

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Political

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	102	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
for the month of February 1860.*

No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of Government, in the Revenue Department, dated
13th February 1860, No. 223.

*Referring through the Political Department to
the Resident of Travancore and Cochin for
any remarks he may have to make, copy of
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue with its
enclosure, requesting to know whether the
order of Government, dated 12th December
1855, No. 1677, exempting a consignment of
Salt from duty, refers merely to that consign-
ment, or whether it is to be acted on in all
similar cases.*

(Vide Proceedings, Revenue Department, from
11th to 20th February 1860, Nos. 20 & 21.)

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1860, No. 102.

Referred accordingly to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

IN GEN. 3RD JANUARY 1860, No. 24.
From P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of MALABAR,
dated Calicut, 28th December 1859, No. 301.

With reference to the Proceedings Madras Government, in Revenue Department, and their order thereon, dated 12th December 1859, No. 1677, I beg to be informed, whether this order refers merely to the one consignment of salt about which the British Resident of Cochin wrote, or whether it is to be acted on in all similar cases.

2. In the present instance, the duty to which Government was entitled, amounted to Rs. 5,390. The privilege now accorded by Government does not appear to have ever before obtained, and although it is always pleasing and generally to the advantage of all parties to follow a liberal policy, still, in the matter of salt, whilst the monopoly of this article exists, I am constrained to recommend an opposite course with reference to the Cochin Circar. Until the port of Malliapuram was established (early in 1841) the Cochin Circar landed all their salt in British Cochin on payment of an import duty, which for the three years ending 1839-40, amounted to Rupees 1,473 per annum.

	Quantity of salt imported.	Value.	Average price per garce.
	Garces.	Rupees.	Rupees.
Fusly 1266, A. D. 1856-57	2,679	77,083	29
" 1267, " 1857-58	4,358	1,79,807	41
" 1268, " 1858-59	4,135	2,07,048	51
Total	11,173	4,63,938	41
Average	3,724	1,54,645	41

3. The prices* which we are now paying for Bombay salt range far higher than they have ever done before; the averages of
* Rs 55 and 60 per garce.
are marginally noted.

4. On looking into the subject early this season, I found that the great competition for Bombay salt was between the Cochin Circar and our Government, and the accounts* forwarded by the Commissioner of Customs, Bombay, show that the Cochin Circar's expenditure of salt with a population of 3,31,693 only, is greater than that of Malabar with a population approaching to two millions, and a large foreign market to be supplied.

5. These facts speak for themselves, and show clearly that much salt from Cochin must find its way into this province. There is also in Cochin a large manufacture of indigenous salt, which is mixed with the Bombay article ere it is sold, so that the actual quantity sold must be much greater than that shewn by the accounts received from Bombay.

6. It is under all these circumstances that I bring the subject to the notice of the Board, and request their further orders on it.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1860, No. 480.

Read letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 28th December 1859, No. 301, requesting to be informed, whether the order of Government, dated 12th December 1859, No. 1677, refers merely to the one consignment of salt, about which the British Resident wrote, or whether it is to be acted on in all similar cases.

(In Con. 3rd January 1860, No. 24.)

The Board resolve to submit the above letter for the consideration of Government, and request to be informed whether they are right in believing that the order of Government, dated 12th December last, R. D., No. 1677, was intended to be limited to the single shipment of salt, which General Cullen recommended should be exempted from duty.

2. The facilities for smuggling salt, &c., by backwater into Malabar are great, and the difference between the highest rate paid by Government for Bombay salt, viz. 60 Rupees per garce, and the monopoly price, viz. Rupees 153-6, is so large as to hold out a great inducement to illicit traffic. Government are aware that drawback on re-exports from Cochin to Malliapuram was refused on this account in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 11th June 1852, R. D., No. 557, and that this order has since been extended for similar reasons to Paliport in Travancore, by the order of Government, dated 10th December last, R. D., No. 1664.

In Con. 21st June 1852, S. C. No. 145.

In Con. 12th December 1859, No. 6174.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1860, No. 223.

The order of the 12th December No. 1677 clearly applied only to the single consignment of salt then under reference; but before deciding whether or not the permission therein given may be made general, the Government resolve to refer these proceedings, with their enclosure, through the Political Department, to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin for any remarks that he may have to make.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Political Department, with an original enclosure.
" Board of Revenue.

Exd. Wm. Thomas.

1860. 27 Jan.

Enclosure No. 1 in Copy
of the Board of Revenue
to the Collector of Malabar
Government of 27 Jan.
1860. No. 480.

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Let the Board of Revenue
be informed that the
Collector of Malabar
has written to the
Government of 27 Jan.
1860. No. 480.

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Edw. Weston. 25 February 1860. No. 102.



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