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No. 49. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1857, No. 1514.

Read Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 15th November 1856, Revenue Department.

(Here enter No. 1222.)

The Board of Revenue have carefully considered the proposal of the Supreme Government for an entire assimilation of the land and Sea Tariffs for imports and exports between the Madras territories and foreign settlements in this Presidency.

2. The Board are decidedly favorable to an assimilation of Tariffs, and they consider that this course is necessary to protect the interests of Government.

3. At the same time the Board do not propose to stop the system which has long been authorized, under which small quantities of certain petty articles of consumption, such as betel and grains, are passed into the villages round Pondicherry without a charge for custom duty. The French and English villages are so mixed that this privilege has been found necessary, to avoid undue harshness to the poorer classes; and if any of the grain is exported by sea, the French authorities collect duty on it at our rate and send the amount to us as arranged in 1851.

From Govt. 28th June in Cons. 16th July 1851, No. 633, R. D.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, No. 595, dated 16th June 1857.

1. The Board of Revenue having represented that articles exempted from the payment of Frontier duty on passing into certain French Settlements by land, were being taken thither for export, whereby the collection of Sea Customs at British ports was injuriously affected, application was made by this Government on the 10th September 1856, for the authority of the Government of India to introduce and make generally applicable to all foreign settlements in this Presidency, revised export and import schedules containing all the articles subject to duty at the Frontier of any one of the settlements. In according their approval to the proposed alteration as far as it went, the Government of India in para. 7 of their letter dated 22d October last, No. 1343, expressed their opinion that the land and sea tariffs ought to be entirely assimilated, whether the goods pass out from or into a British port, or a foreign territory possessing one or more ports of its own. Under this opinion, this Government suspended the introduction of the revised schedules approved by the Government of India, and requested the Board of Revenue to submit their opinion, as to whether there was any objection to the land and sea tariffs being entirely assimilated, both for imports and exports between the British territories and Foreign Settlements in this Presidency.

2. The Board of Revenue report in reply, their concurrence in the proposition with the exception of continuing to exempt from duty, small quantities of certain petty articles of consumption, such as betel and grain, on the ground that the French and English villages around Pondicherry are so mixed, that the removal of the privilege would operate with harshness on the poorer classes, while in accordance with arrangements made in 1851, the French authorities will collect duty on behalf of the British Government, on all British imported grain exported from French ports by sea.

3. The Government approve of these views, and accordingly desire that the Board will draw up and introduce at once, the schedule necessary to carry out the wishes of the Government of India, making provision for the exception recommended by themselves. It will be sufficient for the Board to report the circumstance, on these orders being carried out by them.

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

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 16th June 1857

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 51. From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to CECIL BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated 16th June 1857, No. 596.

SIR,

In reply to Mr. Bourdillon's letter of the 10th September 1856, No. 964, proposing the introduction of revised export and import schedules to be made applicable to the trade with the French and all Foreign Settlements in this Presidency, the Government of India in para. 7 of your letter of the 22d October last, No. 1343, expressed the opinion that the land and sea tariffs ought to be entirely assimilated, whether the goods pass out from or into a British port, or a Foreign territory possessing one or more ports of its own. The Board of Revenue having been called upon to submit their opinion, as to whether there was any objection to assimilating both tariffs, have reported their concurrence in the views expressed in your letter, with the exception of continuing to exempt from duty, small quantities of certain petty articles of consumption, such as betel and grain, on the ground that the English and French villages around Pondicherry are so mixed, that the removal of the privilege would operate with harshness on the poorer classes, while in accordance with arrangements made in 1851, the French authorities will collect duty on behalf of the British Government, on all British imported grain exported from French ports by sea.

2. I am desired to state that this Government have directed the assimilation of the tariffs, providing for the exception recommended by the Board; and have authorized the introduction of the new arrangement at once.

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Revenue Department

No. 1514

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 11th May 1857. No. 1514

Read Extract Minutes of Council Letter dated 15th November 1856, Rev. Department. (Here Date No. 1222)

The Board of Revenue have carefully considered the proposal of the Supreme Government for an entire assimilation of the Land and Sea Tariffs for Imports and Exports between the Madras territories and Foreign Settlements in this Presidency.

2. The Board are decidedly favorable to an assimilation of the Tariffs, and they consider that this course is necessary to protect the interests of Government.

3. At the same time the Board do not propose to stop the system which has long been authorized, under which small quantities of certain petty articles of consumption, such as betel and grains, are passed into the Villages round Pondicherry without a charge for custom duty. The French

Seven and Eight Villages are so mixed that they could have found no pay. to work under themselves to the former classes; and for any of the grain or exported by them the Seven authorities collect duty on it at one rate and Eight the amount at another rate and Eight the amount levied as arranged in 1851.

(A true Extract)

(Sd) J. D. Sun

Acting Secretary

To

H. Templeton Esq

Acting Asst to Commissioner

1st Division

Received 28th June 1851 in Cash Book 1851 page 133 R.D

R. Templeton

No 595 P.D. V-5

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 16th June, 1857.

Read the following Extract
from the Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue

(Fort St George Public Consultation 11th May 1857 No 1044)

The Board of Revenue
having represented that articles
exempted from the payment of
Transit duty on passing into certain
by paid.
French Settlements were being
taken further for export, whereby the
Customs
Revenue of Sea Ports, applic-
able by this Govt on
the 10th Sept/56, for the authority
of the Govt of India to introduce
and make generally applicable
to all foreign Settlements in this
Presidency, revised export and im-
port schedules containing all
the articles subject to duty at
the frontiers of any of the Settlements.
In according their approval to the
proposed alteration as far as it
went, the Govt of India in para
7 of their letter dated 22d Octr/56,
No 1343, expressed their opinion that

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dated 11th May 1857 No 1044

Copy of a Letter from the Govt
of India to the Board of Revenue
dated 22d Dec 1856 No 1343

Date 11th May 1857
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Consulting the Board
apprehension on the subject
of the Settlements and for
the introduction of the Land
and Sea Frontier Customs
and Coast Protection Acts
at Foreign Settlements in
the Presidency.

No 949.

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the land and sea tariffs ought to be entirely assimilated, whether the goods pass out from or into a British port, or a Foreign territory possessing one or more ports of its own. Under this opinion, the Govt. suspended the introduction of the revised schedules approved by the Govt of India, and requested the Board of Revenue to submit their opinion, as to whether there was any objection to the land and sea tariffs being entirely assimilated, both for imports and exports between the British territories and Foreign Settlements in this Presidency.

The Board of Revenue report in reply, their concurrence in the proposition — — with the exception — — of continuing to exempt from duty, small quantities of certain petty articles of consumption, such as betel and grain, on the ground that the French and English villages around Pondicherry are so mixed, that the removal of the privilege would operate

with harshness on the poorer classes, while in accordance with the arrangements made in 1857, the French Authorities will collect duty on behalf of the British Govt, on all British imported grain exported from French ports by sea.

The Govt approve of these views, and accordingly decree that the Board will draw up and introduce at once, the — — schedule necessary to carry out the wishes of the Govt of India, making provision for the exceptions recommended by themselves. It will be sufficient for the Board to report the circumstance, as these orders being carried out by them.

Ordered that the Govt. Covering letter be dispatched.

To Govt of Madras

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Govt of India
Revenue & Agri Dept
No 1757
Dated 16 June 57

Revenue Dept. No. 93

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No. 596

Cecil Beadon Esq

Sec. to Govt. of India,

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Bonnells letter of the 10th Sept. 56, No 964, proposing the introduction of revised export and import schedules to be made applicable to the trade with the French & all Foreign Settlements in this Presidency, the Govt. of India in para 7 of your letter of the 22d Aug. last, No 1343, expressed the opinion that the land and sea tariffs ought to be entirely assimilated, whether the goods pass into from or into a British port, or a Foreign territory possessing one or more ports of its own. The Board of Revenue having been called upon to submit their opinions, as to whether there was any objection to assimilating both tariffs, have reported their concurrence in the

Copy of Letter to Govt. dated 5th Dec. 1856.

No 596.

Contract Clause.

Govt. of India.

Dated 10th June 57.

Submitted 30th Dec. 57.

Read 30th Dec. 57.

Referred to the Govt. of Bombay.

Read 22d July 58.

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views expressed in your letter with the exception of continuing to exempt from duty, small quantities of certain petty articles of consumption, such as beb[illegible] and grain, on the ground that the English and French villages around Pondycherry are so mixed, that the removal of the privilege would operate with hardship on the poorer classes, while in accordance with the arrangements made in 1857, the French authorities will collect duty on behalf of the British Govt, on all British imported grain exported from French ports by sea.

I am desired to state that this Govt have directed the examination of the tariffs, providing for the exception recommended by the Board, and have authorized the introduction of the new arrangement at once.

I have &c

Fort St. George
16th June 1859

Revenue Dept
Cons 16 June
No 596

Copy and Letter to Govt
dated 16th Dec. 1858 & No 3078

To the Secy. to the Govt
of India
Dated 16th June 1859
Rec'd 20th & Reply sent
16th July

Acknowledging the receipt of
Govt Letter No 3078 of
16th Dec. 1858 & stating
that the Madras Govt
are in accordance
with the views
therein expressed

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