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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 3rd March 1862.

No. 37. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1862, No. 1,260:—

Read again the following papers from South Arcot, dated 7th February 1861, No. 25.

(In Cons. 11th February 1861, No. 860.)
Board's Proceedings, 8th April 1861, No. 1,823.
From the Collector of Sea Customs, 23rd April 1861, No. 181.
(In Cons. 23rd April 1861, No. 2,522.)
From the Collector of South Arcot, 21th December 1861, No. 170.
(In Cons. 31st December 1861, No. 8,226.)
Board's Proceedings, 15th January 1862, No. 345.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 6th February 1862, No. 22.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge Board's Proceedings, dated 15th ultimo, No. 345, and in reply to state that the word "cotton" in the minor head to columns 6 and 7 is a clerical error, and should be read "cloth."

2. The entries in column 7 were intended to show the duty to which the cloth would have been liable had it been manufactured of other than Pondicherry thread.

3. The entries in columns 8 to 11 are exclusive of the free exports into Pondicherry.

4. With reference to the observation in the 6th paragraph of the Board's Proceedings, I beg to state that the system of free export of cloth to Pondicherry came into operation only in Fasli 1268-69, and the average is for but two years; its effect on trade of the port of Cuddalore remains yet to be tested.

G O 26th July 1858, No. 1,936, Revenue Department.

1. In the first of the papers above recorded, a complaint was brought to the notice of the Board, that the free export into Pondicherry of cloth manufactured from imported Pondicherry thread that had paid import duty, placed all cloth manufactured from foreign thread and export by sea to the foreign market at a serious disadvantage, as the export duty of 3 per cent. was charged on this last, and the party complaining prayed that drawback of the import duty paid on the Pondicherry thread might be allowed on the export by sea of cloth manufactured from it.

2. The Board pointed out that the effect would be to give a premium to the importation and use of French thread, and to extend it to all imported Twist is impracticable unless the export duty on country cloth be repealed. A simpler remedy for the inequality complained of would be to withdraw the concession of free export by land made in the case of cloth manufactured of Pondicherry thread.

3. It does not, however, appear that the necessity for action has yet arisen. As shown in the appended Statement corrected from that received in the Collector's letter of 21th December 1861, the value of cloth exported free into Pondicherry under the favorable rule on the average of the two years since it has come into operation is only Rupees 483 per annum, which would have been charged Rupees 14 duty at 3 per cent., while at the same time, the average annual value in the last five years of cloth exported into Pondicherry at the duty of 3 per cent. is Rupees 3,57,655, and the value of that exported by sea from South Arcot on the same duty averages Rupees 71,055, making a total value of Rupees 4,28,690 as compared with Rupees 483. Under these circumstances, the Board see no reason at present to recommend the withdrawal of the concession so lately conferred on the Pondicherry thread manufacture.

4. The trade, however, no doubt needs to be watched carefully as its full effect on the trade of Cuddalore has probably not yet been tested, and the Collector will please to give his attention to the subject. He will report whence the Cotton is obtained for the Pondicherry filature and what guarantee exists that the thread imported from Pondicherry is of local manufacture.

(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 374.

STATEMENT showing the value and duty on Cotton thread imported from Pondicherry, and Cloth exported into that Settlement made from that thread, &c., during five Faslis in the District of South Arcot.

	Faslis.	Cotton thread imported from Pondicherry, and cloth exported into that Settlement made from that thread.					Cotton thread and cloth exported by land into Pondicherry (exclusive of free exports), and by sea into other Settlements, &c.				Remarks.
		Thread imported.			Cloth exported free.		Cotton thread.		Cloth.		
		Value.	Duty actually levied at 7, 5 and 10 per cent.	Duty calculated at 10 per cent.	Value.	If charged 3 per cent. duty.	Value.	3 per cent. duty charged.	Value.	3 per cent. duty charged.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Land frontier...	1265	7,573	601	758	...	...	13,527	406	2,94,568	8,838	
	1266	19,649	1,375	1,965	...	...	16,658	500	4,63,657	12,284	
	1267	53,807	3,767	5,381	...	...	8,399	252	3,69,644	11,091	
	1268	27,653	1,823	2,765	1,142	34	5,912	178	3,61,580	10,847	
	1269	28,166	1,965	2,816	1,272	38	4,630	139	3,58,776	10,761	
	Total ...	1,37,148	9,531	13,715	2,414	72	49,126	1,475	17,88,175	53,821	
	Average..	27,429	1,906	2,743	483	14	9,824	295	3,57,635	10,765	
Sea Customs...	....	4,303	151	430	...	...	...	...	1,12,348	3,367	
		4,875	170	487	...	...	...	...	52,865	1,582	
		.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	69,872	2,096	
		6,147	215	615	...	...	...	...	65,409	1,962	
		611	61	61	...	...	...	...	54,781	1,644	
		*15,936	*597	1,593	...	...	...	...	3,55,275	10,651	* These sums are the value and duty on Cotton thread imported from Penang and Singapore into the Port of Cuddalore
		3,187	119	319	...	..	...	...	71,055	2,130	

ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1862, No. 468A.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Submitting for information Board's remarks on a letter from the Collector of South Arcot regarding the system of free export into Pondicherry of cloth manufactured from imported Pondicherry thread.

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