst. we have the honour to inform you that we have a quantity of Aniline &/or Alizarine Dyes, which have been condemned by the Alexandria Prize Court, to be disposed of by Public Auction or otherwise.

We may mention that we received instructions on 22nd July to sell these goods, but on 26th idem, our Calcutta friends asked us to stop the sale meantime, pending our being addressed by the Madras Government who had written several times to Messrs. Graham & Co., Calcutta, on the subject.

Over a month has elapsed since we received instructions to sell the Dyes, and, as you will readily understand, expenses in the shape of Storage Charges levied by the Madras Port Trust are rapidly mounting up. We have the honor to request, therefore, that the Government advises us at a very early date as to whether they intend to purchase the Dyes or not.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
pro. GORDON WOODROFFE & CO.
Agents, ss "Barenfels".

No reference quoted
M/
P. 10, 12 N 3
P. N. 687 (2)
28-6-15

(C)

Put up papers with a reminder to the Special Officer at once.
24.8.15

(a further note from the Spl. Officer was twice received).

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Madras Collectorate

1430 Continuation my telegram
13917 dated twentyfirst august
dyestuffs. Stop please await
correspondence from united provinces
Govt (copy forwarded by post) before
Replying = commerce =

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Educational U.O. (to whom the file has been transferred for disposal)

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GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

Telegraphic Address:
"WOODROFFE."

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
28 AUG 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Post Box No. 42.

Madras, 27th Augt. 1915.

C№ 2972 Edl
28/8/15

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
OOTACAMUND.

Sir,

D Y E S.

Further to our letter of 23rd Inst, we have the honor to inform you that unless we hear definitely from you, on or before the 4th Prox, we will proceed with the sale of the Dyes by auction.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
pro. GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.
Agents S/S "Barenfels".

Ed. Department.

Telegram dated 21/8/15.

Dpt 21/8

2 pages 2 & 6 of C.P.

Port Colony dated 11/9/15.

Telegram

To

The Govt of India,
Dept of Com. & Industry

"your telegrams 13917 &
"14030 dated 21st & 25th
"instant respectively. Stop
"Messrs Gordon Woodroffe,
"Madras, have several
"cases [of] dyes condemned
"by Alexandria Prize Court
"[the] sale of which was
"fixed for [the] fourth
"September. Stop Madras Govt
"have asked [the] firm
"to postpone [the] sale
"and are awaiting the
"promised ~~fro~~ further
"correspondence from
"United Provinces Govt. Stop
"As at present advised
"Governor in Council
"has no suggestions to offer
"~~regarding the acquisition~~
"~~of stocks by Govt~~. Stop
[A] supply of dyestuffs

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[is] badly needed in Kaduna
"and [the] dyers there may
"wish to purchase
"on their own account."

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GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"WOODROFFE."

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
2 - SEP 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Madras, 1st Septr. 1915 191

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
O O T A C A M U N D.

Sir,

DYES EX S/S "BARENFELS".

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of 31st Ulto, re the above, and as requested, we are further postponing the sale of the Dyes.

We would point out, however, that the sale cannot be postponed indefinitely as heavy charges for Insurance, Storage &c, are accumulating and unless we hear definitely from you within a reasonable time, say the 11th Inst, the sale will take place.

We request you to inform us moreover if Governmant is prepared to refund us the Storage, and Insurance Premium from the 22nd July 1915, i.e, the date we received instructions to sell the Dyes .

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
pro. GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

Agents S/S "Barenfels".

Sectt. II 8 (c).—12-1-15.

NOTES.

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Telegram

To

The Govt of India
Deptt of Commerce & Indy

"Please see my telegram
"31st ultimo regarding sale of
"dyestuffs. Messrs Gordon
"Woodroffe say that
"Sale cannot be postponed
"indefinitely as heavy
"charges for insurance,
"storage etcetera are ac-
"cumulating and that
"unless they hear definitely
"before 11 A.M. instant, sale
"will take place".

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CONFIDENTIAL.

No. 14031.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Simla, the 25th August 1915.

(Commerce and Trade).

From

H. A. F. Lindsay, Esquire, I. C. S.,

Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Sir,

In continuation of the telegram from this Department No. 14030, dated the 25th August 1915, on the subject of dyestuffs, I am directed to forward a copy of the correspondence cited on the margin.

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1. Letter from the Government of the United Provinces No.1586, dated the 9th August 1915, and enclosures.	
2. Telegram from the Government of the United Provinces, dated the 24th August 1915.	

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I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

H. A. F. Lindsay

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 14032.

A copy, with a copy of the enclosures, is forwarded to the Government of the Punjab, in continuation of the endorsement from this Department No. 13918, dated the 21st August 1915.

H. A. F. Lindsay

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT REVENUE DEPARTMENT 2 SEP 1915
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT 4 - SEP 1915

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ONFI TIAL.

No. 1586.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. A. W. Pim, I.C.S.,

Secretary to Government,

United Provinces,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Department of Commerce and Industry.

Dated Naini Tal, 9th August 1915.

Industries Department.

Sir,

I am directed to refer for the orders of the Government of India certain proposals which have been made to the Local Government for taking special action with reference to the stocks of synthetic dyestuffs, mostly of hostile origin, still available in the Indian markets.

2. The Director of Industries of this province has brought to the notice of Government that from information gathered by him in various quarters and from documentary evidence it is established that the stocks of such dyestuffs, which at the outbreak of war were in the possession of enemy firms in India and of their agencies, have now passed in large measure into the hands of Indian speculators. These persons are now holding up stocks in such a manner as to aggravate the admitted scarcity of dyestuffs. They decline to sell more than a very limited quantity at one time to one buyer, evidently in the expectation of realizing still higher prices later for the balance of their stocks. Even now the prices which are being asked and obtained are upon a scale which is stifling industry: colours which until August of last year were sold at less than Re.1/- per pound are now sold at Rs.5/- and Rs.6/- per pound, and only then, as stated above, in part satisfaction of the demand. A list giving the names of some of the many

firms

firms who have recently been offering dyestuffs for sale is enclosed. The Director of Industries reports that none of these are in the ordinary course dealers in dyestuffs, and that so far as he can trace the bulk of the dyes at any rate are of enemy origin. The quantities said to be held by many of the firms are large, and in particular it appears from an original letter from Messrs. Pragjee Shoorjee and Company, Bombay, that they are offering stocks totalling some 105 tons, of a value, according to their prices, of some Rs. 16½ lakhs. If the dyestuffs were actually sold at these prices it would represent a profit over the original cost of the dyes of something like Rs. 15 lakhs. In addition to the names given in the list the Director of Industries knows that there are many other firms holding stocks. According to his information large quantities are held in Amritsar and Delhi as well as in Bombay, representatives of firms in these places having recently been in Cawnpore with the object of selling. One of the Bombay agents informed a local mill recently that his firm had made a profit of Rs.25 lakhs in dyestuffs since the war began.

3. Another serious aspect of the case is that many speculators, not content with their present abnormal profits, are also adulterating the dyestuffs still in their possession. The consequence of this will be that the small weavers and dyers, who are unable to insist upon a chemical test before purchase, will be largely victimised, and no small portion of these valuable stocks be rendered almost if not entirely useless for industrial purposes.

4. The result of the action taken by these speculators

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5. The situation must be regarded as ~~serious~~ serious and the Director of Industries suggests that the most effective method of helping the textile industry would be for Government to requisition all such stocks under the provisions of Ordinance IX of 1914 and to pay for them a fair price based upon actual cost to present holders. The procedure need in his opinion involve no expense on the part of Government, as the stocks could be taken over and paid for by certain selected firms who would be authorised to sell only to actual users and at a price fixed by Government, that price to include agent's remuneration.

6. The view taken by the Director of Industries is strongly supported by a letter from the Secretary to the Upper India Chamber of Commerce, a copy of which is forwarded for the information of the Government of India. In the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor the matter is one of very serious concern, and as it is obviously ill-adapted for local or provincial treatment His Honour has directed that it should be brought to the notice of the Government of India, who will know what remedy is best and is possible in the general conditions of the country. Dyestuffs are a class of substance to which the provisions of Ordinance IX of 1914 could be applied with more effect than to most others, but the difficulties of taking effective action are nevertheless great now that stocks have been so widely distributed, and the suggestion of the Director of Industries that they should be taken over by certain selected firms is obviously open to misconstruction owing to the probability that these firms would be European.

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

Sd/- A.W.Pim,

Secretary.

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Names and addresses of Dye Suppliers.

1. Messrs.Saligram Kaloomal,
   97/75 Talaqmahal,
   Cawnpore.

2. Bhagwan Dass Chandi Lal,
   Ghawal Mandi,
   Cawnpore.

3. Sheocharan Lall Lalman,
   Cawnpore.

4. Govind Prasad Makund Ram,
   Generalganj,
   Cawnpore,

5. Dhanpat Rai Ram Sahai,
   Sorai Lathi Mohal,
   Cawnpore,

6. Shri Ram Ram Nath,
   Cawnpore,

7. Toolsidass Tejpal,
   Old Generalganj,
   Cawnpore,

8. Chunni Lal Agarwal and Sons.,
9. Shri Kison Ramkison, Old Generalganj, Cawnpore.
   Old Generalganj,
   Cawnpore,

10. Kalloomal Shoram,
    Old Generalganj,
    Cawnpore,

11. Babu Mohan Lal,
    Care of Lalloo Bhai Hera Lal,
    Nayaganj, Cawnpore,

12. Kapur Friends,
    Cawnpore,

13. Kulloo Mull Sattiram,
    Cawnpore,

14. Shri Ram Ram Nath,
    Cawnpore,

15. Peragjee Soorjee and Company,
    Post Box 155, Bombay,

16. Chandrashanker Horjivan,
    Popatwady, Kalbadevi,
    P.O. 2., Bombay,

17. India Trading Company,
    18, Kalbadevi Road,
    Bombay,

18. C. H. Joshi, Popatwady,
    Kalbadevi,
    P.O.2., Bombay.

Copy of a letter No.nil, dated the 28th July, 1915, from the Secretary, Upper India Chamber of Commerce, Cawnpore, to the Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces.

I am directed to invite the attention of the Local Government to the following representation on the subject of dyeing materials.

It is within the knowledge of members of the Chamber that the stocks of German made dye stuffs still available in India are much larger than are generally supposed, while it is also common knowledge that all dyes have appreciated enormously in cost since the outbreak of war, to the very great detriment of the textile industries of the country.

My Committee understand that a representation has already been made on this subject by the Director of Industries, in the course of which he has given names of some of the principal dealers in dyes who still have stocks.

If the enhancement in prices was only due to the short of stocks, and if these had been legitimately acquired, my Committee would hesitate to ask Government to intervene tho it is felt that even so good reasons exist for such action. There is however good reason to believe that large quantiti of dyes have been improperly transferred since the outbreak war by German importers to the present holders with a vi a subsequent share in the abnormal profits which are no made, and while my Committee cannot entirely substantiat allegation as to the transfers of stocks, they wish neve less to urge upon Government the necessity of at once u the resources at their command to make an investigat the matter. It should not be a matter of any diff ascertain whether the stocks of dyes were already ... of the present holders before the outbreak ... been acquired.

complete and my Committee wish to ask Government to accord their very careful consideration to another aspect of the qu tion, namely the undoubted fact that not content with their already very large profits some of the present holders or owners of dyes are known to be deliberately adulterating them In this connection my Committee wish to draw the attention of Government to the fact that while the large textile factories have means of detecting adulteration by other substances such as coal dust (though the detection of a mixture of a cheap inferior dye with one more reliable and expensive is less easy the real sufferers from these malpractices are the ignorant village dyers or weavers. These people are by far the largest consumers of dyes in India, and they have to a very large extent become educated to the use of artificial dyes to the exclusion of indigenous products. They are easily deceived by false marking, advantage of which fact is being taken by the careful re-use of original labels whereby village consumers are unwillingly contributing to the profits of unscrupulous dealers and possibly also to the enemies of the Empire.

It seems therefore to my Committee that unless Governme pending the result of such an enquiry as is above suggested, can at once assume temporary control of all stocks there is a serious danger of much of the existing stocks of dyes being rendered practically useless to consumers by adulteration.

My Committee cannot therefore too earnestly urge upon Government the necessity for immediate action in whatever di tions may seem likely to be of most assistance to the indus of the country, because there is little doubt but that the difficulty of obtaining dyes at reasonable prices is to a l extent responsible for the exceptionally dull state of trad more particularly in cotton yarns and cloth.

As if to give point my Committee's representation on the subject of transfers of stocks come the published of an interview accorded last week by Mr. Hardy, I.C.S., C troller

Controller of Hostile Trading Concerns in Bombay, to a deputation from the Bombay Presidency Trades Association.

The deputation clearly cited to the Controller the ca of an alien Company which continued "to dispose of its st at rates ranging from one hundred to five hundred per c higher than the rates current before the war, the disposa stocks having been regulated with a view to advantage bein taken of such enhanced rates". It seems to my Committee very probable, though it is not so stated, that the stock question are dye stuffs. Mr. Hardy expressed surprise b stated that as no complaints had been received by him fro purchasers he had not been in a position to interfere. It however certain that these purchasers from the alien firm (in liquidation) included many dealers who proposed to mak still higher percentage of profit themselves, (cases are k of enhancement of original rates by 1500 to 2000 per cent) whether by further raising their price or by adulterating dyes. These dealers were therefore not likely to complai

In any case it seems to my Committee entirely indefen that liquidators of any alien firm should be permitted to s the realised assets of the firm by exploiting the consuming industries which must have dyes. If the published report the interview is correct-and it seems to have been approved Mr. Hardy before publication- it goes far to explain the present grave situation. To the contention advanced by t deputation that the enormous profits realised by the abnor heavy increase in prices referred to, would be for the ult benefit of the trading alien, the Controller merely said was not at all certain that such sums would be credited t alien, but on the contrary the larger the balances in han the end of the war, the more there would be wherewith to

to Britain. The very obvious concl

consumer- the textile and other industries of India- a huge cash profit to the individual alien, or in th native contributed to the discharge of Germany's liab

The whole of the published report of this intervi furnishes material for the grave consideration of Gove but some of it is certainly and vitally connected with Committee's present representation, and in drawing the tion of the Local Government to it, and to the harmful e which the present policy must have on the industries eff and principally on the textile industry, my Committee tr the Local Government will take such emergent steps as wi a stop to the scandalous exploitation of these industri

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Copy of a telegram, dated Naini Tal the 24th August 1915, from the Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla.

Your wire 13917 of 21st. This Government has no impending auction or other sales of dyestuff from prize ships or hostile firms. As regards extent of difficulty at present experienced by textile trade or indigenous industry owing to shortage of dyestuffs, please refer my letter No. 1586 of 9th. Local Government is informed that lists of the dyestuffs on sale in Bombay by Controller, Hostile Firms, are being sent to selected mills only and Lieutenant Governor suggests that fair proportion should be reserved for these provinces including the village industries. As regards method of disposing of dyestuffs under auction or other sale by Controllers please refer to suggestion in para five of my letter. I am to suggest that Government of India should fix rates and that local Government should divide whatever share of dyestuffs was allotted to this province between mills and village industries. As regards stocks now held by speculators Local Government has nothing to add to what was said in my letter but if all provinces act at same time it might be possible to arrive at reasonable arrangement by threatening use of Ordinance.

TRUE COPY.

C. Sicar
for Superintendent,
Department of Commerce and Industry.

Ed: Depart

Telegram

To

The Sec: to the Govt: of In
Dept: of Commerce
" I am to acknowledg
"receipt of United Provi
"correspondence forwar
"with your letter No: 14
[dated] 25th ultimo and
"remind Govt: of India
"of my telegram of 2
"instant informing th
"Gordon Woodroffe has
fixed date of
"~~postponed~~ sale
"~~postponed~~ 11th instant.

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Copy of a telegram, dated Naini Tal the 26th August 1915, from the Secretary to the Government of the United Provinces, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla.

Your wire 12917 of 21st. This Government has no impending sanction or other sales of dyestuff from prize ships or hostile firms. As regards extent of difficulty at present experienced by textile trade or indigenous industry owing to shortage of dyestuffs, please refer my letter No. 1588 of 9th. Local Government is informed that lists of the dyestuffs on sale in Bombay by Controller, Hostile Firms, are being sent to selected mills only and Lieutenant Governor suggests that fair proportion should be reserved for these provinces including the village industries. As regards method of disposing of dyestuffs under sanction or other sale by Controllers please refer to suggestion in para five of my letter. I am to suggest that Government of India should fix rates and that local Government should divide whatever share of dyestuffs was allotted to this province between mills and village industries. As regards stocks now held by speculators Local Government has nothing to add to what was said in my letter but if all provinces act at same time it might be possible to arrive at reasonable arrangement by threatening use of Ordinance.

TRUE COPY.

Superintendent,
Department of Commerce and Industry.

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TO Clear Line Madras Educational Ootacamund

14584 your wire Of 10th Inst Second regarding auction of dyes Stop please postpone auction indefinitely Stop as propose to take over

TO Rcvd. here at H. M.

over dyes in question if it can be arranged Stop please telegraph Exactly what is Re position in Re matter as between messrs Gordon Woodr

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woodroffe
and admiralty Stop Could
you arrange for valuatio
Stop please wire approxima
value first at rates
prior to war second
at present prices = Commerc

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Telegram

To

Messrs Gordon Woodroffe &
"your letter 1st instant r
sale dyestuffs ex "Baren
Govt of India desire furt
postponement auction p
their instructions. Stop. W
arrange accordingly. S
question of storage & insu
charges referred to Gov
of India. Stop. That Gov
desire information as
exact position between
you & Admiralty & app
mate valuation of con
demned dyes with you
rates prior to war & at
present prices. Stop. Ple
wire.

(Sd) C. G. T.
W. 9. 15

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C. INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
10 SEP 1915
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Madras Educational

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barenpels dyestuffs Your Telegram
of date regret cannot further. postpone
Sale which will take place
about twenty fifth September
except under orders from alexandria
prize court writing = woodroffe =

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Telegram

To

The Secy to the Govt of Ivor

Dept of Commerce

No. 3133.

"your telegram 14584, instant regarding sa dyestuffs. Stop. [Messrs] Gordon Woodroffe now announce sale will t place about 25th Sept. and regret they cannot further postpone exce, under orders from Admy Prize Court. Stop. Shall wire again on further points in your telegram".

(Sd) C. G. T.
10-9-15.

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Dr above
& return

Telegram No: 326. d 13-9-15.

To Collector of Customs Madras.

Gordon Woodroffe Esq in
Port Trust Godowns several
cases of dyes Ck & S. Bonds
which are to be sold under
orders of Court Trustee - Such
Gov. & Custom Govt stored
portions will sale, &
purpose to buy them for
Govt. utilization -
Gordon Woodroffe naturally
desires to remove them
of storage charges meanwhile,
with Port Trustees to
avoid demurrage in this
circumstance If no objection
you arrange transfer cases
immediately to Customs
Godowns to prevent further
storage charges.

13-9-15

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13 SEP 1915

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
13 SEP 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"WOODROFFE."

POST BOX NO. 42.

Madras, 10th Septr. 1915

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
OOTACAMUND.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
11 SEP 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Sir,

DYES EX S/S "BARENFELS".

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your wire of date and confirm our reply to the effect that we are unable to postpone the sale further, unless we receive instructions to do so from the Alexandria Prize Court whose interests we represent. Failing receipt of these instructions, the goods will be sold by auction about the 25th Inst, due notice being inserted in the local Press as to the actual date, time, and place.

We would draw your attention to our letter of 23rd Ulto, wherein we advised you that the sale of this condemned cargo has already been postponed from July 22nd. We understand that one Government Department has already approached the Prize Court at Alexandria and has received a reply to the effect that if Government wish to secure the Dyes, they are at liberty to buy them in public auction, and, seeing that the sale has already been postponed at Government's request for over six weeks without any definite decision being arrived at, we must carry out our orders, and sell the goods.

We may mention that similar cargo ex the same vessel has

already

already been sold in Calcutta.

With reference to Government's enquiry as to the actual position between the Admiralty and ourselves, we have the honor to statethat we act solely under the instructions o the Alexandria Prize Court.

The approximate value of the Condemned Dyes before the outbreak of War was about Rs.6125-0-0. It is, however, impossible to estimate the present value which, owing to the unusual conditions prevailing, has increased by something between 1500 % and 2000 %, bringing the value up to anything between Rs.80000/- & Rs.120000/-. A list of the condemned Dyes is attached herewith.

We note that the question of Storage, Insurance &c, has been referred to the Government of India.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

per pro GORDON WOODROFFE & Co.

Agents ~~S/S~~ "Barenfels".

LIST OF CONDEMNED DYES EX S/S "BARENFELS".

B/L 44a	F B & Co.	90 Kegs Alizarine Dyes (70 of 20%, 20 of 1
		2 Cks: ,, (20%)
,, 41	C D S T	7 Cases Aniline Colour
	A R	2 ,, ,, ,,
	V 33 B	15 Cks: ,, Salt
	A R A S / A R	6 Cases Aniline Colors
	--,,---	1 Ø Package materials & labels

7+2+6 = 15

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Telegram.

To

The Secretary to the Govt of
Dept of Com. & In

"Please refer my telegram
"3133, 10th instant regarding
"dyestuffs. Stop.
"(messrs) Gordon Woodro
"say they repre
"interests of (the) Alexand
(and their Agents)
"Prize Court and act sole
"under instructions of the
"Court. Stop. According to
"estimate furnished by
"(the) firm, (the) value of
(dyes)
"condemned at rates prev
"to war is Rupees 6,125
"and at present prices
"is between Rs 80,000 & 1,20,000.
"Stop. Firm are anxious about
"increasing storage & insura
"charges on goods and desire
"to know whether Govt would
charges
"meet these from 22nd July
Since

No 3154.

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"since which date sa
being postponed Stop.
"being made whet
"Madras Port Trust
"waive demurrage cha
"or whether goods may
"transferred Customs go
"to prevent further storage

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Through this Govt made no direct suggestion & postponement until 21st August

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CURRENT No. S.R.714

From Customs Madras

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Subject.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
14 SEP 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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CHIEF SECRETARY* GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 13 SEP 1915

TO Madras

Rcvd. here at H.

Duty Stain Steel Hell

your telegram 32b dyestuffs ex barenfels. port trust will waive demurrage charges from today stop. Under port trust act 1905 notice will be required Customs

[Rule 44(2)]

This order will have to be sent to the Marine.

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Sent in fl. 377 Mar. Dy 7-12-15 H.

C No. 3186 Ed
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Dy (b)

Educational U.O. in continuation
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Auction Sale of
Alizarine and Aniline Dyes,
ex S. S. "Barenfels."
Under instructions from
Messrs. Gordon, Woodroffe & Co.
OAKES & Co., LTD.,

WILL sell the above by Public Auction, at their Auction Rooms, Mount Road, Madras, comprising of 90 kegs and 2 casks Alizarine, 7 cases Red, 5 cases Black and 4 cases of Yellow Aniline, 15 casks Aniline Salt, one case Materials and Labels.
On Monday, the 27th Sept., 1915, commencing at 12 o'clock noon sharp.
Catalogues on application.
Terms—Cash.

OAKES & Co., LTD.,
Auctioneers, 200, Mount Road, Madras.

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Telegram

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Telegram dated 8th 17/9/15

To

The Secr. to the Govt.
Department of Co
"Please refer my
"(No) 3154, fourteenth
"Messrs Gordon Wo
"have advertised (tha
"auction sale of con
"dyestuffs will take
"place on 29th instan

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No. 14708.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND IND

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
19 SEP 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 13th September 19

(Commerce and Trade).

Telegram.

From - The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Commerce and Industry, Simla,

To - The High Commissioner, Egypt, Cairo.

Shortage of dye-stuffs is seriously felt in this country a accentuated by action of speculators who purchase at public au of India are considering desirability of enforcing powers prov enabling them to acquire stocks of articles of commerce unreason the market. They would thus buy up at current rates existing in this country and sell without profit to bona fide textile Meanwhile on 1st instant Madras Government telegraphed that M Woodroffe of Madras had been instructed to auction several by Alexandria Prize Court and that sale had been fixed for Government report that Gordon Woodroffe cannot postpone auc instant except under orders from Alexandria Prize Court. I circumstances of case, Government of India will be much obl instruct Proper Officer of Crown at Alexandria to place fac Court and secure as soon as possible.

firstly, an order by direct telegram to Gordon Woodro indefinitely; and

secondly, if possible, an order permitting Governmen the consignment after expert valuation by local assessors

If there is no objection to this procedure, namely, p of India at current market rates, Government of India would

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could be adopted in any future case in which dye-stuffs are sold in this country under orders of Alexandria Prize Court.

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No. 14709.

A copy is forwarded to the Government of Madras, Educational Department, for information, with reference to the correspondence ending with the telegram from that Government No. 3133, dated the 10th September 1915.

By order, etc.,

H. H. Lindsay

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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TO Madras Educational
Ootacamund

1491 L your telegram 3186 of 17th Stop following cable has been received from Marshal Prize Court Alexandria begins your Telegram

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TO

Telegrams 14078 Septr 13th and 14740 Septr 14th Stop Court has made Order for Indefinite postponement of Sale by auction of all aniline dyes Stop.

This apparently includes alizarine dyes also in the possession of Messrs Gordon Woodroffe. List page 31 supra.

No. 14709.

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By order, etc.,

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

would be adopted in any future case in which dye-stuffs are sold in this country under orders of Alexandria Prize Court.

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Stop
Gordon woodhouse and Grahams
communicated with Ends. we
shall doubtless hear further
from you shortly on
points raised in our
telegram of ninth inst.

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and not dealt with
in 2 hours of 14th
instant: Commerce.

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TELEGRAM.

To

The Government of India.
Department of Com.+ Industry.

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dd 8/9/15.

"Your Endorsement (dated) 13th
"instant and Telegram - 14917 (dated)
"18th instant, regarding sale dyestuffs
"stop. My telegram 14th instant
"answers all points raised in your
"telegram 9th, except whether valuation
"of goods can be arranged. stop. Pre-
"sumably this valuation is to be by
"assessors. stop. Government can arrange
"for this. = Dyes are chiefly
alizarine"

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TO Madras Educational Ootacamund

15117 your telegram of twenty first instant stop dyestuffs stop government of India would be glad to have views of local government as to practicability of government

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TO govt.

taking over the dyes and distributing them proportionately to various mills and village industries stop please see in this connection my telegram 13917 of twenty first augt and enclosure to letter number 14031 of twenty fifth august = Commerce

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Ed: Department

Two telegrams

Telegram

To

The Collector of Madura

W3323

"Please report (very early) what
"particular dyes Madura
"requires now, & what
"quantity 1 in each kind,
"whether if Govt of India
"intervenes in disposal
"of dyes] by fixing prices Madura
"weaving community will
"desire [to] buy and whether
"distribution can be made
"so as to ensure use
"by actual purchasers
"and avoid coming.
"Before replying, please
"consult [Mr.] Marsden
"who is [being] instructed [to]
"proceed [to]
"Madura immediately
"Goa".

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Telegram

To

The Director of Industries

No 3323.

"[The] following telegram [has] been sent [to] Collector Madura. Begins.

[H.E. telegram from the previous page]. Ends.

"Please direct [Dr] Narasan [to] proceed ~~at once~~ immediately to Madura. Also ask "him [to] provide Govt "with similar information "for all other centres in [the] Presidency so far "as [his] latest information "permits".

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Supply of Dyestuffs and their distribution in the Madura Town.

Reporting on the----------

ENCLOSURES.
No. Nil
Spare copies

R.O.C. No. 1241 B & P. dt 915

Station Madura. , *Dated the* 4th October 1915.

From (Name) G.F.Paddison Esq., M.A., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Collector of Madura.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

paper supra

With reference to Government telegram No. 3323 dated the 29th September 1915 in regard to the supply of dye-stuffs and their distribution I have the honour to submit the following report which has been drawn up in consultation with Dr. Marsden and the Madura Dyers' Community as directed.

2 Dr. Marsden arrived in Madura on the afternoon of the 1st instant, we discussed the question in all its branches. On the 2nd afternoon a meeting of the Madura Dyers' Association was held at which Dr. Marsden was present when the following resolutions were passed.

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The following are the quantities and qualities that would be taken up per month by the dyers of Madura provided the prices fixed by the Government enables the dyer to make a profit (normal) upon the dyed yarn and are cheap enough for easier business.

The Members of the Madura Dyers' Association will bind themselves not to resell the dyes supplied to them and further agree to submit themselves to the rules of the distributing body.

Quantity per month.	Quality.	Remarks.
Alizarine Dyeing.		
20 Tons.	Alizarine red 20% paste.	with a blue shade
10 Tons.	Congo.	
5 "	Direct Blue black.	Samples of the shade will be supplied
5 "	Direct Bordeaux	
5 "	Direct Fast scarlets.	
Sulphides.		
1 Ton.	Sulphur Black.	Samples of the shade will be supplied three days and no one unless Sodium Sulphide can be supplied.
10 Cwts.	Sulphur Green.	
5 "	Sulphur Yellow.	
1 Ton.	Sulphur Blue.	
3 Tons.	Sodium Sulphide.	
Direct.		
10 Cwts.	Direct Blue of the shade of Indanthrene blue.	
1 Cwt.	Direct ——— Yellow.	similar to Pyramine
1 "	Direct Orange.	Shade
Vat Colours.		
10 Cwts.	Ciba blue.	Samples will be supplied
10 "	Hydrosulphite of Soda.	"

3 The idea of making the distribution of dyestuffs in Madura through the agency of a committee consisting of an official and certain non-officials has as Government are aware been under consideration for some time, and there would not, therefore, it is submitted, be the same difficulties to be encountered here as in other places. The number of dyers and the quantity of dyes normally used are sufficiently large for it to be possible to employ a competent staff to see that the distribution is properly made, and that the dyes are actually used for the purpose of dyeing in Madura town at once, and are not held up for a possible rise in price, nor sold off elsewhere at a profit. And -- though the total consumption is so large, the area in which the industry goes on is so compact that there would be no difficulty in adequate supervision.

4 It is not quite clear from the Government telegram whether the dyes which it is proposed to distribute would simply be the cargoes of the S.S. Barenfels, which were to have been auctioned by Messrs. Oakes & Co. recently, and of the S.S.Lutzow or any other prize ship which might arrive, or whether it is proposed, as has, I understand, been suggested, that a certain amount of dyestuffs should be regularly imported from England through the Board of Trade and distributed to the various weaving and dyeing centres.

5 If all that is intended is that the cargoes of the prize ships should be distributed there would be no difficulty whatever in disposing of the whole ~~in~~ cargo in Madura at once. It might possibly be said that if this were done the Madura dyers would be benefited at the expense of the dyers in other parts of the Presidency. I would, however, suggest that though the whole of the cargo may not be consigned to Madura at least half would be no more than her fair share. As will be seen from the latest

returns of Rail & Seaborne trade for the Presidency ~~half~~ of the dyestuffs imported are consigned to the Southern districts of Madura, Tinnevelly & Ramnad and from local enquiries and Dr. Marsden's special knowledge it is clear that practically the whole of this amount is consumed in Madura. We have seen the list of colours on board the S.S. Barenfels and ~~would~~ there can therefore be no doubt that the dyes therein mentioned are of the kind wanted in Madura. As to the quantity I am assured by those who know that if the whole cargo mentioned in the auction list were sent to Madura it would not supply the town with dyes for more than a week. In the actual distribution there should be little difficulty. Before applying the dyes the yarn has to be purchased and prepared. It would therefore be necessary before the dyes are distributed, if the fact of its being used immediately in actual dyeing is to be ascertained with certainty, that the dyers should know beforehand how much dye they are likely to get. It is therefore proposed that a small committee, with Dr. Marsden at its head, if he is available, and if not with a Deputy Collector as a chairman, should be appointed and that they should first call for applications from the dyers of Madura Town for dyestuffs explaining to the applicants that no dyes will be given to them till the yarn is on the stocks ready for dyeing and has been inspected. The Committee would then decide how much dyestuff could be allotted to each applicant and the applicants would then be informed that on their showing the yarn ready the dyes would be provided. The dyed yarn could then be inspected, and until the dyed yarn was so shown no more applications from that particular dyer would be accepted. This would effectively prevent any attempt at a corner. The details could be worked out later but on the general lines we are convinced that the distribution could be carried out.

(A) (B) If what is needed is not merely arrangements for dis-

(A) See page 31 above where is a list.

-tributing the cargoes of the prize ships but for distributing a regular supply to be imported from home, similar if some what more elaborate arrangements will be necessary. First as to the dyes required it will be observed that in the list drawn up by the dyers in consultation with Dr. Marsden a general statement has been made of the amount of dyes of a particular colour which are wanted. (It must not be understood that this is the regular amount of dyes which is used in normal times. These figures - give only about half the normal supply, as it cannot be expected that, however low the Government fix the price, the dye will be sold at the same prices which were current before the war.) The dyes to be used by the local dyers should not only be of a particular colour but of a particular shade. In some cases the name of the colour will be a sufficient guide. As regards the others Dr. Marsden is obtaining samples which show about the shade - which is needed if the sale here is to be a success. If the amount noted of the right colour and approximately the right shade is supplied to Madura we will distribute it to all dyers and see that it is used in dyeing.

2 The figures given in the statement furnished by the Dyers' Association refer only to cotton dyeing. There are in addition about 10 families in the town engaged in silk weaving. The - amount they would require monthly would be roughly as noted below:

1 Cwt. Methyl Violet B.
1 Cwt. Diamond Green.
1 Cwt. Magenta.
1 Cwt. Auramine.
2 Cwt. Rhodomine.

Dr. Marsden is obtaining samples of the shades of the dyes required.

3 It will be necessary to have a Committee to sit at appoint -ed times to deal with the applications: to secure a rented -

godown

godown for the accommodation of the dyes, to have an Inspector on Rs. 100 a month (whom Dr. Marsden says he could provide) to assist the Committee in inspecting yarn and seeing that the yarn is properly dyed, and to have fixed hours on fixed days of the week on which the dyes would be distributed on these lines. A clerk on about Rs. 25 a month would also be needed to keep the books. After the scheme had once got into working order, which I would see to personally, the officer who was chairman of the Committee would not have an unduly large amount of work to do and what he had to do would only be done in the mornings. The expenses of the staff except the chairman would be met by a slight increase in the cost of the dyes.

9/ As regards the prices which the dyers would be prepared to pay, it is submitted that the prices recently realised at auction in Bombay would not be a fair guide as these are largely speculative. The dyers plead that the fairest method for fixing a price for the prize cargoes would be a certain percentage in excess of the invoice prices. I do not know whether the prize court would be ready to accept this. I would suggest that the prices should be fixed with reference to the prices now ruling in the home markets with a percentage in excess for freight etc. The prices of future consignments might be fixed in similar manner. If the measures above advocated are adopted a real benefit will be conferred on this town in which 70,000 people at least are interested directly or indirectly in the dyeing and weaving industry. There may not be any real distress in the sense of persons being in danger of starvation, first of all, the Sourashtras are a very clannish community and the richer help the poor and secondly the great activity of the Mills in the

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last month or two owing to orders from China has established a steady demand for labour. But that there is real and very -- serious loss to the weavers and dyers is certain. When I was inspecting the jail here the other day I was disturebed to find that the number of civil debtors imprisoned was three times the normal owing to the shortage of money among the weaving community.

10 The chief objection which may be raised to the above - scheme is that the dyers, having got the yarn cheap and dyed it cheap, might make a ring and still demand prohibitive prices from the weavers. As we should insure that each dyer had his share of yarn, I do not think it likely that any combination -- would occur. But the strongest obstacle in the way of any such ring, if the scheme is a success, would be the threat, which it could be quite possible and reasonable to hold out, that if the dyers did not deal fairly with the weavers the scheme would be stopped and the dyers would have to go back to the system of unrestricted competition.

11 Lastly, I would again urge very strongly upon Government that it should be recognised that the position of Madura is unique, in its number of dyers, in its reliance upon alizarine, in the compactness of its area, and in its readiness to work out such a scheme -- through the fact that its dyers are all of one caste and used to work together and have actually been hoping and working for some such plan as now proposed for some time. Even though in other places they might not be ready for such an effort, in Madura it would work well and would be of enormous benefit to the town generally and to the Sourashtras in particular.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Collector.

6/10/13

Ed. Depart.

Telegram

To

The Secy to the Govt of India,
Dept of Com & Ind.

"Reference your telegram
"15117, 24th ultimo regarding
"dyes. This Govt would
"suggest distribution
"of dyestuffs ~~backwards~~
"~~by post~~ through small
"committees for each
"important dyeing centre.
"Comittee would will call for
"applications from dyers
"and no dyes which will be
"given till yarn is
"on the Stocks ready
"for dyeing and has been
"inspected. (Under this scheme)
"Madura
"dyers would be glad
"to take over whole
"of "Barenfels" consignment
"which would not last
"them for more than a
"week. Madura dyers

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RB
13/10

Photocopy sent 18/10/15

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portion A on page 47 of cf.

Secy's note, page 50 of cf.

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H.E.'s note on pages 19 ante & para 9, page 49 ante cf.

"consider fairest method
"for fixing price for
"cargoes of prize vessels
"would be ~~certain~~ to adj a. per-
"centage ~~in excess of~~ to
"invoice prices. Collector
"suggests prices should
"be fixed with reference
"to those ruling in
"home markets with
"a percentage for
"freight et cetera.
"Particulars regarding
"wants of dyers in the
"parts of [the] Presidency
"are being prepared
"+ will follow".

SK
13-10-15.

13.10.15

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
18 OCT 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPT.

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19-10-15

Madras.

13th October 1915.

From

Dr. F. Marsden, Ph. D., M. Sc.,
Dyeing Expert to the Government of Madras,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Educational Department,
Madras.

Through

The Director of Industries,
Madras.

Enclosures
1 Shade Card
3. Appendices

Reference:- Order received from Government in Telegram No.3323 dated 29th Septr. 15 to confer with the Collector of Madura regarding dyestuff requirements of Madura, and submit a report upon requirements of other dyeing centres..

Sir,

I have the honour to report that upon receipt of the orders transmitted through the Director of Industries in Telegram No.3323 dated 29th Septr. 15, I proceeded at once to Madura and arranged for a meeting of dyers to obtain details of their requirements. Some 50 dyers attended andafter a full discussion upon the matter, 5 of the leading men were selected to place their views before the Collector, who has I understand already submitted his report to Government upon the question so far as it affects Madura.

The discussions showed how difficult it is for the dyers (in spite of full explanations) to realise the position with regard to dyestuff supplies. Their ideas revolve around the materials they were in the habit of obtaining and they seem to expect that it will be possible to supply them with the same "brands" of colour they were using before the war. The dye cargo of the Barenfels (and other enemy ships) was made up of such standard brands, imported to meet known requirements, and would therefore be readily taken up, but if it be the case that Government

is now able to arrange for supplies from England there may at first be a little prejudice against using materials of untried quality and value, but when the dyer realises that the colours are practically the same and have been proved satisfactory, the prejudice will disappear. It was the same with new German Dyes until the "tickets" were known, but the impossibility of getting the generally known brand now will make the dyer more open to try a substitute.

The question of the shade of any particular dyestuff is of more importance here than it is in England at the present time, for there the dyer is a trained man, able to obtain his results by the use of one of many different combinations and the manufacturers are able to concentrate upon the manufacture of a comparatively small number of generally useful dyes and the dyers and public realising the position accept and use them as the best available under the conditions. Here the dyer is accustomed to get his result in a certain way and with given materials, and if these materials are not available he is not able to adapt himself and use others so readily as the European dyer and is therefore more dependant upon specific products. On this account I asked the dyers to supply me with small dyed samples of the shades they require, as this would facilitate selection and prevent the shipping of dyes the shade of which would not appeal to the users. These samples have not yet reached me*, but in the list forwarded through Mr. Paddison, the brands of colours mentioned in certain cases will be a sufficient guide, to those conversant with dyes, as to the shade required. The list may appear longer than was expected, but this is accounted for by the demands of different dyers with regard to fastness and price being different, and the necessity of providing a sufficient range in each class of colours to meet demands.

Where dyeing is less highly developed and specialised than it is in Madura I would not recommend such a variety but would restrict supplies to such dyes as are mentioned in Appendix A.

Without a more prolonged enquiry it will not be possible to

* The samples have just arrived and a small quantity of each has been mounted on the accompanying card.

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give absolutely reliable information as to the requirements of the other dyeing centres in the Presidency, the only channel through which the information could have been immediately obtained having been stopped with the closing of the importing and distributing Agencies. Realising that I could not visit the various centres in the time at disposal I circularised the Collectors of the Districts in question, informing them of what we were proposing from Madura, and requesting an early reply as to the dyes required in their districts, (or the quantity of dyed yarn required by the weavers) and suggestions upon the questions of distribution and resale. I expect that there may be delay in collecting any information, so I have taken the distribution of imported dyes to the various districts as given in the Review and Returns of Rail Borne Trade for the Presidency for the year 1913-14 and have given in Appendix B an approximation of the quantities of dyes (most probably being manufactured in England) which may be expected to meet present requirements.

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In my circular letter to the Collectors I divided the dyes which would most likely be required into 4 classes:-

1. Alizarin Paste — for Fast Red
2. Direct colours — for cotton, the fibre being dyed by simply boiling in the solution.
3. Basic colours — giving bright shades on cotton, wool and silk.
4. Sulphide colours — giving shades fast to washing and light on cotton.

From the annual returns of Rail and Sea Borne Trade it is impossible to get any idea of the approximate quantities of any individual dyestuff transported except Alizarin and synthetic Indigo, the rest being treated under the general heads of "aniline dyes" and "other kinds" and without the aid of the distributing firms one cannot hope to compute with any accuracy the requirements of any district or town with respect to any single colour. The list and quantities given in Appendix B therefore represent an approximation based upon the total quantities of dyes usually imported into these districts, the preference for certain shades which is evident in some districts and the variations in the demands as regards fastness

which are noticeable in different centres.

The chief demand is for Red, which is usually obtained upon cotton with Alizarin, but Congo Red and other cheap reds are often employed to give a bottoming, and the shade is varied by adding small quantities of Black, Bordeaux and other Direct colours.

Direct Fast Scarlets were obtainable which looked like Alizarin Red but were by no means so fast, but were used in fair quantity as a substitute.

Synthetic yellows are not in such great demand as Chrome Yellow, but like Direct Blue and Black would be mainly useful as shading colours.

Methyl Violet, Diamond Green, Auramine, Royal Blue and Rhodamine are Basic Colours which will meet almost all the requirements of the silk dyers and are besides often used upon wool and cotton, but although the shades meet with the approval of the Indian Public on account of their brightness, the general fastness is deficient and it is the intense colouring power and brilliancy which makes these dyes in such demand and so difficult to displace.

The Sulphide colours are slowly making their way and were being dyed in fair quantities in centres where fastness is a consideration, as in the cotton suiting manufacture of Calicut and Rajahmundry. In obtaining supplies of these colours, arrangements would have to be made to obtain the requisite amounts of Sodium Sulphide as this chemical is essential for the dyeing process and recently was quite unobtainable in Madras.

It would be adviseable (to facilitate distribution) to arrange as far as possible that 'powder' dyes should be put up in say 1 lb. and 5 lbs. tins and that any Alizarin Paste it may be possible to obtain should, for districts other than Madura, be in 1 cwt. casks.

Sulphide colours and sodium sulphide would also be most conveniently packed in 1 cwt. lots in metal drums.

In discussing the possibility some months back of obtaining supplies and distributing them I gathered that there mightbe

objections to burdening local officials with the supervision of any arrangement, and as it would be wasteful to create a special organisation in each district, I consider that it would be best to have one central depot where stocks could be stored and from which deliveries could be made by V.P.P (or other approved means) against requisitions signed by the applicant and counter-signed by the Tahsildar, or other specified official, as a guarantee that the application is bona fide. I myself could supervise the working of such a depot, which might consist of a fair sized store-room with office accomodation and would require some 4 clerks and a few (6 or 7) coolies to handle and transport the materials for despatch.

The rent of buildings and staff and handling charges would be fully covered by a charge of ½ anna - 1 anna per lb. of dye despatched, provided that stout, suitable packing paper (of which a large quantity would be required) did not cost too much, in which case a charge to cover the cost of packing would have to be made.

With regard to the question of the resale of dyestuffs, this would only be remunerative in the case of irregular supplies and shortage. If steady supplies can be assured it would hardly pay a dealer to buy up small lots from dyers to hold until a corner could be established, as the risk of increased supplies coming forward would be against him, and a notice on the Requisition Form that any breaking of the promise not to re-sell would result in further applications from the individual being ignored, would probably ensure that the dyeswould be used for the purpose given in the application..

If arrangements are being made to forward supplies from England it would be of great assistance to the dyers if sample dyeings in the form of the pattern sheets so well known in this trade were also forwarded and applicants would then have a guide as to the dyes they should indent for.

I have throughout this report treated the question as though it were one of regular supplies to be received, through

Government intervention, from England; if however it is the restricted one of dealing with the unsold cargo of the Barenfels I would suggest that the Alizarine portion of the cargo might be allocated chiefly to Madura(say 75%) and the remaining 25% sold in Salem, Tinnevelly, Kistna and Godavery Districts. The nature of the rest of the cargo cannot be gauged from the shipping marks on the cases in the list I have seen, but if Government takes over the cargo I can examine the packages and decide the nature of the contents, and applications from dyeing centres like Salem, Coimbatore, Cocanada, Rajahmundry, Adoni, Madura and Masulipatam could then be invited and a pro-rata distribution made. The quantity would not go very far however and the provision against re-sale would have to be much stricter than indicated above.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. Marsden

DYEING EXPERT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Submitted

13/10/20

Director of Industries

Encls: one Shade Card.

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A P P E N D I X. A.

List of Dyes which may be sufficient to meet the general requirements of dyers in the Madras Presidency.

1. Alizarine Paste 20% or 40%
2. Congo Red
3. Direct Fast Scarlet, similar in shade to Benzo Fast Scarlet 4 BS
4. Direct Yellow " " " Pyramine Yellow G
5. Direct Blue " " " Oxamine Pure Blue B
6. Direct Black " " " Diamine Black B.H.
7. Methyl Violet " " " Methyl Violet B.(B.A.S.F)
8. Brilliant Green
9. Auramine conc.
10. Royal Blue " " " Victoria Blue B.(B.A.S.F)
11. Rhodamine 6 G
12. Sulphide Black " " " Immedial Black NN (or Sulphur Black T Extra Ber.)
13. Sulphide Blue " " " Immedial Direct Blue B.

A p p e n d i x B.

Estimate of the quantities of various dyes required per month in different parts of the Presidency.

Kistna, Godavery, and Ganjam Districts

Alizarine Paste 20%	15 cwts.
Congo Red	500 lbs.
Direct Fast Scarlet	400 "
Direct Yellow	100 "
Direct Blue	100 "
Methyl Violet	200 "
Brilliant Green	200 "
Auramine	200 "
Royal Blue	100 "
Rhodamine 6 G.	400 "
Sulphide Black	7 cwts.
Sulphide Blue	2 "
Sodium Sulphide conc.	9 "

Salem, Coimbatore and West Coast Districts.

Alizarine Paste 20%	40 cwts.
Congo Red	700 lbs.
Direct Fast Scarlet	400 "
Direct Yellow	200 "
Direct Black	100 "
Methyl Violet	200 "
Brilliant Green	100 "
Auramine	100 "
Rhodamine 6 G.	300 "
Sulphide Black	7 cwts.
Sulphide Blue	5 Cwts.
Sodium Sulphide	12 cwts.

South Arcot, Tanjore and Trichinopoly Districts.

Alizarine Paste 20%	5 cwts.
Congo Red	500 lbs.
Direct fast Scarlet	200 "
Direct Yellow	100 "
Direct Black	100 "
Methyl Violet	200 "
Brilliant Green	200 "
Auramine	200 "
Royal Blue	200 "
Rhodamine 6 G	400 "

Bellary, Kurnool, Anantapur and Cuddapah Districts.

Alizarine Paste 20%	10 cwts.
Congo Red	500 lbs.
Direct Fast Scarlet	400 lbs.
Direct Yellow	200 "
Direct Blue	100 "
Methyl Violet	200 "
Brilliant Green	300 "
Auramine	300 "
Rhodamine 6 G	300 "
Sulphide Black	5 cwts.
Sulphide Blue	2 "
Sodium Sulphide conc.	7 "

Appendix B. Cont.

North Arcot, Chingleput and Madras.

Alizarine Paste 20%	20 cwts.
Congo Red	500 lbs.
Direct Fast Scarlet	500 "
Direct Yellow	200 "
Direct Blue	100 "
Direct Black	150 "
Methyl Violet	100 "
Brilliant Green	200 "
Auramine	200 "
Royal Blue	200 "
Rhodamine 6 G	400 "

Ramnad and Tinnevelly Districts.

Alizarine Paste 20%	5 cwts.
Congo Red	300 lbs.
Direct Fast Scarlet	100 "
Direct Black	50 "
Methyl Violet	100 "
Rhodamine	200 "
Sulphide Black	1 cwt.
Sulphide Blue	1 "
Sodium Sulphide	2 "

Total Estimated quantities for all Districts(exclusive of Madura)

Alizarine Paste 20%	95 cwts.
Congo Red	3000 lbs.
Direct Fast Scarlet	2000 "
Direct Yellow	800 "
Direct Blue	300 "
Direct Black	400 "
Methyl Violet	1000 "
Brilliant Green	1000 "
Auramine	1000 "
Royal Blue	500 "
Rhodamine 6 G.	2000 "
Sulphide Black	20 cwts.
Sulphide Blue	10 "
Sodium Sulphide	30 ".

Appendix C.

Requisition Form for Dyestuff Supplies.

(Name of Applicant) _____

(Address) _____

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Declaration

I _____ requiring to dye

_____ lbs. of Cotton(1) / Wool / Silk to a _____ shade(2), request that I may be supplied with

_____

(Names and Quantities of dyes required) _____

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which I consider necessary to effect my purpose.

I promise to pay the price of the dye as fixed by Government, to use the dye for the purpose of dyeing only and not to re-sell the same, and will at all times permit any Government official appointed for the purpose to check my stocks.

Signed _____

Certificate to be signed by the Local Tahsildar or _____ (Government Official)

I hereby certify that the applicant _____ is a dyer located in _____ and that he has satisfied me he wishes to dye the quantity of material above specified.

Signed _____

Official Designation _____

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(1) Strike out what is not in question.

(2) _____ to illustrate the shade required should

Dyed Shades prevalent in the Madura market.

Obtained with

I	Alizarin
II	Alizarin and Direct Maroon
III	Alizarin and Direct Black
IV	Congo Red
V	Direct Yellow and Fast Scarlet (Diamil Yellow 2R.) (Diamil Fast Scarlet GS)
VI	Direct Fast Scarlet
VII	Direct Yellow (Diamine Yellow A)
VIII	Sulphide Black (Sulphur Black Tetra)
IX	Sulphide Blue (Hydron Blue R.)
X	Sulphide green (Sulphur Green Z + Sulphur Yellow 4)
XI	Indanthrene Blue RS.

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16127 W STOP REFRENCE CORRESPONDENCE ENDING YOUR

TELEGRAM 3488 DATED ~~THIRTIETH~~ thirtieth INST STOP DYESTUFFS

STOP FOLLOWING TELEGRAM NOW RECEIVED FROM HIGH

COMMISSIONER EGYPT BEGINS ORDER MADE YESTERDAY

INSTRUCTING CROWN AGENTS IN CALCUTTA AND MADRAS

TO SELL TO GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ALL DYESTUFFS EX S S

BARENFELS AT FULL MARKET PRICE AS ASCERTAINED BY

EXPERT VALUATION OF LOCAL ASSESSORS ENDS BEFORE

PASSING ORDERS ON YOUR TELEGRAM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

WOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW APPROXIMATE QUANTITY OF DYESTUFFS

EX STEAMSHIP BARENFELS OF WHICH POSSESSION WILL NOW

PASS TO GOVERNMENT STOP IT IS UNDERSTOOD FROM YOUR

TELEGRAM 3154. DATED THE FIFTEENTH ULTIMO THAT VALUE IS

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BETWEEN RUPEES 80000 AND RUPEES 120000 STOP GOVERNMENT

OF INDIA HAVE ASSUMED THAT NO STOCKS OF DYESTUFFS

PROPERTY OF ENEMY FIRMS IN MADRAS PRESIDENCY ARE

AWAITING AUCTION STOP IS THIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT IF

NOT PLEASE TELEGRAPH TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUCH STOCKS AND

SUSPEND AUCTION SALES = CORRECTION =

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C No. 3626 Eds
25/10/15

GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

Telegraphic Address :
"WOODROFFE."

Post Box No. 42.

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REGR. CHIEF SECT. 23 OCT. 1915 MADRAS GOVT.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 23 OCT 1915 EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Sir,

DYES EX S/S "BARENFELS".

We have the honor to hand you herewith a copy of our letter to the Government of India, Delhi, in connection with the disposal of Aniline & Alizarine Dyes ex S/S "Barenfels".

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
pro. GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

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GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"WOODROFFE."

POST BOX NO. 42.

Madras, 22nd Octr. 1915 191 .

The Secretary to the
Government of India,
Commerce & Industries Dept:
D E L H I.

Sir,

We have the honor to inform you that the Admiralty Prize Court at Alexandria has sanctioned the sale to the Government of India of all the Dyes (Aniline & ALizarine) ex the S/S "Barenfels", on the following terms.

Full market price to be paid, according to expert valuation of local Assessors.

If the Government wishes to purchase these Dyes we shall be glad to hear from you as early as possible, when we shall take steps to have the Dyes examined and the value assessed.

We shall be pleased to give you any information we can in the matter, and meantime.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,

Ext. Department.

Telegram

To The Secretary to the Govt of India
Dept of Com & Ind

"No 3887 "Please refer your telegram
"16127 W. 21st instant. Dyestuff
"ex (S. S.) Barenfels with Gordon
"Woodroffe comprise ninety
"kegs and two casks (of)
"alizarine, fifteen cases
"(of) aniline colours, fifteen
"casks (of) aniline salt and
one case (of) materials
"and labels. Assumption
"regarding Stocks of
"dyestuffs of enemy
"firms is correct".

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1.587 cf.

Memo No. 3544-1 Ed
25.10.15

With reference to his letter, dated the 13th October 1915, the Dyeing Expert is informed that the Statistics called for in telegram No. 3323, dated the 29th September 1915, were only in respect of the contemplated distribution of unsold & condemned dyestuffs of the enemy and not in regard to regular supplies from England through the intervention of Govt.

2. The Dyeing Expert is requested ~~to ascertain~~ to call for applications for dyestuffs from dyeing centres ~~like~~ Salem, Coimbatore, Cocanada, Rajahmundry, Adoni, Madura & Masulipatam and to report to Govt the needs of those centres as ascertained from the applications.

SK 23-10-15 CR 23.10.15

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26/10/15 Dyestuffs 26/10/15

* The needs as reported by the Collrs (1.459 cf.) are monthly requirements. We will require statistics for all the centres on a uniform scale.

The price fixed is likely to be the lowest market rate

To the Dyeing Expert with the D.O.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIAN 28 OCT 1915 EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

TELEGRAPHS.

No. G.T.D.

X SK SIMLA 27 STATE 30 MADRAS EDUCATIONAL MADRAS

= 16331 YOUR TELEGRAM 3587 DATED TWENTYFIFTH INSTANT STOP DYESTUFFS STOP PLEASE WIRE ROUGH ESTIMATE IN POUNDS TOTAL QUANTITIES ALIZARINE AND ANILINE DYES EX BARENFELS = COMMERCE.

:714 16331 3587 = pany any inquiry respecting this Telegram

V° C.N° 3726 &
29.10.15

GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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Madras, 29th Octr. 1915 191

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
29 OCT 1915
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

C.G.Todhunter Esqr.,
Secretary to Government,
Fort St: George,
M A D R A S.

Sir,

DYES EX S/S "BARENFELS".

With reference to your telephonic conversation to-day with Sir Hugh Fraser, we have the honor to hand youherewith a statement shewing full details of 123 Packages Dyes &c. and 1 Package Materials and Labels, which have already been cleared by us and are stored in our Godowns.

Details regarding a further ~~123~~ 210 Packages, now in course of clearance, will be sent to you as soon as possible.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
pro. GORDON, WOODROFFE & Co.

Agents S/S "Barenfels".

List of Dyes ex S/S "Barenfels" to be sold by Public Auction by Messrs.Oakes & Co., Ltd., Mount Road, Madras, on Monday, September 27th 1915.

F B & Co.	491170/89	-	20 Kegs Alizarine each 1 cwt nett.	16%
	491098/147	-	50 ----------do----------	20%
	491150/69	-	20 ----------do----------	20%
	491148/9	-	2 Casks Alizarine each 2 cwts nett.	20%
C D S T	10095/101	-	7 Cases Aniline Colours (Red each case 1 cwt nett. ..	80%
A R	10846/7	-	2 ----------do---------- (Black) each case containing 50 lbs nett.	
V 33 B	11494/508	-	15 Casks Aniline Salt each 1 cwt nett.	
A R A S	11191/2	-	2 Cases Aniline Colours (Black) each case containing 2 Kegs weighing 112 lbs nett each.	
A R	11186/9	-	4 ,, ,, (Yellow) each case containing 50 lbs nett.	50%
	11190	-	1 ,, Materials & Labels.	
S A R	10963	-	1 ,, Aniline Colours (Black) containing 2 Tins each 56 lbs nett.	

Alizarine 94 Cwts × 112 = 10528 lbs.
Aniline 22 Cwts - 6336 lbs = 3100 lbs.

Sectt. II 8 (c).—12-1-15.

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Ind. Department

Telegram

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India
Dept. of Com. & Ind.
Simla

"Your telegram 16331, 27th
"instant, Quantities (of) Anthracene
"dyes, alizarine ten
"thousand five hundred
"and twenty-eight pounds,
"aniline three thousand
"one hundred pounds. Goodall
"Woodroffe are
"clearing further two
"hundred and ten packages.
Price condemned weights
quantities
will be reported when
figures
after examination

29.10.15

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29.10.15

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Telegram Dated 29/10/15
Post-copy Dated 29/10/15

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No 3726-1 Edl.

29.10.15

To

Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co.
Madras

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of this date forwarding a statement showing the details of the packages of dyestuffs ~~with you which formed the cargoes of~~ ex S.S. "Barenfels". Particulars of the 210 new packages thus condemned, kindly promised by you are awaited.

I have &c.,

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29.10.15.

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29.10.15

C№ 3847
22.11.15

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
CEYLON
5 NOV 1915

Leather Trades School,
Washermanpet, Madras,
4th November 1915.

From

Dr. F. Marsden, Ph.D., M.Sc.,
Dyeing Expert to the Government of Madras,
M a d r a s.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Educational Department,
M a d r a s.

Sir,

I have the honour to address you upon the question of the dyes cargo of the S.S. Barenfels, which is being held by Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., to the orders of the Alexandria Prize Court.

Upon receipt of Memorandum No.3544-1 Edl., dated October 25 1915, I approached Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co., to obtain details of the cargo, that I might be in a position to deal with the question of distribution upon the lines indicated in that Memorandum.

I was supplied with a list showing the number of cases and the shipping marks, but no details as to the contents of the packages was included, and I was specifically informed that no further information was available, until some notification that Government had decided to take over the cargo had been received, when the packages would be opened and the contents examined and values assessed.

The information was insufficient to permit of my orders being carried out, but from other quarters I gathered that certain details were known, and further enquiries disclosed the fact that Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co., had full information as to the contents of the packages and I consider that had these data been supplied to me when I first asked for them a great deal of time and correspondence might have been saved.

From the papers in the possession of the Collector of Sea Customs I have collected the details as to the nature and qualities of the respective colours and find that these are such well known brands that there need be no hesitation in taking them over.

The question which requires to be decided however is that of "Price" and as this has been fixed at current market rate I have the honour to request that Government will come to some agreement with the Prize Court upon this question for upon the price fixed depends the extent to which the dyes will be taken up by dyers.

The invoice prices of the dyes total up to some Rs.30,000 but when the cargo was taken over by Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co., it was assessed by the Head Appraiser, Madras to be worth some Rs.1,50,000 at current market rates. I gather that Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., are looking to the prices realised at the recent auction sales in Calcutta and Bombay as a criterion of the present market rate, but according to my information these are fictitious values, not paid by dyers but by others who recouped themselves by adulterating the dyes and then reselling the adulterated product. One flagrant case has come under my notice from Bombay in which a quantity of colour sold at the auction for Rs.50 (pre war price Rs.4-6-0) and is now on the market at Rs.450. Only the most ignorant and poorest dyers will purchase such a diluted colour, but it is this fraudulent dealing which I think explains the high auction prices.

Please see prices given by the firm on page 30 supra.

I gather from the Monthly Statement of Sea Borne Indian Trade that the values per unit given for the imports for September 1915 were slightly lower than the values fixed by the Head Appraiser, Madras, and I have therefore addressed the Collector of Customs upon this point and enclose copies of my letter and his reply.

Were the contention of Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co., agreed to, the price of the cargo to Government would be some Rs.6,00,000 instead of Rs.1,50,000 at which it has been valued and knowing that there will be difficulties in disposing of the

cargo at this price to dyers I cannot recommend that Governmer proceed to take it over.

At Rs.1,50,000 I would recommend that it be taken over as soon as possible and all landing and storage charges paid by Government so that we may know the price at which it could be sold to the dyers, for I fear that from now onwards these storage charges will increase seeing that the goods have just been removed from the Port Trust Sheds, where they were lying under favourable conditions, to the firms godowns.

I am proceeding with the question of distribution in the light of the information upon the cargo which I have gathered but regret to report that so far I have received no replies from the Collectors addressed upon my receipt of Telegram No.3323 of September 29, 1915.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. Marsden

Dyeing Expert to the
Government of Madras.

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Copy of the letter dated 4th November 1915 from Dr. F. Marsden,
Ag. Principal, Leather Trades School, Washermanpet,
Madras, to the Collector of Customs, Madras.

Referring to the Dye stuff cargo of the s.s. "Barenfels" being held to the orders of the Alexandria Prize Court by Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co., I understand that your Head Appraiser made a valuation of the said cargo at the time of entry and that this valuation was based upon the wholesale rates ruling at that time.

I have the honour to inform you that there is a proposal before Government to take over this part of the cargo at <u>current market rates</u> and request that I may be informed whether, in your opinion, the values at which you assessed the dyes will hold as fair values to-day.

(True Copy)

F. Marsden

Ag. Principal.

Rec No. 3571/15

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In replying please quote number and date of this letter.

No. of Enclosures.

Telegraphic Address :
"Customs, Madras."
Telephone No. :
224 - Govt.
152—Oriental.

From

G. N. Bower Esq.,B.A.,
Asst Collector of Customs,
Madras,

To

The Principal,
Leather Trades School,
Washermanpet, M a d r as.

Custom House, Madras,

4th November '15

Sir,

With reference to your letter of to-day's date,regarding the dye stuff cargo ex S.S.Barenfels, I have the honour to state that the values assessed by the Head Appraiser on the bills of entry are given below. These values are considered by the Head appraiser to be fair as between dealer and dealer, while the same can hardly be said between dealer and consumer.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

G. N. Bower

Asst.Collector of Customs.

V A L U E S.

Oxamine Red	Rs.5/- per lb.	Imperial Kahoo	Rs.4/- per lb.
Cotton Corinth G	Rs.7/- per lb.(Rs.Five)	Cotton fast Red	Rs.6/- ,,
Diamond Green	Rs.5/- per lb.	Indranthrene blue	Rs.8/- ,,
Orange No.2	Rs.3/- per lb.	Cosmo Kahoo	Rs.5/- ,,
Auramine II	Rs4/- per lb.	Silk blue in grain	Rs.5/- ,,
,, III	Rs.3/- ,,	Rhodamine B & B N	Rs.5/- ,,
Black	Rs.2/- per lb.	Alizarine Rs.16%	Rs.3/- ,,
Tannin Green	Rs.5/- per lb.	,, 20 %	Rs.4/- ,,
,, blue	Rs.5/- ,,	,, 40%	Rs.5/-. ,,
Pyramine Orange	Rs.8/- ,,		
Blue Black	Rs.3/- ,,		
Melanil Yellow	Rs.3/- ,,		
Scarlet R.R. & RRR.	Rs.4/- per lb.		
Cosmo Red	Rs.3/-		

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GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

Telegraphic Address :
"WOODROFFE."

C.N°. 3878 Edn
8/11/15

Post Box No. 42.

Madras, 5th Novr. 1915 191

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
7 - NOV 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Educational Dept:
Fort St: George,
M A D R A S.

Sir,

DYES EX S/S "BARENFELS".

Further to our letter of 29th Ulto, we now have the honor to hand you herewith a full list of Dyes which we have for disposal ex the abovenamed Prize steamer.

This list includes the Dyes mentioned in the statement sent to you on 29th Ulto.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
pro. GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.
Agents S/S "Barenfels".

Send copy to Dr Marsden through the Director
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8.11.15

SK
Communicate Date
for Mandras
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DYES EX S/S "BARENFELS".

C R A S.	1 Case	100 lbs	Oxamine Red
	1 ,,	100 lbs	Cotton Corinth G
	1 ,,	50 lbs	Diamond Green B Y
	1 ,,	100 lbs	Orange No.2
	1 ,,	50 lbs	Auramine II
	1 ,,	50 lbs	,, III
	1 ,,	50 lbs	Tannin Green G G E
	1 ,,	50 lbs	,, Blue R N E
A R A S	1 ,,	100 lbs	Pyramine Orange R
	1 ,,	100 lbs	Auramine III
W K A R	50 Kegs	5600 lbs	Alizarine V 2a Bl. 16%
	50 ,,	5600 lbs	,, ,, 20%
	10 Cases	1000 lbs	Blue Black
	5 Casks	1120 lbs	Alizarine V 2a Bl. 20%
	5 ,,	2240 lbs	,, ,, 40% (Thin
	5 ,,	1120 lbs.	,, ,, 20% paste)
	5 ,,	2240 lbs	,, ,, 40% (Thin paste)
B V C & C	17 Kegs	1904 lbs	,, ,, 16% (new extra thick paste)
	2 Casks	896 lbs	,, ,, 40% (Thin paste)
C R A S	4 Cases	400 lbs	Metaml Yellow K
	1 ,,	100 lbs	Scarlet R R
	1 ,,	100 lbs	,, R R R
	1 ,,	50 lbs	Silk Blue in Grains
B A S F	3 ,,	150 lbs	Scarlet R R R
	2 Drums	56 lbs	Cosmos Red
	2 ,,	56 lbs	Imperial Kapoo
	1 ,,	28 lbs	Cotton Fast Red W K
	1 ,,	56 lbs	-------do------
	3 ,,	150 lbs	Pyramine Orange R
	1 ,,	100 lbs	------do------
	2 Iron Casks	896 lbs	Indauthrene Blue R S doubled paste.
	1 Oaken Keg.	28 lbs	Pyramine Orange R
	2 Drums	56 lbs	Cosmos Kapoo
	2 ,,	112 lbs	-------do------
	10 ,,	1120 lbs	Sulphide of Sodium conc.in pieces.
	5 Kegs	560 lbs	Hydrosulphide B A S F conc. powder
A R A S	4 Cases	400 lbs	Blue
W R A R	5 Drums	280 lbs	Black

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F B & Co.	491170/89	20 Kegs	Alizarine each 1 cwt nett.	16%
	491098/147	50	---------do----------	20%
	491150/69	20	----------do----------	20%
	491148/9	2 Casks	Alizarine each 2 cwts nett.	20%
C D S T	10095/101	7 Cases	Aniline Colors (red each case 1 cwt nett)	80%
A R	10846/7	2	--------do-------- (Black) each case containing 50 lbs nett.	
V 33 B	11494/508	15 Casks	Aniline Salt each 1 cwt nett.	
A R A S	11191/2	2 Cases	Aniline colors (Black) each case containing 2 Kegs weighing 112 lbs nett each.	
A R	11186/9	4 ,,	,, (Yellow) each case containing 50 lbs nett.	50%
	11190	1 ,,	Materials & Labels	
S A R	10963	1 ,,	Aniline colors (Black) containing 2 Tins each 56 lbs nett.	

No. 6-W.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Delhi, the 3rd November 1915.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
8 - NOV 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

From

H.A.F. Lindsay, Esquire, I.C.S.,

Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Education Department.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram, dated the 29th ultimo, on the subject of the acquisition by Government of dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels", I am directed to enclose copy of a letter of the 22nd ultimo which has been received from Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Company on the same subject. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, steps may now be taken to acquire the dye-stuffs in direct communication with the firm. The acquisition should be made on behalf of the Government of India.

2. I am to add that the proposals of the Madras Government for the distribution of the dyes after acquisition, as intimated in your telegram No.3488, dated the 14th ultimo, are at present under the consideration of the Government of India and that orders will shortly issue on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H.A.F. Lindsay

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
8 - NOV 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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Dated Madras, the 22nd October 1915.

From-Messrs. Gordon, Woodroffe and Co., Agents, S.S."Barenfels",

To-The Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry.

We have the honour to inform you that the Admiralty Prize Court at Alexandria has sanctioned the sale to the Government of India of all the dyes (Aniline and Alizarine) ex. the S.S. "Barenfels", on the following terms.

Full market price to be paid, according to expert valuation of local assessors.

If the Government wishes to purchase these dyes we shall be glad to hear from you as early as possible, when we shall take steps to have the dyes examined and the value assessed.

We shall be pleased to give you any information we can in the matter.

True copy.

Assistant in charge,

Deptt. of Commerce and Industry.

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Educational Department.

TELEGRAM

To

COMMERCE. The Secretary to the Govt.of India,
Department of Commerce and Industry.

Telegram sent 9/11/15 No 3877.

Reply telegram dated 10/11/15 page 64 of C.P.

Please see my telegram 29th ultimo (14) and your letter 6 W 1 third instant regarding dyes. Your telegram ~~155~~ 16127 W dated 21st October says dyes are to be taken over at full market price as ascertained by expert valuation of local assessors. This Government would be glad to know who is to appoint assessors and what is meant by full market price. Invoice prices of ~~first lot~~ dyes ex "Barenfels" approximate rupees thirty#thousand. Wholesale price# declared for customs purposes one lakh fifty#thousand. Value at Calcutta and Bombay auction rates six lakhs. Dyeing Expert reports this latter price can only be recouped by speculators who are prepared to adulterate largely. Dyes at this price

useless to local dyers.

6.11.15

Total quantities available ~~in~~ ~~this~~ ~~wise~~ aligarine parts 31,248 pounds aniline parts 6,412 pounds, chemicals 3,360 pounds. ~~These~~ ~~substitute~~ ~~these~~ figures for ~~these~~ in my telegram of 29th October are not distinguish aniline parts from chemicals and might disregarded.

5.11.15

Contents of further 210 packages referred to in my telegram of 29th ultimo ~~20,720~~ 20,720. pounds aligarine parts ~~and~~ 6616 pounds aniline parts and ~~1680~~ 3360 pounds chemicals

5.11.15

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Memo 3878—19. 9.11.15

A full list of dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels" which are at present with Messrs Gordon Woodroffe + Co., is forwarded to the Director of Industries for transmission to the Dyeing Expert.

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To

The Director of Industries—
with list on page 80.

CN°. 39078 88 86

₹ 10/11/15.

Leather Trades School,

No. D 13/15 Washermanpet, Madras,

9th November 1915.

From

Dr. F. Marsden, Ph.D., M.Sc.,

Dyeing Expert to the Government of Madras,

M a d r a s.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 9 NOV 1915 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,

Educational Department,

M a d r a s.

Sir,

para 68 Supra

Referring to Memorandum No.3544-1 Edl. of October 25th 1915 and your D.O. No.3544-1 Edl. of November 1st 1915, I have the honour to inform you that I have not yet received any reply from the Collectors of Districts addressed upon my receipt of Telegram No.3323 of September 29th 1915. I herewith enclose copy of a further letter addressed to Collectors of Districts in which the Dyeing Centres mentioned in the above Memorandum are situated.

para 67 Supra.

para 43 Supra.

I have learnt that the composition of the Dye Cargo of the S.S. Barenfels available for distribution is approximately as follows:-

A separate list from messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co has been received page 80 Supra

Alizarin Paste	16%	—	9744 lbs.
" "	20%	--	16128 lbs.
" "	40%	--	5376 lbs.
Direct Cotton Colours (Red, Orange, Black, Etc.,)			4100 lbs.
Silk and wool dyes		--	1350 lbs.
Indanthrene Blue		--	896 lbs.
Aniline Salt			1680 lbs.
Chemicals		--	1680 lbs.

and conditional upon the price fixed by Government being approximately that given by the Head Appraiser, Madras Customs and handling charges, I would suggest that the allocation might be made somewhat on the lines of Appendix A.

I telegram on this subject & prices had gone to the Govt of Madras.

Regarding the question of distribution of this and any future supplies, the formation of some organisation similar to that which would be found in Madura viz. a committee from the Dyeing community with a responsible local official to supervise the distribution would be the best I think and, in case channels can

be opened up for the delivery of regular supplies, such a committee could give information as to the form and size of package most suitable to handle in the district. In Madura for instance Alizarine 40% usually comes in in 4 cwt casks, whilst in others 2 cwt. casks or 1 cwt. caks, 20% and 16%, are in vogue, whereas for other colours kegs and drums of 112 and 56 lbs. meet the requirements of the bigger dyers whilst the smaller men buy tins containing 10 lbs., 5 lbs., or 1 lb.

The contents of casks of Alizarin would not be easy to distribute in small portions owing to the dye being in the form of a thick paste, difficult to transport without alteration except in the original cask, and, since the dyeing is usually done in stages which extend over 3 - 4 weeks and a dyer would require to be assured of a sufficiency of dye before putting his yarn into operation, I have in my allocation contemplated the sending of casks of the most suitable dye (among the stocks now available) to the various centres.

The quantities of the other dyes scheduled for the different districts may require to be slightly altered to ensure ease of handing if the "shipping" cases upon opening are found to contain the dyes in bulk, instead of in tins as I suspect to be the case.

In any case a committee of dyers would know how to handle the material more easily than anybody else and with some official to look after the interests of Government and minimise friction some such method might be recommended.

If in any district in question there is a local committee of the War Relief Fund, arrangements might be made with this to take over the quantities allotted and see to the distribution.

The only other alternative I see is the suggestion I made in my letter of October 13th that I should rent some building with storage accomodation, engage a staff of clerks and coolies, and distribute supplies from Madras. With regular supplies to deal with, this arrangement might be the best, but for dealing with the Barnfels cargo I prefer the idea of a local committee.

From my experience of dyers they do not as a class read the papers or official publications and the only way I have found of bringing anything to their notice is by notification through some leading caste man or through the medium of some Municipal Officer. If Government decide that the dyes should be distributed from Madras and not through local committees I would upon receipt of orders to that effect forward a notice to dyers through the Municipal Chairmen of Salem, Coimbatore, Adoni, Coconada, Rajahmundry and Masulipatam and obtain applications from the dyers in that way, whereas for Madura I would arrange with the Collector for taking over the supplies for that town.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. Marsden

Dyeing Expert to the
Government of Madras.

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A p p e n d i x A.

Proposed allocation of dyes ex. s.s. Baranfels to various Dyeing Centres in the Presidency.

Dyes.	D i s t r i c t s					
	Madura	Salem	Coimbatore	Bellary	Godavery	Kistna
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Alizarine						
16%	--	4,480	--	1,680	2,464	1,120
20%	13,440	448	--	448	448	448
40%	5,376	--	--	--	--	--
Direct Cotton Red	184	56	--	--	--	--
" " Orange	--	28	50	100	100	100
" " Kapoo	268	56	--	--	--	--
" " Black	1,000	112	--	56	56	56
Silk & Wool Dyes	75	200	300	200	250	325
Indanthrene Blue	896	--	--	--	--	--
Aniline Salt	560	224	112	224	224	224
Hydrosulphite	560	--	--	--	--	--
Sodium Sulphide	896	224	--	--	--	--
	23265	5828	150	2708	3542	2273

Dr. F. [illegible],

Dyeing Expert to the Govern[illegible]

M a d r a s.

To Collectors of Salem
Coimbatore
Bellary.
Godavery
Kistna

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Sir,

Referring to my No. D 3/15 dated 5-10-15 upon the question of dyes which are required in your district, Government having called for information as to the replies which I have received from Collectors, I have the honour to request that you will kindly supply me with any data which may have been gathered up to the present.

I understand that Government is negotiating for supplies and there is hope that we shall soon be in possession of some

Alizarine Paste
Direct Cotton Red
" " Kapoo
" " Black
Pyramine Orange
} For Cotton Dyeing

Auramine
Basic Green
" Blue
" Pink
} For silk, also for wool and cotton

Acid Scarlet for wool and silk
Metanil Yellow " "
Aniline salt

The quantities will not be large, some 50 to 100 pounds of aniline colours and half a ton to one ton of Alizarine Pas (16 - 20% for each District, and the question arises wheth the quantities allocated to any District should (when ava be forwarded.

1. to Local Committees of the War Relief Fund to d to dyers at the prices fixed by Government,
or
2. where the dyers are mainly of one caste, to the a committee of caste leaders who will arran tribute and be responsible to Government for of the dyes,
or

...ure which you ...
...centres in your district.

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

F. Mansveen

Dyeing Expert to the
Government of Madras.

S.R.1060
Reg. 5.11.15

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
14 NOV 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

REGR. CHIEF SECY
4-NOV.1915
MADRAS

The Carnatic Mill Company Limited.

Madras, 4th November.....1915.

To the Educational Dept. G.O.

Cat. 13.11.15

The Chief Secretary,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Please be prompt in further Cat. 13.11.15

Sir,

We have the honour to request that we may be advised when and how the dyestuffs per s.s. "BARENFELS" are to be disposed of and if we, as regular users, will be given an opportunity of securing a pro rata share.

C No. 4076 Edl 15/11/15

Ten thousand that the matter is under reference to the Govt of India and that they will be advised as soon as the orders of that Govt are received

15.11.15

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,
FOR BINNY & CO: LTD:

Manager,
Secretaries.

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DEPARTMENT.

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CURRENT No. S. R. 1060

From Messrs Binny & Co Ltd

Received 5. 11. 1915. *Registered* 5. 11. 1915.

The Buckingham Mill Company Limited.

REGR. CHIEF SEC'T 4-NOV.1915 MADRAS GOVT.

Madras, 4th November.....1915

The Chief Secretary

Government of Madras

MADRAS.

S i r,

We have the honour to request that we may be advised when and how the dyestuffs per s. s. "BARENFELS" are to be disposed of and if we, as regular users, will be given an opportunity of securing a pro rata share.

We have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient Servants

FOR BINNY & CO: LTD:

Manager,

Secretaries & Treasurers

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Two letters.

L No. 4016-1 Eds Ed. Department

16/11/15 [C No. 4016.]

To Messrs Binny and Co Ltd
Secretaries to
The Carnatic Mill Comp.
Buckingham
Madras.

Gentlemen,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I am directed to inform you that the question of the disposal of the dyestuffs which formed the cargo of S.S. Barenfels is under reference to the Govt of India and that you will be advised as soon as the orders of that Govt are received.

I have &c.

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Put this into the main file

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
1 - DEC 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Department of Industries.

No. D 17/15

CAMP, Bangalore
Dated 27.11.15

From
F. Marsden
Dyeing Expert to Govt.

To
C. G. Todhunter Esq. I.C.S.
Secretary to Govt.
Educational Dept.

REFERENCE :— Dye Cargo of S.S. Barenfels.

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have had a reply to my letter of Oct. 5/15 from the Collector of South Arcot and another to my further note of Nov. 8/15 from the Collector of Salem.

For Cuddalore it is stated that 1.346 ℔s of Alizarine, 333 ℔s of Direct Red and 625 ℔s Direct Blue per month would meet requirements.

For Salem, the quantities mentioned are 4 — 5 tons of Alizarine and 1.000 ℔s of Aniline Dyes per month, but stress is laid upon the point that these quantities are contingent upon the quality being right and prices not too high, and the request is made that samples may be forwarded and prices quoted.

The Collector of Salem does not anticipate any difficulty with the distribution and suggests that a committee of responsible merchants connected with the War Relief Fund would undertake the work and be responsible for keeping proper accounts.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

F. Marsden
Dyeing Expert to Govt.

RK.

C/N 4325
Reg- 8.12.15.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
8 - DEC 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 2nd December 1915.

From

H. A. F. Lindsay, Esquire, I. C. S.,

Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Educational Department.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with your telegram No. 3877, dated the 10th November 1915, on the subject of the acquisition by Government of dyes ex s. s. Barenfels, their distribution and sale.

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2. I am to say that the Government of India approve of the proposals made in your telegram No. 3488, dated the 14th October 1915, regarding the procedure to be adopted in distributing the dyes viz., that they should be distributed through small Committees to be appointed in each important dyeing centre, who will call for applications from dyers, and will distribute the dyes only when the yarn to be dyed is on the stocks ready for dyeing and has been inspected.

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3. With regard to the price at which the dyes should be sold, I am to say that the Government of India fully realise the difficulty, indicated in your telegram of the 10th instant, of arriving in existing conditions at a "full market price." They consider that the calculation should not be affected by the speculative prices offered with a view to adulteration before resale; although at the same time full advantage must be given of the natural rise of prices due to the war. They have decided therefore that the fairest method of calculation to adopt will be that indicated in your telegram of the 14th ultimo, on a suggestion of the Collector of Customs (Madura), that prices

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prices should be fixed with reference to those ruling in the Home markets, with a percentage for freight and other charges. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, steps may now be taken to ascertain current English prices and to acquire the dyes on this basis. The expenditure should be shown under a suspense account (Civil Account Code Volume II page 874) and when the operations have been completed the net outstanding should be passed on to the Comptroller, India Treasuries for final adjustment under the miscellaneous head XXV or 32 according as there is a profit or loss on the transactions. Care should be taken, however, that the price at which the dyes are sold should be sufficiently high to cover that at which Government have acquired them.

4. I am to add that the Government of India consider it desirable that, in view of the limited stocks available, the dyes should be disposed of gradually so as to sell a steady amount month by month.

I have the honour to be,

sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. A. Lindsay

Under secretary to the Government of India.

No. 17031-W.

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( ) To Bengal only.

A copy, with copy of relevant correspondence is forwarded to the Bengal Government, Comptroller, India Treasuries, for information (with reference to the correspondence ending with the telegram from this Department No. 236-W., dated the 13th November 1915).

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1. Telegram from the Government of Madras, dated the 31st August 1915.
2. Telegram from the Government of Madras, dated the 2nd September 1915.
3. Telegram to the Government of Madras No. 14584, dated the 9th September 1915.
4. Telegram from the Government of Madras No. 3133, Edn., dated the 10th September 1915.
5. Telegram to the High Commissioner for Egypt No. 14708, dated the 13th September 1915.
6. Telegram from the Government of Madras No. 3154, dated the 15th September 1915.
7. Telegram to the Government of Madras No. 3186, dated the 18th September 1915.
8. Telegram to the Government of Madras No. 14917, dated the 18th September 1915.
9. Telegram from the Government of Madras, dated the 22nd September 1915.
10. Telegram to the Government of Madras No. 15117, dated the 24th September 1915.
11. Telegram from the Government of Madras No. 3488, dated the 14th October 1915.
12. Telegram to the Government of Madras No. 16127-W., dated the 21st October 1915.
13. Telegram from the Government of Madras No. 3587, dated the 25th October 1915.
14. Telegram to the Government of Madras No. 16331, dated the 27th October 1915.
15. Letter from Messrs. Gordon, Woodroffe and Company, dated the 22nd October 1915.
16. Telegram from the Government of Madras, dated the 29th October 1915.

17. Letter to the Government of Madras No. 6-W., dated the 3rd November 1915.

18. Telegram from the Government of Madras No. 3877, dated the 10th November 1915.

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Educational Department.

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Letter :-

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Commerce and Industry.

Sir,

With reference to ~~Under Secretary,~~ Mr. Lindsay's letter No.17030 W., dated the 2nd December 1915, regarding the purchase and distribution of dye-stuffs ex S.S. 'Barenfels', I am directed to invite reference to your telegram No.16127 W., dated the 21st October 1915, in which this Government were informed that the Prize Court at Alexandria had issued instructions to the Crown Agents in Calcutta and Madras to sell to the Government of India all dye-stuffs ex S.S.'Barenfels' at full market price as ascertained by expert valuation of local assessors. In Mr.Lindsay's letter referred to above, it is ~~however~~ stated that the dyes are to be taken over at prices which are to be fixed with reference

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13/12/15

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⊗ It seems better to refer to this telegram from the Govt of India than to the enclosure in that Govt's letter on page 82 of c.f.

page 95 & 96 of c.f.

reference to those ruling in the Home market with a percentage for freight and other charges. I am to enquire whether the instructions in the latter communication supersede the orders of the Prize Court referred to above and also whether the enquiries now directed in regard to current English prices are to be made by this Government or by assessors and, if the latter, who is to appoint the assessors. You will observe from Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co's letter to you of the 22nd October last that they propose to have the

2. In this connection, I am also to say that the Government of Bengal recently asked for, and obtained through this Government, copies of the invoices of Messrs. Volkart Brothers relating to their consignments of dye-stuffs ex S.S. Barenfels. This Government would therefore desire to know whether the whole consignment at present held by Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co., is intended for distribution in this Presidency only or whether other Provinces are also to share in it, and if so, to what

extent

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3. extent. ~~Another~~ question has ~~also~~ been raised ~~viz.,~~ whether ~~xxxxx~~, in addition to the ~~village~~ small Indian dyers, large mills are ~~also~~ to be ~~given~~ allowed to buy a share of the dye-stuffs that ~~may~~ will be purchased for distribution. Some of the local mills have already evinced an anxiety to secure a share, ~~and~~ and it is possible that they would be prepared to pay a comparatively higher ~~rate of~~ price ~~for the dyes~~ than ~~where~~ the ~~village~~ small dyers would be ~~willing~~ able to pay. In this connection I am to ~~refer to your telegram No. 15-17, dated 14th September 1915.~~ draw attention to your telegram No. 15-17,

I have etc.

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C.No. 4366 E3

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No. D 17/15 Office of the Dyeing Expert to Govt.

Camp Station Bangalore 103

Date 12. 12. 15

From

F. Marsden Ph.D; M.Sc
Dyeing Expert to the Govt. of Madras

To

The Secretary to Govt.
Educational Department
Madras

Sir,

Referring further to the question of the purchase and distribution of the dye-cargo of the s.s. Barenfels I have the honour to inform you that the Collectors of Tinnevelly and N. Arcot have collected information as to the requirements in their Districts

In N. Arcot the quantities scheduled are very small and special brands are specified at prices which must not be more than 5 to 6 times the normal pre-war prices.

In Tinnevelly the colours in chief demand are Direct Blue and Red (5.000 lbs and 6.500 lbs) but here again the maximum price is stated to be 5–6 times above the normal.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Fred Marsden

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TO Madras education
Madras Fort St George.
125 W correspondence
ending my letter 170 50 W
of second december 1915
stop high commissioner
for Egypt & Telegraphs

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from the text.

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begins gordon woodroffe
madras has telegraphed
procurator that he is
awaiting instructions and
has no advices from Govern
-ment

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from the text.

Gulab Singh & Sons, Calcutta—

Stop please communicate
direct with Madras
and arrange carry through
purchase (Cha) by Government
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N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from the text.

Gulab Singh & Sons, Calcutta—

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, should be written after, but separated from the text.

Gulab Singh & Sons, Calcutta—

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
10 JAN 1916
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

Delhi, the 5th January 1916.

From

S. H. Slater, Esquire, I. C. S.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 4235-1, dated the 13th December 1915, on the subject of the purchase and distribution of dye-stuffs ex. s.s. "Barenfels."

page 98 supra

2. In reply, I am to say that the orders of the Prize Court at Alexandria directing that the dyes in question should be sold at the full market price as ascertained by expert valuation of local assessors are not superseded by the instructions conveyed in Mr. Lindsay's letter No. 17030-W., dated the 2nd December 1915. These instructions were issued for the purpose of defining what should be regarded as the "full market price" in order that the assessors when appointed might clearly appreciate the significance of the term, as to which, as indicated in your telegram of 10th November 1915, difficulties might otherwise arise. The Government of India agree that Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Company should, as has been proposed by them, make arrangements for appointing the assessors.

page 95 supra

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3. Finally, I am to say that the consignment of dyes at present held by Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Company is intended for distribution in the Madras Presidency only.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S H Slater

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

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Educational Department.

Letter. 95-1 Edl 15-1-16

To Messrs.

Gordon Woodroffe and Co.,

Madras.

Gentlemen,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter of the 5th November last, I am directed to inform you that, with the concurrence of the Alexandria Prize Court, the Government of India have decided that the cargoes of dyestuffs ex S.S."Barenfels" which were condemned by the Prize Court and which are now in your custody, should be acquired by Government on payment of the full market value, as ascertained by expert valuation of local assessors, and sold without profit to bona fide users of dyes in this Presidency. The Government of India have also issued instructions that in order to arrive at the full market value of the commodity the prices should be fixed with reference to those ruling in the Home markets, with a percentage for freight and other charges. I am therefore to request you to nominate the assessors for the valuation of the dyes in accordance with the above instructions and to report the amount

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of charges that have accrued up to date on the consignments.

I have etc.

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Another draft below for approval

15-1-16

Memo. 95-2 Edl Dt 25-1-16

Dp today 15/1/16

Dear Sir 15/1/16

The Dyeing Expert is informed that the Government of India have decided that the cargoes of dyestuffs ex S.S.'Barenfels' which were ~~xxx~~ condemned by the Prize Court and which are now in the custody of Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., Madras, should be acquired by Government on payment of the full market value as ascertained by expert valuation of local assessors and sold without profit to bona fide users of dyes~~t~~ in this Presidency. The Government of India have also issued instructions that in order to arrive at the full market value of the commodity the prices should be fixed with reference to those ruling in the Home market, with a percentage for freight and other charges. Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co, are being asked separately to nominate the

assessors for the valuation of the dyes and to report the amount of charges that have accrued up to date on the consignment. The Dyeing Expert is requested to report what portion of the total consignment he expects to be able to distribute to small dyers under the orders of the Government of India referred to above. He is also requested to, ~~state how~~ consider by what method, if it is decided to allot that the consignment to the mills, the dyes can be distributed between the mills and small dyers and again between one mill and another.

SK 11.1.16. 11/1/16 11.1.16.

To 13-1-16

The Dyeing Expert
through the Director of Industries.

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Govt Deptt.

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Memo No. 175-2 Edn 20/1/16

The letter from Mr. A. P. Symonds, Asstt Manager, Messrs Binny & Co., Madras, dated the 17th January 1916 ~~received~~ regarding the distribution of dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels" is referred to the Dyeing Expert for remarks in continuation of Govt memo No. 95-2 Edn. dated the 15th January 1916.

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To

The Dyeing Expert
through the Dir of Industries
(with copy of Mr Symonds' letter)
enclosure.

Please ask me for this

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GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"WOODROFFE."

POST BOX No. 42.

Madras, 19th Jany.1916 191 .

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT. GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
20 JAN 1916

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
Fort St: George,
M A D R A S.

Sir,

DYESTUFFS EX S/S "BARENFELS".

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.95- 1 Edl. dated 15th Inst, in connection with the purchase, by Government, of the Aniline & Alizarine Dyes ex the S/S "Barenfels".

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We note that Government are prepared to pay the "full market value as ascertained by expert valuation of local assessors", and we are prepared, on behalf of the Alexandria Prize Court, to dispose of the Dyes to Government on those terms.

As regards, however, the instructions issued by the Government of India as to the method of arriving at the "full market value" viz, that the prices should be fixed with reference to those ruling in the Home markets, witha percentage for freight and other charges, we do not see what the market value at home has to do with the full market value here, which is what the Alexandria Prize Court stipulates for. We are appointing Mr.Gordon Fraser of Messrs.Best & Co., Ltd. & Mr.S.Jackson of Messrs.Binny & Co., Ltd. as Assessors of the value, and will

advise

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advise you as soon as possible of the charges that have accrued up to date.

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We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Gordon Woodhoffe & Co

Agents S/S "Barenfels".

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Dft telegram at one & three postscripts 21/1

Telegram

Delgnd Rotterdam dispd 21/1/16

To

The Secretary to the Govt of India. Dept. of Com & Industry.

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№ 214 "Please see [Mr.] Slater's "letter (No) 5-2 W. (dated) 5th "instant. (Messrs) Gordon "Woodroffe & Co. express "inability [to] accept "proposal to calculate "full market ~~val~~ value "of dyestuffs with "reference to prices "ruling in home markets "with percentage for "freight etcetera, but "would fix value according "to market rate here. "~~Application for firm~~ "~~requisitioned from~~ "~~Price Control Department~~ "~~to~~ orders." Solicited."

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DEPARTMENT.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
24 JAN 1916
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Received 24 JAN 1916 **191** . *Registered* C No 287 &ll 24-1- **191** 6.

Subject.

Submitting Dr. Marsden's reply regarding the distribution of the Dye Cargo ex S.S. 'Barenfels'.

ENCLOS RES.
No. 1
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No. K 119

Station Madras , *Dated the* 22nd January, 191 6.

From (Name) K.T.B. Tressler, Esq.,

(Designation) Director of Industries,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

I have the honorto submit herewith the Dyeing Expert's reply regarding the distribution of the dye cargo ex S.S. 'Barenfels' called for in Memo.No.9582 Edl. dated 15th January 1916.

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

Directorof Industries.

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No.

OFFICE OF THE Leather Trades School,

STATION Washermanpet, M a d r a s.

Date 21st January 1916.

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From

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Dr. F. Marsden,

Dyeing Expert to the Government of Madras,

Leather Trades School, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,

Educational Department,

M a d r a s.

Through The Director of Industries, Madras.

SIR,

pars 107 to 108 supra

Referring to your Memorandum No.95-2 Edl. dated Jany. 15, 1916 upon the distribution of the Dye Cargo ex. s.s. Barenfels, I have the honour to state that the amount which it will be possible to dispose of to small dyers will depend entirely upon the prices which are fixed by the Assessors.

Upon notification of these prices I will submit proposals upon the other questions referred to in the Memorandum.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. Marsden

DYEING EXPERT TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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DEPARTMENT.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
27 JAN 1916
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Received 191 . *Registered* C No 345 Edl 27-1-16. 191 .

Subject.

Regarding the disposal of Dye Cargo ex S.S.'Barenfels'.

ENCLOS RES.
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No. K 119

Station Madras, *Dated the* 24th January, 1916.
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From (Name) K.T.B. Tressler, Esq.,

(Designation) Director of Industries,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Educational Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the accompanying letter of the 22nd instant from Dr. Marsden in reply to Government Memo No.175-2 Edl of the 20hh instant regarding the disposal of dye cargo ex s.s.'Barenfels.'

para 10 supra

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

25.1.16.

Director of Industries.

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No. 1219

OFFICE OF THE Leather Trades School,
STATION Washermanpet, M a d r a s.
Date 22nd January 1916.

From

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Dr. F. Marsden, Ph.D., M.Sc.,
Dyeing Expert to the Government of Madras,
M a d r a s.

To

The Secretary to Government of Madras,
Educational Department.
Through the Director of Industries, M a d r a s.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Memorandum No.175-2- Edl. dated 20th January 1916 enclosing copies of letters from Mr. A.P. Symons and Mr. C.B. Simpson upon the question of obtaining part of the dye cargo ex. s.s. Barenfels.

It was the original intention to reserve this cargo for distribution to Indian dyers who had not the European connections such as the Mills have, and are dependent for their supplies upon the importing and distributing firms, but upon whatever basis the distribution is carried out there is bound to be criticism and a feeling of unfair treatment in many quarters and it is now a question of distributing the cargo in such a way as to use it to the best advantage.

I will not lay any stress upon the facts that Messrs Binny & Co., from their position as Agents for the Farbenfabriken Bayer & Co., Elberfeld, carried fair stocks at the beginning of the War, that as members of the Mill Owner's Association they were on an equality with the Mills in Bombay, that (from unofficial information I have) they had dealings with the Controller of Hostile Trading Concerns, Bombay and further, figure in the list of firms which have been able to import dyes during the year 1915, but prefer to consider the matter from the point of view of the interests

of the Presidency.

The number of weavers employed in the Mills is infinitesimal compared with the total number in the Presidency but the interests dependent upon them are very important and it is on account of the desireability of avoiding the necessity of shutting down an important part of the most highly developed textile concern in the South of India that I would advise the allocation of a more or less large part of the cargo to the Mills.

There is no doubt that the 92 casks of Alizarin marked F.B. & Co., which are included in the cargo were consigned to Messrs. Binny & Co., and this at least might be allotted to them.

It may be however that the prices which will be fixed by the Assessors will be such as to preclude any chance of selling the same to the small up-country dyers and in this case unless the cargo were to be left upon our hands we should have to look to the Mills to take the dyes, or else put these up to auction. When I am notified of the prices to be charged I shall be in a position to express an opinion upon the possibility of disposing of the dyes and make suggestions as to the proportion which might be allotted to different Districts and to the Mills in Madras, Madura and Coimbatore.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. C Harrison

Dyeing Expert to the
Government of Madras.

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DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No.

From

Received 27 JAN 1916 191 . *Registered* 27-1-16 191 .

Subject.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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C. 3. INDIAN TELEGRAPHS. *No.*

27 JAN 16 MADRAS

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= 643/ W NUMBER 56 VALUATION OF DYESTUFFS STOP GOVT OF INDIA DESIRE TO BE INFORMED OF REASONS OF INABILITY OF MESSRS GORDON WOODROFFE & COMPANY TO ACCEPT PROPOSED METHOD OF VALUATION & WITH REFERENCE TO DIFFICULTY PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED AS TO UNSUITABILITY INDIAN MARKET RATES IN VIEW OF SPECULATION ASK FOR OPINION OF GOVT OF MADRAS = COMMERCE

any any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

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Ed. Department

28/1/16

Letter. to No. 345-1 8/28.1.16.

Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co.

pp: 110+111 C.F.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, I am directed to ~~request you to be so good as to state~~ whether there are any special reasons why the value of the dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels" should not be determined with reference to the prices ruling in the Home market with a percentage for freight and other charges.

I have etc.

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GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"WOODROFFE."

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
1 - FEB 1916
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

G.No 385 Edl 1-2-16.

POST BOX No. 42.

Madras, 31st Jany. 1916.

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
FORT ST: GEORGE.

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Sir,

DYES EX S/S "BARENFELS".

In reply to your letter No.345 - 1 Edl. dated 28th Inst, we have the honor to inform you that one reason why the value of the Dyes ex S/S "Barenfels" should not be determined with reference to the prices ruling in the Home markets plus a percentage for freight &c. is that goods have different values in different markets, and the instructions given to us by our Principals, viz the Alexandria Prize Court, are to the effect that the Dyes are to be disposed of at the ruling market value as arrived at by Assessors. The market value here is entirely independent of the market value at home, and reference to Home markets cannot give any assistance in the assessing of the local market value. We would suggest that the Assessors be left with a free hand in this matter.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
pro. GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

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Educational Department.

C.No. C.N.395-

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To

The Secretary to the Govt.of India,

Department of Commerce and
Industry.

Dft today 4/2

Sent 5/2/16

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Sir,

With reference to your telegram No. 56, of the 26th ultimo, regarding the valuation of the dyes ex s/s "Barenfels", I am directed to inform you that Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co state that the instructions given to them by their Principals, viz, the Alexandria Prize Court, are to the effect that the dyes should be disposed of at the ruling market value as arrived at by the assessors, that the local market value is entirely independent of the market value at Home, and that reference to the latter cannot give any assistance in the assessing of the local market value of the dyestuffs. The Company suggest that the

assessors

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assessors be ~~given~~ a free hand in the matter. 129

2. As regards the difficulty in accepting the local market rates referred to in you telegram under reply, I am to state that the Governor in Council adheres to his opinion already intimated in Mr.Todhunter's telegram No.3877, dated the 10th November 1915, that the dyes purchased at these rates will be useless to local dyers on account of their prohibitive cost. The primary object of benefiting the country dyers will thus be defeated. I am therefore to suggest that, if the Govern-ment of India deem it practicable, the Alexandria Prize Court may be requested to instruct their agents, Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co, to adopt the Home market rates plus charges for freight etc. in the assessment of the value of the dye-stuffs.

I have &c.,

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Ext. Department

No. 395-2 Ext. 8/3/16

Letter - to

The Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Dept. of Com. & Ind.

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to my letter No. 395-1 Ext., dated the 4th February 1916, regarding the valuation of dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels" and to request that this Govt. may be informed when the orders of the Govt. of India may be expected thereon.

I have &c.,

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Dept.[t] of Commerce 18/3

Telegram

To Commerce is the Codeword.
The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Dept.[t] of Com. & Ind.[s]

Telegram Post copy attd. 18/3/16

P/s: 121-122 C.F.

Please see my letter 395—1, fourth ultimo regarding valuation of dyes ex (S. S.) "Barenfels" godown charges (are) mounting. Early orders (are) solicited.

Madras Educational

[x] It has been ascertained that the dyes have been removed by Messrs. Parry Woodhoffe & Co. to their stores)

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DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No. 1074 Edl 127

From

Received 191 . *Registered* 21. 3 1916.

Subject.

C. INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

NOTICE.

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

MOUNT ROAD Office Stamp. 21 MAR 16

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TO

Recd. here at 8 H. 37 M.

Madras Education Luxmi Villa Victoria Crescent Madras

2230-W. Your Telegram of Eighteenth Stop orders regarding Dyes Ex Barenfels issued today Commerce

N.B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

Gulab Singh & Sons, Calcutta.—No. 588 Tel.—13-7-15—1,60,000 Bks.

No. 2211-W.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Department of Commerce and Industry.

Delhi, the 20th March 1916.

From

I. D. Elliott, Esquire, I. C. S.,
Under Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. 395, dated the 8th March - - - - - 1916, on the subject of the distribution of dyestuffs ex "Barenfels", I am directed to enclose copy of telegrams to and from the High Commissioner, Egypt, dated 16th February and 26th February 1916. I am to say that if the Local Government agree that the sales at Bombay have in no way moderated prices, the Government of India propose to inform the High Commissioner that they are anxious in regard to the present consignment to avoid speculative purchases such as have taken place in Bombay, and have prevented the earlier sales from having any ameliorating effect on the position in either Bengal or Madras. The Government of India do not consider that any arrangement of prices with Messrs. Graham and Company on a local basis is practicable, and they will therefore ask the High Commissioner to agree to the issue of instructions for the calculation of market value on the basis of home prices plus charges freight, etc.

2. I am to ask that in anticipation of the issue of such instructions by the High Commissioner arrangements may now be made at once with the Crown Agents to ascertain the levels of Home prices now current and to value the dyestuffs for immediate sale.

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

I. D. Elliott

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.
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HIGH CHIEF SECY
MADRAS GOVT.

S.R. 688
Regd 24. 3. 16

Telegram No. 1268-W., dated the 16th February 1916.

From....The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Commerce and Industry, Delhi;

To.....The High Commissioner of Egypt, Cairo.

Your telegrams, 19th October last and 1st January. Dyestuffs. Difficulty has arisen in interpreting the full market value at which dye stuffs ex "Barenfels" are to be sold through Crown agents at Calcutta and Madras on order of Prize Court at Alexendria. The local market value in India has been so enhanced by speculation that dyes purchased at rates now obtainable in India could not be purchased directly by local dyers on account of prohibitive cost and would only be disposed of by speculative dealers after adulteration. We propose, therefore, that the market value should be calculated with reference to price ruling in home markets plus charges for freight, etc. Government of India would be much obliged if you could instruct proper officer of the Crown at Alexandria to direct Agents at Madras and ~~Calcutta~~ Calcutta to calculate full market value accordingly.

Telegram P., dated Cairo, the 26th February 1916.

From....Sir Henry McMahon,

To.....His Excellency the Viceroy.

Please refer to your telegram of ~~the~~ Feby. 16th. Prize Court officials while most anxious that prize fund should benefit as much as possible by sale of dyes, are willing that Government of India should take over dyes at a reasonable price such as local dyers can afford to pay.

It is however pointed out by them that Messrs. Grahams, Crown Agents in Bombay, have recently sold by auction considerable quantities of dyes ex "Gutenfels" and they think that it may have moderated price in open market in India. Large quantities of dyes from Alexandria Prize Court are also about to be sold in London which will

will probably affect prices ruling there.

It is suggested by the Procurator that the Government of India should arrange price with Grahams as representing Crown; but if this is not practicable, he would in the last resort agree to your proposal to calculate full market value on basis of price ruling in home market plus charges for freight.

T R U E C O P Y.

for Assistant in Charge,
Department of Commerce and Industry.

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Ed: Department

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Of at once today & then file bone in please
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Memo No. 1162(a)-1
27.3.16

The Govt understand that considerable quantities of dyes ex S.S. "Rhonefels" have recently been sold by Messrs Graham & Co., Bombay. The Dyeing Expert The Director of Nature is requested to report at a very early date whether these sales have in any way influenced prices in this Presidency and whether, if the dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels" are sold at current market prices, the small dyers will be able to purchase them.

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To
The Dyeing Expert
through the D.I.
Coll. of Madras.

Ext. Departt.

11.62(a)-2 Ext

Letter - to 28/3/16

Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co.
Madras.

Gentlemen.

With reference to your letter of the 31st January last, I am directed to state that the Govt of India are in correspondence with the Alexandria Prize Court in regard to the basis for the valuation of dyes ex s.s. "Barenfels". In the meanwhile I am to request you to ascertain the levels of home prices now current and to value the dyestuffs for immediate sale in accordance with those prices.

I have &c.,

D/o Order 28/3

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GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

Telegraphic Address
"WOODROFFE"

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
30 MAR 1916
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1261 Edl
30.3.16.

Post Box No. 42.

Madras, 29th March 1916 191.

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
Fort St: George,
MADRAS.

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Sir,

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We have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your No.1162 (a) of yesterday's date. As we have previously pointed out however, we fail to see what the present prices at home for the Dyes in question have to do with their value here, especially as we understand the majority of the Dyes are now unprocurable at home, and consequently have no prices. To find the home prices for such as are priced at home it would be necessary for us to send a specification home and wait for it to be returned, a matter of two to three months delay, and meantime the Dyes are urgently needed in this Country. Government have already been the cause of the distribution of the Dyes to consumers being delayed for 3 months or more, and we would point out that they do not improve by keeping, while as we say above they have all the time been needed for use in the country. Assessors have been appointed here to give their opinion of the value of the Dyes, and we cannot understand why they should not have inspected the goods straight away and given their valuation. In any case we are strongly opposed to waiting any longer for the disposal of the Dyes to be settled and have cabled to the

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Alexandria

Alexandria Prize Court asking for their authority to sell the goods at once at Public Auction.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

per pro GORDON, [illegible] & Co.

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DEPARTMENT.

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Received 7 APR 1916 191. *Registered* 7 4 1916.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Subject.

Regarding the price of dyes.

ENCLOSURES
No. 1
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No. K 119

Station Madras, *Dated the* 6th APRIL, 1916

From (Name) K.T.B. Tressler, Esq.,

(Designation) Directorof Industries,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

EDUCATIONAL Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No.1162-a.1 dated 27th March 1916, I have the honor to ~~forward~~ submit herewith the report of the Dyeing Expert to the Government of Madras.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K Bern Tress.

Director of Industries.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"CHROMIUM," MADRAS,
POST BOX 454, MADRAS, N.C.

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OFFICE OF THE ~~DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES~~ Dyeing Expert,
Madras, 31st March 1916.

No. 3304

From

F. Marsden, ESQ., Ph.D., M.Sc.,
Dyeing Expert ~~DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIES,~~
To The Government of Madras,

To

THE Secretary to Government
Educational Department
Through The Director of Industries,
Madras.

SIR,

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In reply to Memorandum No 1162 (a)-1 dated March 27th 1916, I have the honour to State that I have not seen any notice recently of any public Sale of dyes ex S.S. Gutenfels in Bombay.

2) I have not heard of any transactions in dyestuffs in any quantity except on mill account and therefore cannot say whether prices in this ~~Presidency~~ have been affected.

3) I have just received some further replies from Collectors to my circulars of October and November 1915 and the tenor of these is that dyers are not prepared to pay the high prices at present quoted.

In some cases it is stipulated for definite (German) Brands, the price to be little different to the normal and the request is made that Samples should be forwarded for trial

4) I am of the opinion that Sales at current market rates can only be made

made to mills or to dealers who dispose of an adulterated product in small lots in the bazaar.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

H. Marsden.

Dyeing Expert to the Govt. of Madras.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT. 10 APR 1916

Received ..... 191 . *Registered* 10/4 191 6.

Subject.

Submitting report about the sale of dyes in Madura Town.

ENCLOSURES
No. Nil
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D Dis No. 1225 of 1916.
Revenue

Station Madura , *Dated the* 7th April 1916. 191

From (Name) G.F.Paddison Esq., M.A., I.C.S.,
(Designation) Collector of Madura.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department.

Sir,

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With reference to Government Memorandum No. - 1162 (a)-1 dated the 27th March 1916, I have the honour to report that on enquiry I find that prices of dyes, so far from having been moderated by the recent sales have actually gone up, probably owing to the reckless competition that took place at the sales. The Madura dyers are all of opinion that at current market rates the poor dyers would not be able to pay the price of the dyes and that richer dyers would not wish to pay it. In fact a small amount of dyes was actually sent from

Madura

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Madura to Bombay about 2 months ago as no one would pay the price asked here. A little dyeing does go on but a very - little.

2. As regards the future the Madura dyers say they are prepared to pay the following prices for dyes.

(i) 40 per cent 448 lbs. at ten times the original prices before the war.
(ii) 20 per cent 112 lbs. from Rs. 600 to 700 as speculatice price and Rs. 400 to 500 for - direct purchase by the dyers.
(iii) 16 per cent 112 lbs. from Rs. 320 to 400.

But even if the whole cargo of the "Barenfels" are sent to Madura the amount would only last Madura for quite a short time. What is wanted is regular exportation from England and I would again urge that the home authorities be addressed on the lines suggested in my letter Roc. 1241 B19 of 15 dated 4th Oct. 1915 and a regular supply be insured. The amount of dyeing now going on in Madura is practically negligible, and though, as I have said, the people are not starving, the situation is - serious and I submit that every effort should be made to - induce the home dyers to export dyes.

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I have the honour to be,

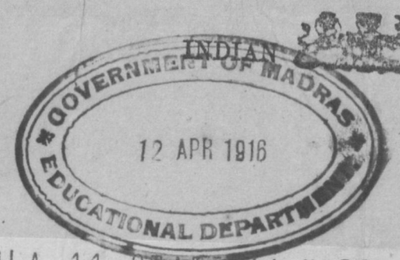
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Collector.

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= 1647-W REFERENCE THIRTY (this) DEPARTMENT LETTER 2211-W OF 20 TH MARCH STOP HIGH COMMISSIONER EGYPT INTIMATES THAT PRIZE COURT ALEXANDRIA WILL TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALCULATION OF MARKET VALUES OF DYES AS DESIRED BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO CROWN AGENTS MADRAS = COMMERCE :

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any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

Comm. Dept.

No. 1420 & 15-6-16.

Letter. to

The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Dept. of Comm. & Industry.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 2211 W, dated the 20th March 1916, I am directed to ~~state~~ that it has been ascertained that the recent sales of dyestuffs in Bombay have not moderated the prices of dyes in this Presidency. From your telegram No. 1647 W. of the 11th instant, it is observed that this fact has already been presumed by the Govt. of India and the desired result being

I have &c.,

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Fin. Dept.

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Letter to

Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co.
Madras.

Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter dated the 29th March 1916, I am directed to state that the Govt. of India have since intimated that the Prize Court at Alexandria would telegraph instructions to you for calculating the market values of dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels" as desired by that Govt. I am to suggest to you to arrange for ascertaining by cable the prices of dyes prevailing in the home markets and for valuing the dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels" with reference to those prices. As regards the dyes which are not now procurable at home, I am to suggest to adopt

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Should advise

(This should explain the delay referred to in your letter)

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~~adopts~~ that the prices that were current when those dyes were last available ~~at~~ there might be adopted.

I have &c.,

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GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"WOODROFFE."

POST BOX No. 42,

Madras, 14th April 1916 191

SECRETARY TO GOVT. MADRAS 15 APR 1916 REVENUE DEPARTMENT

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 17 APR 1916 EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Educational Dept,
OOTACAMUND.

Sir,

DYESTUFFS EX S/S "BARENFELS".

We have the honor to inform you, with reference to previous correspondence on the subject, that we have been instructed by the Procurator, Alexandria Prize Court, that the sale price of the Dyes ex S/S "Barenfels" should be calculated on the basis of Home market price, plus charges for freight, insurance, duty &c. We have also been requested to arrange for the immediate sale of the Dyes to the Government of Madras, but as some considerable time must elapse before we can receive the information re the Home value, we are prepared to deliver to Government the entire quantity in our possession, as per enclosed list, and the question of price can be settled later.

Please let us know whether you are agreeable to these terms.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
pro. GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

DYES EX S/S "BARENFELS".

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C R A S	1 Case	100 lbs	Oxamine Red		
	1 ,,	100 ,,	Cotton Corinth G		
	1 ,,	50 ,,	Diamond Green B Y		
	1 ,,	100 ,,	Orange No.2		
	1 ,,	50 ,,	Auramine II		
	1 ,,	50 ,,	,, III		
	1 ,,	50 ,,	Tannin Green G G E		
S.D	1 ,,	50 ,,	,, Blue R W E		
A R A S	1 ,,	100 ,,	Pyramine Orange R		
	1 ,,	100 ,,	Auramine III		
W K A R	50 Kegs	5600 ,,	Alizarine V 2a Bl.	16%	
	50 ,,	5600 ,,	,, ,,	20%	
	10 Cases	1000 ,,	Blue Black		
	5 Casks	1120 ,,	Alizarine V 2a Bl.	20%	
	5 ,,	2240 ,,	,, ,,	40%	(Thin paste)
	5 ,,	1120 ,,	,, ,,	20%	
	5 ,,	2240 ,,	,, ,,	40%	(Thin paste)
B V C & C	SD — 17 Kegs	1904 ,,	,, ,,	16%	(new extra thickpaste)
	2 Casks	896 ,,	,, ,,	40%	(Thin paste)
C R A S	SD 4 Cases	400 ,,	Metal Yellow K		
	1 ,,	100 ,,	Scarlet R R		
	1 ,,	100 ,,	,, R R R		
	1 ,,	50 ,,	Silk Blue in Grains		
B A S F	SD 3 ,,	150 ,,	Scarlet R R R		
	2 Drums	56 ,,	Cosmos Red		
	2 ,,	56 ,,	Imperial Kapoo		
	1 ,,	28 ,,	Cotton Fast Red W K		
	1 ,,	56 ,,	-------do------		
	3 ,,	150 ,,	Pyramine Orange R		
	1 ,,	100 ,,	-----do-------		
	2 Iron Casks	896 ,,	Indauthrene Blue R S doubled paste.		
	SD 1 Oaken Keg.	28 ,,	Pyramine Orange R		
	2 Drums	56 ,,	Cosmos Kapoo		
	2 ,,	112 ,,	-----do----		
	10 ,,	1120 ,,	Sulphide of Sodium conc.in pieces.		
	5 Kegs	560 ,,	Hydrosulphide B A S F conc.powder		
A R A S	SD 4 Cases	400 ,,	Blue		
W R A R	5 Drums	280 ,,	Black		

P B & Co.	491170/89	20 Kegs	Alizarine each 1 cwt nett.	16%
	491098/147	50	-------do----------	20%
	491150/69	20	-------do----------	20%
	491148/9	2 Casks	Alizarine each 2 cwts nett.	20%
C D S T	10095/101	7 Cases	Aniline Colors (red each case 1 cwt nett).	80%
A R	10846/7	2	-------do-------- (Black) each case containing 50 lbs nett.	
V B 33	11494/508	15 Casks	Aniline Salt each 1 cwt nett.	
A R A S	11191/2	2 Cases	Aniline Colors (Black) each case containing 2 Kegs weighing 112 lbs nett each.	
A R	11186/9	4 ,,	,, ,, (Yellow) each case containing 50 lbs nett.	50%
	11190	1 ,,	Materials & Labels	
S A R	10963	1 ,,	Aniline Colors (Black) containing 2 Tins each 56 lbs nett.	

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Post Box No. 42.

Telegraphic Address:
"WOODROFFE."

Madras, 18th April 1916 191.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
19 APR 1916
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Educational Department,
O O T A C A M U N D.

Sir,

DYESTUFFS EX S/S "BARENFELS".

In reply to your letter No.1420-2 dated 15th Inst, we have the honor to inform you that your suggestion that we arrange for ascertaining by cable the Home Market price of Dyes, is not feasible owing to the details of each particular Dye which have to be communicated to our Home friends.

As regards your remark in connection with Dyes which are not now procurable at home, allow us to point out that this includes the greater part of the Dyes we have to dispose of. The prices we have been instructed to obtain are the present market values or quotations.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servants,
pro. GORDON, WOODROFFE & CO.

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Edc. Department.

No. 1502-1 Edc
25.4.16

Dft 24/4

Letter. to

The Secretary to the Govt of Price
Department of Comm & Ind.

Sir, In continuation of my letter
page 138 of c.f. 1420-1, 815-4-16, I am directed to ~~refer~~
that on receipt of your
telegram No. 1647 W. of the
page 137 of c.f. 11th instant, Messrs Gordon
Woodroffe & Co. were
asked to take steps to
ascertain the prices of dyes
prevailing in the home
markets and to value the
dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels" with
reference to those prices
The firm stated that
the majority of the dyes
with them were not now
procurable at home
pages 130 + 146 of c.f. and that therefore they
had no prices there.
This Govt suggested that
pages 139 + 140 of c.f. the prices that were
current when the dyes
were last available might
be adopted for purposes

of

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calculation of the value of the dye cargoes ~~of the "Rosecastle"~~ The firm contend that the prices that they have been instructed to obtain are the present market values or quotations & that they could not therefore accept the suggestion of this Govt. In these circumstances, I am directed to solicit the orders of the Govt of India on the question.

I have &c.

to adopt the prices current in the New York market in the year preceding the outbreak of war

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22.4.16.

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No. 1502-2 Edl.
25.4.16

Letter to Messrs Jordon Woodroffe &c.

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Gentlemen,

With reference to your letter dated the 18th instant regarding the dyestuffs Ex S.S. "Barenfels," I am directed to request that, if the suggestion to ascertain the home market prices of dyes by cable is not found feasible, early steps should be taken to obtain the information by post as expeditiously as possible.

As regards the question of fixing the price of dyes not now procurable at home, I am to state that a reference has been made to the Govt. of India on the question.

I have &c.

Dy 25/4

24/4/16

25.4.16

Postponing impending sale of dye stuffs belonging to hostile firms.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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C. No. 575 S.R. From the Govt. of India, No. 13727, Dated 17-8-15. 190 .
C & I.

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To Special Officer

Please see telegram from the Government of India, C. & I placed below.

2. The communication promised in the telegram may be awaited. Meanwhile a copy of the telegram may be sent to the War section for necessary action as regards postponing the sale of dye-stuffs belonging to hostile firms.

Copy of the c.f. and notes may also be sent to Educational.

C.V.R.
18-8-15

V.A.A.
18-8-15

I don't think that any of our hostile firms in liquidation have any dye stuffs.

F. B. E.
18-8-15.

Education.
~~War section~~ u.o.

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Ed: Department.

Please see telegram from the Govt of India on paper ~~Ext~~ Ct. No action seems to be called for on it in Ed: & the papers may be lodged.

SK 19.8.15 CR 19.8.15

Please examine Customs. I think messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co have sold or are selling some dye stuffs consigned to hostile firms.

SK 20.8.15

(A) Please see fo. no. 839 Ed, dated 4th August 15. This contains a letter from Messrs. Graham & Co, Bombay intimating that Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co, (Madras agents of the Alexandria Prize Court) had cases of alizarine dyes for sale. The Director of Industries & the Collectors of Madras & Madura were instructed to communicate the information to interested parties. Possibly the dyestuffs referred to belong to hostile firms, or are goods condemned as 'enemy cargo' by the prize court. It is not likely that the dyestuffs belong to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co, and they seem to hold the stock merely as agents of the Prize Court. If so, it is probable that similar intimation to stop sale would have been

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sent to them also direct or through the principal agents by the India Office. There seems, however, to be no objection to communicate India's order to messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co also. The War Section may be consulted as to.

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If this sale is by order of a Prize court I certainly think we ought to write to messrs Gordon Woodroffe and know it better, will the War section please consider this point?

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20.8.15

War Section n.o.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT OF MADRAS
20 AUG 1915
Edn 2837-1
20/8/15

CURRENT NO.
3881
DUPLICATE (TRIPLICATE)

Rep: 20.8.15

War section.

There is no information in this department about any stock of dye stuffs held by Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe.

2 The Madras Prize Court has had no cases before it, and no cargo to adjudicate upon.

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3. The hostile firms in liquidation in this Presy. do not appear to hold any stocks of dye stuffs: but it is proposed in this dept. to communicate a copy of Govt's telegram to the officer who is carrying out this liquidation, for his information and guidance.

4. So far as this dept is concerned there appears no objection to communicating a copy of Govt's telegram to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co.

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It might be well to ask the firm whether they have dye stuffs for sale as agents of the Prize Court & whether in that case they could conveniently part with some sale but I do not see how we could compel them to do so.

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Edl ao

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
21 AUG 1915
4 PM

War Section G.O. 3681-1
21.8.15

Educational Deptt

Submitted that the following telegram may be sent to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., Madras:-

"Please

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with your kindly inform Government
"Please say whether you have dyestuff
"for sale as agents of the Prize
"Court and if so, whether you
"could conveniently postpone sale".

SK
21.8.15.

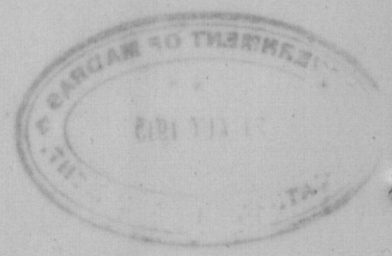
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Telegram 6 p.m.
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Port copy
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Re= sale of dye stuffs condemned by prize Courts or of hostile firms

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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C. No. 5995R From the Govt of Guj No. 1391 dated 21.8.1915.
C to O

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To Spl officer.

*Vide post copy on p. 1 c.F

The telegram* from the Govt of Guj dt 17.8.15, regarding the postponement of sale of dyestuff belonging to hostile firms has been sent to War Section vide on 18.8.15. for remarks

(Since rcd. to Rev)

2 Submitted that the present telegram also may be sent to War Section for remarks on the first portion of Judi's telegram, on page 3 c.f, and to the Educl dept for remarks at C in the concluding portion of the telegram.

pages 2 to 4 of c.f.

C.V.R 23.8.15

Cal 23.8.15

War section

I don't think there any prize dyestuffs, or dyestuffs in possession of hostile firms in India.?

23.8.15

S. Rev. No. 599/15.
23.8.15

CURRENT NO. 2743

Reg. 23.8.15

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Public Dept
(Warfashion).

M.G

(Linked case)
(Restricted.)

The telegram from the Govt of India of the 17th Aug. 1915 has been communicated to Mr Wilson, the Controller of hostile firms in liquidation. But it will be seen from the notes in the linked case that he is not likely to have occasion to apply India's instructions.

2. The Prize Court at Madras have not had any case before them nor have they adjudicated on any cargo.

SD 28.8.15

3. A bundle of Separate Rep. papers which contain extracts from the fortnightly reports is placed in the file

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(*placed below)

It will difficult to extract from the weekly reports much definite information about the extent to which the textile trade is suffering from shortage of dyes. The latest reports show that the weavers in most districts where the industry is important are affected to some extent, though not

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25-8-15

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
25 AUG 1915
EDUCATIONAL BRANCH

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25.8.15

to the attempt of actual dealers, the situation seems to have shown some tendency to improve. In the last week of July the price of a bag of dyes at Coconada fell from R 330 to R 450. On the other hand the Calcutta report from brokers (for the week ending 10 August) speaks of the price of dyes as specially high. There is no information on the point whether any London merchants are holding up stocks unreasonably - but the presumption is that there are practically no stocks, at least of foreign dyes in London. Whatever action under the Commerce ordinance (IX of 1914) is necessary in London. But of such action to be taken in Bombay we should I think ask that a portion of the stocks taken possession of by the Govt. under section 7 should be sent to this Presidency for sale by Govt agency in the chief weaving centres.

The question is mainly for Education, which has the paper about the agency indenting - & if Ed. agrees the reply to the telegram may be sent from that dept without sending the file back to this. HS
23.8.15.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

C.No.2920 Edl.

From Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co., Madras, dated 23rd August 1915.

Please see telegram to Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co. on page 6 supra and that firm's reply on page 5 of current file. Please also see further telegram from the Government of India, dated 21st August 1915 on pages 2 to 4 of current file. Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co. state that they have a stock of dyes condemned by the Alexandria Prize Court and that the sale has been postponed pending the issue of instructions from this Government.

The firm also complains that they have long been keeping the dyes with the result that the storage charges are mounting up. With regard to this, it is submitted that this Government did not issue any special instructions in regard to the sale of the commodity till now: Nor did they intend doing so. Only enquiries were made in June last of Messrs. Graham and Co. as to the place and date of sale

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page 7 to 13 cf. No. 687 25-6-15 (Q)

sale of dyes consigned in Prize vessels, for the information of Government.

As, however, the Government of India now desire that sales should, if possible, be postponed, pending decision of the question what method should be adopted for the disposal of the dyestuffs belonging to hostile firms or adjudicated upon by Prize courts, to avoid their dyestuffs getting into the hands of speculators or middlemen, Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co. may, it is submitted, be asked to await further instructions from Government before sale.

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2. The Government of India desire to know

(i) whether any difficulties will arise in connection with sales under orders of Prize courts;

——do——

(ii) the extent of difficulty at present experienced by textile trade or indigenous industry owing to shortage of dyestuffs; and

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(iii) whether the Government recommend

(a) the system of auction, or

(b) any system of rendering existing stock available for individual users at reasonable prices either by

(1) mutual agreement between users and stock-holders, or by

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(Copy of the Ordinance put up)

(2) use of Articles of Commerce Ordinance or otherwise.

3. As regards the first point, there does not seem, so far as Educational is concerned, to be any objection to the sale under orders of Prize courts. In this Presidency there has not been any occasion till now of sale of dyestuffs by Prize courts. The question will arise hereafter when Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe (Agents of the Alexandria Prize Court) begin to sell the articles in their possession. From the letter received from the firm, it will be seen that they will be amenable to any instructions which the Local Government may desire to issue, and have been actually waiting for such instructions in the present case.

The War section may probably be better able to deal with this point, as they deal with these courts.

4. As regards the second point, attention is solicited to the Special Officer's note on pages 8 and 9 supra. He says that persons are affected to some extent, though not to the extent of actual

pages 5-7 cf.

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Bundle of papers placed below.
Gr. Nr. 85-C.S. & 28.1.15- (2)
+ Gr. Nr. 484 & 25.5.15 (2)

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+ also collectors' reports.

distress. When the question of the supply of dyes for textile industries was discussed with the Hon'ble Sir William Clark, His Excellency the Governor also remarked that it would not be possible to show great distress among weavers and dyers in this Presidency at present. So far as this Presidency is concerned, from the reports of the Collectors as well as of the Dyeing Expert, it would appear that there is a considerable shortage of dyes and that the prices are high. It is also stated that dyes are available but at very high prices. It is therefore for orders what reply should be given to the Government of India on this point. Attention is in this connection solicited to the Secretary's (Mr.Rajagopala Achariyar's) note on pages 12 and 13 of notes to G.O.No.687 Edl., dated the 25th June 1915 dealing with the question how far special measures are called for at the present situation.

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page 11 supra

5. As regards the third point relating to the disposal of dyestuffs, it is submitted that sales by auction would be the ordinary method. It has however been represented to the Government of

pages 1 to 6 of Gr. No. 687 Genl. 25.6.15 (2)

Dr. Kamdar's letter, page 5 of Gr. ibid. (2)

page 13 of note to Gr. ibid (2)

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India that when dyestuffs are auctioned, speculators buy [redacted] and hold up the stock to sell at enhanced prices. That Government seem to be anxious to avoid this danger if possible.

The Collector of Madura and the Dyeing Expert suggested in May last that Government should purchase the dyestuffs in Prize vessels and distribute them (at a price which would just cover all costs) to the real users and not to those who might buy with a view to resell at a profit. On this point the Secretary, Mr. Rajagopala Achariyar, noted that "in case we buy these dyes on Government "account there may be difficulty in effecting an "equitable distribution of them and also in "preventing those who purchase cheap from us "cornering the dyestuffs again and making a profit "by selling them at market rates." His Excellency the Governor and the Hon'ble Member (Revenue) both agreed; and Government declined to interfere in the disposal of the dyestuffs.

In his note on page 9 supra the Special Officer suggests that if action under the Articles

para 2. pages 2 & 3. No. 607 25.6.15 ©

of Commerce Ordinance is taken in Bombay, the Government should ask that a portion of the stock taken possession of should be sent to this Presidency "for sale by Government agency in the chief "weaving centres". If this suggestion is approved, a solution would have been found for the disposal of other dyestuffs that might be found available for such disposal. So far, the stock with Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co. is the only one that lends itself to such disposal. It may be mentioned that the Collector of Madura reported in his letter dated 22nd May 1915, that Dr.Marsden was prepared to arrange for the distribution. Presumably he will be better able to distinguish the real user from the speculating middleman.

If none of these methods meet with the approval of Government, then recourse should be had to the provisions of the Articles of Commerce Ordinance, under which the stock withheld by the middleman could be seized by Government. It does not appear that this suggestion was made and considered on any previous occasion in regard to

the question of dyestuffs. Attention is however invited to the notes with G.O. No.40 Revenue, dated 6th January 1915, which dealt with the further correspondence from the Government of India under the Ordinance. It may probably be useful to ascertain from the Collectors of Madura, Madras and Salem whether any persons or firms are holding back stock. Mr. Paddison, who is up here, may perhaps be consulted on the point.

6. The Government of India have in a further telegram since received directed that the reply to their original telegram might be postponed until receipt of copy of their correspondence with the United Provinces Government which they are forwarding. The enquiries referred to above may perhaps be proceeded with in the meanwhile as proposed in Gordon Woodroffe's letter informed as in para 1 - page 11 supra.

SK 27-8-15. CR 27.8.15

page 6 of c.f.

Will Mr. Paddison please note on the question I desire and the manner in which he would propose to distribute the dyes, if purchased on which I got,

so as to prevent the purchasers selling again at a profit?

27.8.15

Ed. No. 2920-1 28.8.15

G. F. Paddison Esq. H.M.S. "O".

Respected Sir. There is some distance away to Somaskan (the leading Community of Madras) 60,000 persons. Each depends upon the dyeing industry, and the twelve months which the dyeing year shows is an average (not quite) of standing employ. The reason that there is not greater active work going on is that the Community are very clannish and the rich members assist the poor. There is at present any actual want of employment in the town as the Mills have received very large orders from China and work at the Colombo Camp. Mr Somaskan however is very independent — does not like being tied down to regular hours.

As regards the disposal of the dyestuffs (especially alizarin which is the chief need of Madras — of which Madras & Northern Carnatic consumes & the world) what I should propose to do would be to issue call for application from dyers, — then to issue the yarn should be shown ready for dyeing before any one was given any dye. Any small quantities would be given, & each dyer to receive this amount of yarn has his dispute ready dyed. In this way this would effectually dispel any likelihood of large speculation. If this can be done the Somaskan Community who have felt the loss not serving them any one after is Indian and have shown the greatest loyalty & hostilities would be now the gratitude, — the political effect would be very great.

If Sir Rufus Isaacs can be spared, he would be the best Counsel to brief, but if he cannot be so spared, I consider that a Protesting Belligerent Colonist (a Hindu would do) ought to be assisted by the Crown Law Officers.

The only real objection I can see to such action would be that it would be said that Russia was being unduly favoured. Russia is known to be the largest dyeing Country. If any three-quarters, say, of the dyes available were to be sent, it would have an exhaustive effect in many ways.

I could not of course distribute all dyes, only dyes used by the Russian Weavers, and I suppose Sir Rufus Isaacs could be consulted as to which dyes are required. If not, a list might be sent out and I will communicate with Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co.

Yours truly,
Reginald Addison
28/8/15

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(C.2972 Edl., from Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co., dated 27th August 1915.)

We may advise the Government of India by wire of the fact that Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe have a stock of dyestuffs condemned by the Alexandria Prize Court, that we are asking them to postpone the sale pending further orders and that we need a large quantity for the Madura dyers.

We may ask Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe to postpone the sale and to send us and the Government of India particulars of the consignments in question,

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also to allow Dr. Marsden to inspect.

We may instruct Dr. Marsden to inspect the consignments and to report on their suitability for the Madura trade and the price which might fairly be paid for them in the present state of the market.

Subject to the outcome of these references, we may instruct Dr. Marsden to buy for Government at the auction if and when it takes place (I don't see how we can insist on any other method of disposal) and send his purchases to Madura for disposal under Mr. Paddison's scheme.

We may consult Mr . Tressler as to whether Dr. Marsden should not return to Madura, at any rate to set the scheme going.

28.8.15

H.E. the Governor (through C.S.)

It is not proposed to apply sec. 6 of the Ordinance. It is proposed that Govt. should buy the dyes at the auction to be held by Forbes, Woodroffe & Co. Competition by Govt. will probably raise the price but there will be no Cornering afterwards. The Reserve is practically depleted but we can find money temporarily as what Govt. pay will be recouped from the dyers. Distribution should not be limited to Madura.

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Salem & Coimbatore & perhaps other places have claims. Dr Marsden could advise later as to the proportion of dyes to be allotted to each main dyeing centre. H.M. Rev. should see.

AH
29/8

H. M. Revenue

H. E. The Governor

GF
29.8.15

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Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co's ultimatum dated 27 Aug. makes this a very urgent matter, & there is no time now to make the enquiries suggested or to await the U.P. correspondence.

If the G.o.I. can arrange that the dyes shall be taken over at fixed prices, there wd be no objection & we should tell them the position & the claims of Madura etc.

But I wd deprecate our attempting to buy at auction, as prices would be run up agst us, & we should then have either to resell at a loss or hold for prices high enough to cover auction cost.

It is unfortunate that we don't know who
are Gordon Woodroffe's "Calcutta friends" who
ordered the sale, or whether sale by auction
is obligatory
under the Alexandria Prize Court's orders.
Speaking generally, I think the less we
interfere with the operations of private trade
the better. There are plenty of people alive to
the value of these dyestuffs, so that no one
speculator is likely to get hold of them, &
there is no way of fixing the price so sure
as by auction.

AJ 29.8.15

1. The U.P. correspondence will I assume bear upon the general question of intervention under the Ordinance or otherwise. The material point is, can we on general grounds delay this sale, as apparently the Government of India wishes us to do? What are our powers?

2. As regards the direct intervention of this Government by purchase of this consignment in favour of Madura or elsewhere, I agree with Mr. Cardew. I am against it.

But I would place Dr. Marsden's special services and those of Mr. Paddison at the disposal of the Sourashtra community to assist them in any negotiations for purchase which they may wish to undertake on their own account.

P.

30.8.15.

Messrs Garton Woodroffe and Co are selling on behalf of Messrs Graham and Co, Calcutta and Bombay, the leyes ex s.s. 'Barcaples', Mac exss. 'Gutcaples' having already been sold by auction in Bombay.

Whatever our powers, they seem to be quite willing to be guided by us as to time and manner of sale and even to sell the leyes direct

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to get it so decided.

The order of the Privy Council is that the goods be sold "to the best advantage". Messrs Gordon Woodroffe act for Messrs Graham, who act for the London Chamber of Commerce, who act for the Board of Admiralty. The Govt of India could perhaps arrange for purchase with the latter or by the Shutting ordinance IX of 1914 into operation.

The following telegram may be sent to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co.

"Government of India decide sale of dyestuffs ex Barendrecht to be postponed pending further communication from them please postpone and send copy of minutes of condemned goods"

It is for orders whether the Collector of Customs should not be asked to take over the consignment into his godowns to avoid further Port Trust charges for storage

Telegram despd. 31/8/15

Port-copy despd. 2/9/15. (M)

31-8-15

Hz. E. The Governor's further orders on this matter are as follows:—

a telegram should go to the Govt of India informing them that Messrs Gordon Woodroffe have several cases of dyes the sale of which was fixed for the 4th inst. Sepd. and that we have asked the Govt to postpone the sale, that we await the further communication promised by the Govt of India, but that as at present advised the Govt have no suggestions regarding the acquisition of stocks by Govt of Mesopotamia. It should be added that a supply of dye stuffs is badly needed in Mesopotamia and that the dyers there may wish to purchase on their own account.

Mr Pardoe may be informed that as at present advised Govt can make no offer to accept his proposal, but that meant Dr Marsden may do what they can to assist the Mesopotamia dyers in obtaining Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and of if the dyers so desire.

It is unnecessary to transfer the stocks to the Custom House

as the matter must be settled very shortly.

A wire may go to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co as proposed

Bycroft
31.8.15

A draft telegram to the Govt of India & a draft do. to Mr Paddison are submitted for approval. The telegram to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe on page 23 has been issued.

SK 31.8.15. CA 31.8.15

(Drafts passed by Secy.)

Ed^l Departt.

D^o 2972-1 Edl. d 31-8-15.

My dear Paddison,

With reference to your unofficial note of the 28^th instant (copy enclosed), I am to inform you that as at present advised Gov^t are unable to accept your proposals for the distribution of dyes to the dyers in Madura (this Govt agency) but that you & D^r Marsden may do what is possible to assist the Madura dyers (if they so desire) in approaching messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co. Madras, who have several cases of dyes for sale.

They have ~~possibly~~ been asked to postpone the sale, which was originally fixed for 4^th September, pending receipt of further instructions from the Govt of India.

Yours sincerely

(pages 17 & 18 of notes file)

31.8.15

(C)

Draft 31.8.15. PPP

CR 31-8-15

31.8.15

C/N. 3025. From Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & co.
Rd 1. 9. 15.

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page 10 of C.P. — Messrs Gordon Woodroffe say that the sale of dyestuffs in their possession has been postponed as requested by Govt, but that it cannot be ~~postponed~~ done so beyond the 11th instant. It is submitted that the Govt of India may be informed of this. A draft telegram is placed below for approval.

8K 2.9.15. 2. As regards the enquiry whether the Govt. would be prepared to refund the storage charges & insurance premium, it is submitted that the question will have to be answered in the negative, especially as it has been decided that the Govt. are not to purchase the dyes. It is open to them to include the charges in the upset price. Messrs Gordon Woodroff need not be addressed at present.

Note This Govt. did not until recently ask for any postponement of sale.

3 The firm have not sent the copy invoices as required in the telegram.

+ p. 23 supra.

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2.9.15

8K 2-9-15

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H.E. the Governor
H.H. (Public) (through C.S.) after issue

× Telegram issued 4/9/15.

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The draft telegram to India shd. go at once.

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4.9.15.

To Sec. to Govt.
Edn. Dept.

The telegram issued on 2-9-15

4.9.15

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Rly 6.9.15

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C.N. 3060. From the Govt of India No 14031 dated 25. 8. 15.

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pages 12 to 21 of cf.

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para 2, pages 13 & 14 of cf.

para 3, page 14 of cf.

para 6, page 15 of cf.

The Govt of India have forwarded copy of the correspondence from the United Provinces Govt regarding the disposal of dyestuffs. The U.P. Govt state that in that Province there are no impending sales of dyestuffs from Prize ships or hostile firms. They however point out that Speculators are holding large stocks of synthetic dyestuffs and that they are offering them for sale at enormously high prices. It is also (stated) that these Speculators are adulterating the dyestuffs in their possession with a view to increasing the quantity & thus making greater profits. That Govt therefore urge that action should be taken to put an end to this state of affairs. So far as this Presidency is concerned it is submitted that there is no information whether Speculators are holding (Large) stocks as in other Provinces. The dyestuffs in the possession of messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co, Massa, are goods condemned by the Alexandria Prize Court

Prize Court + the firm proposes to sell them under the orders of that Court. Unless it is known that there are large stocks in the hands of speculators there is no necessity for any Govt action.

2. As regards the ~~disposal~~ method of disposal of the dyestuffs available, the U.P. Govt consider that ~~if all the provisions of the~~ the stock should be taken over + paid for by certain selected firms, that the Govt of India should fix rates of prices and that each local Govt should divide whatever share of dyestuffs was allotted to it between mills + village industries. It is for orders whether the system of distribution suggested by that Govt ~~may~~ should be accepted. ~~If this is agreed~~ Mr Laddison was informed that his proposal to distribute dyes through the agency of Govt officers could not be accepted.

para 5, page 15 of c.f. + page 21 of c.f.

page 21 supra

DK 6.9.15 CR 6.9.15

We may perhaps consult the Chamber of Commerce confidentially on the whole matter.

It is presumed that we may allow the sale by Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co to proceed unless we hear from India to the contrary

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7-9-15

Cried. in Box C.46.

H. M. Revenue

H. E. the Governor (through C.S.)

MG
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The U.P. Govt's letter seems to me to exhibit an imperfect realization of ~~explained to and noticed~~ the ordinary processes of trade. The result of the war has been to produce a famine in dyestuffs, & just as occurs in a famine in grain, dealers raise their prices. This action is taken not merely to make a profit, tho' of course a profit is aimed at & obtained, but also to check consumption & so husband the strictly limited stock of dyestuffs available. The G. of the U.P. say that if the dyestuffs held by the Bo. firm mentioned are sold at the rates they demand, it will represent a profit of Rs. 15 lakhs on stocks wh were worth before the war, 3¾ lakhs. The profit is large

but it is impossible to say whether it is excessive or not. That depends on the relation of supply & demand. It is however clear (1) that prices must, & ought to be, raised very largely above pre-war prices in order to check consumption & husband supplies (2) the holders of dye stuffs are not refusing to sell at all, but are merely limiting sales by raised prices, wh is both legitimate & necessary. The U.P. Govt speak of the textile industry being seriously hampered, but they show little appreciation of what wd be the result if prices were not raised, if dyers & weavers went on as usual, & if some fine day they found they had no stocks left at all!

It may, no doubt, be that the holders of dyestuffs are raising prices unduly. But there is a number of them, & this furnishes some safeguard agst extortion, tho' not a complete one.

On the other hand the Upper India Chamber of Commerce is prob[y] dominated by the textile interests (Mc Robert & Co) & is agitating for Govt intervention in order to secure lower prices for the Mills.

The only course wh the Govt could take, if intervention were resolved on, would be to make - first - a census or stock-taking of

all dyestuffs in India, then ascertain consumption, & fix selling prices. This would be a big undertaking & would require an officer on special duty, who wd need to be a shrewd man. Only the G. of I. could decide whether to take up the task of administering all the dyestuffs in India. I do not think we need offer any further opinion. We have not suffr. inform. & we are not pressed down here to intervene. We have already reported to the G. of I about Gordon Woodroffe's proposed sale. It seems to me hardly necessary to consult the Chr. of Commerce or to take further action until the G. of I. replies.

Dgl
7-9-15.

1. The Chamber of Commerce need not be consulted.
2. In view of the 11th inst. being the date named by messrs Gordon Woodroffe in the letter of 1st Sept. (p. 10. C. 7.) a telegraphic reminder of the date which might acknowledge receipt of the U.P. correspondence should now I think go to the Govt. of India. To abbreviate notice of a public sale of the sale is to play into the hands of speculators & cornerers.

Draft at once

P
8.9.15.

gs 9.9.15

A draft telegram is submitted below for approval.

8K 9.9.15

(Telegram passed by Lee)

p. 220 of Cf. CR 9.9.15 [Telegram of 9.9.15]

p. 220 of Cf. [C/No. 3118] From the Govt. of India. Dy 9.9.15

Please see the telegram from the Govt. of India on pages 23 & 24 of Cf. Messrs Gordon Woodroffe may be asked to postpone auction.

No information is available as to the position of the firm in relation to the Admiralty except that they are the Madras Agents of the Alexandria Prize Court.

Mem Graham's letter dated 17/9/15. 839/15 4.6.15 (A)

The firm may be asked to report the value of the goods as asked for by the Govt. of India. We asked for copies of the invoice & they have not been received. Perhaps Dr. Marsden may also be asked to report simultaneously in consultation with the firm.

Telegram on p. 23 above

2 From Messrs Gordon Woodroffe's letter on page 10 of Cf. it will be seen that they are anxious about the storage and insurance charges, and it is unlikely that they will agree to postpone unless they are assured

that the Govt of India will meet the charges. This matter may also be pointed out to that Govt.

3/ The draft telegrams below are for approval.

I To

Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co.

Telegram dispd. (Express) SK 10/9/15

Post copy dispd. SK

"Your letter 1st instant regarding
"sale dyestuffs ex "Barenfels" Govt.
"of India desire further postponement
"auction pending this
"instructions. Please arrange accordingly
"Question of storage and insurance
"charges referred to Govt of India. Stop
"That Govt desire information as to
"exact position between you and
"Admiralty, and approximate valuation
"of condemned dyes with you at rates prior to war
"and at present prices. Please wire."

II. To. The Director of Industries.

"Please direct Dr. Marsden interview
"Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and ascertain
"quantity of dye stuffs with them
"condemned by prize Court, their valuation
"at rates prior to war and present
"prices. Wire reply."

* As regards quantity of dyestuffs please see list furnished by Gordon Woodroffe on page 21 of file.

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III To

The Govt of India

"your telegram 14,584, 9th instant.
"regarding sale dyes. stop. Messrs
"Gordon Woodroffe asked to postpone
"auction pending your instructions.
"and furnish information on points
"mentioned your telegram, this Govt.
"having no information except that
"firm are Madras agents of Alexandria
"Prize Court for sale of dyes ex Barenfels.
"stop. Firm are anxious about in-
"creasing storage and insurance
"charges on goods + desire to know whether
"Govt would meet them from 22nd
"July since which date sale is being
"postponed."

4 Telegram I to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe may issue immediately, while others may issue after consulting War Section[1]
CR
10-7-15

The telegram to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co may issue at once.

After issue — to War Section a.a
As India propose to take over the

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* Issued 10/7/15.

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dye-stuffs the question of transferring stocks to the Customs godowns might be further considered. They are at present incurring the special charges which the Port Trust impose to enforce clearance of their wharves.

10-9-15

War Section H.O.

Cos! No. 3118—1
10.9.15.

CURRENT NO.
4056
War
Keys 10-9-15
War Section

These papers have come to us presumably for consideration of the question of transferring the stock with messrs Gordon Woodroffe to the Coll of Customs for custody. This is a question for Separate Revs.

Vide Edl secys note supra

2. We have no information in the War Section about any of the proceedings of the Alexandria Prize Court.

Final War no 4056-1
11.9.15

The case may go to Dep. Revs.

Sen. It is desirable we only for information.

Sep. Rev. 11/9

Re D.12.9.15
10 AM.

To Spl. officer.

Please see note on pp 34-37 supra.

2 With reference to Encl. Secy's note at A on the previous page the Collector of Customs, Madras, may be asked to arrange for the transfer of the goods to the Customs godowns from the Port Trust Authorities. ~~And~~ He may also be asked to report whether, in view of the fact that the Govt. of India propose to take over the dyestuffs if it can be arranged, the Port Trust Authorities would agree to waive their Storage ~~Ch~~ Charges on the Consignments in Question. Draft O.M. put up for approval.

C.V.R 12.9.15

Gbh 12.9.15 I don't suppose the Port Trust will be charging ~~any~~ anything. In the ~~dyes~~ case I think they would agree to waive demurrage on request of Collector of Customs, if they will probably do so now.

A will may go to her Excellency as below. Then return to Ed.

13.9.15

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Rgd. 13.9.15

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S. Rev. No. 710/15-1
GK 13.9.15 13/9

For the Law

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Please see telegram from Messrs Gordon Woodroffe below. The main file is now with the war Section. The following telegram may be sent to the Govt. of India.

Kpo/11 Nº 3133

Telegram + Port copy dend. 8K 10/9/15

"Your telegram 14584, 9th instant regarding sale dyestuffs. Stop. [Messrs] Gordon Woodroffe request ~~cannot further postpone~~ not an name sale which will take place about twenty fifth September, except (and regret may cannot) unless postponed under orders from Alexandria Prize Court. Stop. Shall wire again on further points in your telegram."

CB 10.5.15

CA 10/9/15

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C/E 3154. From Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co., 10. 9. 15.

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In their letter, dated 10th September 1915, Messrs Gordon Woodroffe furnish information as to their relation with the Alexandria Prize Court & the value of the condemned dyes. A telegram transmitting the information to the Govt of India is submitted for approval. The question of storage & insurance charges has also been mentioned in the telegram ~~though~~. The Revenue Dept have asked the Collector of Customs to report if the Port Trust will waive the demurrage charges in the special circumstances of the case. This has also been mentioned in the telegram.

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2. ~~It is for consideration whether the draft~~ It seems unnecessary now to issue the telegram to the Director of Industries (on page 35 supra) asking him to instruct Dr. Hansen to ascertain the valuation of the condemned dyes ~~should issue~~

SK 13.9.15. CR 13.9.15

(H.E. the Viceroy)

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*Received 14.9.15.

Circulated in Confl. Box 166 14-9-15

H. E. the Governor has approved issue of the telegram as now amended. Issue and submit to H. M. Revenue for information

GS 14.9.15

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H. M. Revenue.

Ahl 14-9-15.

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C/No 3186. From the Collector of Customs, Telegram dt 13.9.15.

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Please see the reply from the Collector of Customs since received. He states that the sanction of the Govt is required for the waiving of the demurrage charges. The reply from the Govt of India to the telegram on page 27 of the current file may perhaps be awaited before the Marine Dept is requested to issue orders finally on the matter.

Sd 15.9.15. CR 16.9.15

Approved GS 16.9.15

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Slip (N) below.

With reference to the advertisement ~~public~~ appearing in the papers about the sale of dyestuffs in the possession of Messrs Gordon Woodroffe, a telegram may, it is submitted, be sent to the Govt of India. A draft telegram is placed below for approval.

8K 17.9.15. CR 17-9-15

8 17.9.15

pap 35 of cf. (Telegram No.3186, dated the 17th September 1915).

pap 36 & 37 of cf. C.No.3238, from the Government of India, No.14709, dated 13th September 1915.

pap 38 & 39 of cf. C.No.3237, from the Government of India, Telegram, No.14917, dated 18th September 1915.

Please see the letter and the telegram from the Government of India on pages 36 to 39 of current file. The Alexandria Prize Court has issued orders to Messrs Grahams and Gordon Woodroffe to postpone the sale of condemned dyes indefinitely. Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe have also been ~~asked~~ advised to directly.

The Government of India expect a further reply to the enquiries in their telegram of the 9th instant which have not been dealt with in this Government's telegram of the 14th. It will be seen from the two telegrams that all the questions

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referred

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referred to in the former have been almost fully dealt with already. It is likely that the Government of India want an answer to the question, "could you arrange for valuation" apart from the approximate value of the dyestuffs before war and at present. The latter has been furnished.

In their telegram to the High Commissioner of Egypt, they asked for permission to acquire the consignment of dyestuffs "after expert valuation by local assessors". Apparently the Government of India want (to know) whether valuation can be arranged for in the event of the Prize Court being disposed to agree to their suggestion to take over the goods at the assessors' valuation. It is submitted that there could be no difficulty in arranging for this valuation. When the time comes for that, the Collector may be asked to nominate some for the Government's approval. In the meanwhile, the Government of India may be informed that we can arrange for the valuation. ~~[illegible]~~ The draft telegram below is for approval.

8k 20.9.15 CR 20/9/15 CS 20.9.15

H. E. the Governor.

P. 20.9.15.

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[Telegram to the Govt of India 21.9.15]

C/N. 3323. From the Govt of India N: 15-117 dy 24.9.15.

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The Govt of India wires asking for the views of this Govt as to the practicability of Govt taking over the dyes & distributing them proportionately to various mills and village industries. These Questions have already been considered by this Govt in connection with the previous communications (on this subject) received from the Govt of India. In his note

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of the 30th August last, His Excellency the Governor stated that he was against the direct intervention of this Govt by purchase of the consignment of dyestuffs with messrs Gordon Woodroffe. ~~The Govt of India were informed~~

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The Govt of India were then informed that this Govt had ~~nnn~~ no suggestions to offer on the question.

2. The United Provinces Govt suggested to the Govt of India that

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the latter ~~could~~ should fix rates & that the Local Government should divide whatever share of dyestuffs was allotted to the Province between mills & village industries. When the letter from the

The U.P. Govt was referred to this Govt for ~~opinion~~ remarks ~~thereon~~ it was decided not to offer any opinion on this point - please see notes of the Hon'ble Mr Barlow & H.E. the Governor on pages 31 to 33 supra. It is for orders what reply should be given to the Govt of India's present reference

SK
25.9.15. CR
25/9/15

If the Govt of India are going to buy the dye-stuffs, Mr Addison's scheme of distribution seems to be a better one, so far as Madura is concerned, than that advocated by the U.P. Government.

CR
25.5.15

Circ. in Box No. 10.

H.E. the Governor.

H.M. Revenue

Ascertain at once from the Collector what particular dyes Madura requires now (some information upon this point was furnished I think by Dr. Harsden not long ago, but it should be brought up to date), & what amount in each case,

It is submitted that Dr Harsden does not appear to have furnished any information on this point. Mr Addison however stated that aliz arine dyes were required in Madura please see page 17 supra.

SK

whether if "India" intervenes by fixing prices the Madura weaving community will desire to buy, and whether distribution can be made so as to ensure use by actual purchasers and avoid further cornering.

The Collector should be instructed to confer with Dr. Mossden who should proceed at once to Madura for this purpose: and should further be directed to provide similar information for all other centres in the Presidency, so far as his latest information permits: in order that a full reply may be sent to the Govt. of India.

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24.9.15.

28.9.15

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Draft telegrams to the Collector of Madura & to the Director of Industries are submitted below for approval.

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Neither the Collector of Madura nor the ~~Director of Agriculture~~ Director of Industries has replied to the telegrams issued to them. They may, it is submitted, be now reminded. The following telegrams are for approval:—

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I Telegram

To the Collector of Madura.

"Please refer my telegram
"(No.) 3823, twenty-ninth ultimo re-
"garding dyestuffs ~~and~~ Expedite
"reply."

II

dead
8K 8/10/15

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To the Director of Industries.

"Please refer my telegram (No.)
"3323, twenty-ninth ultimo regarding
"dyestuffs ~~and~~ Expedite Marsden's
"~~reply~~ report."

MK
7.10.15.

CR
7.10.15

CR
8.10.15

MK
8/10/15

Post copies
dead to
both MK
9/10/15

C/N. 3488. From the Coll.r of Madura, Roc N.r 1241 & 4.10.15.

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The Collector of Madura replies to the telegram sent to him on the subject of the supply & disposal of dyestuffs in Madura. In his note, dated the 27th September 1915, His Excellency the Governor desired information on the following points:—

(i) what particular dyes Madura requires & what amount in each case;

(ii) whether, if "India" intervenes by fixing prices, the Madura weaving community will desire to buy;

(iii) whether the distribution can be made so as to ensure use by actual purchasers and avoid further cornering.

2. As regards the first point, the statement on page 46 and para. 7 on page 48 of current file furnish the information required.

3. With regard to the second item, the Collector states that the dyers are [illegible] regions of buying. With reference to the price which should be fixed the Dyers state

para 9. pages 47 C.f. that the fairest method for fixing a price for the prize cargoes would be to levy a certain percentage in excess of the invoice prices. The Collector does, however, doubts whether the Prize Court would agree

agree to this + suggests that the rate should be fixed with reference to the prices now ruling in the home market with a percentage in excess for freight &c. It is submitted that, according to the original orders of the Prize Court, dyestuffs ex S.S. "Barenfels", were to have been "sold to the best advantage". Apparently, the dyestuffs would have been sold in a auction at the current market rates in this country. But in their telegram, dated the 13th September 1915, to the High Commissioner, Egypt, the Govt of India asked whether the Prize Court at Alexandria would issue an order permitting them to acquire the consignment after expert valuation by local assessors. It is not known whether the Court agreed to this. The Madras dyeing community may not perhaps object to taking dyestuffs at prices that may be fixed by assessors.

page 3 of cf. No. (T) 417 S.R. 16.6.15

page 36 of cf.

4. As regards the third point on which information was called for the Collector is confident of effecting

effecting proper distribution of the dyestuffs among actual ~~users~~ consumers & prevent cornering. He proposes the appointment of a committee for this purpose with Dr Marsden or, if he is not available, a Deputy Collector as chairman. These proposals seem suitable.

para 5; pages 46 & 47 of c.f.

5. H.E. the Governor desired similar information in regard to other dyeing centres also & Dr Marsden has been asked to furnish it. His report has not yet been received. It may perhaps be awaited before circulating the file to His Excellency.

page 46 supra

page 43 of c.f.

10.10.15. 10.10.15

If H.E. the Governor approves, we may now submit Mr Paddison's scheme to the Govt of India with reference to their telegram at p. 41 c.f. and say that the Madras dyers would be glad to take over the whole of the 'Barnsdale' consignment under the suggested arrangement and that it would not be known for what it was a week. We may leave the question of the price to be

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fixed to the Govt of India. They appear to contemplate valuation by assessors.

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11.10.15

M.E. the Governor.

Yes: the statement should include the Madura dyers' suggestion as to a fair price, as well as that proposed by Mr Paddison.

It should be added that particulars are being prepared and will follow in regard to the wants of dyers in other parts of the Presidency — as soon as possible.

P.

12.10.15.

Draft as above

13.10.15

A draft telegram is submitted for approval.

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13.10.15.

13.10.15

[Telegram No 3488 dy 13.10.15]

C.N.- 3544. from Dr. Marsden dy 13.10.15

C.N.- 3587. from the Govt of India, Deptt of Com + Ind. Tel. 16127 dy 20.10.15

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pages 5-3 to 63 of C.f. Dr. Marsden submits his ~~report~~ report regarding the requirements of dyers (in centres other than Madras) called for in telegram

page 430 of C.f. No. 3323, dated the 29th ultimo. In the

pages 57 + 58 of C.f. report he assumes that a regular supply (from England) of dyes required in this Presidency is to be arranged for by Govt and submits proposals as to the best method of distributing the supplies. With regard to this, it is submitted that the question of obtaining regular supplies from the United Kingdom is not at present under the consideration of Govt. It is about the disposal of the dyestuffs of enemy firms + prize vessels which are to be taken over by the Govt of India that information is now required. On this Dr. Marsden does not furnish all the information that was desired. The question whether if the Govt of

N.B. The Governor's note on pages 45 + 46 supra

of India intervenes by fixing prices the weaving community (of centres other than Madura) will desire to buy dyestuffs has not been as yet answered by him. He does not also suggest any scheme for distribution among actual users of the quantity of dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels". He states that applications from dyeing centres like Salem, Coimbatore and a few other places could be invited and a pro rata distribution made (but this apparently refers to allocation among districts) the scheme suggested by the Collector of Madura viz. that of appointing a small local committee for distribution in each centre, which has already been recommended by this Govt. to the Govt. of India, may perhaps be applied to the other centres also without difficulty. It is for orders whether any further report should be called for from Dr. Harsden and

but suggests a scheme for a central depôt & disposal of surplus supplies. Apparently he wanted disposal of the enemy cargoes similarly page 5-8 of c.f.

page 51 of c.f.

Whether he may be asked to secure applications from the Districts mentioned & his report thereon as specified herein

page 64 of c.f.

2. In their telegram, dated the 21st instant, the Govt. of India communicate the order of the Prize Court directing

Crown

Crown agents at Calcutta + Madras to sell to that Govt all dyestuffs ex S.S. "Barenfels" at full market price as ascertained by expert valuation of local assessors. That Govt desire at the same time to know the approximate quantity of such dyestuffs available in Madras + also whether the presumption that no stocks of dyestuffs which are the property of enemy firms in this Presidency are awaiting sale by auction, is correct. As regards the first point, it is submitted that on the 10th September last Messrs Gordon Woodroffe furnished a list of the condemned dyes with them—(page 31 of the current file). The auction sale advertisement published by the firm also showed the quantity of dyestuffs available with them. There is a slight discrepancy between these two lists. ~~The list submitted to Govt may be adopted for present purposes.~~

page 34(a) q.f.

3. As regards the other enquiry

made by the Govt of India, it is submitted that in reply to a reference made in August last from the War Section, Mrs Wilson the Controller appointed under the Hostile Foreigners' (Trading) Order for this Presidency stated that he had no ~~dyeing~~ dye stuffs in any of the firms in his control. It is for orders whether this information may be given to the Govt of India. It may perhaps be unnecessary to ask the Director of Industries or Collectors again in the matter. Subject to approval a draft telegram & draft memo. are submitted below.

Slip (N)

23.10.15. 23-10-15

The papers may be submitted to H.E. the Governor for information after issue of the drafts.

*Issued.

It understand that Messrs Gordon Woodroffe have received instructions to make out the Baroda cargo to suit at the present market rate, which is to be fixed by assessors, and that they have written Dr Saunders to be one of three assessors.

(Please see letter from Messrs Gordon Woodroffe dated 25 received dated 26 re ancient file-papers 65-66 post.)

The mills are also candidates for part of the cargo, which would go fast if Madura also could use it up in a week. But possibly the Govt of India have other supplies in view

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26.10.15

24.10.15

H.E. the Governor.

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If Dr. Marsden has not been informed that his report is required for the distribution of these immediate cargoes, as well as of possible future supplies, this should be made clear to him. I presume he will submit in due course the results of his enquiries addressed to Collectors?

P.
31.10.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A draft D.O. to Dr Marsden is subd for approval

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7.11.15

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(Placed below)

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D.O. No. 3544-1/Ed
1.11.15

My dear Marsden,

In continuation of (Govt.) Forms No. 3544-1 Ed., dated the 25th ~~Instant~~ ultimo, I am to inform you that (Govt. await) the information called for in telegram No. 3323, dated the 29th September 1915, (which) is required in connection with the distribution of the cargoes of dyestuffs ex S.S. "Barenfels" immediately available, as well as of possible future supplies. I am to add that the Govt. presume that you will submit in due course the results of your enquiries addressed to Collectors.

Yours &c
1.11.15.

C.S.
1.11.15

C.R.
1.11.15

Please see portion A on page 5-5 of c.f.

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Issued 2/11/15

To
Dr. J. Marsden,
Dyeing Expert.

2/11/15.

D.O.

Leather Trades School,
Washermanpet, **MADRAS,**

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"CHROMIUM," MADRAS.
POST BOX No. 454.

28th October 1915.

Dear Mr. Todhunter,

After I had seen you this morning I went to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co., to find out what dyes were included in the cargo of the S.S. Barenfels. Some time ago I obtained a list of the number of packages and the shipping marks, but except in the case of Alizarin it is not possible to gauge from the description of the package what the nature of the contents may be. Apparently Mr. Burgess who has the matter in hand is not in a position to give this information and gave me to understand that the notification that Government is going to buy the cargo is awaited and that upon receipt of that notification the packages will be opened and the contents investigated.

From what I gathered, a question which will prove troublesome will be that of deciding what is the market value of any colour. What the price obtained at the Bombay auction may have been is hardly a true guide as I have been informed that dealers bought, and after diluting the colours with adulterants were able to sell to dyers and recoup themselves.

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Rather than take an auction value I personally would rather trust the valuation of responsible men who had been engaged in selling before the war, who had been in touch with dyers since then and knew the state of the market from the inside. Messrs Binny & Co., are the only people in Madras who fulfil these conditions, but if necessary I could get the assistance of contractors of the importing firms, whose valuation could be trusted.

Before anything could be done however we would require to know exactly what the contents of the packages were.

Seeing that getting information from Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co., is so difficult, I would request that I may be informed when anything with regard to the sale is settled so that I may know how to proceed.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Yours sincerely,

F. Marsden

C. G. Todhunter, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government Edl. Department,
Madras.

Sd that Dr Marsden is kept informed of the progress of enquiry
29.10.15

Dir. of Inds. 2 a—400—6-14.

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No 3726-2 Edl
29.10.15

D.O.

My dear Marsden

I have your letter of the 28th instant. I write to inform you that besides the 123 packages of dyes &c. + 1 package of materials + labels which have already been cleared & stored in their godowns, Messrs Gordon Woodroffe have (just repatriated) further 210 packages since condemned are now in course of clearance & stem. Instructions are not yet available

Yours Sincerely

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29.10.15.

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D. Marsden, Dyeing Expat.

C№ 3847. From the Dyeing Expert
dd 4.11.15.

A draft telegram to the Govt of India on the subject of the prices of the dyestuffs discussed by Dr Ransden in his letter just received is submitted below.

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SK
5.11.15. CR
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I think it would be right to let India know how matters stand as in the revised draft below.

SK
6.11.15

H. E. the Governor.

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7.11.15.

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Box No. 2
6.11.15

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page 79-80 of ef. C.W.-3878. From Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co.. Encs 5- III. 15-

page 81-82 of ef. C.W.-3877. From the Govt of India, Dept of Comt Ind. No 6 dtd 9.1.10

page 81 of ef. From the Govt of India's letter since received it would appear that Assessors for valuation of dyes should be appointed by this Govt. In the draft telegram below the words "who is to appoint assessors and" may, it is submitted, be omitted.

slip (F) 2. Dr Marsden has since telephoned to say that his letter of 4th instant refers to 336 packages. This means that both the first & the second lots are included. The words 'first lot' may therefore, it is submitted, be also omitted in the draft telegram below.

first lot
123 packages of dyes
1 package of materials
second lot
210 packages of dyes
Total 334 packages.

page 80 of ef. 3. From the list of dyes now received from Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., it is observed that the second lot contains 27,168 lbs of dyes. It is not clear from the list how much of these is alizarine & how much is aniline. Perhaps Perhaps the total weight in pounds may be reported to the Govt of India.

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The following maybe added to the telegram below:-

"Further consignment of 210
"packages referred to in my
"telegram (of) 29th ultimo
"contains 27,168 pounds."

4. A draft memo forwarding the list of dyes received from messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co to the Director of Industries for transmission to Dr Harsden is submitted below for approval.

9.11.15. CR 9.11.15

I don't think it is at all clear that this Govt, which is the purchaser, is to obtain the people who are to value it. Draft amended otherwise

See p. note on page 79 ante.

pages 81 + 82 ante.

The letter of the Govt of India is for H.E. the Governor personal. Their reply to the telegram may be awaited before any action is taken

9.11.15

* placed below.

Box No. 10
10.11.15

H.E. the Governor.

Sir,

But why not ask Gordon Woodroffe what they mean?

P.
11.11.

Details were worked out with Dr Harsden and entered in the draft telegram of 12.11.15

pags 86 to 91 of cf. C.No. 3907. From the Dyeing Expert, No. D 13/15-
& 9. 11. 15.

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pags 86 to 91 of cf. Please see the letter from Dr Harrison, dated the 9th instant in which he deals with the question of distribution of the dyes ex S.S. "Rarenfels". He favours the system of distribution through local committees. This has already been recommended to the Govt of India. Apparently the distribution to small dyers only would be arranged by such committees. It may be necessary to give a portion of the dyestuffs available to mills also. In their telegram of the 24th September last, the Govt of India desired to have the views of this Govt as to the practicability of ~~Govt~~ distributing the dyestuffs proportionately to various mills & village industries. No reply has been furnished on this point. It may perhaps be sufficient if this question is settled after the acquisition of the dyestuffs. The Govt of India have stated that orders on the proposals of this Govt for the distribution of dyes will

p. 89 of cf.

In Appendix A to his letter of the 9th inst. Mr. Harrison has not mention Madras, which contains many as many the centres to which dyes are to be distributed.

pag 41 of cf.

para 2, page 81 of cf.

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issue shortly. Perhaps they may be awaited.

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13.11.15 CR
13.11.15

We must await Indian orders. If the price is not in accordance with the rates of the local dyers we may learn this at once, and, if it is not, we need to know how much is to be reserved for Northern India and the mills when we can make any calculation.

14.11.15

Dr. Marsden, who called on the Secretary this morning said that unless the cargo was bought for the price fixed by the appraisers, viz: 1·5 lakhs, he would not advise their purchase at all, as the village dyers would not be prepared to pay any higher rate. He said further that Messrs. Jardon Woodroffe demanded nearly Three lakhs for the Cargo and that Mills would be prepared to buy them at that rate.

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15.11.15

C/No 4261. From the Dyeing Expert D 17/15.
dy 27.11.15.

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Dr Marsden submits particulars of the requirements of dyestuffs in Cuddalore & Salem furnished to him by the Collectors. No action is now required on his letter.

2. The file is awaiting reply to the telegram issued to the Govt of India (on 9.11.15.) on pages 83 & 84 of the current file.) ~~[illegible]~~.

SK 3.12.15. CR 4.12.15

Approved.
Remind India on this 10/12
6.12.15

S.K
Jones
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6/12

pages 95 to 98 of C.F.

C.No.4325.From the Govt. of India, Dept^t. of Commerce and Industry, No.17030 W,, dated the 2nd December 1915.

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pages 12 to 21 of C.F.

It is somewhat difficult to follow the Government of India in this matter. Their intervention arose out of a reference from Cawnpore.

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They first asked us for suggestions as to a system

pages 8 to 9 of C.F.

of disposal alternative to auctions. We had no suggestions to offer. They then wired that they proposed

page 23 of cf.

page 36 of cf.

page 41 of cf.

page 81 of cf.

pages 64 + 69 of cf.

page 81 of cf.

pages 83 + 84 of cf.

pages 95 + 96 of cf.

proposed to take over the dyes; and arranged with the Prize Court for purchase at the full market price after expert valuation by local assessors. Meanwhile they asked for suggestions for proportionate ~~xxx~~ distribution to various mills and village industries. We offered a scheme which, though not expressly stated to be for small dyers only, was fairly obviously so intended. They made further enquiries as to quantities, told us to acquire in direct communication with Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co., and promised further orders about distribution. We asked them what they meant by "full "market price", and who was to appoint the assessors and pointed out that the dyes would be no use to small dyers at the retail price of the day. Now they tell us we may adopt the English price plus a percentage for ~~xxx~~ freight etc., make no mention of the assessors and approve our system of distribution as a general system. Meanwhile the telegrams show that similar consignments are still being sold by ~~xxx~~ auction in Bombay, while nearly 5 months charges have accumulated on the stock ex 'Barenfels'.

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It seems necessary to ask them —

(a) whether the prize court accept their definition of "full market price",

(b) whether assessors are to be appointed and, if so, who is to appoint them,

(c) whether the whole consignment is to go to Madras or any is to go to other provinces and

(d) whether in the former case the small dyers are to have it all or the mills are to have a share.

Draft is submitted for approval.

9. 12. 15

H. E. the Governor.

It does not seem to be necessary to ask (d), and I would omit para. 3. of the draft accordingly.

P.
12.12.

Amended. Issue at once

13.12.15

[Letter No 4325-1 Est. dated the 13th Dec. 1915]

C№ 4366. From the Dyeing Expert.

№ D 17/15-9 12.12.15.

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Please see Dr Marsden's letter, dated the 12th instant. in which he furnishes information as to the requirements of dyes in Tinnevelly & North Arcot Districts. No action is necessary on this letter now. The file is awaiting reply to the letters issued to the Govt of India on the 13th instant. — Please see pages 98 & 100 of the current file.

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CR 17.12.15

C№ 94. From the Govt of India, Dept of Com & Ind. dd. 12th & 8.1.16

C№ 95. From the Govt of India №-52 W, dd 5—1—16.

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The Govt of India have replied to the enquiries made by this Govt regarding the appointment of assessors for the valuation of dyestuffs &c. From their letter it appears that the assessors should

should themselves ascertain English prices and make the valuation. It is however doubtful whether Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., will accept the Government of India's orders that the market value should be calculated with reference to the prices ruling in the home markets with a percentage for freight and other charges. Those orders may however be communicated to the company and they may be requested to nominate their assessors. They may also be asked to intimate the amount of charges that have accrued on the consignment as that will also have to be recovered with the cost price. A draft letter to the company is submitted for approval.

pags. 95 + 96 + pag 104 of cf.

2. There is no information at present as to what portion of the consignment will be taken by small dyers when the prices are fixed on the basis of those ruling in the Home markets. While communicating the orders of the Government of India to Dr.Marsden, he may be asked to furnish information on this point.. Further, in writing to the Government of India recently

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recently for detailed information on certain points connected with the purchase and distribution of these dyes, it was proposed to enquire whether the small dyers were to have the whole lot or the mills were to have a share. H.E. the Governor considered it ~~xxx xxxxx~~ unnecessary to obtain information on this point. There is thus no definite decision on this matter. ~~xxxxx~~. Messrs Binny & Co. have already approached Government on the subject. If the mills should have a share, it appears to be necessary to ask Dr.Marsden how he would divide the consignment between mills and small dyers, and again between one mill and another. A draft memo. to Dr.Marsden asking him to furnish information on these points is submitted for approval.

page 65- supra.

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SK 11.1.16.

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H.E. the Governor.

P 12.1.16.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
17 JAN 1916
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

[Letter No. 95-1 Col. dy 15.1.16]
[Memo No. 95-1 Col. dy 15.1.16]

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
17 JAN 1915
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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17.1.16

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MADRAS 17th. January 1915

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My dear Todhunter,

With reference to the dyestuffs ex s.s."BARENFELS" and to the correspondence in regard thereto ending with your letter of 16th November'15, we understand that it is the intention of Government to reserve this stock for the use of Indian Dyers. Before this is done I wish to put before you and to press the claim of the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills to a fair share of these dyestuffs. Out of a total of 1059 looms at Carnatic Mill there are 189 check looms (or nearly one fifth) which depend for work entirely on coloured goods, chiefly Alizarine, and when our present stocks of dyestuffs are exhausted these looms will stop and the weavers will be thrown out of work. We are doing our utmost to eke out our stocks but the end is rapidly approaching. If Government decide to reserve the "BARENFELS" shipment for Indian Dyers they will merely benefit one class to the detriment of another and I cannot think that this is their intention. Further, they will indirectly favor spinning mills against weaving concerns because the Indian dyers buy their grey yarn from the spinning mills whereas the Buckingham and Carnatic Mills are essentially weaving mills and make almost all their yarn into cloth.

I find in our official letters no suggestion was made as to what would be a fair quantity to allot to us, so now enclose copy of our letter of 1st. May to the Controller of Hostile Trading Concerns Bombay (from whom we failed to get a share of the stocks distributed in Bombay), which gives our idea of a fair allotment.

allotment.

I have laid more stress on the needs of Carnatic Mill, but the same remarks apply to Buckingham in a slightly lesser degree.

Yours sincerely,
A. P. Symonds

The Hon'ble
Mr. C.J. Todhunter Esq: I.C.S.
Ag: Secretary to the Government
of Madras.

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SUNDRY MILL.

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MADRAS 1st. M a y 1915.

The Controller of

Hostile Trading Concerns,

BOMBAY.

Sir,

ALIZARINE.

On the 10th February last we sent to the Secretary, Bombay Millowners Association, in reply to his circular letter No. 64 dated 4th February, a list of our requirements of dyestuffs under your control, amongst other items being Alizarine paste.

We have not heard that any Alizarine has been allotted to us

We now understand that there is a quantity of Alizarine 20% paste (Farbenfabriken Bayer & Co's) on the s.s. "BARENFELS" for Madras, due here shortly, and that some of this was consigned to Binny & Co Ld. although no documents have been received by them.

The Buckingham and Carnatic Mills are large users of this dyestuff and we would request you to kindly arrange if possible to these two Mills have a fair share of the "Barenfels" consignments, s 25% and if you are able to make an allotment will you kindly advise us what steps we should take to obtain delivery.

We have the honor
Sir
Your most obedient servants,
FOR BINNY & CO., Ld.
Sd. C.B. Simpson.
Manager
Secretaries & Treasurers the Buckingham Mil
Co. Ld.
Secretaries The Carnatic Mill Co. Ld.

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Ed. Department

Please see the do. from Mr. Symonds on pages 69 to 71 supra. A draft do. acknowledging the letter & a draft memo referring it to the Dyeing Expert are both submitted for approval.

S.K.
19.1.16.

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Draft to passed by the Secy - Issue
20/1/16

Taken out for issue.

[D.O. No. 175 Ed. dated 20. 1. 16.]
[Memo No. 175—2 Ed dy 20. 1. 16.]

C.R. 214 Ed. from Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co
dy 19. 1. 16.

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Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., are unable to accept the proposal to calculate full wash market value of Dyes with reference to the prices ruling in the home markets with a percentage for freights & other charges. Apparently they require orders from the Prize Court to value the dyes on the basis suggested. The orders of the Govt. of India may, it is submitted, be in the matter. obtained. A draft telegram

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× to avoid delay
JJ

× telegram is placed below for approval.
CK
20.1.16.
JJ
20/1/16

This was to be expected, vide p 67.

Messrs Gadar Wood & Co have not appointed Dr Marsden an assessor as they at one time proposed and their two nominees are both interested in mills.

If we are to add any considerable charges to the Indian market price, it is certain the Indian buyers will not want any of the dyes and doubtful if the mills will accept them all.

✓ H. E. the Governor.

JP 20.1.16

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20. 1. 16

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
21 JAN 1916
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

[Telegram No 214. dy 20.1.16. to the Govt of India.
Cir 287. from the D. I., No K 119, dy 22.1.16.
" 345. " " No K 119, dy 24.1.16.
Cir 336. from the Govt of India, Telegram dy 26.1.16.

The Director of Industries submits two letters from Dr Marsden (in which he) desires to have information as to the price of the

pages 113 & 114 of cys.
also 115 – 117 of cys

the dyes before he can give a reply to ~~xxxxx~~ questions connected with the distribution of the dyes. It is submitted that prices will be known only after a final reply is received from Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., regarding the valuation of the stock. No further action is now called for on Dr Marsden's letters.

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2. The Govt of India ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxx~~ wish to be informed of the reasons why Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., are unable to accept the basis ~~for~~ valuation suggested by them, viz., fixing the price with reference to the prices ruling in the Home markets with a percentage for ~~freight~~ & other charges. One apparent reason seems to be that ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ the company, acting under the orders of the Alexandria Prize court, prefers to go by those orders which are that the dyes should be handed over to Govt on payment by

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by the latter of the "full market value as ascertained by expert valuation of local assessors". The prices ruling in England will naturally be lower than those in India & the commission which the company may get out of the sale of dyes will be reduced if the Home prices are taken into consideration. This may be the main reason for the company demurring to accept the proposal of the Govt of India. The firm may however be asked to report the reasons. A draft letter is submitted for approval.

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3. The Govt of India have also asked for the opinion of this Govt on the question of the adoption of the Indian market rates. This point may be considered after the receipt of the reply from Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co.

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27.1.16.

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27/1/16

[Letter No. 345-I dd 28.1.16]

C/No 395. from Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co.,
dy 31.1.16.

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pages 20 of cf. Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., give their reasons for not accepting the proposal to value the dyes on the basis of the English prices. These may be reported to the Govt of India.

page 119 of cf. 2. The Govt of India ask for the opinion of this Govt on the question of the adoption of the Indian market rates. It is submitted that on the advice of Dr Marsden this Govt have already ~~directed~~ informed India that dyes at prices prevailing in Calcutta & Bombay auction sales, are useless to local dyers. According to those prices the stocks available with Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., have been valued at six lakhs while their invoice prices are only Rs about Rs 30,000. Dr Marsden has, in his quarterly report recently submitted to Govt

pages 83 & 84 of cf.

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page 11 of cf. in linked file.

Govt. reiterated the opinion already given by him, ~~that~~ viz, that at current market rates in India, the dyestuffs ex S.S. "Barenfels" ~~xxxx~~ will not be of use to the country dyers but only to 2 mills + large concerns. ~~Accordingly~~ The acquisition of the dyes at such rates will not therefore benefit the community which the present scheme is intended to help and thus the object of the Govt will be frustrated. It is therefore for orders whether the Govt of India may ~~xxxx~~ be informed that this Govt are of the same opinion as was expressed by them already. ~~xxxx~~ That Govt may also at the same time be requested to move (if practicable) the Alexandria Prize Court to issue instructions to messrs Gordon Woodroffe + Co., to alter the basis for the valuation of the dyes, ie to adopt the Home market prices plus charges for freight etc.

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Let me have draft letter to India Office. It will have to go to the C. for approval.

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A draft letter to India is submitted for approval.

2/2/16 JHC

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JRM 7/2/16

[Letter No. 395-1 Pol. of 4.2.16.]

pages 121 & 122 of C.F.

The Govt. of India have not yet replied to the letter of the 4th February last.

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It is for orders whether they may be reminded. If so. the draft below is for approval.

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C/No. 105988
21.3.16

BINNY & Co. Ld.
MADRAS.

MADRAS 20th March'16

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My dear Todhunter,

Referring to my letter of 17th Jan: and your reply of 20th idem regarding the distribution of dyes Ex s.s. "BARENFELS", I write to enquire whether any conclusion has been arrived at in this matter.

The position at the Mills in regard to dyestuffs is growing worse every day, and this must be my excuse for troubling you again.

If you have moved from the Department which controls the subject, I shall be very much obliged if you would kindly pass on my enquiry to the right quarter.

Yours sincerely,
C. Symonds

The Hon'ble
Mr. C.G.Todhunter I.C.S.,
Ag. Secy: to Government
FORT ST. GEORGE.

T.B.

Will Ed. kindly reply to Mr. Symonds?

20.3.16

Ed. u.o.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
20 MAR 1916
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

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A draft reply is submitted for approval (The Govt of India have since wired to say that orders regarding the valuations of dys. have issued on the 20th instant.)

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Col. Depart.

D/B 22/3

Dr. No. 1059-1 Col 22.3.16

Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter to Mrs Lochhunter of the 20th instant I am to inform you that the ~~application~~ case of the late Mr Lochhunter has not yet been received in regard to the distribution of ~~the dyes~~ dyes ex S.S. "Barenfels".

I am
Your Sincerely

Dublin

Received 3.30 p.m. 22/3/16

Secretary's Dept

S/K 22.3.16.

D 22/3/16.

To

A.P. Symonds Esq.
Asst Manager
Messrs Brimyr Co.
Casamayor Road
Egmore.

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doubtful whether the first case from the

CW 1162(a). From the G. of I. No 2211 & 20.3.16.

Please see the letter from the Govt of India on page 125 of current file. The Dyeing Expert & the Collector of Madura may, it is submitted, be requested to report whether the sale of dyestuffs in Bombay have moderated the prices in this Presidency.

2. With reference to the second para of the Govt of India's letter. Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., ~~Harrison~~ who are the agents in Madras for the sale of the cargo p. s. "Barenfels" may be asked to ascertain home prices & value the dyestuffs for immediate sale. ~~Each piece should be~~ The valuation should apparently be made by assessors. Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., have nominated two persons who are connected with mills as assessors. It is for orders whether the Govt may accept them — please see Secretary Mr. Todhunter's note dated the 29th January 1916 on page 73 supra. It is doubtful whether this Govt can force their own representative on the Committee of Assessors.

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* Mr Gordon Frazer (Best & Co)
Mr S. Jackson (Binny & Co)

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3. A draft memo to the Dyeing Expert + the Collector of Madura + a draft ~~letter~~ to messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co. are ~~both~~ submitted below. The latter will be modified suitably if the names of the assessors are approved.

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27.3.16. VS

~~27.3.16.~~ I wrote accordingly the two memos. Please scrutinise the draft letter to Gordon Woodroffe & Co. and Cedarnath Shaw.

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27/3/16.

Submitted that, if the names of assessors are accepted and if no suggestions are to be made to the company in the matter, it does not appear that any modification should be made in the draft letter. The draft already approved by the Secretary may issue.

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28.3.16. Please see the foot: of India letter on page 104 C.F. The appointment of the assessor vests in the Company. It seems therefore

page 104 of C.F.

(As the appointment of assessors rests with means Gordon Woodroffe it is not necessary that Govt. should formally the names)

unnecessary for the Govt: to approve formally the appointments. The letter to the Company already approved by the Secretary may issue.

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[Memo No. 1162(a)-1 dy 27. 3. 16.]
[Letter No. 1162(a)-2 Secl, dy 28. 3. 16.]

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page 129 of cf.

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pages 130 & 131 of cf.

C.R. 1261. From Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co dy 29. 3. 16.

Please see Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe's reply on pages 130 & 131.
The reply from Dr. Harsden & from the Collector of Madura to memo No. 1162(a)-1 dated the 27th March 1916, may be awaited. Thereon receipt of those replies the Govt of India will be addressed. The facts stated in Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co's letter of the 29th instant may (then) be communicated to India.

SK 30.3.16. B 30/3/16.

page 128 of cf.

pages 130 & 131 of cf.

Please the letter to the Secretary

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SK 31/3

Telephonic reminder sent to the D.T. 31/3.
& a telegram to the Coll. of Madura.

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C.Nr. 1330 Eol

4.4.16

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 1916 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Madura **Collector's Office,**

1st April **1916.**

Dear Mr. Nagopala Achariar,

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 1162 (a)-1 dated the 27th March 1916 about the prices of dyes I am having enquiries made of the fact of the sales of the dyes ex S.S. Gutenfels and the prices of dyes in Madura.

As regards the last part of the Memorandum you ask 'whether if the dyes ex Berenfels are sold at current market prices the small dyers will be able to purchase them'. I am sorry to say I find it difficult to know exactly what it means. If dyes are sent to me for distribution I can, as I have already written, ensure with the aid of ~~the~~ a Committee that the smaller dyers here get their shares. Does it mean this, or, does it mean that the current market prices will be so high that the small

small dyers will not be able to pay the price? 237

Yours sincerely,

Geo. H. Paddison

The Hon. Mr. P.Rajagopala Achariar Avergal,

Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Judicial Department.

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Pol. Department.

Please see the dy. from Mr. Paddison on pages 86 & 86 supra. A draft reply is submitted below for approval.

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Est. Deptt.

D.O. No. 1330-1 Est. 8/6/16

Dear Paddison,

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant I write to say that ~~as required in the concluding portion thereof, the point regarding which the Govt. desire to have information is~~ whether the current market prices are so high that the small dyers will not be able to pay them & take the dyes ex S.S. Barenfels if the latter are sold at those prices.

yours sincerely,

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pages 132 to 134 of cf. C.N. 1359. from the D. I., N. K 119 of 6. 4. 16.
pages 135-136 of cf. C.N. 1396. from the Coll.r of Madura
D. dis N. 1225 of 7. 4. 16.
" 1420. from the Govt. of India, Com. & Ind.
Tel. 1647 W. of 11. 4. 16.

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pages 132 to 136 of cf. The replies of Dr. Marsden & the Collector of Madura to the reference regarding the prices of dyestuffs have been received. These show that the recent sales in Bombay have not affected the prevailing high ~~reduced~~ prices in this Presidency. This fact may be intimated to the Govt. of India.

page 137 of cf. 2. The Govt. of India have since obtained the sanction of the Prize Court to value the dyes on the basis suggested by this Govt.,

pages 130 of cf. viz., with reference to the prices prevailing in home market. Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., may be informed of this. In their letter of the 29th March the company ~~declared that~~ raised two difficulties in regard to the valuation of the dyes on the basis of English prices, viz.,

(i) that the majority of the dyes ~~were~~ were unprocurable at home and consequently had no prices,

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(in the case of those that were procurable)

(ii) that it would involve two to three months' delay if the English prices should be ascertained & adopted here.

With regard to the first of these it is submitted that the company may perhaps be informed to ascertain the prices that were current when the dyes were last available. The other difficulty may be got over if the company is permitted to cable for the home prices. This may not add materially to the cost of the dyes. If these proposals are accepted, the drafts below are for approval.

3. The Collector of Madura in his letter suggests that the Home Govt may be addressed for arranging a regular supply of dyes to this country. This Govt addressed the Govt of India on this subject last year & that Govt after correspondence with the Home Govt issued the Press Communique on page 3 of Gr. No. 677 Edl, dated the 22nd June 1915. It does not appear that

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para 2, pp 136 & ct.

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that the Govt of India should be again be addressed now in the matter.

SK 15.4.16. CR 15.4.16

Letter No 1420 — 1 dy 15. 4. 16.

Letter to Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co,
No 1420 - 2 dy 15-4-16.

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p. 141 of cf. CN: 1454. Down Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co, dy the 16. 4. 16.

Please see Messrs Gordon Woodroffe's letter on page 141 of the current file. They are prepared to deliver (immediately) the whole quantity of dyes in their possession, pending settlement of its value after ascertaining Home prices. As it is desirable to avoid further increase of storage* charges, it is submitted that the Director of Industries may be asked to take charge of them & to remove them from the Company's premises. A draft order & letter are submitted for approval

2. Dr Marsden has stated that without knowing the prices he could

* Cf. Telegram on p. 123 of cf. based on personal information given by the Secy by the firm.

pages 114 + 116 + 117 p. cf.

could not express an opinion as to what portion should be set apart for small dyers + what portion for mills. Messrs Gordon Woodroffe + Co., have been asked to ascertain these home prices by cable. After they have reported to the Govt the value of the dyes, Dr Marsden may be asked to submit a reply to (the several enquiries in) Govt Memo No 95-2 Edn, dated the 15th January 1916.

pages 139+140 of C/f.

pages 107+108 of C/f.

3. The Govt of India have suggested certain procedure for maintaining the accounts of the transaction. - please see para 3 of that Govts letters on pages 95 + 96 of the current file. The value of the dyes may have to be paid in lump to Messrs Gordon Woodroffe + Co, in the first instance. An allotment will be required for this purpose, though later on it will be recouped by the sale of the dyes. The file may be sent to the Financial Deptt with reference to this point, after issue of the drafts.

(Please see the C.S.(Mr Bottomley) note on pages 19+20 supra.)

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18.4.16. There is not now even a rough forecast of the cost of the dyes. The

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invoice prices were reported to be Rs 30,000; wholesale price declared for customs purposes was stated to be Rs 1.50 lakhs.

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File withheld pending decision to file as a further Comm: has yet to be received

Filed.

C.No.1502. From Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co., dated the 18th April 1916.

The order and letter have issued. Please see

page 143 to 145 of cf.
page 146 of cf.

Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co's letter since received. That firm consider the suggestion to ascertain the home prices by cable not feasible, as details of each particular dye will have to be communicated. It is not clear on what ground it is considered so; apparently on the score of cost as the telegram should - - necessarily be a big one. If the prices are not ascertained by cable, Government may have to wait for

page 130 + 141 of c.f.

nearly two or three months before they can proceed to distribute the dyes. If it is only the list on page 142 of c.f, which prima facie seems sufficiently specific, that is to be telegraphed, there will be about

* at Rs 1.4.0 for each word

250 words to be telegraphed and the cost* including the for

for reply may amount to about Rs.700. An expenditure of this amount should be preferred to the inconvenience of postponing the distribution. It is for orders whether the Govt. may agree to wait so long or ask the firm to cable irrespective of the cost involved.

2. Messrs Gordon Woodroffe and Co., have not -- accepted the proposal made by Govt. that in the case of dyes which are not now procurable at home, the prices that were current when they were last available should be adopted. They do not suggest any other solution of the difficulty. No doubt the proposal of this Government, which is the one finally accepted by India, was that the prices ruling in home markets should be taken. The Government of India described it as "Home prices now current" . It is too technical an objection that there are now no home prices, as the articles are not procurable. What is naturally meant is the price which the article would sell at if it were available; and for that the price last current deems the reasonable. As the firm will not accept this Government's suggestion, a reference will have to be made to India or through them to the Prize Court. This should be done either by the firm or the Local Government. It does not appear that the firm will

page 146 of c.f.

page 151-152 of c.f.

page 125 of c.f.

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will do it. It is therefore for orders whether a telegram should be sent to India pointing out the difficulty and asking for their orders.

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India may be addressed by letter

22/4/16.

A draft letter to the Govt of India is submitted for approval.
An interim letter to Mr Jordan Woodroffe is also sub-
SK 22.4.16 CR 25.4.16

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Pol no 1502-3

pays 147-8 CF

Letter No. 1502-1 Govt., dt 25.4.16

Letter No. 1502-2 " dt "

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Recd 28.6.16 p 27/7

Financial no with reference to pays 92 & 93 ante

ASSISTANT SECRETARY 28 APR 1916 GOVT. OF MADRAS

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 28 JUN 16 MADRAS GOVT

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Financial Deptt.

Please see the letter from the Govt. of India on pages 95-96 C.F and para: 3 of the Educational Deptt. note on page 92 ante. It has been decided to purchase on behalf of the Govt. of India Certain dyestuffs in the custody of Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co. and redistribute the same by sale to dyers in various parts of this Presidency. The invoice prices of the above dyestuffs were reported to be Rs 30,000 and wholesale-prices declared for customs purposes was stated to be 1.50 lakhs. But the actual prices to be paid for the dyestuffs and consequently the prices which the dyers are to be charged for, have not yet been settled

Vide para: 1, page 8 C.F.

page 8 3 C.F. & Notion R. on page 93 ante

Vide M 147-149 C.F. & Educl Notion M 93-97 ante

As regards the method by which the transactions are to be effected in the Govt. accounts, the Govt of India have ordered that the expenditure should be shown under a Suspense account (Civil Account Code, Vol II, page 87(g)

para: 3, page 96 C.F.

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and when the operations have been completed the net outstanding should be passed on to the Comptroller, India Treasuries for final adjustment under the miscellaneous head XXV or 32 according as there is a profit or loss on the transactions. It is therefore submitted that the whole affair concerns Imperial funds and Provincial will not be affected. As soon as the amount to be paid for the dyestuffs to Messrs. Jordan Woodroffe & Co. is fixed, the A.G. will, it is submitted, with reference to the foregoing orders of the Govt. of India make the necessary arrangements for the payment of the amount to the Company and the subsequent crediting of the receipts to the Govt.

(x These will no doubt be communicated to us by Educl.)

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
1 - MAY 1916
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

File no 2637-1

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As the charges will in the first instance be debited to a Suspense account and not to a Service head, no allotment of funds is necessary.

V.A.S 29.4.16.

The above is correct.

F.R. Educl Offr 29.4.16

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READ AGAIN G.O. No. ....., dated ..... 191 .

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READ ALSO:–

C. No. 1454, From the Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., No. –, dated 14. 4. 1916.

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ORDER.

No. ....., dated ..... 191 .

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page 107 of C.P.

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As stated in Govt. memorandum No. 95– 2 Edl., dated the 15th January 1916, the Govt. have decided to acquire the entire quantity of dyes ex S.S. Barenfels which are in the custody of Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co., Madras. A list showing the description & quantity of the various kinds of dyes is forwarded to the Director of Industries who is requested to remove

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remove the consignment from the premises of Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co, and to keep it in his custody. Further orders will issue in regard to its disposal after Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co, have reported their prices.

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Copy to other depts.

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Letter - to
Mis

Messrs Gordon Woodroffe & Co
Madras.

Gentlemen.

With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed to say that the Govt. accept ~~your~~ proposal that (Stones be delivered) the dyes at once to them pending settlement of their value. Orders are issuing to the Director of Industries to take charge of the consignment. I am ~~directed~~ to invite your attention to the suggestion made in my letter No 1420-2 Edn., dated the 15th April 1916, to ascertain the home prices by cable and to request you to report the value of the dyes at as early a date as possible. I have

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*When signed*_____

READ AGAIN G.O., No. , DATED
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