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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 13th July 1858.

No. 14. From Lieutenant General W. CULLEN, Resident of Travancore and Cochin ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government Fort Saint George, dated 26th June 1858, No. 24.

SIR,

In obedience to the orders of Government, No. 342 of the 26th Ultimo, I have the honor to transmit copies of the correspondence therein referred to.

From T. MADAVA ROW, Acting Dewan ; to Lieutenant General W. CULLEN, British Resident of Travancore, dated Trevandrum, 8th June 1858, No. 1091.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of a letter to you from the Chief Secretary to Government, No. 342, dated 26th Ultimo, requesting to be furnished with a copy of Mr. Crawford's letter to me, No. 85, dated 17th April last, and with explanation of the circumstances under which it was written.

2. You are aware that considerable quantities of Tobacco are exported from the British Port of Cochin, ostensibly for Mahé, Pondichery, &c., and are really smuggled into Travancore. In those cases in which the preventive Police captures the offenders, they are of course punished according to the existing laws and usages of this State. But cases are not of unfrequent occurrence in which the offenders elude the vigilance of the Police. It was with a view to prevent, if possible, the escape of these offenders with perfect impunity, that the Sirkar desired to know from Mr. Crawford, (who it was thought would from his position be able to furnish correct information) if the Regulations in force in the Honorable Company's territories provided any kind of punishment for parties, who might be convicted before the Company's Authorities themselves of having, with a view of smuggling Tobacco in Travancore, made to the Custom House Authorities at Cochin, a deliberately false declaration as to the destination of the Tobacco, which they exported. To this enquiry the letter of Mr. Crawford alluded to in the Government letter in

						question forms the
<i>From the Acting Dewan to the Coml. Agent, No. 775, dated 14th April 1858.</i>						reply. Copy of the
<i>To</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>„ 85, „</i>	<i>17th do.</i>	whole correspon-
<i>From</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>„ 826, „</i>	<i>23rd do.</i>	dence (as per
<i>To</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>do.</i>	<i>„ 99, „</i>	<i>5th May „</i>	margin)is herewith
						submitted for your
						information.

3. I doubt however if Mr. Crawford is right in his statement of the law in force in the Honorable Company's Territories.

From T. MADAVA ROW, Acting Dewan ; to the Commercial Agent, Allepey, dated Trevandrum, 14th April 1858, No. 775.

SIR,

It has been brought to the notice of the Sirkar that Smugglers of Tobacco export that article from the British Port of Cochin with Port Clearances granted to vessels declared to be bound to Mahé and Ports other than those of Travancore, and then clandestinely land it in this Country. It is presumed that some sort of punishment attaches to parties, who make a false declaration as to their destination ; that is, who clear the goods as bound to one Port, but land them afterwards at another Port. You will be good enough to ascertain and inform me if the regulations in force in the Honorable Company's Ports provide any punishment for such an offence, and, if so, to what extent.

Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 13th July 1858.

From H. CRAWFORD, Esq., Commercial Agent and Master Attendant; to the Acting Dewan of Travancore, dated Trevandrum, 17th April 1858, No. 85.

SIR,

In reply to your letter, No. 775 of the 14th Instant, I beg to state that vessels of whatever denomination clearing from a British to a foreign Port with Cargo, and afterwards landing or attempting to land it at another Port, other than that indicated in the Port Clearance, is, to all intents and purposes, confiscated with the Vessel to the Authorities of the State where the Bar- ratry is committed, and the parties who so cleared the vessel at the Port of Cochin (or any other British Port) liable to prosecution and fine to the extent of (I think) Rupees 2,000.

From T. MADAVA ROW, Acting Dewan; to the Commercial Agent, Allepey, dated Padmana- bapoorom, 23rd April 1858, No. 826.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 17th Instant, No. 85, I beg you will be so good as to ascertain and let me know the Regulation, which authorizes the adoption of the course alluded to by you in respect to vessels landing their Cargo at other ports than those mentioned in the Port Clearance.

From H. CRAWFORD, Esq., Commercial Agent; to the Acting Dewan of Travancore, dated Trevandrum, 5th May 1858, No. 99.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter, No. 826, of the 23rd Ultimo, and in reply to state that the Regulation is Act, 12 and 13 Vict., Clause 29, Section 15.

No. 15.

ORDER THEREON, No. 435; dated 8th July 1858.
To be Recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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From The Resident of Travancore Cochin

The Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George

*Dated 26th June 1858.
Recd: 2 July*

Nº 24

Enclosure 1.

At 16/6/58

Nº 453.

*Transmit copies of Corres.
reference referred to in
the order of Govt Nº 42
of the 26th Ultimo.
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