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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
12th March 1862.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 25. From FRANCIS N. MALTBY, Esq., Resident of Travancore and Cochin; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandrum, 27th February 1862, No. 14.

I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter, No. 217 of the 31st ultimo, from the Dewan of Travancore, requesting the renewal of the lease of the Cottadilly Farm, for a further period of one year, and, with reference to the instructions of Government, conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 14th April 1859, No. 240, to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to sanction the further lease solicited.

From T. MADAVA ROW, Dewan; to F. N. MALTBY, Esq., British Resident of Travancore, &c., &c., &c., dated Trevandrum, 31st January 1862, No. 217.

I have the honor to inform you that the term of the last lease of the Cottadilly Farm will expire on the 1st February, proximo.

2. According to the tenor of the Government Minute, No. 240 of the 14th April 1859, I presume the Government would be pleased to sanction the further renewal of the lease for another year.

3. I therefore submit herewith two copies of the usual agreement, and if approved of I beg you will be pleased to return them to me signed by you, when I shall forward one of the copies with my signature, for record in your Office.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. N. MALTBY,
Resident.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1862, No. 102.

The Government authorize the lease of the Cottadilly Farm being renewed on the present terms for a further period of one year.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

N^o 1226.
1852

To,
Lieut^t General W. Cullen
British Resident
of Travancore

Sir, *Yes Yes Yes*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communications to me, N^o 976 and 1002, dated 30th and 5th Instant, the latter accompanied with copy of a letter to your address from the Collector of Malabar N^o 1265 dated 2^d Instant and of the resolution of the Board of Revenue, on the subject of the Honorable Company's Farms in the Shertallay District.

As requested by you I beg leave to transmit herewith a statement shewing the number, extent, and revenue of the Gardens (12 in number) forming ^{said} the Farms, and other particulars respecting them, obtained from the accounts prepared in 1014, of the last Survey viz^t that of 1012.

From this statement it	Names of the Properties	N ^o of Gardens in each Property.
will be perceived that the said	Areadoo	3
Farms are situated in 4 different	Mararycollum	4
Properties of the Shertallay	Thanneermookum	1
District as per margin.	Thorravoor	4
	Total	12.

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As the grounds in question are subject to the Jurisdiction of the Honorable Company, the Police Officer of Shertallay experiences great difficulty in maintaining his authority over the inhabitants of the adjacent territory of the Travancore Sircar, for these persons frequently take shelter within those grounds, to evade payment of tax due by them to this Sircar, and similarly when they are concerned in Police cases occurring within the limits of the neighbouring territory of this Sirkar, they take refuge in the Company's said grounds and thence escape beyond the Travancore limits.

As the Honorable Company's Regulations in respect to Jurisdiction were formerly not so strict as at present, it was comparatively easy then, for the Sircar's Officers to effect the seizure of such defaulters and offenders, by just going over and apprehending them.

The immunity enjoyed as above by Travancore subjects affects the Pepper, Tobacco, and other Monopolies of this Sirkar in a great measure as follows.

The above grounds being situate on the western shore of the extensive Backwater called Vembai-nat Canal; and the Districts of Vyeome, Cotayam, Changanacherry and other Districts on the northern and eastern sides of the same Backwater; smug-

smugglers conveying either articles of Monopoly or those subject to duty, by that communication, from the northern and eastern sides of the said Backwater, when they are met by the servants of the Sircar's Mettoo or Excise Establishment, assert that they are taking the articles either to the Chowkies or the Sircar's Godowns on the western side of the Backwater, but as soon as they are out of the sight of the preventive Officers, they find their way into the Company's said Farms by secret routes and during the night easily run their goods into Cochin.

Some of the Farms in question being situate close to the sea-shore, facility is afforded for smuggling Jaffna Tobacco by sea into those Farms, where it is clandestinely sold to the Inhabitants to the prejudice of the sale of the Sircar's tobacco, one of the principal sources of the Revenue of this State.

The smuggling of tobacco into the said Farms, has hitherto been mostly from Jaffna and Malacca and partly from Cochin: and as the tobacco monopoly in the Provinces of Malabar and Canara is about to be abolished, merchants trading extensively in the article in those territories, will have every inducement as well as facility for smuggling it into the Travancore limits through the Farms referred to.

As these Farms are scattered over the Shertallay District it would be extremely difficult for the existing excise establishment to prevent smuggling generally, into and from the Farms.

From the above explanation, it will be observed that the transfer of the Farms to the Travancore Sirkar, would be desirable not for the security of the tobacco monopoly alone as assumed by the Revenue Board, but for the maintenance of the Sirkar's authority against revenue defaulters, all smugglers and other offenders against the Law, and for the protection of the Sirkar Revenue generally.

I therefore beg to request the favor of your bringing the above facts to the favorable notice and consideration of the Board of Revenue and the Government, with a view to the transfer of the Farms as proposed in my letter N^o. 504 dated the 26th March last, as well as of all Police authority in the above localities, to the Travancore Sirkar.

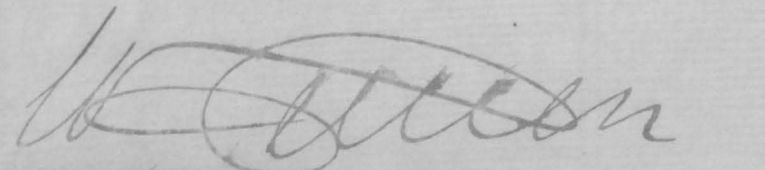
The Collector of Malabar does not seem to attach any material importance to the Revenue derived from the Farms, but suggests merely an exchange of land: As however no other part of the Travancore territory can conveniently be made over in exchange for these Farms, the most practicable settlement would be the transfer of the Farms

Farms on the terms of paying to the Honorable Company along with the subsidy, the amount of Revenue at present derived by them therefrom.

Muzoor Cutcherry
Trevandrum
21st July 1852

I have &c
/Signed/ V. Kristno Row
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(True copy)


Resident

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No 102 12th March 1862

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To Resident of Travancore
 & Cochin
 .. Acting General

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In a letter from the Resident
 at Travancore and Cochin
 to the Chief Secretary to
 Government Fort Saint George.

Dated 1st June 1853

No. 28.

From the Deputy Travancore
 to the Resident of Travancore
 and Cochin.

Dated 27th July 1852.

No 1226. 27/7/52

Propose the transfer of the
 Company's Store as well
 as of all Police authority
 in the Shantallay District
 to that Store.