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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th November 1860, No. 5,570.

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15th August last.

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3. It is a pity that Mr. Thornhill did not give a plain answer to the simple question put to him, instead of forwarding correspondence which enters into details on other subjects than that under report.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

From Lieutenant-Colonel CUTHBERT DAVIDSON, C.B., Resident at Hyderabad, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Hyderabad Residency, 29th November 1860, No. 2,166.

SIR,

I have the honor under instructions from the Government of India to request that the enclosed notice* may be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

*Stating that the Nizam's Government will levy the *ad valorem* duty of 5 per cent. agreeably to Treaty at the village of Khodada on the Masulipatam Frontier.

ORDER THEREON, 28th December 1860, No. 2,657.

1. In the first paper recorded above, the Board of Revenue furnish the report called for in the Order of Government in this Department, dated 22nd October last, No. 2,178.

2. Mr. Thornhill states that he has already sent a copy of Mr. Melville's letter to the Resident, and Government have also passed orders on it under date 16th ultimo, No. 2,372. Until the subject comes before them in proper shape no further orders are necessary. As the second letter recorded above shows that the Nizam's Government have determined upon the

village of Khodada on the frontier of the Kistna District as the site for a Custom House, it does not appear necessary to delay matters any further in order to obtain information which would enable Government to give a direct answer to Colonel Davidson's query regarding the sites where it would be desirable to place the Chowkies he refers to.

3. The Notification received with the Resident's letter of the 29th November, will be published in three successive issues of the Fort Saint George Gazette. The Collectors of the Godavery and Kistna Districts will also make its provisions generally known through the medium of their Gazettes.

4. The Resident will be requested to state the rate at which the duty on Salt imported into the Nizam's dominions is levied.

5. The Board will furnish the Collector of the Godavery District with copy of the 3rd paragraph of Colonel Davidson's letter of 11th October No. 1,892, and the Extract referred to therein, unless they have already done so.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No 32

Kistna District
Head Assistant Collectors
Kacheri 5th Octr 1800.

From
R. J. Melville Esqre
Acting Head Assistant Collr
Bezwada

To
G. Thornhill Esqre
Acting Collector of
Kistna District
Masulipatam

Sir

I have now the honor to submit the report called for in your yadast No 70 dated 17th August on the Customs Chowkies and on villages belonging to the Nizam within our Frontier, which might be obtained by giving in their stead others of equal value.-

1st With reference to the Chowkies proposed to be established in lieu of those abolished by Kassimad Dowla Bahadur at my request.-

There were seven, which, from their position, appeared to me to be objectionable, as they either lay in a direct line between our frontier and our outlying territories, or else-where within our limits, and surrounded on all sides by our possessions.- There were in the Taluq of Nandigama four, viz.t Gani atkur Paritala, Wus-tapalli and Kodavatikallu- In the

Taluk of Gollapilly one, Mullavalli,-

These five have been abolished- Two there Kodada and Pochuncherla lie, the former on the Hyderabad road between Jaggiapeth and Nuncagalla, the latter on the road between Tingagheri and Jaggiapeth- The former Kodada was temporarily abolished, but the Nizam's Officer represented that a Chowkey was required at Pochuncherla to collect the legitimate Sayer duty on the articles which break bulk there, and on those which are exported from thence- It was accordingly arranged that for the present, the Kodada Chowky should be done away with, while that of Pochuncherla should be retained-

The Minister, in his letter to Colonal Davidson, (enclosed) states that the Nizam's Government do not contemplate establishing any Chowkies in lieu of the five before mentioned as absolutely abolished- They have however some idea of re-establishing the one at Kodada on account of the extent of the Exports and Imports.-

So that no fresh Chowkies have been found to be necessary-

2nd With respect to the villages of

Nizam within our territories-

There are eleven in number and are situated as follows- In the Bandar Taluq one Viz: Pullapâd- this is a Jaghir granted to Showkit Jung Bahadur- I have been unable to find out the yearly Revenue-

In the Gollapalli Taluq two Viz-

Biravancha a Sewa Jaghir rent paid to Jaghirdar Rs. 934-8-9-

Mullavalli denomination and list is unknown, the Dasapandias having refused to afford this information without direct orders from His Highness the Nizam's Government-

In Tiruvur- one village with 4 hamlets viz:

Gâmgapad	These are Khalsa
Takmallapad	or Sayr villages,
Chontapilly	
Chekullagudem	United list Rs 600.
Pallarlamudi	

In the Nandigama Taluq seven viz:

1	Wustapalli Jaghir rent paid to Jaghirdar	Rs - 300-0-0
2	Kodavatekallu do do	2,292-0-0
3	Athur - - - - - - - - - - - -	2,120-0-0
4	Paritala - - - - - - - - - - - -	3,264-8-0
5	Pattenipad - - - - - - - - - - - -	500-0-0
6	Mogulluru - - - - - - - - - - - -	1,750-0-0
7	Chilkur a Sayr village - list Rs	950-0-0

On the other hand there are five villages of Nandigama Taluq and two Zamindaries belonging to us situated within the Nizam's boundaries viz:

In Kasaera Pargana 5-

1	Nanali list	Rs 718-13-10
2	Konjerla do	662-12-10
3	Wunnadidavapalli	do: 283-8-0
4	Polugamadu - -	do 452-8-0
5	Syradari Annavaram	do: 483-6-0

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In the Kumbummett Circar the Zamindari tracts of Nunagalla and Lingagiri paying respectively a Peishcush of Rs 4,978-0 and Rs 480-8-0

Mr Knox in his yadast restricted the exchanges to Sayr with Sayr, Zamindari with Zamindari and Inam and Jaghier with its like. If this plan is not modified it will be impossible to effect an exchange at all, as the parts which we require from the Nizam are with two exceptions Jaghier, while those we have to offer in exchange, are exclusively Sayr and Zamindari lands.

If this restriction is withdrawn it might be possible to effect an exchange with our five villages against the eleven of the Nizam. Our five being Sayr would bring more Revenue to his Government than the 9 Jaghier and two Sayr.

But if it is thought advisable that these exchanges should be made, it would be as well at the same time, to consider whether the Nadwa Pargana could not be obtained in exchange for the Nunagala and Lingagiri Zamindaries. In that case we should retain the five Sayr villages above referred to, as they are, in the Nadwa Pargana, and the eleven villages of the Nizam in Nandigama, Kandar, Gollapalli and Timmur Talugs might be obtained in exchange for some other tract. E.G. part of the small Zamindaries in Timmur

Our frontier will be far from compact as long as the Nadwa Pargana comes jutting in

in between our Talugs of Timmur and Nandigama.

Since I sent in my report on transit duties, I have received a Complaint from a Merchant of Gampalagudem who was charged Rs 1 in going and Rs 1½ on his return on three bandies, conveying merchandize from Gampalagudem to Guntoor. Such exactions will continue as long as parties going from one part of our district to another have to traverse parts of the Nizam's dominions. All orders by the Nizam's Government on the subject are and will be persistently disregarded. Besides this disadvantage, these isolated tracts form Alsatias, the resort of all the unruly and thievish characters in the district.

I have &c
(Signed) R Maclaverty
Actg Asst Collr

Kistna District Collectors Katcheri Masulipatam 26 October 1860

No 504

To
Lieutenant Colonal C Davidson C B
Resident at Hyderabad

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 1912 dated 15th instant, and in reply beg to forward copy of Mr Maclavertys report on the subject.

2 From the Minister's note which accompanied your letter of the 15th August it appears that there is no intention of establishing any Chowkies in lieu of those abolished in the isolated villages within the limits of the Kistna District, but that Pochamcherla and perhaps Khodada are to be retained,

the latter is in some respects objectionable as it intercepts all the traffic between the Nunagala zamindari and the Madras territories; and if its removal to some point on the Hydrabad side of Nunagal would not entail too great a loss of duties on the Nizam's Government, it would, I think, be desirable.

3 With reference to the exchange of territory proposed by Mr Neville, Shaw to state that the Nunagal and Linigadiri zamindaris being held on Permanent Sunnuds the Government have declared any transfer impossible.

Shaw Ven

/Signed/ P. Thornhill
Ag Collr

/True Copy/

/Illegible/
Acting Collector

Compd [illegible]
Dr Clerk

No. 5,570.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Copies of correspondence about Transit duty.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to G. Thornhill, Esq., Acting Collector of Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

No 2166. of 1860

From

Lieut Col Cuthbert Davidson CB.
Resident at Hyderabad

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Hyderabad Residency 29th Nov 1860

Sir,

I have the honor under instructions from the Government of India to request that the Enclosed Notice may be published in the Fort St George Gazette.

× Stating that the Nizam Govt will levy the ad valorem duty of 5 per Cent agreeably to Treaty on the Package & Sandal on the Masulipatam Timber

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Cuth Davidson
Resident

No 2165 of 1860 Dated 29th November 1860
Rec'd 4th Dec
No. 10
Encl 1 to Lt Col Cuthbert Davidson's
No 2166 of 29th Nov 1860

Notice is hereby given that the Nizam's Government will collect from the 1st of January 1861 Collectorship Customs Duties at the following Ports on the Coast of Coromandel viz Masulipatam Coringa Nizampatam Ellore Bandar Ellore Kistnapatam Petapolee Nellore Kaverypatam Pulicat Sullurpet Gudur Sydapet Tripassore Poonamallee Madras Chingleput Covelong Sadras Porto Novo Cuddalore Pondicherry Carical Negapatam Tranquebar Tondy Devipatam Adirampatam Manargoody Point Calimere Vedaranniam Muttupet Point de Galle Colombo Galle Matura Trincomalee Batticaloa Jaffnapatam Mannar Aripo Condatchy Calpentyn Chilaw Negombo Caltura Barbareen Beruwala Point Pedro Kayts Delft Island Pamben Ramnad Tondy Kilakarai Tuticorin Manapad Kolachel Cape Comorin Colachel Quilon Alleppy Cochin Chetwye Ponnany Calicut Tellicherry Cannanore Mangalore Honore Bhatkul Coondapoor Mangalore Cundapoor Honore Bhatkul Mirjan Karwar Goa Vingorla Rajapoor Dabhol Chiplun Ratnagiri Vijayadroog Malwan Vingorla Goa Karwar Mirjan Bhatkul Honore Mangalore Cundapoor Coondapoor Bhatkul Honore Cannanore Tellicherry Calicut Ponnany Chetwye Cochin Alleppy Quilon Colachel Cape Comorin Kolachel Manapad Tuticorin Kilakarai Tondy Ramnad Pamben Delft Island Kayts Point Pedro Beruwala Barbareen Caltura Negombo Chilaw Calpentyn Aripo Mannar Jaffnapatam Batticaloa Trincomalee Matura Galle Colombo Point de Galle Muttupet Vedaranniam Point Calimere Manargoody Adirampatam Devipatam Tondy Tranquebar Negapatam Carical Pondicherry Cuddalore Porto Novo Sadras Covelong Chingleput Madras Poonamallee Tripassore Sydapet Gudur Sullurpet Pulicat Kaverypatam Nellore Petapolee Kistnapatam Ellore Bandar Ellore Nizampatam Coringa Masulipatam

Rec'd 22 October / No 289
" 16th November " 363 &c

Copy sent as Letter to C.
of 10th Inst No 3375

No 3375

2265.

No 2165 of 28th Dec

Memo.

On the 11 October last the Resident at Hyderabad wrote to the Govt. to say that he had been directed by the Govt of India to issue notices containing Tariff of custom houses at which the 5 per cent customs duty will be levied hereafter in the Nizam's dominions, remarking that he had already addressed the Collector of Masulipatam on 8 Aug. not on the subject, but having had no reply he wd be glad if the Madras Govt would furnish him with a list of the cities where it wd be desirable to place the Chowkies in question.

On the 22 Oct. No. 2178. the Govt referred this letter to the Board of Revenue for early report, & directed them to explain the omission on Mr Knox's part to reply to the Resident's letter and also to take action upon it.

The Board now forward with their remarks a letter from Mr Thornhill, Acting Collector of the Kistna District, dated 14 Nov 1860. No. 262. Mr Knox, it appears, did not reply to the Resident's letter be-

* 29 Nov/60 No. 5570.

Public Works
Revenue 18th Dec 1860
Rec'd from Govt Dec.
No. 3102.

From W. Edwards Esqre
Secy to Govt of Madras
Dated 29th November 1860
Rec'd 4th December —
Ansd.
No 2165. 28th December
Requests further information in the matter of the Nizam's Govt's intention to establish Chowkies at the entrance of the Nizam's Dominions.

Entered & examined
Wm Taylor
Asst Secy
Ex Secy to Govt

Copy in a Letter to C & E
dated 10th January 1861. No 81.

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cause he was waiting for a report by Mr Melville, his Head Assistant on the isolated villages belonging to the Nizam, situated within the Kistna District. That report has been subsequently forwarded to him (the Resident) on 26 October. No direct answer is given to Col Davidson's query about chowkies, indeed Mr Thornhill says that he does not know to what sort the Resident alludes, but evidently hopes that Mr Melville's report will supply all necessary information.

From that report it seems that seven chowkies were examined into by the Head Assistant & the Officer deputed by the Nizam's Govt. & of these, five, viz. were situated within our boundaries, were absolutely abolished, without any intention of establishing any in lieu of them, and two, viz. Kodada, and Pochuncherla (both of which are in Nizam's Territory, but between our Frontier, & the outlying Purganas of Choorgala, and Linga Sevi, both the property of the British Govt.) the former was temporarily abolished, & the latter retained. An intention being however expressed of re-establishing the one at Kodada. No fresh Chowkies were found

necessary.

The Board remark that Mr Thornhill might have given a plain answer to the simple question put to him; but that if the abolition of the Chowkies objected to in the Kistna District has been agreed to, and carried out, & if no change is proposed or desired as to the rest, the information afforded may be enough to enable Col Davidson to arrange the wish alluded to by him.

In the mean time the Resident has forwarded to this Govt., with a request that it may be published in the Fort St George Gazette, a Notification, stating that the ad valorem duty of 5 per cent, agreeably to Treaty, will be levied at the village of Kodada- Duty on salt will be levied according to the established custom of the Nizam's Govt. [redacted] What that custom is, [redacted] does not appear. though it appears probable that it is in excess of 15 per cent. See correspondence relating to Captain Stoddart's

× 29 Nov. 1860.

interview with Haji Darob Jung Bahadur, referred to in Board's proceedings of 24 November 1859 - No. 4808 - recorded in Proceedings Madras Govt. of 5 December 1859. No 37. The Nizam then proposed to levy a duty of 15 per cent on all salt conveyed by the Godavery through His dominions into the British territory, but that if brought into the Nizam's dominions, it would be taxed in the manner now obtaining there.

As the Resident appeared unprocured from the Principal Collector all the information necessary & available to issue the Notification which he has subsequently transmitted with his letter of 29 November. No. 2166. it may be sufficient to inform him in reply to the latter that the Notification will be duly published as requested, & with reference to his previous letter of the 11 Oct. No. 1892, & transmit a copy of Mr Thornhill's letter of the 14 Nov. No. 262. (recorded in BB Pro. of 29 November 1860 - No. 5570.) with a remark that the Govt. have no further information to afford beyond that already furnished by the Collector.

C. 20 Jan 1861

P. W. Dept.
19 Dec

No. 2657.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th December 1860

Read the following papers.

1. Proceedings of the Bd of Revenue.

Submitting with remarks a letter from the Ag. Collector of the Kistna District forwarding correspondence with the Head Assistant regarding the Sagor Frontier known to be unauthorized in the Nizam's territory.

Here enter 29 November 1860 No. 5570.

2. Letter from the Resident at Hyderabad

Requesting publication in the Fort St George Gazette of notification stating that the Nizam's Govt will levy, agreeably to treaty, the ad-valorem duty of 5 per cent, at the village of Khodada on the Masulipatam Frontier

Here enter 29 Nov. 1860. No. 2166.

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Department dated 22 October last: No. 2178.

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No 2657.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.

Dt 28th December 1860

Received & Rec'd
by Rev to the Sec

Ordering that the Notifn:
Calicut received from the Resident
at Hyderabad regarding the levy
of duty at the Village of Kodada
on the Masulipatam frontier be
published in the Govt Gazette and
that the Resident be requested to
state the rate at which the duty on
Salt imported into the Nizams
Dominions is levied.

No 378 at 380

Rec'd 20 Dec 1860