

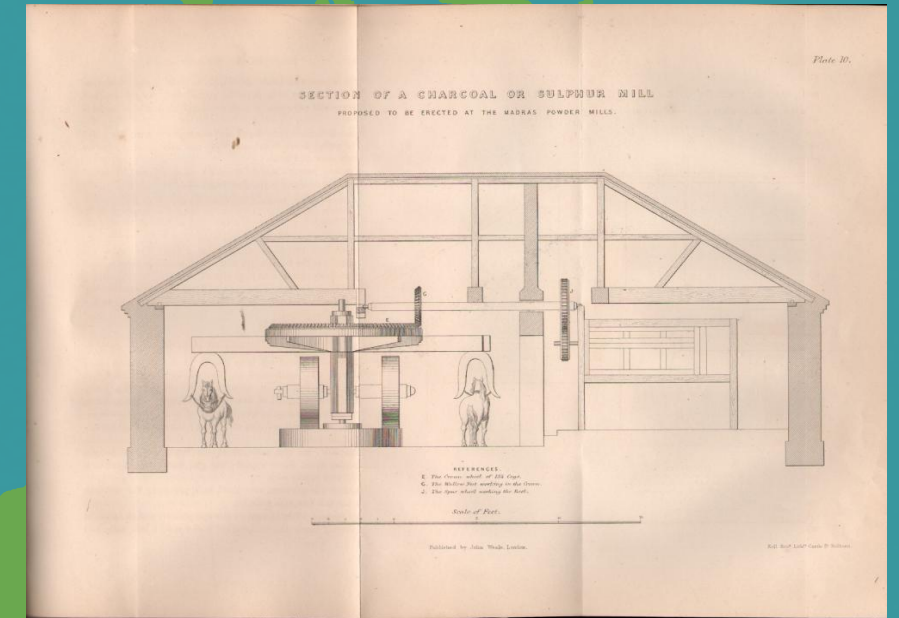
"The government in London discouraged the trade, along with colonial manufacture in general. Royal governors instead imposed a tax on ships putting in at American harbors and earmarked the money to buy gunpowder made in England. In any case, the local product could not have competed with the powder ground in large English mills using the best Indian saltpeter."

Between the years 1756-1763, 9,136.14 British pounds worth of gunpowder was delivered to the colonies. Averaging roughly 3.38 per count on the pound.

"...in 1558, as much as 90 per cent of England's saltpeter was still imported from abroad."

"The British conquest of Bengal, following the victory at Plassey in 1757, meant that she was able to secure 70 per cent of the world's saltpeter production. The French attributed their defeat in the Seven Years War to shortages of saltpeter."

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