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Government of Madras.

Political DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
5th March 1861.*

No. 11. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 28th February 1861, No. 465.

Referring for orders, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, recommending in consideration of the great difference between the old and new Tariff valuations at the Port of Cochin, that the Resident of Travancore and Cochin be requested to report the rates of valuation and duty in those States and to suggest some arrangement with those Governments for the equitable settlement of the matter.

(Vide Proceedings Revenue Department, dated 28th February 1861, Nos. 414 and 415.)

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1861, No. 138.

Resolved, that the foregoing Proceedings be communicated to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin and that, as recommended by the Board of Revenue, he be requested to report the rates of valuation and duty fixed on the chief articles of export in those States, and to suggest some arrangement with those Governments for an equitable settlement of the matter, now that the special Tariff for Cochin sanctioned in 1842 has been abrogated by the revised one lately issued and declared applicable to all British Indian Ports.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th February 1861, No. 907 :—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 2nd February 1861, No. 29.

SIR,

1. I have received Proceedings Board of Revenue, dated 5th January 1861, No. 40.
2. In his letter dated 3rd September 1841 Mr. Conolly pointed out the disadvantage at which the Port of Cochin was placed with regard to the neighbouring Port of Mallapuram belonging to the Cochin Circar, where the Tariff values of Imports and Exports as well as the duties on the same were lower than those obtaining in the limits of our Government, the result being a tendency to draw our legitimate trade to that Port. On his recommendation our Tariff rates were lowered,* and were not again altered until the receipt of the Board's Telegram dated 18th December 1860.
- * Government Order, dated 5th July 1842, No. 824.

Articles.	Weight.	Tariff rates sanctioned on the 5th July 1842.			Tariff rates published in the "Fort Saint George Gazette" 11th Dec. 1860.			Remarks.
		Cwt.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	
Cocoanut oil.....	1	3	0	0	14	0	0	Levied <i>ad valorem</i> at Rupces 5½.
Fish oil.....	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Heavy Pepper.....	1	9	0	0	16	0	0	
Sapan wood.....	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	
Dry Ginger.....	1	4	0	0	6	0	0	
Do. refined.....	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	Do. do. @ 7, 6 & 5 Rs.
Coir, 1st sort.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Do. 2nd do.....	1	1	9	7				
Do. 3rd do.....	1	1	3	2				
Coir rope, 1st sort.	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	Do. do. @ Rs. 7.
2nd do.	1	2	0	0				
3rd do.	1	1	6	5				

3. In the margin are given the valuations at which Cocoanut oil and other chief articles have been exported hitherto, as certain of the Firms at Cochin have addressed me about them as well as about Cocoanut oil claiming a remission of duty on account of the difference between the old and new Tariff valuations.

4. The instructions adverted to in paragraph 2 of my letter of the 24th December, referred to my Telegram of the 17th December 1860 and the Board's reply by Telegram of the 18th of the same month No. 5,950.

1. In 1842 Government, at the instance of the then Collector of Malabar and on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, sanctioned a special Tariff for Cochin, lower than the ordinary Tariff with the object of preventing trade being diverted from it to Mallapuram, the adjoining port of the Travancore Government, in which the valuations were not so high as those of British India. This Tariff is now abrogated by the revised one recently issued and declared applicable to all British Indian Ports. The Collector gives a statement of the valuations of some of the chief articles of export as valued in the special Tariff of Cochin and in the revised one above mentioned, the differences, it will be seen, are very great. The Collector does not state what the Travancore valuations are now, but if they are the same as in 1842 Government must adopt one of two alternatives, either equalize the valuations or maintain a Preventive Establishment to protect their Customs Revenue. The Board resolve to recommend to Government that the Resident of Travancore and Cochin be requested to report the rates of valuation and duty in those States, and to suggest some arrangement with those Governments for the equitable settlement of the matter.

2. The Collector in his letter of the 31st December last, submitted applications from several of the leading Merchants of Cochin praying that purchases of Cocoanut oil already made by them

in the expectation of the old special Tariff continuing in force should be valued according to it. The Board have no authority to grant this request, the orders of the Supreme Government as to the introduction of the new Tariff being positive. The Collector has not stated the price of Cocoanut oil in Malabar, but by a statement furnished by the Collector of Sea Customs at Madras the average price during the last eleven years has been Rupees 76½ per Candy of 500 Hbs., the extreme variations being 55 and 99 Rupees. The new Tariff valuation is 14 Rupees per Cwt. or 62 Rupees per Candy while the lowest price in any of the last seven years has been 70 Rs. The Collector is requested to report the Malabar prices of the last three years.

3. Ordered that copy of these Proceedings be submitted to Government for orders on the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1861, No. 465.

Referred to the Political Department for consideration and orders.

(True Extract.)

C. J. M. S.

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Political Department, with 12 original enclosures.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(Here enter 28 Feb. 1881.
No. 415.)

Resolved, that the foregoing Proceedings be communicated to the Resident of Pava-vancore and Cochin and that, as recommended by the Board of Revenue, he be requested to report the rates of valuation and duty fixed on the chief articles of export in those States, and

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In the Resd^t. of Travancore & Cochin. { Despt^y 5. 3. 61. M.S.
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Dated, 5. March 1861.

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of Transvaal and Bechuanaland
request the rule of regulation
and duty fixed on the Chief
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