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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th February 1862.

No. 479. Read the following letter from the Reverend F. IRENEAUS of Saint Theresa, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 27th January 1862:—

SIR,

I have the honor to forward to you the enclosed Petition from the most Reverend Dr. Bernardino, Vicar Apostolic of Verapoly, and request you will have the goodness to lay it before his Excellency the Governor in Council for his kind consideration, trusting at the same time that it will meet its desired effect.

To His Excellency the Honorable SIR WILLIAM T. DENISON, Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated Verapoly, 21st January 1862.

HONORABLE SIR,

1. I respectfully take the liberty of submitting the following circumstances for the favorable and benign consideration of your Excellency in Council in the hope that the Government will be pleased to grant the relief solicited.

2. The Catholic Vicariates of Verapoly and Quilon extending over the whole of the Malabar coast, south of Ponany and to the westward of the Ghâts, have existed for about two centuries, totally independant of any pecuniary support from the Government of this country. Our resources have been derived entirely from the contributions received from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in Leon, and have of late years proved barely adequate to meet the extended requirements of our advancing Missions.

3. Since the recent increase of the tariff we have labored under peculiar difficulties in importing our annual supplies of Wine from Europe, not only in consequence of the heavy duty levied in the first instance at the British Port of Cochin, but the further impost to which the article is liable at the Excise stations of the Travancore and Cochin Circars on its passage by back-water into those territories where our parishes are chiefly situated.

4. I therefore solicit your Excellency's Government will be pleased to view in a favorable light the claims of a Mission established from so remote a period in Southern India and graciously concede an exemption from Customs dues for such quantities of Wine (not exceeding 20 Hogsheads per annum) as may be imported from Europe into the British port of Cochin *bonâ fide* for religious services in the Catholic Vicariates of Verapoly and Quilon. As such a concession, if granted, would be deprived of much of its advantage if the frontier duties at the back-water Chowkies in Travancore and Cochin continue to be enforced in respect of the Wine referred to, I further solicit your Excellency will complete the boon by communicating with those Native Governments with a view of obtaining for our Missions a like indulgence from them.

Awaiting an early and favorable decision.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

† F. BERNARDINO, of Saint Theresa,

Arch. Vic. Apostolic.

No. 480. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1862, No. 401.

The Government observe that an application of a similar nature from Dr. Bernardino was refused on the 27th January 1860, and they see no reason for a different order in the present instance.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

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