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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
23rd August 1866.

No. 234. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 11th August 1866, No. 1291.

General Department.

I have the honor to submit the Return of Licenses granted by the Superintendents of Police, for the importation of Arms and Ammunition by sea, &c., during the year 1865.

2. All licenses are countersigned by the Magistrates; indeed, where departmental instructions are obeyed, they are submitted to him before being passed by the Superintendent.

3. In three Districts only was there any importation; at least returns are blank from all others. These Districts were:—

Districts.	Arms pieces.	Gun-powder.			Sulphur.			Percussion caps.
		Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	
Godavery... ..	...	...	4	2	1	17	4	23,400
Malabar... ..	17	...	5	2	9	8	...	86,000
South Canara... ..	516	1	6	...	2	10	2	3,87,000
Total...	533	1	16	...	13	16	2	4,96,400

4. The ginger bleachers of Malabar use sulphur, and much Native gun-powder is expended at the festivals of the District. This may account for the large importation of sulphur.

5. The Magistrate of Canara explains that the statement sent from that District shows the quantities for which license was sought and passed. The actual

Fowling pieces..... 198
Gun-powder..... 2577 lbs.
Caps, percussion..... 209,000
Sulphur..... Ton 1, 16 cwts.

imports fell short of this nominal quantity; the actual imports are shown marginally. The Magistrate has latterly restricted the grant of license as far as may

be wisely done; and the merchants' books have been examined and found correct. The sales were unobjectionable.

6. The Superintendent of Police, South Canara, has explained, further, that "the Coffee Planters of Shimoga, Manjerbad, and Mercara are supplied by the shopkeepers at Mangalore; and last, but not the least no doubt, the Coorgs who are allowed to carry fire arms in Coorg, to any extent, take back powder and sulphur with them when they bring their coffee here from the Ghauts." The information points to these things (amongst these two lakhs of percussion caps) passing above Ghauts.

7. Some facility for obtaining fire arms and ammunition are indispensable in a District like Canara, where wild beasts abound.

List of Licenses granted for the importation of Arms, Ammunition, &c., by the sea or land frontier, from 1st January to 31st December 1865, submitted agreeably to G. O., No. 2029, dated 15th December 1862, Judicial Department.

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CHIEF OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE,
MADRAS, 11th August 1866.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON,
Inspector General of Police.

I do not think that Mr. W. Robinson has satisfactorily accounted for the large importation of firearms & gunpowder into South Canara and I do not understand why the Canara return should show one lot of which he is the owner of his letter - but another in the correct lot -
I would desire to explain to state why, if matters have been going on as before a view to meeting the wants of planters as Coorg & other places he (the Canara) has called seemed it advisable to check the grant of licenses.
W. Robinson

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ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1866, No. 1304.

The Magistrate of South Canara will explain the cause of his having issued so many licenses. The fact that he has lately restricted their issue would seem to imply previous laxity.

(True Extract).

Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector General of Police.
" Magistrate of South Canara.

Ed. J. H. Burns.

23rd August 1866 N: 1304

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1820 - The Chief of Police } deposed
mayor of Camara }
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Received 1866 Sept
From The Insp. Genl. of Police
To The Chief of Port
Fort Saint George

Dated 17th Aug. 1866.
Recd 13th Dec. 1766.

N: 1291
(Enclosure one).

Subm to with remarks the
statement of licences granted
by the Insp. of Police for the
importation of arms and
ammunition by sea & land during
the year 1865.

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