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[Despatch Abstract.]

Arms & gun powder - Trade
between Karai Kel & Neobor
Islands - Letter from Govt of India
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Transmitted
without license
Should be stopped
at Land Customs
House

They wanted
in large quantities
at Nicobar?

At Singapore from which I purchased one of
60 packets, each of them contain one ^{long} Rupee
with some common muskets worth Rs 4 each kept
there from the Steamers coming from Singapore
to boxes & divided among Sahib Marikayer son of
Valley Marikayer and Munjoo Bawa Marikayer
shopkeepers in Carickal. The senders of these
named Pacha Mican, Sultan Mohiaddeen, K
Sahib and Ekram Sahib retail shopkeepers
the above mentioned gunpowders 4 or 5 lbs
containing from 80 to 100 lbs of gunpowder and
in Carickal occasionally from the Comm
Coming from Colombo, for the above mentioned
The sale of these gunpowders publicly in the Co
monthly will be from 1000 to 3000 Rupees
of this are coming there from Tanjore, Trich
Pondocottah, Madura, Salem & Bangalore
they had license for sale of these gunpowders
mentioned places, and also a great quantity
gunpowder embarked in native vessels for sale
at Nicobar. I satisfied to the truth of above
account, as I examined secretly by a
manner, account books of those two shop
senders of this from Singapore making some
mentioned tricks in sending those above
boxes, they write upon the boxes containing
provisions or some other things - names

G.O. No. Department
 Dated
 To the Secretary of the Board of Education
 Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the charter of the Board of Education, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Board of Education for their consideration.
 Very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 J. B. [Signature]

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been
 by a name whatever they like a ^{large} Rupee.
 shopkeepers which they did in sending of goods
 accordingly ^{the} shopkeepers arranged to get it
 in Carickal. In August 1879 Steamer S.S.
 Benang had a box marked Provision from
 Chalattagiravum) to Syed Mohammed Mar
 at Carickal. The Steamer over carried this
 Regapatam as she was not stopped at Carickal.
 Captain delivered the box there to Ganapathy
 his Agent for its delivery to the addressee, on
 that box at Sea Customs found its contents
 of gunpowder and 2 guns and some other
 The matter was up to this month under
 final order passed by the Sub Collector is that
 with its contents should be confiscated. ^{As}
 should pay the fine of Rs 5000, as he is residing
 Carickal, the amount of fine is not yet
 Since this happened the above mentioned
 at Carickal dealing with these gunpowder
 rather in secret manner still they are now
 more than 500 pounds of gunpowder at
 purchaser, so they offered me also. The
 which came in Casks, name in their
 as that with a 1000 or more gunpowder
 lately embarked for Nicobar. Still there
 of these shopkeepers about 3000 flasks

This is a flask of Singapore, from which I purchased one of
J. Curtis & Hartwick is herewith forwarded, for a Rupee.
~~L.L.L. Junbunder~~ Singapore and Carickal are free ports
in the trading
Red Flag N. import and export.

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Cuddalore }
24th May 1880 }

Ally Cross
Special Inspector of Police

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Major. R. G. Jenkins

Superintendent of Police South Ar
for forwarding to

Major. H. Guthrie

Assistant Inspector General of Police

No 1459.

Coltucumund
5 June/80.

Ch. Secretary

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India. Home Dept.

Proposed telegraph to
India — cypher

A Detective employed to watch the trade
in watching gunpowder upriver from the
trade - reports immediately sent of Marshal
quantity embarked sustained that as
at Karikal for as 3000th of powder
th flasks are commonly
Nicobar - & a

in ~~fact~~ that while a
certain amount is sold
retail and smuggled
in to the neighboring districts
"a great quantity of this
"gunpowder is embarked
"in native vessels for its
"disposal at Nicobar - and
that gunpowder in casks

{ enclosed
{ 0381 sent 21 11

Ind. Secy.
Subst. Secy.
Ch. Secy.

No. 1439.

Castroville
5 June/80.

Chief Secretary

confidentially

with India. Home Dept.

To the Secy to the Secy of
Foreign Department
London

Expressing ^{to the Secy of State} ^{my of the Secy of State} ^{directed to state}

that the person employed
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and

has ascertained that as
much as 3000 lbs of powder
in 100 flasks are commonly
imported monthly to Kankal
in India that while a
certain amount is sold
retail and smuggled
in to the neighboring districts
a great quantity of this
gunpowder is embarked
in native vessels for its
disposal at Nicobar - and
that gunpowder in casks

very
much
in
the
country

of from 80 to 100 lb each is also
ordinarily imported from common
Vessels coming from Colombo.

That the gunpowder which so came
in casks - "with a 1000 or more
~~gunpowder~~ flasks of gunpowder"
were lately embarked for the
Mishra.

2. ~~The~~ The gunpowder is imported
in boxes labelled "provisions"
and with some common marks
in each box addressed ^{to} petitioners
~~to~~ persons - on whose behalf
the shopkeepers claim the boxes -
Each box is reported also to
contain some common muskets
The disposal of the muskets
we have not yet ^{has} ^{been} ascertained

~~but as it is not in the~~
~~shops~~ But H.C. The Governor
considered it ~~of~~ important that
^{the} you should be at once made aware
of the considerable shipments of
gunpowder to the neighbourhood
of ^{most of the} a carrier settlements

3. There is no reason to suppose
that the muskets have been
smuggled into the Madras Territory
as while an 1 lb flask of
gunpowder may be easily concealed
by any water in its deep -
muskets could not be so hidden

4. The matter is receiving
careful attention & any
further information of
importance will be ^{at once}
communicated -
5. The ~~the~~ input being for some

Reason concealed. As above desired
it has been difficult to ascertain
the facts. & it is important that
secrecy should be observed as to the
information. Hence the channel
of information may be suspected
and closed.

Keep the report confidentially
in the Secretariat

I have directed Mr. J. J. P.
& state that the police
watch for the powder &
land customs re -

By 4/6

R. D.
17 JUN 80

16th June 1880 2184 E. P.

My dear Davidson

Secretary to the
Govt of India.

Thanks -

Yours sincerely

C. Munn

Chief Secretary to the
Govt of Fort St. George.

Sirinda, 28th June 1880.

I am directed to
acknowledge receipt of your
confidential letter No 1439, dated
5th June 1880, reporting on the
trade in gunpowder and arms
between the French port of
Karikal, and the Nicobar
Islands.

2. I am to observe that
the information furnished in
your

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it has been difficult
the facts, & it is impos-
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6 JUL 80

N^o 2184 E. P.

From

The Secretary to the
Gov^t of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Gov^t of Fort St. George.

Dated, Simla, 28th June 1880.

Foreign Dept^t
Political

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