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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, from 5th to 21st October 1859.

No. 65. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Political Department, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 4th October 1859, No. 92.

The Revenue Sheristedar, of British Cochin, having received information, that a quantity of smuggled tobacco, was stored in the houses of certain individuals in Santhiavu Pátam, an isolated piece of our territory, situated on the sea-board, within the limits of the Cochin Circar, and about 4 miles to the south of British Cochin, directed a search to be made for the same.

2. The result was that in the houses of the 4 individuals mentioned below, the quantities of tobacco set opposite to their names, were found in their respective houses:—

	Bales.	Small bundles.
1. Shanthiavu-patathil Koorishinguel Kintho Anthe... ...	10	12
2. Athashery Acho-bávoo...	0	11
3. Thoondathil Manen-bávoo...	5	10
4. Pálakel Lonen...	6	17
Total...	21	50

3. The value of the tobacco is Rupees 542, the parties in whose houses it was found are all men of very moderate means, and as there are but 39 families in Santhiavu Pátam and none of them wealthy, it is evident that the tobacco was intended for illicit sale to the inhabitants of the Cochin Circar country, in contravention of the rules for the protection of its monopoly in tobacco.

4. The parties with whom the tobacco was found, declare that import duty to our Government had been paid on it, and that they purchased it from one Koonen Anthe Chandy in Amaravathy, in British Cochin. This man states, that he purchased it from Mapany Shetty, who in his turn alleges that he bought it from Poolikalagatha Markar. This party acknowledges the transaction and produces his books, to shew that the tobacco came in a certain vessel, and in support of the assertion, he exhibits a copy of the darkhast, given by him on the occasion of the landing of the article.

5. Import duty may or may not have been paid for the tobacco. I myself incline to think not, for, had the transaction been a "bonâ fide" one, the parties might have re-exported the article and conveyed it by sea to Santhiavu Pátam, instead of taking it by land and running the risk of its seizure by the Cochin authorities, through whose limits it has been smuggled; a great risk certainly, when the return expected must have been small, if it was simply intended for the supply of the inhabitants of Santhiavu Pátam.

* Rupees 542.

6. The tobacco has been sold and the proceeds* are held in deposit, until the Orders of Government for their final disposal are received.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, 17th October 1859, No. 1395.

Government direct that the proceeds of the tobacco—(542) five hundred and forty-two Rupees—be carried to the Public Account.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

No. 1395 – 17 October 1859.

Govt. direct that the proceeds of the Tobacco — 542 Five Hundred & Forty two Rupees — be carried to the Public Account.

The Magistrate of Malabar.
" Acct. Genl.
" Cuttack

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