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Smuggling gun powder from
Singapore to French Settlements
Correspondence - Recorded

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The Government have

1st January 1880. Negapatam.

Captain P. Hankin R. A.
Private Secretary

Sir

I have the honour to report for your information, that, I am transacting business for the friend of Mr. M. M. M. Merchants here & am living in one of their houses.

I understand large shipments of French powder are made from Singapore to French Indochina & are not marked on the "Manifest" but sent as "parcels" wrapped in paper & containing 150 each in value & containing 1 lb of unpowdered gunpowder in each. I am French territory & am disinterested & wherever it is not used the sent of the British Government.

I have the honour

to remain

Your most obedient

Humble servant

Admiral W. D. W. D.

specially
to the possibility of
gunpowder in

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The Governor has

The enclosed ~~is~~ ^{is} to be
 kept strictly confidential
~~and~~ but I think it
 may be well to
 communicate with
 Singapore ~~authorities~~ stating
 that you have some reason
 to think that "Shipments
 of Gunpowder
 Rs 150 each in value"
 and asking them

The attention of
 the Inspector General
 of Police will be di-
 rected to this sub-
 ject and especially
 to the possibility of
 gunpowder in

Date

27 January 1880. Singapore.

To Captain D. Hamilton Esq.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. in relation to the above subject. I am sorry to hear that you have been unable to obtain any information from the authorities in Singapore. I am, however, of the opinion that the authorities in Singapore are not in a position to furnish you with the information you require. I am, therefore, of the opinion that the authorities in Singapore are not in a position to furnish you with the information you require.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours truly,
 J. H. D. Hamilton

Colonel Hamilton

to ascertain & inform us how
this is - & if the possible
extent of the trade - & any
other information -

I think also J. J. P
should have his attention
drawn to the possibility of
gun powder in small quantities
being ~~extensively~~ smuggled across
Frontier By 3/1/50

R.B. - The informant is a somewhat
strange person - but a barrister
who I believe did well & show
ability as editor of a legal
journal in England - at least
he subsequently disappeared from
the scene - but I see no reason
to discredit his information -
& it is to a certain extent supported
by the fact of the "Provisions"
case at Singapore -
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Date.

Note

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is near Singapore.

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The Government have reason to believe that shipments of gunpowder are being made from Singapore to French Territory in India & which no mention of years in the manifest, the canisters being done up simply as 'Parcels' averaging Rs 150 in value.

The Government of the Straits Settlements will be addressed on the subject and asked to ascertain and inform the Hon. Secy what foundation there is for the statement; the probable extent of the trade; and any other information particular.

The attention of the Inspector General of Police will be directed to this subject and especially to the possibility of gunpowder in

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small quantities being
smuggled across
the frontier.

A letter will also
be addressed to
the Governor of the
French Settlement
in India.

CPL

To the Governor of the
French Settlements in India
Pondicherry

Your Excellency

My Lord have
reason to believe that
shipments of gunpow-
der are being made
from the Straits Set-
tlements to French
Territory on the Conti-
nent of India with the
object of evading Bri-
tish regulations. It is
understood that the

entries in the ships'
manifests do not show
the nature of the im-
port the canisters in
which it is contained
being done up simply
as 'parcels' averaging
Rs 150 in value.

I have to solicit
the favor of the cooper-
ation of your Excellency
in interdicting such
proceedings. The pow-
der is probably intend-
ed to be illicitly run
across the frontier.

CPL

The Colonial Secretary
Straits Settlements
Singapore

Sir, I am directed
to forward for the
information of your
Government the ac-
companying Proceed-
ings of this Government

relative to the traffic in gunpowder
alleged to exist between
your coast and the
French Settlements
in India and to
request that steps
may be taken to
ascertain the truth
of the rumour; the
probable extent
of the trade; and
any other particu-
lars.

Yours
G. A.

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Deputy Secretary
to the Government
of India
Bombay

Deputy Secretary
to the Government
of India
Bombay

January 7 1880.

Dear Guthrie,

I am directed to enclose for
Hearn's information copy of a note
this day addressed to the Colonial Secy.
Singapore, and with reference thereto
I am to request that attention may
be directed to the subject and espe-
cially to the possibility of
gunpowder in small quantities
being smuggled across the
frontier.

Yr. sincerely,
W. Sney.

the canisters being done
up simply as parcels
averaging Rs. 150 in value.

I am to ask that
the subject may receive
consideration and that
efforts

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Madras. January 7. 1880.

Dear Sir,

I am ^{instructed} ~~desired~~ by His Grace
the Governor in Council
to bring to the notice of
His Excellency the Governor
of the Straits Settlements
that there is reason
to believe that shipments
of gunpowder are being
made from Singapore
to French territory in
India, of which no
mention appears in
the Ship's manifests,
the canisters being done
up simply as parcels
averaging Rs. 150 in value.

I am to ask that
the subject may receive
consideration and that
efforts

efforts may be made
to ascertain the truth
of the rumour, the pro-
bable extent of the trade
if it exists and other
particulars; and
further that measures
may be taken to
prevent such shipments
so far as may be
possible.

No doubt these con-
:signments are meant
to be run across our
frontier illicitly and
in evasion of the Opium
Act.

Yrs faithfully.

The Hon. The Colonial Secy,
Straits Settlements.
Singapore

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Singapore
9 February 1880

Dear Sir,

With reference to your
letter of the 7 January I
am desired to state to you,
for the information of the Press
the Governor in Council that,
from preliminary enquiries the
have been made, there is
reason to believe that there
is

The Hon.
The Chief Secretary
in Charge

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Singapore &
Penang & the
Netherlands
January 1880

is some truth in the
reports to which you have
referred. The Government,
however, is proceeding further
enquiries both in Singapore
and Malacca, and I will
keep you acquainted with
any trustworthy information
that may from time to
time be obtained.

Every endeavor will be

made

made to prevent such
shipments in the future.

Yours very faithfully,

Frederic J. Smith

Colonial Secretary, S.S.

