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No. 57. Read the following letter from the Commissioner of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 28th February 1866, No. 26.

With reference to Order of Government, No. 221, of the 15th instant, I have the honor to forward a list showing how the Arms imported during the half-year ending 31st December 1865 have been disposed of.

2. On examining the books of Messrs. R. P. Carr & Co., it has been found that the permits, dated 20th September and 3rd October, were for the same invoice of 40 guns—the former to clear them from the Custom House, and the latter to forward them to Messrs. Wallace & Co., Bangalore. The registering Clerk in this Office appears to have mis-read Messrs. Carr & Co.'s second application, and to have entered the 40 guns as a fresh invoice. Thus the total number imported during the half-year was 132, not 172. The number of Europeans in the Madras Presidency is now large. The Coffee Planters of themselves form an extensive community, and the trade in fire-arms for sporting and defensive purposes is doubtless brisk. It will be observed that the importers are almost all Europeans, and that a considerable proportion of the fire-arms have been forwarded to Coffee planting localities.

3. Complete control and check are exercised in this office over the importation of fire-arms. None can be cleared from the Custom House, or subsequently forwarded to the Mofussil, without a permit from the Commissioner of Police, and licensed dealers are compelled to keep a book in which an account is kept of their stock in trade, and the name and address of every purchaser of arms are entered. This book is open to the inspection of the Magistrates, and of the Commissioner of Police and his Deputies—vide paragraph 6, Order of Government, No. 1198, 18th September 1860.

LIST shewing how the arms imported during the half-year ending 31st December 1865 have been disposed of.

Names of Importers.	Number of Guns.	Where removed to.	Where forwarded to.	Date of License.	Remarks.
Messrs. Oakes & Co.	2	Their premises.	.....	23rd Aug. 1865.	On hand.
„ do. ...	8	Do. ...	.....	21st Sep. „	Six on hand.
„ do. ...	6	Do. ...	.....	27th „ „	On hand.
„ do. ...	2	Do. ...	.....	30th Oct. „	Do.
„ do. ...	16	Do. ...	.....	19th Dec. „	Twelve sold, and four cleared for Mr. R. S. Dobbs.
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„ Carr & Co..	40	Do. ...	.....	20th Sep. „	
„ do. ...	3	Do. ...	.....	21st „ „	Forwarded to Mr. G. S. Tipping at Veerajenderpet, 7th October 1865.
„ do. ...	(40)	Do. ...	Messrs. S. G. Wallace & Co., Bangalore.	3rd Oct. „	The same Guns for which a license was granted on the 20th September 1865.
„ do. ...	6	Do. ...	.....	21st Dec. „	On hand.
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Mr. D. W. Ouchterlonee.	26	.....	Mr. T. Allamby, Ooty.		
„ C. Dawson. ...	12	.....	... Do. ...	11th Aug. „	
Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.	1	.....	Ponnoosawmy Pillay, District Moonsiff, Ramnad.....	22nd July „	
„ Dymes & Co	2	Their premises.	.....	5th Sep. „	
Thapermal Chetty & Co.....	2	Do. ...	.....	22nd „ „	Sold.
Hajee Mahomed Issac & Co.....	6	.....	Fakeer Mahomed & Co., Ootacamund.	2nd Oct. „	

MADRAS,
POLICE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
28*th February* 1866.

(Signed) C. S. HEARN,
Commissioner of Police.

No. 58.

ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1866, No. 355.

To be recorded.
(True Extract).

A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. H, Burns.

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