

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

General DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 6	Press Mis.
Dated 5 /	1888

Not to be folded or roughly handled*Explosives in Calcutta*

Malabar District Magistrate's Office,
Calicut 11th November 1887.

From

W. Logan Esquire,
District Magistrate
of Malabar.

To Hon^{ble} H. E. Stokes,
Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Madras.

Sir,

Adverting to G. O. dated 28th July
1887 No 1668, Serial, I have the honor
to report that the District Surgeon, Calicut,
whom I addressed on the subject says
that "the experiments referred to in para 3
of the Government order cannot be safely
undertaken without previous practical
knowledge in testing explosives" and it is
therefore necessary in the case of uncerti-
ficated explosives imported into Calicut
that samples should be sent to the
Chemical Examiner, Madras, for examination
and report.

2. The samples may be sent in
charge of the Police under sufficient

safe-keepers and the District Surgeon may be directed to superintend their packing and despatch. I do not anticipate any difficulty in sending the samples. The cost of despatch may be recovered (if so directed by Government) from the consignor. —

3. When explosives already certified by the Chemical Examiner are transported from Calcutta, the prescribed certificate may be appended to the consignment note by the District Surgeon, I think, as he has only to see whether the explosives have undergone any deterioration since the Chemical Examiner's last certificate. In this sense the District Surgeon may I think be appointed to be certifying officer under Rule 8, clause XX of the Rules.

4. A statement showing the imports of ammunition and explosives into Calcutta during the last five years is appended from which it will be observed that the imports are chiefly from

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from Bombay and London.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. servant,

W. H. H. H.
District Master.

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Encl: Letter d/ 11 Nov/87
to the Chief Secy Govt.

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Statement showing the import of ammunition and Explosives into Calicut during the last five years.

No	Description of articles	1882 - 83.			1883 - 84			1884 - 85			1885 - 86.			1886 - 87.			Remarks
		Whence imported	Quantity	Value	Whence imported	Quantity	Value	Whence imported	Quantity	Value	Whence imported	Quantity	Value	Whence imported	Quantity	Value	
			No.			No.			No.			No.			No.		
	Ball ammunition.	British ports within Presidency	24 cases	630	"	"	"	British ports within Presidency	3420	950	Bombay	3	105	Bombay	17	480	
	Cartridges	London	13000	1251	Bombay	231	330	"	"	"	do	3	5	do	35840	6466	
	Detonator	Bombay	150/141	383	London	6,800	1229	Bombay	40000	850	Bombay	3000	900	Bombay	73000	1788	
	do.	London	36,300	693	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Fuse (coils)	do	3783	1216	London	1200	542	Bombay	1250	625	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	do.	"	"	"	Bombay	2500	1250	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	do. waterproof	do	1400	136	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Bombay	1250	750	
	do. safety.	do	22682	1430	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	do. do.	British ports within Presidency	1250	625	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	do	6590	4853	
	Gunpowder for sporting purposes (common)	Bombay	3154	212	Bombay	4398	2958	Bombay	5101	3105	Bombay	3300	2450	"	"	"	
	do. for blasting	do	2167	1373	do	1800	60	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	do. do.	London	12800	2495	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Bombay	96500	1402	
	Percussion caps	Bombay	173000	665	Bombay	846000	1205	Bombay	738000	2054	Bombay	640500	838	"	"	"	
	Lignite	London	3000	2475	London	3000	2475	"	"	"	"	"	"	Bombay	12240	28125	
	Dynamite	"	"	"	Bombay	20000	32500	Bombay	11000	26500	"	"	"	"	"	"	
	Europe fireworks	"	"	"	"	"	"	Bombay	48	36	"	"	"	Bombay	10190	2000	
	Chinese crackers	Bombay	237674	1736	Bombay	13289	2861	Bombay	21732	4312	Bombay	18550	3576	do	110	80	
	Country blue light or fireworks	do	50	37	"	"	"	"	"	"	do	100	50	do	2	257	
	Combustibles	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	

Calicut
11 November 1887

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District Master

CHEMICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE

Madras, 6th December 1887.

No. 791.

From

J. L. Van Geyzel Esq. M.B.
C. J. McNALLY, Esq., M.D.,
Chemical Examiner,

Madras,

To

The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Judicial Department.

SIR,

With reference to Current No. 4900 Judicial
Department, I have the honor to state that practical
knowledge of the method of testing explosives is certainly
 requisite, but that it can be easily acquired by any
 one possessed of ordinary manipulation ability. Explosives
 sent from Calicut can be tested in this Office; but I
 beg leave to point out with reference to para 3 of the
 Malabar District Magistrate's Letter that, if it is
 necessary for the District Surgeon there to "see whether
 the already certificated explosives have deteriorated"
 before appending my certificate to a consignment
 to be transported from Calicut, it will be
 necessary for him to inform me.

Under all circumstances, especially those noted
in latter part of clause xi of Rule 6 (No. 1417 of
Government of India Notification dated 24th June
1887 Home Department), it appears to be
advisable to have the explosives tested at Calicut
itself if possible; and I beg leave to suggest that
the officer authorized to grant Certificates under
the Petroleum Act, ^{at Calicut.} he requested to undertake the
testing of Explosives also. If necessary, he can
be instructed in the method of doing so by an
Officer temporarily deputed from this Office or
by his coming to Madras and working at it
in the Chemical Laboratory for a couple of days.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient servant

Wm. B. B.
Chemical Examiner.

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Judicial Department.

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For orders.

Submitted that the Medl. officer at
Calicut should carry out the tests. The Chemt.
Examiner says the requisite knowledge can easily
be acquired by anyone possessed of ordinary manipulation
ability. No tests are at present applied at Calicut
under the Petroleum Act 1881, but, if any had to be applied,
the civil medl. officer would be the proper person.
(See p. 9 Oct 83 No. 2671) ^{all} ^{14/12}

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Nothing seems to have been imported
in the last 4 years except
from Bombay. If necessitated
he can come down for 2 days
if instructed at Madras
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Order. 5 January/88 No. 6.

The Chemt. Examiner states that the
knowledge requisite to test explosives can easily
be acquired by anyone possessed of ordinary
manipulation ability, & could be imparted by
a couple of days' teaching. ~~See~~ No explosive
seems to have been imported during the last four
years at Calicut except from Bombay, & if
necessity should arise, the Medl. Officer
can come down for 2 days to be instructed
at Madras. The Medl. Officer Calicut is
accordingly, authorized to grant certificates
under Rule 6 cl. ix and Rule 8 clause 4
of the Rules under the Indian Explosives Act 1884
publ'd by Notification of the Govt. of India, No. 1416,
dated 24th June 1887.

C. 16/12. ^{all} ^{19/12.}

R. 19/12.

From
The Chemical Examiner
Madras.

To The Chief Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Judicial Department.

Enclosures. 1.
C. No. 4900 of 1887

No. 491.

Dated: 6th December.

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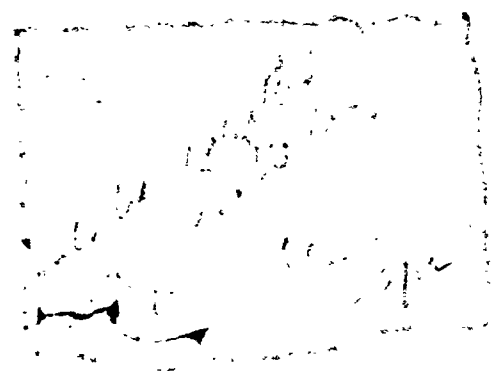
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Subject -

Remarks on Malabar
District Magistrate's letter No. 5914
dated 11th November 1887 forwarded
with Current No. 4900 Judl. Dept.
for opinion.

British Magnesian Limestone
Chemical Services

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ORDINARY, M.S.

India DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED *5 June/88*
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