

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	749	Press Mis.
Dated	9-9-	1918

Not to be folded or roughly handled

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 15th September 1857.

No. 9. From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Collector Sea Customs, Madras; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 5th September 1857, No. 312.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit copy of an application* from Messrs. Pharoah and Co., together with copy of an Invoice,† requesting permission to pass a Case containing six Revolvers, intended for sale, and to solicit instructions. The Pistols are those of "Deane and Adams" of the best description, and with the most recent improvements.

2. After mature deliberation, I take the liberty of offering an opinion that these formidable weapons should not pass into the hands of any party, except through the intervention of a Public Officer, and that when sold the party shall be required to give notice, to the Government Officer, from whom he purchased it, before disposing of it to another.

3. There are two modes in which these weapons get into improper hands, one by a party purchasing a small Revolver as the only one to be had, and then desiring a larger, purchases that, and sells the first one purchased at any shop. The other by their being landed from Ships and sold. The parties bring them on shore and do not pass them through the Custom House. I conclude Messrs. Pharoah and Co., cannot sell these Revolvers at less than 150 Rupees each.

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

From Messrs. PHAROAH and Co., Athenæum Library; to the Collector of Sea Customs, dated Madras, 4th September 1857.

SIR,

We request the favor of your kindly obtaining the necessary order to pass through the Custom House a Case containing six Revolvers to our address which are intended for sale at Madras.

(Signed) PHAROAH AND Co.

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

30, KING WILLIAM STREET.
LONDON BRIDGE, April 27th 1857.

MESSRS. PHAROAH AND Co.

BOUGHT OF DEANE AND SON.

Gun Makers.

TO H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT.

6 Med. Revolvers B and new Lever Rods, Nos. 5706, 5729, 5454, 21254 21279 20989					
5960, 6175, 5923, in Cases complete 9-10-0.....	57	0	0		
21552 21796 21511	0	15	0		
6 Sets of Extra Nipples.....	1	4	0		
6 Bags Caps.....	0	11	6		
Tin Lined Case.....					
	£...	59	10	6	
	25 ¢...	14	17	6	
Per Lindsay's Steamer, } 1st May 1857. }				£...	44 13 0

(True Copy.)

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

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, No. 749; dated 9th September 1857.

Referred to the Inspector General of Ordnance, who will state whether he would advise the Revolvers being purchased for Government at the price at which they are entered for duty.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

85749 Referred to the Super.
the General of Ordnance, who will state
whether he would advise the Royal
arms being purchased for Govern-
ment at the price at which they are
entered for duty.

Fort St George
9 Sept 1857

W. M. D. B.
Adj. Chief Secretary

To the Asst. Genl. of Ordnance
with 2 Enclaves.

Desp. 9th sent out 11/9/57
J. Macintosh
Inspector