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Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

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from 18th to 27th May 1859.*

No. 4. Read the following letter from G. L. PRENDERGAST, Esq., Accountant General; to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th May 1859, No. 4.

1. In the order of Government, dated 29th May 1857, No. 512, Revenue Department, it was directed that duty be charged from the year 1857-58, on all Government Stores imported or exported, and the same carried to credit in Account, in order that the Sea Custom Returns may be kept in a complete and correct form.

2. In compliance with this order, I instructed the Collector of Sea Customs to credit the amount of duty to Sea "Custom Revenue" by debiting the same to the Department importing, or exporting, the Stores, in order that the amount might ultimately be debited against the value of the Stores.

3. In his letter, dated 15th October 1858, the Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines urged objections to include the 5 per cent duty with the value of Military and Ordnance Stores received from England. A reference* was

* Under date the 18th Novr. 1858, No. 1547. consequently made to the Financial Secretary to the Government of India on the subject. That Officer stated in reply (copy of which, dated 25th March 1859 is herein enclosed) that such nominal entries do not appear in the Accounts in Bengal or Bombay, and has directed the discontinuance of the same in the Accounts of this Presidency. I request therefore to be favored with the orders of Government for the discontinuance of Entries in the Accounts of the Collector of Sea Customs from 1st May 1859 and in the Accounts, of the several Officers having charge of Stores.

4. In the last para. of the letter from the Financial Secretary now enclosed, he states that when Government Stores are sold, as a favor, at cost price, the duty should be added and credited to "Sea Customs." I beg to state that it is already the practice at this Presidency when

• To cover interest and risk of transmission from England.

29th November 1836, Financial Department.
2nd May 1837, No. 1396, Military "
6th April 1841, No. 144, Financial "
3rd August 1841, No. 2925, Military "
24th April 1855, No. 1219, " "
12th June 1855, No. 1719, " "

† The duty has, under recent enactment, been raised.

‡ To cover Interest and risk of transmission from England.

Stationery, Military, Medical, or Clothing Stores, are sold to Private Individuals, to add 5* per cent on the original value, and to Credit it to "Profit and Loss" as per Orders of Government noted in the margin. It therefore could hardly be intended that in addition thereto, duty at 5† per cent should be charged, with the view of crediting the amount to "Sea Custom Revenue." A further reference will, however, be made on this subject to the Government of India, if Government are of opinion that it is necessary,—I may add that in my letter to the Financial Secretary to the Government of India, dated 18th November last, no mention was made regarding the 5 per‡ Cent, which, under the orders already cited, is charged on all Stores sold to private Individuals.

ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1859, No. 287.

No. 5.

The Government of India having directed the discontinuance of the nominal entries referred to in the first 3 paras. of the above letter in the Accounts of this Presidency, the Accountant General will give effect to that Order and accordingly discontinue the entries in the Accounts of the Collector of Sea Customs from 1st May 1859 as proposed, and also in those of the several Officers having charge of Stores.

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2. The Government consider a reference to the Supreme Government on the subject noticed in para. 4 to be unnecessary and are of opinion that the present system in regard to the additional charges on Stores sold to private individuals may be continued.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Financial Department

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*Read the following
letter from the Accountant
General.*

(Dated 6th May 1859 N^o 4)

Order thereon. 19th May 1859. N^o 287.

*The Govt of India
having directed the dis-
continuance of the
nominal entries referred
to in the first 3 paras of
the above letter in the
Accounts of this Presidency,
the Accountant General
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Order and accordingly
discontinue the entries*

in the Accounts of the
Collector of Sea Customs
from 1st May 1859 as pro-
posed, and also in those
of the several Officers ^{who}
having charge of Stores.

2 The Govt consider a
reference to the Supreme
Government on the sub-
ject noticed in para 1 to
be unnecessary, and are
of opinion that the present
system in regard to ^{the additional charges on} Stores
sold to private individuals
may be continued.

[Signature]

To the Acct^y General. Dispt. 21st

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