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[Despatch Abstract.]

Arms and ammunition and Military Stores

Recording certain papers regarding the import, expo and transport of — by Madras firm during the two years ending August 1898

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Export											
1896-97	122	"	569	559	6	171,320	249,170	6024,000	78,986	172,539	67,500
1897-98	72	6	272	566	40	177,350	448,349	3,929,000	63,025	223,764	75,000
Exports Transport	– 50	+ 6	– 271	+ 7	+ 34	+ 6030	+ 199179	– 2095000	– 15961	+ 51226	+ 7500
1896-97	21	"	122	131	"	102,029	465775	4,498,850	92,096	214,121	74,000
1897-98	22	"	76	35	40	74,842	192,682	8,261,400	67,825	195,483	74,070
	+ 1		– 46	– 96	+ 40	– 27187	+ 146007	+ 3762550	– 24271	– 18638	+ 70

Transport

4750 /

500,000	2225,000	264,000	10000	"	"	"	4000
697,500	2,152,000	244,000	15,000				14,250
+ 197500	– 77000		+ 5000				+ 10250
573710	2477068	233375	13850	1555	30	1250	
543550	2328079 + 2010	192675 + 100700	11300	–	–	–	
– 29560	– 153989	– 40700	– 2550				

A. Logan

Ag. Commissioner of Police.

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	…port	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u		
	18											
	Transport	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u		
R. Gopalakistnama Chetty	1896-97										500	
	Import	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	450000	1275	15680	
	Transport	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	25000	350	5990	25
	1897-98											
	Import	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	20496	
	Transport	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	207750	595	16000	
C. Abboye Chetty	1896-97											
	Import	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u
	Transport	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	400	4900		500
	1897-98											
	Import	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u
	Transport	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	u	1914	u	650

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For blasting purposes purchased	2180	4300	u
from other importing firms.	3000	u	u
	1300	16.20	u
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	Export 18												
	Import	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„			
	Transport	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„			2200
„ Lionel & Co	1896-97												
	Import	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„			
	Transport	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„			
	1897-98												
	Import	5	„	4	„	„	„	„	„	„			
	Transport	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„	„			
„ S. Seshachela	1896												
Chetty & Son	Import	„	„	57	60	„	21000	11000	2260000	123			
Export &	Transport	„	„	22	3	„	1225	1300	2074250	6774	69314	200	
	1897-98												
	Import	3	„	54	209	„	500	16500	600000	„			
Export &	Transport	„	„	14	„	„	450	500	5752250	3171	57820		

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To Native State & licensed dealers in the Mofussil for Sale 120. 800 „

	23	"	75	236	"	35820	94000	58500	,			
port	5	"	20	81	"	25094	11050	4900	81	40(c)	224	
" Arbuthnot & Co											& Magazines	40
Import	19	6	82	150	"	64500	54821	12500	"			6200
Export & Transport	6	"	9	26	"	12255	2210	4000	23			
" Wrenn Bennett & Co 1896-97												
1897 Import	53	"	273	194	"	21000	39500	7000	675			
Export	4	"	21	23	"	5750	1750	4800	3			
1897-98												
Import	25	"	25	65	"	12300	28450	55000	4			
Export	5	"	32	1	"	5930	3972	2750	38			
" McDowell & Co 1896-97												
Import	"	"	29	4	"	200	2700	12500	236			
Export & Transport	"	"	29	8	"	100	1700	20000	281			
1897-98												
Import	"	"	8	"	"	300	6000	20000	150			
Export & Tr	"	"	"	"	"	2100	10000	29500	1			

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	Export		40		
	Export & Transport		40 (c)	40 (c) Lic. 40	
" Arbuthnot & Co.	1896-97	Amount of Explosives to be possessed at the same time in the magazine			40
		Stock on hand before August 1896.			6200
	Import				10000
	Export & Transport			11.	100
	1897-98				
	Import				10000
	Export & Transport				"
" Angus & Co.	1896-97	Amount of Explosives to be possessed at the same time in the magazine.			40000
	Import				20000
	Export & Transport				"
	1897-98				
	Import				"
	Export & Transport				"

		9500	
	20000	5633	
"	400000	30000	For blasti purposes. (C) For Inspr for I
"	65650	7592	
"	50000	12000	
200	9500	7540.	
			For blasting purposes
"	50000	"	
"	3000	2600	
"	250000	7500	For blasting purposes
"	100000	50000	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"		

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Statement showing the Import, Export and Transport of Arms, Ammunition and Military Stores by the firms in Madras for the 2 years ending August 1898.

Name of Licensed-dealer	Year	Rifle	Carbine	Gun	Pistol and Revolver	Swords	Cartridges		Caps	Gun-powder	Sulphur	Dynamite	Gelatine	Detonators	Fuses	Gelignite	Tonite	Lead	Saltpetre	[illegible]	Remarks
							Loaded	Empty													
		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	No.	Coils	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	No.	
Messrs: Best & Co.	1896-97	Amount of Explosives to be possessed at the same time in the magazine										220 tons	or 440000 lbs	1500000	120000	×					* 220 tons include Gelignite, Gelatine & Dynamite
		Stock on hand before August 1896.										14400	* 181360	483793	106663	6200					
	Import											37500	500000	1898000	157500	10000					
	Export & Transport											57150	572860	2217600	178502	13850.					For blasting purposes
												5000	479500	1620000	174900	11500.	included in the above				Represents the quantity exported to their magazines at Kolar on licenses from the Resident. & included in the quantity shown above against Export & Transport
	1897-98																				
	Import											5500	695000	2001000	205500	15000					
	Export & Transport											6138	543550	2279105	147434	11300					For blasting purposes
													38	[illegible]	[illegible]	5600	included in the above				Represents the quantity exported to their magazines at Kolar on licenses from the Resident.
" Parry & Co.	1896-97	Amou											300000	25000.	16900						
													47100	10336	"	1700					
														15000	"	"					— do

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													Gelatine	Detonators	Fuses	Gelignite	Stonite	Lead	Saltpetre	Fog signals	Remarks
													lbs	No.	Coils	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	No.	
Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe & Co.	1896-97																				
		Import									50000				9500.						For blasting purposes
		Export									50000				9500.						
	1897-98																				
		Import									50000				29000.						—do—
		Export									50000				29000.						
" Oakes & Co.	1896-97																				
		Import	46	"	114	57	"	79000	67120	45000	950.	000									To Native States for bona fide personal use of exempted persons
		Export	10	"	29	9	"	54[illegible]	[illegible]475	5000	102										
	1897-98											5000									
		Import	20	"	96	110	"	66200	185978	128000	600	61.38									
		Export	11	"	19	8	"	36512	1800	3150	41										
" Parry & Co.	1896-97	Amm.	[illegible]																		

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To native states & to licensed dealers in the Mofussil for sale

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Messrs. Spencer & Co.	1896-97										
	Import						10000	21250	"	500.	
	Export & Transport						11800	15300	3000	275	
	1897-98										
	Import						27000	132000	68500	700	
	Export & Transport						10550	23500	10750	327	
" Leighton & Co.	1896-97										
	Import	"	"	"	"	6	"	6000	600000	"	
	Export & Transport	2	"	1	7	"	2170	"	22…		
	1897-98	…	/	"	79000	67120	45000	950.			…000
	Export	10	"	29	9	"	54235475	5000	102		
	1897-98										…500
	Import	20	"	96	110	-	66200	185978	128000	600	61·35
	Export	11	"	19	8	"	36512	1800	3150	41	
" Parry & Co.	1896-97	Amm…									

Statement showing the [illegible]

Messrs. C. Ragavalu Chetty & Son	1896-97								2550000	12625	144480	25
	Import						100	10000	572250	1202	63570	
	Transport											
	1897-98								3000000	11500	~~144400~~	
	Import						100	″	501750	1323	62080	
	Transport											
″ ″ N. V. Ramanujam & Co	1896-97	″	″	1	8	″	4300	7600	41000			100
	Import	″	″	″	″	″	200	2000	1595500	6400 13	112	
	Transport	″	″	″	″	″			4580 50			
	1897-98			″	″	543822						
	Im[illegible]								15000	75		
	Import	20	″	91		″	2000	17100	8000	75		5500
	Export	11	″			″	5345	150400		41		6138
″ Parry & Co.	1896-97	″	″	2	″							

so utilised & stored by the firms in Madras for the 2 years ending August 1898.

Gelatine	Detonators	Fuses	Gelignite	Stonite	Lead	Saltpetre	signals	Remarks
lbs	No.	Coils	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	No.	
″	300	50				1250		To licensed dealers in the Mofussil for sale
		100 yds						do
		3300						
″	1000	500						do do
		20						do

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Hajee Mahomed Badsha Sait & Co.	1896-97							
	Transport	1825	"	2175
	1897-98			
	Transport	300	"	900
Railway Companies	1896-97			
	Import			
	1897-98			
	Import			
Others (Contractors & other agents)	1896-97			
	Import		12	6500
	Import			6138
	do			

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[illegible] by the firms in Madras for the 2 years ending August 1898.

Gelatine	Detonators	Fusils	Gelignite	[illegible]tonite	Lead	Saltpetre	[illegible]	Remarks
lbs	No.	Coils	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	No.	
"	22000	13737						For blasting purposes purchased from other ~~for~~ importing firms.
"	"	1700.						do
							4000	For Railway use
							14250	do

× Brimstone Sulphur for medicinal purposes

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From

A. P. AGAR Esquire,
Ag: ~~THE~~ COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
MADRAS,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter dated 2nd: September 1898, I have the honor to submit herewith a comparative statement showing the Import, Export and Transport of Arms, Ammunition and other Military Stores of all the Firms dealing in those Articles for the 2 years 1896-97 and 1897-98 (i.e, from September 1896 to August 1897 and from September 1897 to August 1898).

2.------ From this it will be seen that the total quantity of Dynamite imported into Madras by the several Firms from September 1896 to August 1897 amounts to 67,500 lbs. and from September 1897 to August 1898 to 75,000 lbs., so that there is an increase only of 7,500 lbs. in the latter year; but it must be said that the importation in either of these years is much below the maximum quantity licensed by Government to be stored in their different Magazines. For instance Messrs. Best & Co who are the largest dealers in Dynamite and other Explosives are allowed to store 220 Tons or 440,000 lbs of all kinds of Explosives (except Fuses a Detonators) at the same time in their Magazines fo year 1898, whereas the actual quantity imported to August amounts to only 530,000 lbs in all

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ives allowed by Government and the maximum amounts of losives allowed by Government to be stored at the same time in the Magazines of the other firms are shown in the statement.

------- The purpose for which the importation is made is f course for sale. Unless we go into the matter of Export and ransport , the purpose for which they were required will not b seen. The Exports and Transports of dynamite for the same periods amount to 69,500 lbs. and 70,390 lbs. respectively, so that the increase under this head in the latter year is only 890 lbs. As regards the other kinds of Explosives, it will be seen that the total quantity of each kind exported and transported during the latter year is less than in the previous year as may be seen from the following statement extracted from the detailed statement-

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Import

	Gelatine	Detonators	Fusils	Gelignite
1896-97	500,000	2,228,000	244,000	10,000
1897-98	697,500	2,151,000	244,000	15,000
Increase	197,500	~~77,000~~	..	5,000
Decrease		77,000		

Export and Transport.

	Gelatine	Detonators	Fusils	Gelignite
1896-97	573,110	2,439,500	215,406	13,850
1897-98	543,550	2,302,105	184,667	11,300
Decrease	29,560	137,395	30,739	2,550

Represents the qty exported & transported by the 5 principal firms.

4 ---- The Exports and Transports of Dynamite were all for blasting purposes only. The former were to Hyderabad on permits issued by Government and to Mysore on permits from Resident. The Exports amounted to 64,620 lbs. and the Transport (within British India) to 5770 lbs. chiefly to the Nellore District for working the Mica Mines.

--- In the accompanying statement , the number of Arms, tion &c transported within British India do not include t to exempted persons for bona fide personal use. Explosives such as Dynamite &c were transported rsons.

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ear fro ity of Sulphur , Caps &c transported by some of the dealers is greater than the quantity shown to be actuall imported by them and this is due to those Native dealers purchasing the difference locally from other dealers for transport when their own imported stock was exhausted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. F. Agar
Ag: Commissioner of Police.

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From
The Secretary to the Commissioner
of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue,
Madras.

Mis. No. 4709.

Dated 30th November 1898.
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Orders

~~attention is invited to the D.O. from Sir Henry Bliss flagged A. The Commr's letter & the statement~~

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government statements showing the import, export and transpor of arms, ammunition and military stores by firms in Madras for the two years ending August 1898.

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Madras for the two years ending August 1898

	Year ending August 1897								Year ending August 1898						
	Imports				Exports				Imports				Exports		
	From Foreign Countries		Coastwise		To Foreign Countries		Coastwise		From Foreign Countries		Coastwise		To Foreign Countries		
	Quantity	Value Rs	Quantity	Value Rs	Quantity	Value Rs	Quantity	Value Rs	Quantity	Value Rs	Quantity	Value Rs	Quantity	Value Rs	Quantity
Arms, ammunition and military stores.															
Firearms No	1120	55893	7	682	29	6018	29	4005	1135	43038	71	2099	40	6024	20
Parts thereof "	1447		-	.	.	.	.	.	1484		.	-	.	-	-
Gunpowder, common lbs	50000	14000	.	-	-	.	.	.	50000	13525	-	.	.	-	-
" sporting "	27783	21283	-	.	-	.	-	.	14750	13321	.	.	.	.	.
Dynamite and all other explosives cwt	5547	691978	-	.	-	.	.	.	7965	944410	-	.	-	.	.
other sorts Val		81229	-	350		1219		4268		67876		629		1850	
Total		864383		1032		7237		8273		1082170		2728		7874	

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Statement showing the export + transport of arms,

Year	Rifle	Gun	Pistol + Revolver	Sword	Cartridges		Caps	Gun powder	
					Loaded	Empty			
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	lbs.	
1896-97	21	122	131	"	102,029	46,575	4,498,850	92,096	2
1897-98	22	76 —	35 —	40	74,842 —	192,582 +	8,261,400 +	67,825 —	1,45

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military stores by firms in Madras for the two years in

	Gelatine	Detonators	Fuses	Gelignite	Tonite	Lead	Saltpetre	Remarks
	lbs	No.	coils	lbs	lbs	lbs	lbs	
00	573,110	2,477,068	233,375	13,850	1655	30	1250	
70	543,550 —	2,323,079 + lbs 20	192,675 + 100 yds —	11,300 —				

(Signed) M. Vinayagam Modaliar
For Ag. Commissioner of Police
(True Copy)
(Signed) C. G. Todhunter
Acting Secretary
(True Copy)

Assistant Secretary

CURRENT NO. 5038

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 30th November 1898.

Mis. **No.** 4709.

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Read Memorandum from Government, No. 2153, Judicial, dated 6th October 1898, and

Board's references thereon to the Collector of Sea Customs and the Acting Commissioner of Police, Madras with the replies received from these officers.

RESOLUTION:---

With reference to the Memorandum from Government first read above, the Board begs to submit two statements, one showing the import and export by sea of arms, ammunition and military stores by firms in Madras for the two years ending August 1898, and one, obtained from the Commissioner of Police, showing the transport by land of the same.

(True extract.)

2.12.98 C. G. Todhunter
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department,

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Jud^l. DEPARTMENT

Re the import, export & transport of arms & ammunition

C. No. 4032 From the Commr. of Police, No. 106, dated 27. Sept 18.
" 5038 " " the Bd. of Rev. (S.R.), " 4709, " 30. Nov 18
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~~For orders~~

Attention is invited to D.O. from Sir Henry Br flagged A. It would from the Commr's letter ammunition & other mil stores are not impo nowadays in unreaso large quantities and they are ~~imp~~ exported transported mainly fo fide personal use or blasting purposes. The in the Board's import do not agree with contained in the Comr statement, was m the two statement

compiled on the same
nciples. Transactions in
namite have slightly increased,
t this explosive is used solely
blasting purposes & is imported
yderabad & Mysore on
nses issued by this Govt.
Resident respectively, and
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rking the Mica Mines.
these circumstances it is
that there is no necessity
ke any further action
e matter & that the papers
simply be recorded.
ers are requested.

2. The figures submitted
1/99 show that the large bulk
of the explosives is dealt
with by three or four
important firms. There is
nothing to suggest that the
explosives are imported or
ld for any improper use
any transaction in connection
with these explosives is subject
supervision by the licensing
other authorities. It is submitted
that no action is required.
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Yes, but see above note
W.S.
13-1-99

In 1897 (I think it was) Messrs. Best & Co's dynamite magazine at Feroke (near Calicut) was broken into while I was at Calicut on tour, & a number of cartridges, fuses & detonators were stolen —
When I was Dist. Magte I insisted on the ~~cartridges~~ fuses & detonators being stored separately at Calicut — I told Dance this —
I think it very important that this precaution should be observed at all dynamite magazines — Without fuses & detonators the cartridges are useless to thieves & fanatics —
Perhaps the precaution is now observed? W.S.—
13-1-99

C. (From notes).

C. No. 4032 From the Commr of Pol., Madras, No. ~~4709~~ 106, dated ~~30 Nov.~~ 27. Sept. 1898.
„ 5038 „ „ Board of Rev. (S.R. , „ 4709, „ 30. Nov. 1898.
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Note

With refce to H.M.'s remarks on the note for notes below, attention is invited to para 3 of S.O. 274 E / 27-4-96 from which it will be seen that detonators & fuses are even now required to be stored separately from other explosives. No further orders seem therefore necessary.
16/1/99. 17/1/99 18/1/99

W.S.
20-1-99

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This does not meet my objection in the least — I would protect the dynamite from explosion, & the detonators & fuses from thieves, by keeping the latter in quite a separate thief-proof place — Otherwise no action need be taken W.S.—

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