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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 16. From His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements, in India, dated Pondicherry, the 28th June 1857 No. 2.

GOUVERNMENT

des Etablissements Français

dans l'Inde.

CABINET DU GOUVRNEUR.

A SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR

LE GOUVERNEUR DE MADRAS.

No. 2.

Demande d'armes. et de munitions.

MOSIEUR LE GOUVERNEUR,

Rien ne m'annonce que la tranquillité publique soit menacée á Pondichéry, mais vous savez que l'autorité est blâmable lorsqu'elle ne s'entoure pas de toutes les précautions qui peuvent réprimer un mouvement dès qu'il se produit, et vous ne trouverez étonnant dès lors que je vienne vous demander s'il vous serait possible de m'envoyer *par mer* 200 ou 250 fusils, des cartouches à balles à raison de 100 ou 150 par fusil, des gibernes, quelques sabres et des capsules, si ce sont des armes à percussion que vous mettez à ma disposition.

Pour ne pas faire croire à des craintes que je n'éprouve pas, je ferais mettre ces objets dans un magasin : en cas d'apparence de troubles j'armerais immédiatement la population Européenne de Pondichéry, je mettrais en requisition les marins des navires français qui sont sur rade et grace à ces mesures je serais probablement en position de tenir contre les tapageurs assez long temps pour recevoir les autre secours que je n'hesiterais pas à vous demander.

Je présume que votre Excellence *consentirait á* me les prèter si les *événements* le lui permettaient.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Gouverneur, la nouvelle assurance de mes sentiments les plu dévoués et les plus respectueux.

Le Commissaire Général de la Marine,
Gouverneur des Etablissements Français de l'Inde.
(Signed) D'UBRAYE,

No. 16. A. ORDER THEREON, No. 501 ; dated 29th June 1857.

Ordered that the Inspector General of Ordnance be requested to issue instructions of complying with the requisition of the French Governor for the Arms and Ammunition, detailed in the margin and to arrange with the Marine Board for having them conveyed to Pondicherry by Sea, if practicable, by an early opportunity. Colonel Balfour, will Report for communication to His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements what he may have done in pursuance of this order.

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Ball Cartridges at the rate of 100 to 150 per Musket.
Cartridge boxes.
Some Swords and Caps if the Muskets are Percussion ones.

Exd. W. Komarcek.

Political Department

No. 311

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date 29th June 1857

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To the Inspector General
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& Ordnance Board. Dept. 29th

Pol Dept Govt & Civil Dept
No 17 of 1857
Paras 44 & 45
Replied to 7th July No 6 of
1858

Political 1857 Department

No. 501.

Extract - Minute Paras

of Council 15th October 1857.

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upon the measures a-
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