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DATED 31-7-16.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording report on the sale of
dyes ex s.s. "Barenfels"

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Telegram.

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The Director of Industries,
Madras.

Reference my telegram
sixth instant regarding
auction sale of dyes
ex Barenfels. Please
submit report ^(Early date) showing
result of auction
sale.

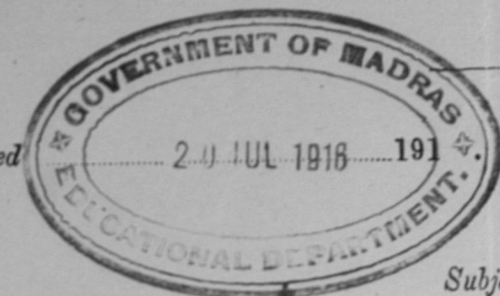
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DEPARTMENT.



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Subject.

Submitting Dr. Marsden's report on the sale of
dyestuffs ex S.S. Barenfels.

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No. K 217

Station Madras, Dated the 18th July, 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 herewith Dr. Marsden's
report on the sale of dyes ex S.S. Barenfels.

The matter may now be considered closed. I
have asked Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe to return the cheque
paid them by me 3 weeks ago under orders from Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.,

Adams
W. J. M.

Director of Industries.

This is evidently the
amount paid as
storage charges to the
firm. The latter
have promised to
return the amount.

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

No.



To

THE Director of Industries.

M a d r a s .

SIR,

Encl(2).

I have the honor to report that according to your instructions I have handed over charge of the dye-cargo Ex S.S. Barenfels to Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co. and that the dyes were sold by auction on July 10th and 11th.

I affix hereto the notice of the auction with the catalogue, [which must have been printed and issued before I received your order. The conditions of sale, you will notice, do not include the restrictions which I was given to understand had been agreed upon between the Government of India and the Alexandria Prize Court and left me absolutely powerless to carry out the orders to restrict the bidding to consumers in the Madras Presidency and to apportion the dyes between the Mills and small dyers according to their needs.

The nature of the agreement with Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co. not having been communicated to me, I was rather handicapped in my efforts to obtain the dyes for distribution by Government, [and the conditions laid down by Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co. regarding the terms upon which I would take over that portion of the cargo which had been allocated for distribution to weavers, were such as I could not accept. The terms were that I, as representing the Government, should bid in the ordinary way against the other intending purchasers

(i.e. the dyers) for alizarine and certain aniline colours, and that, in the case of the items to be withdrawn on my account, I was to pay the price which ~~an~~ an equal portion put up to auction had brought. The question had to be settled before the auction and I had no hesitation under the circumstances in deciding that the reservation of ~~any~~ part of the cargo would be advantageous neither to the dyers nor to Government and therefore requested that the whole lot might be auctioned.

To meet what I took to be the wishes of Government in the matter of the restriction of the auction, I drew up a notice to intending bidders and with the concurrence of Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co had this printed and distributed as part of the conditions of sale at the commencement of the auction.

A copy of the notice is attached, and I may remark that its issue simplified the question of restriction materially, for knowledge of the auction had reached ~~in~~ Bombay and Calcutta and purchasers from these places and the Central Provinces were present. It became known during the morning that the auction was going to be restricted to Madras consumers, and at the commencement of the auction a lawyer's letter protesting against the sale and threatening proceedings on behalf of a Bombay Mill representative was received, and, having been read by Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co.'s agent, was placed among the papers and the auction proceeded with.

Each successful bidder had to produce evidence that he was a ~~consumer~~ a consumer of dyes or was empowered to act on behalf of a ~~consumer~~ consumer and the action of Mr. Paddison, the Collector of Madura, in issuing signed certificates to the individual dyers in that town was of great assistance to those controlling the auction. In almost all other cases the bidders were provided with letters from well known firms guaranteeing that they were dyers, or produced (1) stamped affidavits taken in the presence of a Magistrate, or (2) certificates signed by Municipal Chairmen or Revenue officials.

The majority of those attending the auction came from Madura; Madras (including Saidapet) was well represented and there were a few bidders

few bidders from Kistna, Godavari, Kurnool, Vizagapatam and the West Coast districts; but dyers from Salem, Tanjore, Coimbatore, ~~the~~ S. Arcot, ~~the~~ Tinnevely districts and Conjeevaram, if present, did not make themselves known. The Mills were represented, but except for two items the prices at which the lots went were far beyond what they were prepared to pay, and I find from my list that of the 334 items auctioned about 140 went to Madura, 130 were bought for Madras, and the remainder were distributed between Ambur, Cuddappah, Masulipatam, Cochin and Cannanore.

The competition was upon the whole good and the prices realised were so high that, had I purchased on behalf of Government at even 25% reduction, we could not have distributed to small dyers except at a heavy loss.

For instance for one lot I was prepared to give Rs. 3,000 as a price at which I calculated good dyers would be able to use it at a profit. The people I had in view were quite out of the bidding, as, although they were prepared to pay Rs. 4,500, the lot was knocked down at Rs. 12,900.

On a rough average alizarine went at about 20 times its prewar price, whereas aniline colours being more generally useful and in no more restricted quantity brought 25 - 30, but in a few instances (less well known brands) only about 15 times their prewar prices.

The initial price of the dyes would be about Rs. 30,000, whilst the price realised in the auction is about Rs. 4.75 000.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. Marston

Dyeing Expert to the
Government of Madras.

C. No. 2668 From the S. I.

No. K217, dated 18. 7. 1906.
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SUBJECT.

Report on the sale of dyes ex
S. S. Barenfels.

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page 6 of cf.

Dr. Marsden submits his report on the auction sale of dyes ex S. S. Barenfels. It is observed from the report that he has not purchased any portion of the dyes on behalf of small dyers, ~~but that several individual dyers~~ ^{and that several individual dyers} were allowed to bid along with others for the dyes that they required. Dr. Marsden states that the prices realised at the auction were so high that, ~~it is probable~~ if he had purchased any portion even at a reduction of 25 per cent, the Govt. would have had to incur a heavy loss in distributing it to small dyers ^(at the price which they would be prepared to pay). All the same the Madura dyers seem to have purchased a fair portion of the consignment. Out of 334 items 140 went to Madura (apparently most of which was to small dyers) 130 to Madras (apparently mills) and

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and the rest to a few other places in the Presidency.

The report may, it is submitted, be recorded after perusal.

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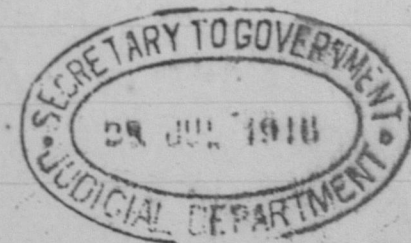
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Here is D. Hasdein report - pages 3 to 5 of the Cf. It gives the information which A.S. wanted the other day.

22/7/16

Returned with thanks.

(By mbr) H. Mori 27.7.16.



A draft order recording the papers is submitted for approval.

SK 28.7.16. CA 28.7.16.

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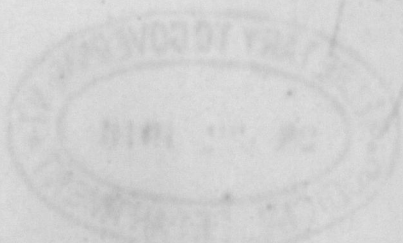
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