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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 22nd September 1857.

No. 19. From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th September 1857, No. 320.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to transmit an original letter from Messrs.* Oakes and Co. soliciting permission to pass 28 Revolver Pistols and Eight thousand (8000) Cartridges. The Pistols are fully described in the enclosed copy† of an Invoice. It is made out by the corresponding firm‡ in London and not by the manufacturer. Messrs. Oakes and Co. state the Revolvers are for sale to parties whose names are registered but the names of the Individuals are not given.

2. The eager enquiry for these Pistols, by numerous parties, the facility for their sale, and the inducement thus held out to parties to export them on speculation to India, impresses on my mind daily the conviction Government should, while few are received and there is no *apparent* exigency for stringent measures, enforce them so that authority may know not only into whose hands these weapons pass, but restrict those individuals from putting them into other hands without reporting the same to some Government Officer.

3. I would further respectfully suggest that no more than a certain number of Cartridges be passed for each Pistol, and all in excess of that be placed under Government surveillance, and under the same restrictions as Gunpowder.

4. I have just received the enclosed original letter§ from Mr. H. Fox, applying to clear Revolver Pistols as under.

5 Army,	Rs. 550
10 Navy,	„ 850
4 Six Inch,	„ 300
4 Holster Belts, &c., ..	„ 80

No mention is made of Caps or Cartridges.

5. Mr. Fox mentions the names of parties who have indented on him for the Pistols.

6. Application has also been received from Mr. C. C. Grace of the Oriental Bank to pass 6 Revolver Pistols sent to him for sale.

7. I forward a communication|| just received from Messrs. F. D'Souza Cammiade and Co. to pass 24 Revolvers as under.

W. A.	1 Case containing 24 Navy Revolvers in Oases complete @ £	7	0	0	168	0	0
	Freight and transit Duty and Insurance.....	7	12	6			
	Case 20s Packing 5s.....	1	5	0	8	17	6
	Commission, 2½ per Cent				176	17	6
					4	8	4
					181	5	10

E. E.

(Signed) WARBRUGAGEM, AND CO.

London, 10th August 1857.

Value of the 24 Revolvers given Rupees 2160, being 90 Rupees each.

8. I am doubtful whether these are Colt's Revolvers, and I mention this as Government appear to intend to purchase as offered by that Firm all Colt's Revolvers imported by them.

9. I enclose an original letter¶ from Mr. Hunt, to the Chief Secretary to Government, applying to pass 3 Colt's Revolvers, one for himself and two for sale to friends "and friends to Government."

B. Mr. H. Fox. 19 Colt's Pistols. No.

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10. There are other Revolvers imported in the "Nubia," but the parties have not applied to clear them. The enclosed applications came in one after the other while the letter to Government was being copied, and I added Para: after Para: as they arrived that Government may give one decision for all.

(Signed) W. ELPHINSTONE UNDERWOOD,
Collector Sea Customs.

From Messrs. OAKES and Co.; to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated 7th September 1857.

SIR

We have the honor to request, you will kindly pass through the Custom House, 2 Cases, Revolvers, &c., as per Invoice and our application. As the Revolvers are bespoke for by sundry Gentlemen whose names we have Registered, we shall feel obliged by your early delivery.

(Signed) OAKES and Co.

LONDON, August 10th 1857.

Invoice of Goods sent Overland by Messrs. Oakes, Greenacre and Co. to Messrs. Oakes and Co., Madras.

O & Co. } Madras. }	No. 1/2	2 Tin lined Cases.....				2	0	0	
		24 Navy Revolvers in Cases complete at £ 4-16-0 each.....				108	0	0	
	4	5 Inch do. do. at £ 3-5.....				13	0	0	
		8 M" Cartridges.....	4	D		16	0	0	
						139	0	0	
		Freight and Transit Duty.....	9	3	11				
		Charges at Southampton.....	0	8	0				
		Commission at 2½ per Cent.....	3	14	7				
						13	6	6	
						£	152	6	6

(Signed) OAKES, GREENACRE AND CO.
(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. E. UNDERWOOD,
Collector Sea Customs.

From H. FOX; to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated 7th September 1857.

SIR,

In forwarding the accompanying application to clear a Case of 19 Colt's Pistols, &c. I beg to say that 1 Navy and 1 6 Inch size are for Colonel Lawrance of Cavalry, 1 M. C. Chase, Esq., 1 Lieutenant Puckle, 3rd Regiment L. I., 1 Bainbridge and Co., 2 Riding Master Condell, 2nd Cavalry, 2 Messrs. McDowell and Co., 2 Griffiths and Co., 1 Depot Pay Serjeant Green at the Mount, 1 Mr. W. Smith, Railway Department, 1 Ensign Harding Tyrrell, 1 C. Hordeen, Esq., Nizam's Contingent, 1 Conductor Porter, 1 Mr. G. Baber, Engineer's Department, 1 Apothecary Fox, 1 Messrs. Oakes & Co. If you are not at liberty to pass these Fire Arms. Please have the goodness in sending up to Government to let them know for whom they are registered.

(Signed) H. FOX.

From Messrs. F. D'SOUZA, CAMMIADÉ AND Co.; to the Collector of Sea Customs, dated 1st September 1857.

SIR,

We beg you will obtain the sanction of Government for the importation of 1 Case containing 24 Navy Revolvers marked W. A. received per Steamer "Nubia" to our consignment and intended for sale.

(Signed) F. D'SOUZA, CAMMIADÉ AND Co.

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 22nd September 1857.

From Mr. P. R. HUNT, Superintendent, American Mission Press; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 7th September 1857.

SIR,

I have the honor to state that I have received per Steamer "Nubia," Three (3) Colt's Revolvers, Navy size, Cost in London including Case, &c., £ 5-10-6 each, one is for myself and two to be sold to my friends, (and friends of Government) I beg that you will have the goodness to order them to be passed the Customs. I beg to enclose the Invoice.

(Signed) P. R. HUNT,
Superintendent American Mission Press.

LONDON, 1st AUGUST 1857.

P. R. HUNT, Esq.,
Madras.

E. C.

BOUGHT OF SPICER, BROTHERS.

WHOLESALE & EXPORT STATIONERS.

New Bridge Street.

3 Colt's Navy or Belt Revolvers each in Case complete...	5/10/6	16	11	6		
Case...		0	2	0		
Carriage Overland...		1	2	0		
Insurance on £ 20,—30 per cent 6s, Policy 1s...		0	7	0		
					£	18 3 6

One Case fully directed and Carriage paid.
Per Wheatley's Overland Express.
Receipt enclosed.

No. 20. From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Collector Sea Customs, Madras; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th September 1857, No. 323.

SIR,

With reference to my letter of yesterday's date, I have the honor to forward an application from Messrs. Pharoah and Co., to clear 12 Revolvers for Sale. The number and prices of the Pistols are given below. There are also two Artillery Carbines.

12 Revolvers with apparatus complete..... Rupees 900.
2 Artillery Carbines do..... „ 120.
24 Holsters with Cases for Cartridges..... „ 150.

Co's. Rupees 1,170.

(Signed) W. ELPHINSTONE UNDERWOOD,
Collector Sea Customs.

From Messrs. PHAROAH AND CO., to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated Athenaeum Library, 8th September 1857.

SIR,

We will thank you to obtain the permission of Government to pass through the Custom House three Cases, to our address, containing 12 Revolvers and 2 Artillery Carbines complete, these Arms are intended for sale at Madras.

(Signed) PHAROAH and Co.

B. Mr. H. Fox. 19 Colt's Pistols. No.

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No. 21. From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Collector Sea Customs, Madras; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th September 1857.
SIR,

* Enclosures No. 1, dated 9th September 1857. 1. I have the honor to forward an application* from Messrs. Griffiths and Co., to pass 2 Dean's Revolvers for Lieutenant Mecham, 43rd Regiment, imported by Steamer Nubia from Suez.

2. Under the orders† of Government I have passed one Pistol for each Officer in the service without reference to Government, but where a party has solicited that more than one be passed, I have informed him, I have no authority to pass two or more to one party, except with the concurrence of Government.

† Dated 4th September 1857, No. 353. 3. I beg also to transmit an application from Messrs. Bainbridge and Co., to pass. Case No. 14.—10 Mahogany Cases each Case containing best twisted double Barrel bar percussion lock patent breeched Guns with implements, shot belt, and powder flask complete at 80s..... £ 40.

4. I cannot undertake to recommend that these Guns be passed as they are not of the character used for sporting purposes, being priced at £ 4 each. I respectfully recommend that they be detained.

5. Government have given permission for Caps and Pistols to be re-exported, but I respectfully submit by this course Government lose all hold of them. They may be taken to Pondicherry and other places. A Mussulman went into a Shop a few days since, and offered circumstances daily occur which I recommend, that under existing circumstances for Caps, &c., and not part with them, whether to purchase all the Pistols they had, but his offer was refused.

6. I take this opportunity of reporting that yesterday the Agent for the Zemindar of Bobily applied to pass 2 Bundles and 2 Casks of Brimstone which I have detained and solicit instructions what is to be done with it. Upon enquiry I found that the Brimstone had been purchased from Soobiah Chetty in Peddo Naick Street, who had 5 Candies in his possession I intimated this circumstance to the Commissioner of Police, who has taken steps respecting it, and for the promulgation of the order of Government respecting Sulphur.

(Signed) W. ELPHINSTONE UNDERWOOD,
Collector Sea Customs.

From Messrs F. D'SOUZA, CAMMIADE AND Co.; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 16th September 1857.
SIR,

We have the honor to state that the Steamer which arrived from Suez on the 7th Instant brought us a consignment of 24 Navy Size Colt's Revolvers.

We forwarded our application in the same day to the Collector of Sea Customs along with the requisite letter to obtain the sanction of Government for the passing of the said Revolvers into our possession but up to this day that Officer declines passing the same on the plea that he has not got the sanction of Government.

We beg therefore respectfully to submit that our inability to obtain sanction up to this time has occasioned the withdrawal of the names of some of the parties who were previously registered for the Pistols and we fear that many others may follow their example, thus the parties in England for whom we are the Agents will be subjected to great loss.

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We beg to bring this matter to the notice of Government which we request you will be good enough to do without unnecessary delay. If it is the intention of Government to take the Pistols on their own account of course we cannot object on the part of the consignor; but notwithstanding the very great delay that has occurred we would be still better pleased to have the Pistols cleared, inasmuch as this would enable our house to keep faith with the Gentlemen who have given us their orders.

(Signed) F. D'SOUZA, CAMMIADE AND Co.

From Mr. H. FOX; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 10th September 1857.

SIR,

Parties Registered for Pistols here, and up-country, are applying for their Pistols knowing the "Nubia" is in; I can give no answer, only their being cleared the Custom House has been referred to Government, kindly let me know if any orders have been given to the Collector.

(Signed) H. FOX.

4 2nd Line Beach.

P. S.—Enclose a Note just now received.

No. 22. From Mr. HENRY FOX; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 12th September 1857.

SIR,

I am very much pressed to supply the parties Pistols that are named in my Application sent to Mr. Underwood, 7th Instant, Colonel Lawrence called yesterday for his. I enclose you Messrs. Bainbridge and Co's. note, and one from M. C. Chase, Esq., who is out of patience and willing to give up his claim to one. Kindly let me know the decision of Government and oblige.

(Signed) HENRY FOX.

4, 2nd Line Beach.

No. 23. From Messrs. GRIFFITHS AND CO.; TO THE COLLECTOR OF SEA CUSTOMS dated 9th September 1857.

SIR,

We have the honor to request that you will grant us permission to import the undermentioned case of Pistols the property of Lieutenant Mesham, 43rd Regiment M. N. I., am intended or his own use.

(Signed) GRIFFITHS AND CO.

MEMORANDUM.

Ex "Nubia" Steamer, London, from Southampton viz., Suez.

W. R. Mesham, Esq., 43rd Regiment M. N. I. One Case containing two Deane's Patent Revolving Pistols, valued at Company's Rupees 200.
G. and CO.

B. Mr. H. Fox. 19 Colt's Pistols. N

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 22nd September 1857.

No. 24. From Messrs. BAINBRIDGE AND Co.; to the Collector Sea Customs, dated 8th September 1857.

SIR,

We have the honor to request the favor of you allowing the undermentioned case containing (10) Ten double Barrelled Guns, landed from the "Wellesley" for Sale in Madras to be passed through the Custom House.



(Signed) BAINBRIDGE AND CO.
No. 14. One case contains 10 double Barrelled Guns.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, No. 383; dated 19th September 1857.

The first of the letters above recorded contains, as enclosures, certain Original letters from Shopkeepers and others at the Presidency, requesting the Collector of Sea Customs to pass certain Arms and Ammunition, as under.

A. Oakes and Co., 28 Revolver Pistols and 8000 Cartridges, stated to be for sale to parties whose names are registered. Messrs. Oakes and Co. should be called upon to furnish Mr. Underwood with a List of these parties. If the same is approved by the Commissioner of Police the Articles may be passed.

B. Mr. H. Fox, 19 Colt's Pistols. The names of the Gentlemen who have bespoke them are given. This case may be passed.

C. Mr. Grace of the Oriental Bank cannot have the six Revolvers consigned to him for Sale, before furnishing the Collector with the names of the purchasers. He may be allowed one as a muster.

D. DeSouza, Cammiade and Co. will not be allowed to have the 24 Revolvers referred to, unless they specify the intending purchasers. If the Pistols are not sent out to order, the Inspector General of Ordnance will buy them for Government.

E. Mr. Hunt may take out his three Revolvers.

2. Mr. Underwood's letter of the 8th encloses an application from Pharoah and Co. to pass 12 Revolvers and two Artillery Carbines. Names of intending purchasers must be given.

3 His letter of the 9th has two enclosures.

A. Lieutenant Mesham, 43rd Regiment—a brace of Pistols (not three, as erroneously stated.) The Collector is always at liberty to pass a brace of Pistols and the like, when imported by European Gentlemen and other respectable parties for personal use.

B. Messrs. Bainbridge & Co.—Ten double barrelled Guns, priced £4 each. These cannot be passed, Colonel Balfour will purchase them for Government, if serviceable, for the Police or other purposes, otherwise Messrs. Bainbridge & Co. will be at liberty to re-export them, by which term Government show, in their order of 5th Instant, No. 357, that they mean to another country, not, as Mr. Underwood conceives, to any other Port of India.

C. The Brimstone which the Bobilly Rajah's Agent wishes to pass for Shipment to the Northwards, on account of the Rajah, will not be suffered to leave Madras, Colonel Balfour will purchase it for Government.

4. The two letters of Mr. Fox, recorded above, and the letter of Messrs. F. DeSouza, Cammiade & Co. have reference to their applications above referred to, and require no further orders.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

Marine Dept

Copy 4x
No 383.
P. Mis. of Cons. Dated 19 Sept 1857
Recd the following letters
from the Collector of Sea
Customs. Madras
here enter Nos 320-323, &
328. D. 7^a & 8^a and 9^a
September/57 respectively.

Recd also letters from
Mr H. Fox. General Dealer. } here enter D
10^a & 12^a Sept/57.

Recd also a letter from
Messrs De Souza, Cammiade & Co. } here enter 16^a Sept/57.

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~~against a case to it at a fair~~

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SR
18-9-57.

To the Coll of Sea Customs Dispd 19th
Commissioner of Police
Insp Gen of Ordn & Mag
Mr H Fox - Master
Messrs J D Sousa & Co

Dispd 21st

Further from the Coll of Sea Customs of 3rd October/57 No 117

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