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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 944	Press ~~Mis.~~
188A, 189A	
Dated 22 - 1 - 1862	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd January 1862.

No. 188A. Read the following letter from Messrs. ARBUTHNOT & Co., to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st January 1862:—

SIR,

1. A copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government with Order, dated 20th instant, No. 79, having been furnished to us, we have the honor to bring to your notice that we have entered into a contract to supply the Commissariat Department with 1,200 candies of Saltpetre. That Saltpetre it is our intention to import by sea from Calcutta, and one or more other Indian Ports.

2. If, however, the Telegram of the Home Secretary, Calcutta, is to be literally and strictly interpreted it becomes impossible for us to fulfil our contract, and it will be necessary for us to apply to the Government to indemnify us for any loss that may be incurred, in consequence of our having entered upon the transaction, and then suddenly finding ourselves precluded by the action of the Supreme Government from carrying it out.

3. It is important for us to know without delay whether our contract with the Commissariat will be treated as an exceptional case, or in what manner we ought to act.

4. The Saltpetre is required for the Madras Powder Mills.

No. 189B. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1862, No. 94A.

1. Ordered that the following Telegram be despatched to the Government of India:—

"A Madras Firm have contracted to supply the Commissariat Department here with "Saltpetre, and wish to import it from Calcutta and other Indian Ports by sea. May this be "allowed? If not the Firm will claim compensation."

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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From

Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.

Dated 21st Janry
Received 22nd Janry 1862.

Intimating that they have entered into a Contract to supply the Commissariat Depôt with 120 Candies of Saltpetre to be imported by Sea from Calcutta, and requesting to know whether the Contract will be treated as an exceptional Case.

No 94 A. 22 January
With an Order

No 188 A & 188 B.

No. 94 A.

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Fort St. Geo.
22 January 1862.