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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 25th March 1861.

No. 229. Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Magistrate of Vizagapatam, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 11th March 1861, No. 86.

With reference to the Order of Government, No. 230, dated 21st February last, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter from Mr. G. Meppen, explanatory of the purpose for which he requires the large quantity of Gunpowder and Copper Caps referred to by Government.

2. From the fact of nearly the whole European community of the Northern Division drawing their supplies from this Firm, the quantity mentioned by Messrs. Meppen and Co. is not, in my opinion, excessive.

From Mr. G. H. A. MEPPEN, to E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Magistrate of Vizagapatam, dated 4th March 1861.

In obedience to the Orders of Government, forwarded to me for an explanation as to the purpose for which I require so large a quantity of Gunpowder and Percussion Caps as that for which my Agents Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. have solicited a Pass, I beg to state that this supply forms an annual consignment usually indented for by me from England, to meet the requirements of my constituents at this and neighbouring stations; and so far from being in excess, I find the quantity scarcely equal to the demand, a circumstance which will not appear unaccountable to Government, when they are made aware that my Firm controls the retail trade of the Northern Division.

2. I would further beg to add that the detention of these Stores at Madras has been no less a source of inconvenience and disappointment to my customers, than loss to myself as a Tradesman.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE,
Magistrate.

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1861, No. 415.

The Government authorize the Commissioner of Police to grant Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co. a Pass for the whole quantity of Gunpowder, &c., referred to in their application.

Proceedings 21st February 1861, No. 230.

2. The Magistrate of Vizagapatam will inspect Mr. Meppen's books from time to time carefully, and satisfy himself that the Gunpowder, &c., does not find its way into improper hands.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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No. 415. 25 March 1861.

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The Commr. of Police
" Magistrate Vizagapatam

Desp. 26-3-61.