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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 29th September 1857.

No. 56. From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Collector Sea Customs, Madras ; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 24th September 1857, No. 373.

SIR,

1. I have the honor in accordance with the instructions* of Government to state that Messrs. Pharoah and Co. made the following entry to pass the Pistols.

One Case containing 6 Revolvers in Cases, arrived per Ship "James Fernie" Rupees 786. this is at the rate of 131 Rupees each.

2. Referring to the observations of Government as to the entry of value and to the orders that the price at which Fire Arms are entered shall be forwarded to Government, I beg to observe that there is no Rule laid down that parties shall enter the value. The order of the Supreme Government† declares that parties shall not pass Fire Arms without the permission of Government. This permission is solicited, at one time accompanied by a declaration

of value and at other times the application merely solicits permission to pass a certain class and quality of Fire Arms, no value being given. I shall require the value in future to be given with the application to import the Arms and give the information required by Government.

3. Under Section XXIII, Act VI of 1844, Government Officers are authorized to purchase Goods on account of Government when "undervalued," and under these circumstances the Law justifies the purchase by the Collector of Customs. When not "undervalued," if the Fire Arms are purchased by Government it will be by negotiation with the parties, or seizure by authority. The Government when it buys purchases wholesale and is entitled to take Arms at the wholesale value, but if parties surmise Government will take over goods at the value declared at the Custom House, Impostors will enter the retail value. I would therefore respectfully recommend that a Report of the Appraiser, as to the market value, accompany the valuation given by the Impostors transmitted by me to Government.

4. I understand the retail price placed on these 6 Pistols by Messrs. Pharoah and Co. was 175 Rupees each.

5. The Bill of the London Maker usually accompanies the application of value, and is accepted to prove the number of Fire Arms and the quality, not with reference to value. The ordinary charges on a Bill of Parcels, the Goods being received Overland, taken one with another, is about 25 per Cent. Heavy Packages average 50 to 100 per Cent. when the charges are estimated by single Packages.

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

No. 57. ORDER THEREON, No. 416; dated 29th September 1857.

Under the circumstances reported Government allow the six Revolvers to be passed on Messrs. Pharoah and Co. engaging to keep for their information a Register of the names of the parties to whom they are sold.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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To the Coll^l of Sea Customs - Disch^d 29th.

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