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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
19th February 1864.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 130. From Messrs. P. SOOBROY CHETTY & Co., China Bazaar Merchants, Madras; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Madras, dated 30th January 1864.

I beg most respectfully to inform your honor that in June last I received an invoice of six half barrels, of gunpowder from England; after paying the duty I cleared it from the Custom House, and, as usual, it was lodged in the Government Magazine. I then applied to the Superintendent of Police for a license, in order to retail it to purchasers, but was refused. I have often applied to him but without success, and no reason has been assigned for refusing it to me. It is now eight months since the powder has been received, and I have not been able to dispose of it in any shape. Should the powder get damaged I shall be a loser of Rupees 500, or if it is sold I shall get a very small profit on it; but if the license is still refused, what am I to do? therefore I have addressed your honor on the subject, begging pardon for the liberty I have taken in addressing you, and at the same time begging your honor will be so good as to direct the Superintendent of Police either to take up the whole of the gunpowder for Government use, if required, or grant me a license, in order that I may sell my article before it gets damaged, and not suffer much loss by it. As I am a loser of the interest for that money which I advanced on it, and still more for the eight months that it is shut up in the Government Magazine, I beg to assure you, Honored Sir, that if my petition is granted now, I shall never more indent for gunpowder again, for I have incurred much loss and a great deal of trouble on account of it. Begging your honor will see no objection, and authorize the license being granted to me.

Referred to the Commissioner of Police for his remarks.

Fort Saint George,
15th February 1864.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 131. From Lieutenant Colonel W. J. WILSON, Commissioner of Police; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 16th February 1864, No. 29.

In returning the petition of P. Soobroy Chetty & Co., forwarded on the 15th instant for my remarks, I have the honor to state that I refused to grant the license, because I am of opinion that the China Bazaar is not a proper place to keep gunpowder in, and I have informed the applicant of this reason more than once.

2. Frequent applications are made by Shop-keepers of different descriptions, who wish to combine the sale of gunpowder with that of Millinery and other goods, but as there are already thirteen licensed dealers in Madras, I am unwilling to increase the number.

3. This is not the first instance which has occurred of unlicensed persons ordering out articles prohibited by the Arms Act, and then assigning such as a reason why a license should be granted to them.

4. The petitioner may arrange to have his gunpowder sold for him by one of the licensed dealers.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1864, No. 218.

Resolved that Messrs. P. Soobroy Chetty & Co. be informed that they cannot be granted a license for the sale of the gunpowder belonging to them, but that it is open to them to arrange for the sale of it through the agency of one of the licensed dealers in Madras.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

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Read the following letters —

From P. Soobroy Chetty —

OB: ————— Inter 30th Janry. '54.

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of Police ————— 16th Feb — N^o 29.

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The Commissioner of Police
for communications to
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