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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations.

23rd Dec 1857.

Back Nos. 22 & 23.

Order No 13209 / 8th Dec 1857.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 23d December 1857.

Read Petition No. 2245 of 1857, dated 2d October 1857.

Read also Petition Nos. 1462, 1472 and 1526 July 1857, with the orders passed upon them.

No. 22. Read also the following letter from C. WHITTINGHAM, Esq., Collector of North Arcot; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Chittoor, 31st August 1857, No. 61.

SIR,

Petitions Nos. 1462, 1472 and 1526, are endorsed by Government to be disposed of by the Magistrate, but as the subject contained in them has lately been repeatedly brought to my notice and made matter of complaint to the Board of Revenue, as well as to Government, I deem it proper to report on these petitions by letter.

2. The purport of these Petitions is to solicit that the weights and measures of the petitioners may be stamped under the supervision of the Magistrate.

3. In consequence however of the correspondence of which a copy is annexed I consider myself precluded from entertaining an application of the nature in question.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, No. 1320; dated 18th December 1857.

Para. 1. In Petitions Nos. 1462, 1472 and 1526 of 1857, the Government were requested to issue orders to the Magistrate of North Arcot, to comply with Petitioners' request to have their weights and measures marked with the Government stamp.

The Petitions were referred to the Magistrate for disposal on July 29th 1857.

2. On 31st August 1857 Mr. Whittingham deemed it necessary to report on the above Petitions by letter, and to explain the ground of his refusal to stamp the weights and measures, and he submitted copies of a letter which the former Magistrate Mr. Brett had written to Government, and of their order on the subject. It appears from this correspondence, that certain irresponsible Agents (Peons) had been commissioned to stamp weights &c. in North Arcot, and had abused or exceeded their powers; which being reported to Government, they remarked in Extract Minutes Consultation 19th July 1853 that

Judicial Department. "the interference of the Magistrate should be restricted to taking "cognizance of complaints of the use of false weights and measures."

Judicial Department. 3. An endorsement was accordingly passed on the above mentioned Petitions to the effect that "it was the order of Government that "no more weights and measures should be stamped for the present."

Revenue Department. 4. But in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1017 of 5th October 1857, the Government passed an order on a reference from the Collector of Trichinopoly, regulating the manner in which weights and measures should be stamped in the different arsenals,

5. Thus apparently contradictory orders have been issued on the same subject.

* *2245 of 1856.* 6. Certain Merchants of Chittoor* now again request that their weights and measures may be stamped.

C. O. B. R. Vol. 1. p. 533. 7. The Government observe that, in Extract Minutes Consultation 4th July 1850, Revenue Department, No. 627, the Military Board were requested to cause stamps to be prepared, and to distribute them to the several Districts, with directions for their use, and they resolve to modify their order on Petitions Nos. 1462, 1472 and 1526 of 1857, and to explain to the Collector of North Arcot, that it was the commissioning irresponsible Agents to stamp weights and measures that they objected, but that they can have no reason to disapprove of a practice which is apparently desired by the seller, and is a security to the buyer, provided always that it is carried out by a trustworthy and responsible Agent.

8. Ordered that the following endorsement be passed on Petition 2245 of 1856 "Petitioner is referred to the Collector to whom instructions have been issued in his case."

9. The Collector will be good enough to make the provisions of the present order known throughout his District.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No 61 1320/3

North West
Collector Talking
Chillon 31 August
1857

From C Whittingham Esqr
Collector of Revenue
To E Maltby Esqr
acting Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St George

Sir,

Dated Chittoor 31 August 1857 No 61

I have the honor to forward herewith Petitions Nos 1462 1472 and 1526, are endorsed by Government to be disposed of by the Magistrate but as the subject contained in them has lately been repeatedly brought to my notice and made matter of complaint to the Board of Revenue as well as to Government I deem it proper to report on these petitions by letter.

2 The purport of these Petitions is to protest that the weights

weights & measures of the petitioners may be stamped under the supervision of the Magistrates.

3 In consequence however of the correspondence of which a copy is annexed I consider myself precluded from entertaining an application of the nature in question.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servt

A. Whittingham

Collector

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Customs 18 Aug 23 Dec 15 1853
Sub Collr's Office Liverpool
Sub Collr Chief Collector
to Genl Bd of Customs
Sub Collr 31 Parliament St 1857
P.C. 18 Dec 1857
Sub Collr Clarence Dk
Liverpool
Sir
I & Re 1320 18 Dec
Petitions and Returns
Enc 1 to 2, 1872 and
1532 (2 cases)
Re Stamping Weights
and Measures and
Instructions.
Enc 3 to 14 Sept 1857.

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North Arcot
Collector's Cutcherry
Chittoor 17th June 1853

From

H. A. Brett Esqr
Ag Collector of North Arcot

To

Sir F. C. Montgomery Bart
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. Georges.

Sir,

With reference to the endorse-
× returned ments on Petitions No 119 and 183, requiring
me to report on the Complaints therein
set forth by the inhabitants of Goodiatum
and other Villages in the Satghur Taloork
regarding the inconveniences they are
put to, by the recent alleged alterations
in weights and measures, I have the
honor to report that no alterations have
been made in the weights and measures
in the District, but that for some time
past persons have been employed in
the several Taloorks to stamp weights
and measures of the kinds in general use,
when parties were willing to have it done
The object of this step is to check the
very general use of weights and measures
of a weight or capacity different from
what the Merchants using them possess them
to

to be.-

2 The Petitioners Complain that they have been required to sell oil by weight instead of by measurement, and that two persons named Ranga Swamy and Iyasawmy have forced them against their will to purchase new weights and measures.

3- I am informed by the Head Assistant Collector that these persons were commissioned in the Salighur Taluk, which is under his charge to apply stamps as above stated; but that previous to the receipt of the present petitions their commission was withdrawn in consequence of complaints that they had exceeded their authority.-

4 Mr Sullivan also explains that in consequence of complaints against the Oilmongers in the same Taluk, who were in the habit of selling oil in earthern vessels of all

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all sizes and shapes, he ordered them to sell by weight according to the present practice in the large town of Wallajahpet and in most other towns in this District, but that on their representing the inconvenience this would be to them he allowed them to sell by measurement on their agreeing to have uniform metal measures.

5- As these steps have been adopted solely for the prevention of fraud and no attempt has been made to introduce a new scale for weights or measures, I believe that neither the honest trader, nor the general community has any reason to be dissatisfied.-

I have &c
Signed H. A. Brett
Ag Collector

(True Copy)

Collector

Comp. S.S.V

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No 1526/1857

Referred to the Magistrate for disposal.

Fort St George
29th July 1857

By order

Wm Norman
Dept Secy to Govt

Recd - Aug 1 /57

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To His Excellency Lieutenant & General
The Honorable George Francis Robert Lord Harris
Governor in Council
Fort Saint George

The humble Petition of Kistnaphas Nairkem
Pettay Bazar Keeper. Rammen Pettay Bazar
Keeper Pattinoolee Cunnah Ramasawmy
Pettay Bazar Keeper Pullejeandah Ryman
Sah. undrahoudy Keeper and Shaik Bunay
Pettay Bazar Keeper of Sreemee pattah Valook
in the Pallah of Chittoor.

Sheweth That during the Collectorate of Mr Boulderson it was discovered that your Petitioners were dealing with deficient Pellums and Measures and that without Stamps for which they were fined and regular Measure and Pellum issued with Stamps thereupon your Petitioners employed Comsook in One part and the Merchants Inhabitants and persons of Situation was Out of all losses.

That after which about 3 and ½ Years ago the Pellums and Measure again by same Order Continued without Stamps and thereby raised great Confusion and Quarrels from time to time with Suspicion to the poor people whom your Petitioners applied to the principal Collector for an Order to be made for Stamps to be put on their Measures and Pellums and also presented a Testification to the same who gave no Orders but to do it for themselves and on your Petitioners representation that it will Create greater Confusion and Suspicion.

That afterwards the dealers of Vellore Solicited Mr Sullivan the Sub Collector for the examination of their Pellums and Measure and to grant the usual Stamps on it as also presented their Testification and Mr Sullivan at 2 and 3 different times sent their Memorandum on the Case to the principal Collector and further your Petitioners kept to observe that when Mr Pouchard was the Assistant Collector the Dealers of Cavarapetah, Rannypatti, Tarruallum and Goodyauthom Complained of their Pellums and Measures requires Stamps and upon such Complaint was made verbally as also by Testification and the said Gentlemen on the year 1856 to 1857 May Cause Orders for the Stamps, and after Mr Bayfield succeeded it was stood Continued and still on Continuance on those parts of the places, the former wore out Goondood two One of 2 Pellums weight and of one Pellum weight and 2 New Goondood also One of two Pellums weight and the other Pellum for your Consideration.

In tender Consideration of the Circumstances, your Petitioners humbly Solicit the Government will be pleased on the Examination from the weights of the old and New herewith sanctioned the said may proceeding in those parts of the places, and also to Consider the Comfort those adherents and their enjoy and the unease simple of your Petitioners for want of Stamps as also to please to refer to the Testification presented to the principal Collector together with the Memorandum sent by Mr Sullivan to him and make an Order to the Collector that the Pellums and Measures be also Stamped as done to the Dealers of the other Talooks as in duty bound.

Your poor Petitioners
Will ever pray.

7th July 1857.

No 1472 of 1857

Despatch to the Madras Govt dismissed

Fort St George
the 2nd Sept 1857

Sir

I have &c
Sept 2nd 1857

Despatch to the Court
No 125 of 1857

Recorded

Sept 1857

To His Excellency Lieut Genl
The Hon'ble Geo. Francis Robert Lord Harris
Governor in Council
Fort Saint George

No 1472

Dated 7th Augt 1857

Received 7th ditto

Ans. 7th ditto

Have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government a Despatch from the Court of Directors dated 12th ultimo No 125 and to request that you will be pleased to cause the Despatch to be recorded and returned to this office

I have &c
Sept 2nd 1857

Despatch to the Court
No 125 of 1857

Recorded

Sept 1857

To His Excellency Lieut Genl
The Hon'ble Geo. Francis Robert Lord Harris
Governor in Council
Fort Saint George

No. 1852 of 1857.

From Commissioner
Peshawar to Civil Station
Murree dated 16th
November 1857.

Received 18th do.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that in accordance with the instructions contained in your letter No. 1852 of the 6th instant, I have this day assembled by Proclamation the Jirgah of Chiefs and Maliks of the Hazara District for the purpose of explaining to them the measures which have been adopted by the Government for the pacification of the country, and of receiving the representations of the people in connection therewith.

2. I propose to submit for the information of Government a full report of the proceedings of the Jirgah after the expiration of seven days from this date.

I have &c.

(Signed) John Lawrence
Commissioner &c.

№ 409. Financial Department.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 19th July 1853.

320/21 Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot.

/Here enter 17 June 1853 № 59/

The interference of the Magistrate should be restricted to taking cognizance of complaints of the use of false weights and measures under Section 5th Regulation XI of 1816. The objectionable measure of commissioning irresponsible persons to stamp weights and measures has already been discontinued, and must not again be permitted. The Magistrate will intimate to the Petitioner the above orders.

/True Extract/

/Signed/ H. C. Montgomery.
Chief Secretary.

/True Copy/

To
The Ag. Collector
and Magistrate
of North Arcot.

Collector.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 18th Decr 1857.

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W.H.

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Copy to the Collr. North Bruce Divn. 19.

Inclosed Mr Depr with Petn returned

Revenue 1857 Departt.
Dr. to Coms 23d Decr.

No 1320.

Extract Minutes of Coms:
Dy 18 Decr. 57.

Ordering an endorsement
referring the Petitioners to the Collr.
of North Arcot and directing that
Officer to extend the provisions res-
-pecting the stamping of weights and
measures throughout his District.

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