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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 62 of 1860.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

1. We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, in this Department, dated 29th June 1860, No. 42.

2. Adverting to paragraph 4, we beg to observe that our further Proceedings of the 19th May 1860, Nos. 129 to 133, on the subject of the levy of illegal taxes on the Nizam's frontier, were reported to you in our letter of the same date, No. 31. We have now the honor to transmit the further correspondence that has since taken place on the same subject.

Proceedings of Government, 11th June 1860, Nos. 155, 156.	
" 23rd " " 376, 377.	
" 16th July " " 273-275.	
" 1st Aug. " " 11-18.	
" 1st " " 117, 118.	

3. With reference to the deputation of delegates on the part of the Nizam and on our part, for the settlement of this long pending question, and the subsequent refusal of the Nizam's Officer to discuss the question of the existence or otherwise of the taxes, on the ground that his instructions were only limited to removal of the frontier chowkies to within His Highness' dominions, we beg to draw your attention to copy of a Despatch addressed by the Government of India to the Resident at Hyderabad, dated 7th July, No. 2,519, and which that Government communicated for our information.*

4. In this letter, the Government of India took up two questions; viz., 1, the levy of these taxes; and 2, the negotiation with the Nizam for the cession to the British Government of the strip of land on the left bank of the Godavery. In connection with the first point, after alluding to the settlement of the question as to how far the Nizam is entitled, under the treaty, to levy frontier duties at all, they referred to the complaint made by us of certain specific instances, in which merchants of Juggiapetta were illegally taxed to the amount of Rupees 416-11-0; to the refund of this money by the Nizam's Government, although not quite satisfied of the truth of the complaint; and to its resolution to remove the chowkies from all outlying points to within its main boundary. The Government of India thought that the enquiry agreed on between us and the Resident, was no longer necessary.

5. In respect to the second point, reference was made to our proposals, and particularly to Mr. Walter Elliot's suggestions as to the mode of effecting the cession of the territory in question by the Nizam; and the letter concluded by directing the Resident to negotiate at once with the Nizam for the cession of the territory in sovereignty to the British Government, in return for a full equivalent either in land or money as might be agreed on; our Government being prepared to cede in lieu thereof, either lands in Masulipatam or an equivalent tract from Nagpore, or, if the Nizam preferred it, to restore a convenient strip of the Assigned districts.

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6. Although the Government of India, as noticed above, considered that any joint enquiry as to the existence of illegal taxation on the Nizam's frontier by Officers of both Governments was no longer necessary, you will observe from our further proceedings that we approved the instructions of the Collector of the Krishna district to Mr. Melville, his Acting Head Assistant, to complete the enquiry himself.

We have the honor to be,

Right Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
30th August 1860.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable
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* vide Order of G of I. 7th July, No 2520, recorded in our Pro: 1 Aug/80, No 1644.

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For K George
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To Home Govt.

Illegal taxes on the Nizam's
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No. 62

Letter to the Hon. the
Secretary of State
for India

Dated 30th Aug^r 1860

Original of Mr. James Dumbarton
Via Southampton 14th September 1860.

Copy to Govt of India 14th Sept^r 1860

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