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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>1219</i>	Press <u>Mis.</u>
<i>22-23</i>	
Dated <i>4-8</i>	<i>19-1878</i>

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J. J.

Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 7th September 1858.

No. 22. Read the following letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Magistrate of Canara; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th August 1858, No. 57.

SIR,

I have the honor to report for the information and orders of Government that 164 maunds, 4 lbs. of sulphur, the property of Coompta merchants, was accidentally destroyed by fire, whilst in the Police Ameen's Cutcherry in that town on the night of 27th November 1857.

2. The fire originated in a house near the Cutcherry, and several buildings were consumed before it could be got under.

3. The additional Sub-Collector was in Coompta at the time, and every effort was made to save the sulphur then in deposit, pending the issue of licenses under the Government Notification, dated 28th August 1857, but only 19 maunds could be brought out of the building.

4. As it is of course impossible to determine the ownership of the sulphur saved, I propose to sell it by auction, and as the merchants request that they may be indemnified for their losses, I have the honor to lay their case before Government, and trust that under the circumstances stated, that they will be pleased to sanction the payment of Rupees 410, Annas 5 and Pies 8, the value of the sulphur deposited by the merchants, at the rate for which it is usually sold, viz., 2 Rupees and 8 Annas per maund of 28 lbs.

5. The proclamation made was in strict accordance with the Government Notification, but on reference to the records, I find that the native officials throughout the District, with one or two exceptions, had all the sulphur within their respective limits, brought to the Talook Cutcheries, or other Government buildings, and there deposited pending the issue of licenses to the owners.

6. The Police Ameen, like most others, read his instructions in this way, and had all the sulphur in Coompta deposited in his office.

7. He however was to blame in not reporting the steps he had taken, as directed, until after the lapse of a month, and in failing even then to furnish all the information required in this office. Hence time was again lost in making a further reference, and the fire occurred a few days before the orders for re-delivery of the sulphur to the owners, together with the necessary licenses, were issued here.

8. As however the loss of this sulphur does not appear to have been caused by the wilful neglect or carelessness of any of the public servants, but by an accident over which they could have no control, I hope that the Government will be pleased to give their favorable consideration to the recommendation made above, and sanction the payment of the value of the sulphur destroyed, from the public purse.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, No. 1219; dated 4th September 1858.

The Government sanction the disbursement of Rupees 410-5-8 to the merchants of Coompta on account of the sulphur deposited by them in the Police Ameen's Cutcherry and the greater portion of which was, as reported in the above letter, destroyed by fire. The Magistrate will, as proposed, sell by auction, the portion that has been saved, carrying the proceeds to the credit of Government.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Fort St George
4 September 1858. }

Copy to Magistrate of Coimbatore
" Asst. General
" Civil Auditor. — } Disp. 6th

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The public service.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir,
Yours most obedient servant

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