No. 16. Read the following letter from Colonel J. C. BOULDERSON, Commissioner of Police; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th February 1858, No. 18.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to give in margin, copy of a letter to my address from the Collector of Sea Customs, together with copy of a letter addressed to that Officer by one Rawmunah, and with reference to the subject of both the letters, and the orders of Government, Judicial Department, No. 172, under date the 3rd Instant, to request you will favor me by informing me whether the Government will permit the free importation of saltpetre into this port.

2. As saltpetre is an article much in demand and use in Madras, and the consumption of sulphur is not great for ordinary purposes, the importation of the former may perhaps be allowed, and the present restriction on that of sulphur remain in force.

"To be returned, dated 8th February 1858.

"I have the honor to forward to you the enclosed original letter" from M. Rawmunah, and to solicit you will inform me whether a License to import saltpetre will be granted to parties who bring it from subordinate Ports for shipment to the United Kingdom, France and America. There are some vessels with saltpetre on board and if they do not receive a License to import, I shall permit them to take it on, but it occurs to me that if it was shipped for improper purposes, the parties are more likely to effect their wishes at Hamlets on the Coast, than in the town of Madras.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. E. UNDERWOOD,
Collector Sea Customs."

Sea Custom House,
Madras, 8th February 1858.

To the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

SIR,

Agreeably to your endorsement under date 2nd Instant, the parties B. Cunmiah and others to whom the saltpetre is consigned, applied to the Commissioner of Police for a License to land the same, who, I regret to say refused to interfere in the matter, observing that they should ask you for a Clearance.

I beg to state that the vessel is in a state of leakage, and if she remains on the Sea for a few days longer it is feared, that she will become quite unserviceable and the Seerang and the Crew will not only suffer very seriously, but also the owner sustain much loss.

The article seems to have been shipped under ignorance of existing Rules and Regulations, and as I am prepared to surrender it to the Circar, I request that you will be pleased to order it to be landed and placed in the Stores of your office, thereby granting me a Port Clearance. If not you will order to take it back to the place where it was exported.

I remain, &c.,
(Signed) M. RAWMIAH,
Agent.

Madras,
8th February 1858.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 255; dated 25th February 1858.

By Section XII, Act XXVIII 1857, no Arms, Ammunition, Sulphur or Saltpetre can be imported by sea or land into any part of the territories in the possession and under the Government of the East India Company without the License of the Governor General in Council or of the Executive Government.

2. That Section has with others been declared (19th October 1857), applicable to all the Madras Presidency. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not prepared to relax its provisions as respects Saltpetre, but the Commissioner of Police is authorized, 19th October 1857, to grant Licenses for the importation of Saltpetre and he may grant them freely to any persons of respectability, whose motives in the importation of the article there may be no ground for questioning.

3. The Commissioner has also been by Notification 10th November 1857, empowered to grant Licenses for the transport of Saltpetre from one place to another.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Mad. F. Cartledge.

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From the Commissioner of Police

Dated 9th February 1858.

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