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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th January 1861.

No. 204. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Political Department, dated 7th January 1861, No. 14:—

Order on the subject of the Proclamation issued by the Rája of Cochin for the abolition of the Pepper Monopoly in his State. (Vide Political Proceedings, 7 th Janary 1861, No. 26, 27.)

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1861, No. 103.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with the Rules, for information and guidance.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from FRANCIS N. MALTBY, Esq., Resident of Travancore and Cochin, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 21st December 1860, No. 89.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a Proclamation issued by His Highness the Rajah of Cochin, abolishing the Monopoly of Pepper in his dominions, and substituting a duty of 15 Rupees per candy of 500 lbs. English, and I have the honor to request that this Proclamation may be published in the Government Gazette.

2. I beg at the same time to forward copies of the rules under which it is proposed that the duty be collected in the two States.

3. You will observe that the duty is to be collected rather in the manner of an excise than as a frontier duty. This was found to be necessary owing to the open frontier on the Northern boundary of Cochin, and to the difficulty of collecting the duties on the back-waters, since the Pepper once on the back-waters can be conveyed up to the Ports of Malabar, and there would be no security against corrupt practices on the part of the Customs Officers of the Sirkars at the numerous small Custom houses.

4. The present arrangement is much the same as used to prevail in Canara for the collection of the Hawlut duties.

5. It is only necessary that an arrangement be made with the Collector of Malabar for the Rowanahs of the two Sirkars being received at the Custom house of British Cochin in lieu of cash payable to the Rajahs, and I have the honor to request the consent of the Government to my making this arrangement with Mr. Grant.

6. The working of these rules will be carefully watched; but I see every reason to hope that they will attain the object of securing the revenue without more interruption to the trade than is unavoidable.

ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1861, No. 14.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is much gratified at learning that His Highness the Rajah of Cochin has issued the Proclamation for the abolition of the Pepper Monopoly in his State, of which a copy is enclosed in the above letter. The Proclamation will be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette, and the Resident will inform His Highness of the high approval with which his enlightened conduct is viewed by the Madras Government.

2. A copy of Mr. Maltby's letter, and of the rules for the collection of the Pepper duty which accompanied it, will be furnished through the Revenue Department to the Collector of Malabar, who will make with the Resident the arrangement alluded to in paragraph 5. Mr. Maltby will, as he proposes, watch carefully the working of these rules.

True Extract.

Chief Secretary.

To the Resident of Travancore and Cochin.
„ Revenue Department.
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Exd. F. Cartledge.

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