

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Revenue* **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th February 1862.*

No. 344. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th November 1861, No. 6,156:—

Read the following letter from C. COLLETT, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Madras, 29th October 1861, No. 530.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge Order of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th instant, No. 5,773, with Order of Government, dated 17th idem, No. 1,999, forwarding a communication from the Government of India regarding the import duty on Foreign manufactured Tobacco.

2. The consumption of American Tobacco in this Presidency is small in comparison with that in Bengal, owing to the quantity and good quality of the Tobacco produced in our province. But the enclosed Statement shows that the present rate of duty of one Rupee a seer has apparently affected the importation of American Tobacco, 59,319 lbs. having been imported in 1853-59, when the duty was chiefly 5 per cent., 23,402 lbs. in 1859-60 when the duty was 20 per cent., *ad valorem*, and only 1,049 lbs. in 1860-61 when the duty was 1 Rupee per seer of 80 tolas on all kinds of Tobacco alike. There has as yet been no importation whatever in the current year. I think a duty of 20 per cent. *ad valorem* too high, and would propose not more than 10 per cent., but this is with reference to the existing state of things, as I do not know what may be the effect of an excise or tax on the home grown Tobacco.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to their Proceedings, dated 17th October 1861, No. 1,999.

2. In the face of the facts shown by the whole correspondence, there can, in the Board's opinion, be no question of the advisability of reducing the duty on Foreign Tobacco to 10 per cent. *ad valorem* at once, provided that this rate will not place the article in an unduly favorable position in comparison with the Bengal Tobacco under an excise.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 345. ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1862, No. 334.

Recorded with reference to the letter to the Government of India, dated 9th January 1862,

No. 35.

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

No. 6,156.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the quantity and value and duty collected on Tobacco imported into Fort Saint George from Foreign (and Home Ports) from the official year 1858-59 to 24th October 1861.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with original Enclosure.
Copy to C. Collett, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 9th November 1861.

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Received 11-3-63

No. 6,166.

Submitting a letter from the Collector of
Sea Customs and stating that under certain
condition the duty on Foreign Tobacco can be
reduced to 10 per cent.

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Referred with reference

to the letter to the Government
of India dated 9 January

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From the Secretary
15 January 1863

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