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from 25th June to 1st July 1859.*

No. 23. Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 15th June 1859, No. 53.

In the order, dated 19th May 1859, No. 312, on proceedings of Government, I am directed in communication with the Resident of Travancore and Cochin, to settle the details of an arrangement sanctioned by Government, for the supply of Tobacco, at prime cost, to the inhabitants of of Tangacherry, Anjengo, Cotadilly, and Shertally.

2. The origin of this order has been a representation made to Lord Harris, by the Travancore and Cochin Authorities, pointing out the great losses which have been sustained by these Governments, by the smuggling in Tobacco carried on by the British subjects, in the isolated places above adverted to.

3. No doubt these losses do take place to a greater or less degree, at the same time it must be allowed, that our Government has shewn a friendly disposition, in endeavouring to confine them to the lowest figure. Just

Vide Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 13th November 1858, No. 1600. now, an extra Police force is entertained by us in Tangacherry and Anjengo with this view; and to crown all, the order of the 19th May has been passed.

No. 312.

4. Some years ago, in order to arrange the question so as to give no further anxiety to the Travancore and Cochin States, it was proposed to exchange certain British Estates, within their limits, for other Travancore and Cochin properties of an equivalent value, situated within British limits. The proposition was negatived by them, and has not again been revived. Government may perhaps feel inclined to re-open the question. It would, I think, be to the advantage of all parties to effect an exchange.

5. The present is a good opportunity to address the Travancore and Cochin Circars, on the question of an assimilation of Export and Import Duties, at the Ports of Alleppee, Paliport and Malaprom; the two former belonging to Travancore, and the latter to the Cochin Circar. The result of a lengthened correspondence between these states and our Government, was, that the duties on wines and spirits imported at Malaprom, were assimilated to ours; all other duties at the 3 Ports were left unaltered. But our Government expressed a hope that they also would be assimilated.

6. By Act 6 of 1844, all inland duties between the Native States and our territories were done away with. It is not, therefore, to be wondered at, that goods intended for our Merchants and for consumption generally, in our territories on this Coast, should be imported at the 3 Ports referred to, where a low import duty exists, and be thence conveyed by backwater to all parts of the country, instead of being imported at our own Ports, where a much higher rate of duty obtains.

7. This evil has been long felt by our Government, but the loss of Customs hitherto sustained has been small, compared with what we may expect in future, consequent on the introduction of the new rates of duty, under Act VII of 1859. It is hardly to be expected, that Merchants will consign their goods to our Ports, when they can get them into the country, through Ports a few miles distant, at an import duty several per cent in their favour, as compared with our Custom duties.

8. Although it is clear that the rates of duty in the three Ports adverted to, are much lower than those in our Ports, still it is not possible to ascertain them, with any degree of accuracy, without a reference to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1859, No. 390.

Resolved that the Resident at Travancore and Cochin be requested to furnish, at an early date, a Statement showing the value of the (1) Wines, (2) Spirits, and (3) other European Goods imported monthly at the Sircar Ports of Allepy, Paliport and Mullapooram from the commencement of 1857 to the present date, with the rates of import duty levied at those Ports.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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Memorandum.

From the Collector of Malabar. - Dated 15th June 1859.

The Collector of Malabar adverts to two questions connected with our relation to the States of Travancore and Cochin; the exchange of territory with those States, and the assimilation of their rate of duty to ours at the Sinec Ports of Malaporem - Pallapport and Alleppee.

1. The first, has already formed the subject of a long correspondence as will be seen by reference to the printed Memorandum on the Pepper and Tobacco Monopolies of Travancore and Cochin.

3. With regard to the second the Court of Directors have directed a reconsideration of all duties levied by sea, between

Despatched 2nd July 1856.

The promise of Travancore & Cochin has been admitted into the United Kingdom

Final Collection of Malabar June 1 - 1859

Order thereon 1st July 1859 No 390.

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Resident of Travancore & Cochin
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