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Political DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 712

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 29th October 1858.

No. 39. Fom P. LESLIE, Honorary Secretary to the Cochin Chamber of Commerce ; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 12th October 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor, in accordance with a resolution passed at a General Meeting of his Chamber, to beg that you will have the kindness to request the Resident of Travancore and Cochin to furnish it.

- 1st. With the returns of Revenue derived from the Monopoly Trade of the Cochin and Travancore Sircars.
- 2nd. With a return of the true expenses of the preventive Service, as well as those of expenses of the collection, storing, and watching of the monopolised Produce.
- 3rd. Further with a return of the duties, and net Revenue derived from the different Chowky Stations on the Backwater.

This Chamber is firmly convinced, that a moderate export duty levied honestly and fairly on the Seacoast, as is the case in the Honorable East India Company's Territory, would fully make up for the amount of Revenue derived by these Monopolies, the baneful and demoralising influence of which on the border population, (leaving alone their suicidal Mercantile Policy,) becomes every year more and more apparent.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, No. 712 ; dated 29th October 1858.

The Government are not prepared to furnish the Returns applied for in the above letter. They resolve however to inform the Cochin Chamber of Commerce that they are most anxious that the Monopolies referred to should be superseded by the introduction of a more enlightened fiscal system, and that they are at present in communication with the Travancore and Cochin Sirkars for the attainment of that desirable object.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Any mode that could be devised of
extinguishing these monopolies would
doubtless be any acceptable - but I do
not know how far we could take for
this information relative to the fiscal
system of a foreign state at the instance
of a self-constituted body like this
Committee of Commerce -

The Govt have already called on
the President for an exposition of the
views of the Government on the sub-
-stitutes to be formed for these mono-
-lies -

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29 October 1858.

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To the Cochiti Chamber of Commerce - Dispt. 4th

income derived from these monopolies
which must be - poss - some 10 or 12
lacs of Rupees could be made up
any moderate export duties -

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Don't think we can give what is
asked for. It may be sufficient to tell
Mr Leslie that the Govt is anxious
to see the monopolies extinguished
& is engaged in negotiations with the
holders for the purpose.

Give the papers asked for every
day & please use well

To the Secy of Govt
29 October 1858

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To the Cochin Chamber of Commerce - (Dispt. H^{ty})

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Fort George Street
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To the Cochin Chamber of Commerce - (Dispt. H. Co)

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You, the Honorary Secretary,
Cochran Chamber of Commerce

Mr
Cochran Dec 58

My Mr.

Regarding what the Resident at
Superior has spoken may be
desired to find out the number and
return of of the vessels arrived
from the Northwest Coast of the
Cochran's Chamber of Commerce. 23
of the line extending the line.
The service is 1/3 of the date,
and the service arrived from
the different Chamber of Commerce
on the Coast.

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