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FROM

A. J. ARBUTHNOT, ESQ.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General in Council, the annexed copy of a Memorial from the Madras Chamber of Commerce, with reference to the export duties recently imposed.

Proceedings, 5th May 1865, No. 229.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th June 1865.

Chief Secretary.

From J. YOUNG, Esq., Chairman Chamber of Commerce; to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th May 1865.

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Exd. J. Tulloch.

Chamber of Commerce
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