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[Despatch Abstract.]

Soap plant.

Informing the officer in charge of the Department of Industries that the Mysore Darbar have since agreed to make good to the Madras Government the sum of Rs.750 for the ---- taken by them from the Director of Industries, Madras.

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Home (Eon) Sept.

N^o 1086A-1
24.4.18

Letter to

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to my Letter N^o 263, dated the 22nd February 1918, regarding the recovery from the Mysore Darbar of the value of the soap plant lent to the ~~Dep~~ Director of Industries, Mysore, and to ~~request~~ ~~that this fact may be~~ ~~for a dip in the account~~ ~~of the~~ ~~that~~.

inquire whether the Darbar have been moved in the matter and if so, with what result

I have re.,

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22.4.18
N.K.
23rd/18

FROM

THE HON'BLE MR. H. V. COBB, C. S. I., C. I. E.,

RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Dated Bangalore, 27th April 1918.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 263, dated the 22nd February 1918, regarding the recovery from the Mysore Durbar of the value of soap plant lent to the Director of Industries Mysore, I have the honour to forward, for the consideration of the Government of Madras, a copy of letter No. Pol.969, dated the 24th April 1918, with enclosure, received from the Mysore Durbar on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. V. Cobb.
RESIDENT.

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Letter No. Pol.969, dated the 24th April 1918, from the
Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
to the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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With reference to your letter No. 1814, dated the 7th March
1918, in regard to the Soap Machinery alleged to have been borrowed
by Mr. Chatterton from Mr. Tressler, I am directed to forward here-
with copy of letter No. 3420 dated 22nd March 1918, from Mr. - -
Chatterton. Under the circumstances stated therein it is clear
that the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are in no way res-
ponsible for the transaction and I am to add that as the matter
is one entirely between Mr. Chatterton and the Director of Industries
in Madras the Government of His Highness have directed Mr. Chatterton
to settle it himself accordingly.

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Letter No. 3420, dated the 27th/28th March 1918, from the Director of Sandalwood Oil Factories in Mysore to the Secretary to Government, Departments of Education and Agriculture.

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In reference to your No. 9607/I & C. 99-17, dated the 23rd March 1918, I have the honour to state that the facts regarding the Soap Plant lent by Mr. Tressler to the Department of Industries and Commerce are as follows:-

Mr. Tressler, when Director of Industries in Madras, lent me some machinery for making soap. When it arrived in Bangalore, we tried to fit it up in the Indian Institute of Science, where, at the time, we were carrying on the manufacture of Soap. After sorting out the stuff, it was found that some parts were missing. No complete machine could be made of the parts. All that I received in Bangalore was some scrap iron. Mr. Tressler was informed of this and no action was taken in the matter till, at some later date, the man from whom he borrowed the so called plant, claimed that it should be returned to him or that he should be paid for it. I was not aware, at the time, of the arrangements between the man and Mr. Tressler. I was under the impression that it was the property of the Madras Government. No request was made to me to return it. I did not anticipate any such request, as it was not worth sending back.

These facts are stated in my letter No. 161, of the 23rd July 1917 and I have nothing further to add. If I may express an opinion, I do not think the Mysore Government would be justified in accepting the claims of the Madras Government for the payment of Rs.750/- for the stuff which was valueless.

There does not appear to be in the record any written communication of mine to Mr. Tressler, stating the material was scrap iron; but this information was, I am certain, conveyed to him

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him personally in Madras, when I was down there on one occasion, when I think, I asked him if he had sent all the parts. We made a complete search of his go-downs to see if there was any material which might be ^{of} use; but nothing was found. I do not remember any other details and I am certain that Mr. Tressler was not anxious to have it sent back.

In letter No. 739 of the 21st June 1917, the Director of Industries in Madras states that ~~the~~ he sent certain number of machines which he specifies, but I can certainly affirm that no complete machinery of any kind arrived in Bangalore.

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No 4404.

FROM

THE HON'BLE MR. H. V. COBB, C. S. I., C. I. E.,
RESIDENT IN MYSORE.



TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Dated Bangalore, 5th July 1918.

SIR,

In continuation of the correspondence ending with my letter No. 3044 (with enclosures) dated the 27th April 1918, on the subject of the soap plant lent to the Mysore Government's Director of Industries, I have the honour to inform you that as the result of further discussion with the Dewan orders have been issued by him to the Mysore Comptroller to pay to your Government at once the amount of Rs.750/- involved.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H.V. Cobb.

RESIDENT.

B.J.

Home (Estⁿ) Dept.

CN 1127 A. From the Honble the Resident in Mysore
N^o 3044 of the 27.4.18

Subject. Regarding the recovery
of the value of the soap plant
lent to the Director of Industries
& Commerce, Mysore.

p. 3 f.c.f.

The Mysore Darbar reiterates
its old contention that it is not
responsible for the transaction
relating to the soap plant
which was carried on by
Mr. Chatterton. Though the
plant was obtained for the
soap experiment conducted
in the Indian Institute of
Science, Bangalore, Mr. Chatterton
has already stated that ^(he) borrowed
it in his capacity of Director
of Industries & Commerce, Mysore.
It is therefore doubtful whether
he can be held personally ~~res~~
responsible. ~~orders~~

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22-2-18
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21/5/18) 2 Mr. James may perhaps be asked to
write to Mr. Chatterton again and
ascertain definitely whether the plant was
borrowed by him for conduct of experi-
ments

undertaken on behalf of the Durbar or for
trial experiments sanctioned by the Indian
Institute of Science.

NH
3/5/18

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From the new letters received

it seems that the trouble really
arose from ^{the} unbusinesslike methods?
Mr. Presler. Mr. Sures has repeatedly
begged us to let the matter drop. Shall
we do so? I don't think ^{from these new letters} we
have any claim against either the
Durbar or Mr. Chatterton personally.
The Chatterton ^{plant} was ^{abandoned} ^{by} ^{him}

Immediately on receipt, Mr. Chatterton
sent the plant to the Tata Institute.
This rather shows that the Mysore Durbar
is not responsible.

Mr. Chatterton is ; only if it can be
shown that the plant was complete
or in passable condition. It was not.

May the matter be dropped?

W.H. 1/5/18

How?
Nye

Why? He has
returned it.
Nye

The matter
may be dropped
13/5/18

Am (over)
Hm true

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Please refer me to W. Chatterton's L^r of marks asking for the loan of the machinery or call for a copy of it.

AGL
14/5



The letter referred to by H.H. is not available here. A draft do. is submitted for approval.

SK
14.5.18.
NY
15/5/18

due. L. S.

Home (85%) Dept

Do.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to
the correspondence
ending with your de.
letter R.C. No 739 of the
12th February last

I am desired to ask you
to ^{forward to} ~~forward to~~ Govt. ^{acting} ~~acting~~
the Bhatterton's letter

of March 1915 in
which he ^{applied to Mr. Dredgen} ~~asked~~ for
the loan of the soap
plant.

Yours truly,

SK
14/5/18.
PMS
15/5/18

p. 22 of fo. 263 @
22.2.18

para 4, p. 2 of fo. 426 (P)
31.3.17

To

20/5/15
C.A. Limes Esq,
Offices in charge
of the Dept. of Industries.

D.O.

Office of the Director of Industries,

Madras.

25th May 1918



My dear

With reference to your semi-official letter No. 1127-A 1 of the 16th instant, I enclose extracts from the D.O. correspondence between Messrs. Trevelyan & Chatterton relative to the loan of the Soap Plant in 1915.

Yours sincerely,

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To.

Hilton Brown Esq., I.C.S.

Under Secretary to Government,

Home (Education) Department,

G. O. T. R. R. R. R. R.

C.H.

Enclosure:-/

Ann W. Chatterton 6
Copy of Extract of D.O. letter dated 13th March 1915
to Mr. Tressler.

I am sending you today a bar of soap which is the first
lot we have turned out and I have no doubt that as we get on
further, we shall turn out something better.

I should be glad if you would tell Mr. Martin Murty,
to get out the list of plant which you have for soap making;
because I find there are several things which I shall be glad to
have, the chief being, as I said before, a crutcher, soap frames,
bar cutting machine and, possibly, presses in which we can make
samples of soap for distribution.

Copy of letter dated 29th March 1915 from Mr. Chatterton
to the Mr. Tressler.

With reference to your No. 135 of the 26th March, I have
the honour to state that the sample of soap I sent you was the
first which has been turned out by a process which I do not ~~high~~
altogether approve of. A number of other samples of soap have since
been made which are of a much better quality. I am getting a soap
boiling pan with a steam coil made here and I hope to get it
finished by the end of this week and next week we shall be able
to start boiling soap on a sufficiently large scale to turn out a
better product. As soon as this is done I will send you samples.

I have not yet received the samples of soap supplied by
Messrs. Walker and Co., I will take note of them when they arrive
and endeavour to turn out something of approximately the same
quality.

I should be glad to know what has been the result of
putting together the soap making machines which you have in stock
and ~~whether~~ whether you have anything which it would be worth our
while to have up here. A machine in which we could press tablets
would probably be useful as we could then make up our samples in a
more attractive form.

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Copy of Extract of D.O. letter from Mr. Tressler dated
8th April 1915 to Mr. Chatterton.

I am making arrangements to send up the Soap making
machinery to you. I intended to try and fit it up here so as to see
that no parts are missing but if you are in a hurry I will send it
up to you just as it is. Please let me know. As regards Graphite,
I am sending up Ramachandra Iyer either today or tomorrow with the
necessary appliances.

Copy of D.O. letter from Mr. Chatterton dated 7th April
1915 to Mr. Tressler.

We are badly in need of a soap frame and I should be glad
if you have got one set of soap making machinery in Madras, if you
would kindly send it up at once. Please let me know by return of
post as otherwise I must get one made locally.

Copy of Extract of D.O. letter dated 10th April from
Mr. Chatterton to Mr. Tressler.

I am in urgent need of soap frames and I should be
glad if you would wire if you have got any, otherwise I must get
them made here.

In regard to the soap machinery, I shall take over the
whole lot; but it is no use sending me up a collection of old iron.
Please get them fitted up in the workshops at Madras and see that
they are of some use.

D.O.
Copy of letter from Mr. Tressler dated 12th April 1915
to Mr. Chatterton.

I do not quite know what soap frames are: so I cannot
tell you whether I have got them or not. I have sent up all the
machinery, through Ramachandra Iyer. He can fit it up in Bangalore

8/ to see what it is worth. As you may be away today I am not wiring as requested by you since this letter will reach you tomorrow morning.

I am anxiously awaiting the soap.

Box 15
enc 21-528
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Home (Ed.) Sept

Please see the Honble Member's note on page 3 ante. The file may now be submitted to H.M. Apparently Mr. Chatterton borrowed the plant in his capacity as Director of Industries, Mysore, in connection with soap experiments conducted on behalf of the Darbar, but there is no definite information to this effect.

But not through
the Darbar
me

NK
28/5/10

ES (Jm H.M.)

28/5/10

May 31/5/10

H.M. (Jm H.M.)

H.M. (Jm H.M.)

28/5/10

The position in regard to this matter is hardly open to doubt. Mr. Chatterton, the Director of Industries and Commerce in the employment of the Mysore Darbar, borrowed from the Director of Industries Madras, certain plant. In borrowing this plant, he did not proceed officially through the Darbar, the

Resident

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Resident and the Madras Government, but he obtained it by demi-official application direct to Mr. Tressler. He did this in order to save time as is clear from his letter of the 7th of April in which he says "We are badly in need of a soap-plant and I should be glad if you have got one set of soap-making machinery in Madras if you would kindly send it up at once. Please let me know by return of post as I should otherwise make one locally." Again on the 10th of April he said "In regard to the soap-machinery, I shall take over the whole lot but there is no use sending a collection of old iron. Please set them up at the workshops and see whether they are of some use." In order to assist Mr. Chatterton, Mr. Tressler ^{at once} ~~immediately~~ forwarded the machinery. Mr. Chatterton now says that the machinery was useless, that it was not worth sending back and that it was ^{scrapped} ~~scraped~~. He admits, however, that he did not inform Mr. Tressler in writing to this effect. Subsequently, the Madras Government had to pay Rs.750 for this machinery to the person from whom it was borrowed and they applied to the Mysore Darbar to reimburse them this amount. The Mysore Darbar has taken the line that the transaction was one entirely between Mr. Chatterton and the Director of Industries

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and the Government of His Highness has directed Mr. Chatterton to settle it accordingly. This is a fresh instance of the incredible meanness with which the Mysore Darbar behaves. If it were a private individual I think it would be clearly liable for the acts of its agent, Mr. Chatterton, because those acts were certainly within the scope of his duty and therefore an action at law would, if brought against a private individual in similar circumstances, probably succeed. When a responsible body, such as a Native State, repudiates its liability in a matter of this sort, the only remedy to which we can have recourse is to have nothing further to do with it and to decline all future assistance in such matters. I regret that I cannot agree to drop this matter simply on the ground that it is not worth pursuing and I think that a letter should be sent to the Darbar setting forth the facts as stated above and saying that unless the Darbar makes good the loss which the Madras Government have sustained through the action of its Director of Industries, the Madras Government will be compelled in future to decline to allow its officers to give any assistance to the Darbar in similar matters.



561
5.6.18

Box 62
enc 5.2.19
Net 8.7.18

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With reference to H.M. (Ind)'s note on pages 9 to 11 ~~supra~~ the file may, it is submitted, be circulated to H.E. the Governor and other H.M.'s

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MS
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S. J.

~~Not circulated~~ that Mr.

H.M. 3
H.M. 2
H.E.
876/18!

I am very doubtful whether we should address the Indian Bar as proposed. To have further voting I would suggest that we decide this in the Executive Council - at the next meeting.

B. J.

I am not in favour of pressing our claim further with the Bar. We



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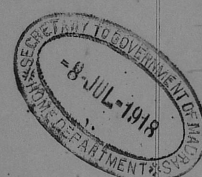
have trouble enough with them as it is, and this is a small matter about which there is no evidence except that of Mr. Chatterton.

W. B. C. W. B. C.

Mr. Babb to whom the Secretary mentioned this matter has written to say that the Bureau has now issued orders for the refund of the sum paid by the Madras Government. It may therefore now be regarded as closed.

W. B. C.

(20) 7.7.18.



com 1760. From the Resident in Mysore W 47048 5-7-18

A draft order is submitted for approval.

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9.7.18.

SK

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may issue?

It has 1/2 also perhaps see first.

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may 12/7/18

Soap plant

Informing the Officer in charge of the Dept^t of Industries that the Mysore Darbar have since agreed ~~to~~ to make good to the Madras Govt the sum of Rs. 750 for the soap plant taken by them from the Director of Industries, Mysore.

READ AGAIN G.O. No.

dated

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READ ALSO:-

C. 20. 1127A From the Hon'ble the Resident No. 3074 4, dated 27. 4. 1918 in Mysore

" 1760A " " " " 4204 " 5. 7. 1918.

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ORDER.

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No. 1018, dated 5. 8. 1918.

With reference to

(7) G.O. No. 426 Home (25th), dated the 31st March 1917, the Officer in charge of the Dept^t of Industries is informed that the Mysore Darbar have since agreed to make good to the Madras Govt the sum of Rs. 750/- paid ^{by them} for the soap plant referred to therein. The Darbar have also

issued the necessary instructions to the Mysore Comptroller.

The Officer in charge of the Dept^t of Industries

Accountant-General

W.D.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DETS.

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