

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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1859.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 15th March 1859.

No. 5. From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st February 1859, No. 72.

SIR,

Pig Lead.		Sheet Lead		
Cwt.	Rs.	Cwt.	Rs.	
1856-57	143	1,460	95	1,059
1857-58	862	10,253	922	9,327
From May 1858 } to 19th Feby. 59 }	551	5,705	706	7,443

An application to ship 100 Pigs or 133 Cwt. 3 qrs: 20 lbs: of Lead to Masulipatam, induced me to look into the Accounts to ascertain the quantity imported in the last three years which is noted in the margin.

2. I have since the Mutinies refused to pass Lead unless an agreement is given by the Importer to keep a Register of the names of the parties who purchase the same to be produced if required by Government.

Minutes Consultation, No. 406, dated 26th Septr. 1857.

3. I have for some time had a suspicion that Lead is imported, to the extent it lately has been, for some other purpose than mixing with Spelter and Brass in the manufacture of Native Culinary and drinking Vessels but could find no ground which would have justified me in bringing the subject under the cognizance of Government. An application to export 100 Pigs to Masulipatam appeared to offer a fitting opportunity to solicit the attention of Government with a view to reference being made to the Commissioners of Police at the Presidency and the Mofussil as to whether it is advisable to place any restriction in the Import of Lead or its Transit by sea or land.

4. There are 35 Pigs of Lead now in the Custom House and it is my intention to detain them pending orders as I apprehend a considerable quantity is likely to be imported being on the way out.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 84; dated 11th March 1859.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter be furnished to the Chief Commissioner of Mofussil Police, and to the Commissioner of Police for the Town of Madras, for their opinion on the subject to which it relates—and in view to their tracing the destination of the Lead and the purposes to which it is applied.

The Magistrate of Masulipatam will also be directed to give his attention to the importations of Lead into his District and ascertain the places to which it is sent—and the uses made of it.

The Collector of Sea Customs will keep Government informed from time to time of the quantity of Lead imported into Madras—but he will not detain it.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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To the Honorable

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