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Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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19th February 1861.*

No. 99. Read the following letter from Major W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th February 1861, No. 14.

1. I have the honor to report, that in compliance with the Order of Government noted in the margin, I visited the premises of Appasawmy Pillay and Co., on Wednesday the 16th January. They are situated in Maclean Street, Black Town, within a short distance of the Office of Messieurs Binny and Company.

2. I found the Sulphur stored in two godowns; about three-fourths of it in bulk, and the remainder in barrels, most of which were in a damaged condition. After my examination I caused the godowns to be sealed, until means for weighing and storing the Sulphur could be provided by the owners.

3. On Thursday and Friday the 24th and 25th ultimo, the Sulphur was weighed and found to amount to one hundred and eleven candies, two maunds, and nine pounds, that is to say to about 55,550 pounds, all of which is now stored in gunny bags containing about 2½ cwt. each on an average. I then called on the owners for the information required in the Government Order above specified, and herewith annex a copy of their reply.

4. This Sulphur has been stored in the premises in question for about five years without any accident, but it is evident that the existence of so large a quantity in an ordinary godown in the centre of the town is very objectionable and dangerous. Should Government deem it advisable, the Sulphur might be taken possession of under the provisions of Section XX of the present Arms Act, and a License granted to the owners according to the prescribed form, from one of the conditions of which it will appear that application for permission to sell must be made to the Commissioner on every occasion.

XXXI of 1860.

License enclosed.

5. I communicated with the Inspector General, Principal Commissary of Ordnance, and Brigade Major, on this subject some days ago, and have just been informed that none of these Officers have any building at their disposal, which can be made available for the reception of the Sulphur, but it has been suggested that the Old Magazine in the Fort, at the top of which a cistern has been built, and which has lately been transferred from the Military authorities, might be made use of for that purpose.

6. If a License is granted to the applicants, they might be permitted to keep three or four hundred pounds in their premises at a time.

From Messrs. P. APPASAWMY PILLAY and Co., to the Commissioner of Police, dated Madras, 30th January 1861.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 810 of 26th instant; in reply we be to state that we expect to dispose of our Sulphur to Venders of Fireworks and for Medicinal purposes, also to retail Merchants for the above purposes, we may perchance also have opportunities to sell to the Commissariat or to the Railway and Irrigation Canal Companies. We would here beg to observe that we lost many opportunities for their purchase hitherto by reason of the prohibitory order, and we need hardly add that we have sustained already loss by the check against the sale.

We beg to note that the quantity of Sulphur with us has been now correctly ascertained and found to weigh 496 cwt. 0 qrs. and 7 lbs. or 111 candies, 2 maunds, and 9 pounds.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. J. WILSON,
Commissioner of Police.

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No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1861, No. 219.

The Government approve the suggestion of the Commissioner of Police, that the Sulphur in possession of Appasawmy Pillay and Co., be seized and detained by Government under Section XX, Act XXXI, 1860, and such quantities only issued to them from time to time as they can in reason require for the purposes of their trade.

2. The expense attendant on the removal of the Sulphur from its present dangerous place of deposit, and of storing it elsewhere will be borne by Appasawmy Pillay and Co. The cost of removal will be defrayed by them before a License can be issued to them, and if there be any expense consequent on its being stored under charge of Government, they will have to bear it—and on failure to make it good, from time to time, their License will be revoked.

3. With respect to the Magazine referred to by the Commissioner of Police, the Government understand from the Superintendent of the Press that on a trial being made of it as a place of Store for the Press Stationery it was found too damp for the purpose. It would therefore not be suited for the storing of Sulphur. Major Wilson, will endeavor to find some other building. If there be none belonging to Government that can be spared, a Godown might be hired in some unobjectionable locality, the rent and other expense, if any, connected with the lodgment of the Sulphur in it being borne by Appasawmy Pillay and Co.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No.	I have examined in which propose to Store and Certify that it is a safe and proper place to Store Sulphur.	Madras, 186 . }	Sulphur on the following conditions:—	Inspector.	licensed to keep in deposit of.	Commissioner of Police.
			1st.—That no portion of the Sulphur so stored be used for the Manufacture of Gunpowder.			
			2nd.—That the Sulphur shall on no account be sold, except by special permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police.			
			3rd.—That no portion of the Sulphur shall be removed without the special permission in writing of the Commissioner of Police.			
			4th.—That the Sulphur shall, on demand of the Commissioner of Police, be duly accounted for.			
			Breach of any of the above conditions will involve the Confiscation of the Sulphur above mentioned.			
			Madras Police Commissioner's Office, 1860. }			

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To the Commissioner of Police. Dated 20-2-61.

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*Apprising the directors
of the Commissions of
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proceedings of the ~~late~~
Appraising Office & the
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