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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Letter—to

His Excellency Mons. E. RICHAUD,
Governor of the French Settlements in India.

Your Excellency,

On receipt of Mons. Drouhet's letter of the 3rd September last, No. 35, I considered it right to have the facts relating to the issue of Abkári licenses for selling liquor within the French loge at Calicut and the levy of municipal taxes from French officials carefully re-examined. The result of the inquiry has been to confirm the statements which I had the honor of making in my letter of the 27th June 1884, No. 418.

2. In 1864, there were within the French factory five arrack shops under the contract of the Abkári renter and one shop for the sale of European liquors kept by a licensed vendor. The present number of shops is two for the sale of arrack, two for the sale of toddy and one for the sale of European liquors. Besides this, two persons manufacture toddy within the limits of the factory and supply it to the Abkári contractor.

3. Knowing these facts, your Excellency will, I am confident, agree with me in holding that Mons. Drouhet's contention cannot be sustained.

4. With regard to municipal assessments, the practice of assessing dates from the time—some twenty years ago—when the Calicut municipality was formed. The roads within the French factory are maintained and lighted without any contribution from the French Government. The existing practice appears to be convenient for all parties. Any interference with it, even were such interference legally practicable, would almost necessarily lead to the establishment of tolls, the levy of which would be a burthen on and inconvenience to those living within the limits of the loge; moreover, it may be anticipated that its inhabitants would then call on the French Government to repair the roads and light the streets—duties which at present are performed by the municipality.

Be pleased to accept the assurance of the high consideration with which

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

Ootacamund,
5th May 1885.

Copy to the Revenue department.

Exd. J. Wright.

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French Factory, Calicut.

Addressing His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India regarding the sale of liquor and the levy of municipal taxes in the —.

From C. Pettah, Calicut.

To Chief Secretary to Government.

Grand Total Rs. 3 [illegible]

Sir,

In Pursuance

Return of carriages kept in the Township of Calicut

Name of Owner	Description of carriages and animals	Tax paid for last half-year	Remarks.
		3 " "	
		4 8 "	
P. Bennett Esquire	1-Two wheeled carriage drawn by 1-Horse	1 8 "	
	Total	1 8 "	
G. Leggatt Esquire	1 Four wheeled Carriage drawn by 1 Pony	4 8 "	
	Total	4 8 "	
C. Bellack Esqre	1 Two wheeled carriage drawn by 1 Pony	1 8 "	
	Total	1 8 "	
Burner Esquire	1. Four wheeled carriage drawn by 2 Bullocks @ Rs 4 per annum	6 8 "	
	1 Cart	1 " "	
	2 Bullocks @ Rs 4 per annum	1 " "	
	Total	8 8 "	
Nicholas	1 Two Wheeled Carriage	1 " "	
	2 Bullocks	1 " "	
	Total	2 " "	

Grand Total Rs. 3 [illegible]

I have &c.

C. Pettah

for Political Agent

Calicut

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CONFIDENTIAL.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Read—the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Political Agent for the French Settlement of Mahé, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 9th March 1885, No. 895:—

Referring to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 4th December last, No. 4158, I have the honor to state that at present there are two arrack shops, two toddy shops, and one shop for the sale of Europe liquors within the limits of the French factory in Calicut. Besides this, two persons manufacture toddy within the limits of the factory, and supply it to the Abkári contractor of the Calicut taluk. No arrack is manufactured in the tract. The arrack and toddy licenses were issued on 12th June 1884, and the license (wholesale and retail) for the sale of Europe liquors was renewed on 2nd April last. These licenses for the sale of arrack and toddy and Europe liquors were, in effect, renewals of old licenses.

2. As noted by Government in G.O., No. 1305, dated 26th November 1884, embodied in the Proceedings under reply, there were, in 1864, within the French factory five arrack shops and one shop for the sale of Europe liquors. No innovation has, therefore, taken place in this matter.

3. As to the municipal tax on carriages, I beg to append a statement showing the names of the parties and the amount in which they have been assessed. The practice of assessment dates from the institution of the municipality in Calicut, nearly twenty years ago. The roads within the factory are maintained and lighted by the municipality without any contribution from the French Government. The practice is convenient to all parties, and ought, I think, to be permitted to continue. If tolls were to be established, not only would the levy of toll press heavily on the persons living within the limits, but the French Government might fairly be called on by the inhabitants of the "loge" to repair the roads and light the streets,—duties now performed by the Calicut Municipal Commissioners.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement.

Resolution—dated 17th March 1885, No. 883.

Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to G.O., 26th November 1884, No. 1305, Revenue.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with one enclosure, to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Board of Revenue,

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Proceedings, dated 17th March 1885,
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Submitting, for the information of Government, report of the Political Agent to the French Settlement of Mahé regarding the *French factory at Calicut.*

Political Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

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Order,

The Governor of the French Settlements will be addressed.

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Copy to the Revd Bell

C. Bell