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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 8th January 1858.

No. 53. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 19th June 1857, No. 885.

Home Department.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of letter No. 472, dated the 25th April last, suggesting that measures be adopted with the view of introducing reforms in the Monopoly of Pepper and Tabacco now kept up in the State of Cochin.

2. Before bringing the subject to the notice of the Honorable the Court of Directors, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council desires me to request that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council will specify in detail in what manner he would wish the Honorable Court to act in meeting in a liberal spirit any reform at Cochin and what exactly are the measures of reform His Lordship in Council would wish that State to introduce.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Offig. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, No. 18; dated 6th January 1858.

In the above letter the Government of India, in reply to the representation made to them by this Government under date 25th April last, regarding the evil effects resulting from the Tabacco and Pepper Monopolies in the Native States of Travancore and Cochin, with a request that authority might be sought from the Honorable Court of Directors for communicating with those Sircars in view to the extinction of the Monopolies—desire that the Government will specify in detail in what manner they would wish the Honorable Court to act in meeting in a liberal spirit any reform at Cochin, and what exactly are the measures of reform which His Lordship in Council would wish that State to introduce.

2. It is remarked that in their answer the Supreme Government refer only to the State of Cochin, perhaps because the severe measures for the maintenance of the Monopolies brought to their notice in the letter to which they replied were the acts of the Cochin authorities. The application of this Government referred however to the Monopolies of both States, indeed as shown in para. 6 of their letter the question as it respects Cochin is altogether of subordinate importance as compared with its bearing on the Travancore State.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves to forward copy of Mr. Officiating Under Secretary Chapman's letter, and of that to which it replies, to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin, and to request him to invite those States to a full and clear exposition of their views as to the measures whereby their Tabacco and Pepper Monopolies might be superceded by a more healthy fiscal system, the extent to which the immediate sacrifice of Revenue might be met by other arrangements as by the introduction of the Madras Sea Custom system and Tariff of values and duties, as well as by reductions in those branches of expenditure which have so often attracted the notice of the Honorable Court by fixing for Travancore as now obtains for Cochin* a stated sum to cover all family expenses and ceremonies, &c., and what if any temporary assistance they would require as by partial suspension of Peshcush or other means from the East India Company in carrying out reforms of so much importance both to themselves and to their subjects, and which under existing circumstances cannot much longer be delayed.

* Supreme Government to Resident, 23rd January 1835, para 8.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No 18 Judicial Department

Extract of Minutes of Consultation. Dated 6th January 1858

To H. Morden Secretary to the Govt of India.

19 June 1857.

In the above letter the Govt of India, in reply to the representation made to them by this Govt under date 25 April last regarding the evil effects resulting from the tobacco & Opium Monopolies in the Native States of Travancore and Cochin, with a request that authority might be sought from the Hon'ble Court of Directors for communicating with those Governments on the extinction of the Monopolies — desiring that this Govt will specify in detail in what manner

[illegible] Secretary directs the attention of Congress to the subject of granting additional special aid to the Collection, and what exactly are the measures of reform which this body in Council would wish that State to introduce.

2 It is remarked that the Secretary's decision, it appears, just refers only to the Collection of Customs and the reasons for the maintenance of the Monopolies hostile to Russia relate to the letter which they expound the Act of the Customs Monopolies. The application of this just regard known to the Monopolies of both States, without any change in the letter of the Act, but by other arrangements

letter the question as to the Russian Collection is altogether subordinate importance as compared with the bearing on the Russian constitution

3 The Russian Embassy forward copy to the Foreign Office the Secretary's letter and of that letter which it explains, to the Emperor of Russia and Collection and to the just claim to which the States to a full and clear exposition of their views as to the measures whereby the Tobacco & Pepper Monopolies might be superseded by a more healthy fiscal system - the extent to which the immediate sacrifice of Income might be met by other arrangements

as by his instruction of the Madras Sea Custom System and Tariff of Values and duties — as well as by retrenchments from branches of expenditure which have to often attracted the notice of the + Honorable Court — and what if any temporary assistance they would — as by partial suspension of Res — cuts or other means of lessening expenses from it & I Comp in carrying out reforms if so much importance both to themselves and to their subjects — and by any other exciting circumstances cannot — must longer be delayed.

+ by sipping for Ravancore as now obtains for Cochin & a station sum to cover all family expences and ceremonies, &c. —

& Margin.
Supreme Govt to Resident
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Request the President of Travancore and Cochin to invite their Rulers to a full and clear exposition of their views as to the measures evidently their Tobacco and Opium monopolies ought to be superseded by more healthy fiscal system — in view to remunerate the expenditure required by the Supreme Government.

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