

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

324

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Dated

21. 8.

1857

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 25th August 1857.

No. 1. From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Collector of Sea-Customs; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th August 1857, No. 277.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to transmit a letter* from Messrs. Kerakoose and Co., to Import (60,500,) sixty thousand five hundred Copper Caps. The Invoice cost is enclosed.† I have secured the Box under Lock and Key, under the impression Government will not allow their being passed. The parties would probably sell them, and allow any Officer deputed by Government to obtain a sample. I have not however considered it expedient to make an offer.

2. I respectfully solicit that the Principal Commissary of Ordnance may be instructed to receive, and keep in Custody, any Military Weapons transmitted by me, and that I be permitted to forward Percussion Caps and Arms to that Officer, pending any reference to Government.

3. Every care will be taken by this Department to keep these Articles in safe Custody, but as this is an Office open at all hours, to all description of persons I am of opinion it is the very last place which should be selected for the Custody of Arms and Warlike Stores.

(Signed) W. E. UNDERWOOD,

Collector Sea Customs.

From Messrs. KERA KOOSE, and Co.; to the Collector of Sea Customs, dated Madras, 17th August 1857.

SIR,

We have the honor to request that you will obtain the permission of Government for the importation of one Case Caps, marked [S.B.] H 11, containing as follows:

- 18 M. Best Anti-corrosive Caps.
- 6 M. Strong Copper (quality A. 2.)
- 24 M. Foil covered.
- 12½ M. Grey Felt.

Ex. "Queen of the Wave" from London.

(Signed) KERA KOOSE, and Co.

Extract of an Invoice of Merchandize Shipped per "Queen of the Wave" to Madras, consigned to Soobroy Chitty of Bangalore.

			£	S.	D.
[S.B.]	18	M. Best Anti-corrosive Caps..... @	4/	3	12
"	6	M. Strong Copper (quality A. 2.)..... "	3/	"	18
"	24	M. Foil Covered..... "	3/3	3	18
"	12½	M. Grey Felt..... "	2/	1	5
		Case lined and Soddred... ..	"	"	8
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		£...	10	10	0

(Signed) W. E. UNDERWOOD,

Collector Sea Customs.

No. 2 ORDER THEREON, No. 324; dated 21st August 1857.

Government instruct the Principal Commissary of Ordnance to examine these Percussion Caps, and report if they are fit to be purchased for Government. That Officer is also requested to receive into temporary charge any Arms or Ammunition which the Collector of Sea Customs may send to him for Security.

Exd. A. P. W. Bagbie.

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Port St Joseph
21st Aug. 1837

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Copied to the Inspco: Gen of Arty
& Maj. with copy of the
letter & Enclosures - } Disp'd 21st
Copied to the Coll of Customs