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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

4th August 1857

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Order no. 768 dated 30th July 1857

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 4th August 1857.

No. 13. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq. Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated Fort Saint George 8th July 1857, No. 2318.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Proceedings of the Chief Engineer,* having reference to the transit duties levied by the Nizam's Government in two villages on the road leading to Hyderabad from Masulipatam.

2. By the proclamation of 8th August 1854 in the Fort Saint George Gazette, it was notified that all customs duty between the frontier of the territories of His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad, and those of the British, as well as in the Districts lately assigned by His Highness to the British Government, were abolished, but the two villages alluded to appear to be situated in the Masulipatam District and are apparently surrounded by English territory.

3. From Lieutenant Farewell's observations it will be seen that travellers are put to much inconvenience by the levy of these tolls, to avoid which many of them take a circuitous route, and the Collector thinks it would be a great boon to the poorer class of travellers if Government could make some arrangement with the Nizam for their abolition.

4. The Board of Revenue doubt whether the impost complained of is a legal one after the proclamation above referred to, but as any remonstrance on the part of the Collector would probably be disregarded by the village authorities, they would suggest that enquiries on the subject be instituted through the Resident at Hyderabad, and if it be found that the Nizam's Government have a right to levy duties in the two villages referred to, they recommend that some arrangement be entered into with that Government so as to relieve travellers of such vexatious imposts.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 14. From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; to the Resident at Hyderabad; dated 30th July 1857, No. 768.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you copy of a letter* from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, together with copies of its enclosures, having reference to the transit duties levied by the Nizam's Government in certain villages on the road leading from Hyderabad to Masulipatam, and to request that you will state your opinion, whether after the determination of the Governor General in Council conveyed in Mr. Secretary Edmonstone's letter to the late Resident dated 25th July 1854, No. 3188, the collection of the duties complained of can be held to be legal.

2. I am also desired to request that, if it be found after enquiry, that the Nizam's Government possess a right to enforce the practice in those villages, you will suggest what arrangement might be made with that Government for effectually putting an end to these imposts.

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Revenue B^d Office,
Fort St. George
8th July 1857.

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From

J. D. Sim Esq.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To

A. Forbes Esq.

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, having reference to the transit duties levied by the Nizam's Government in 2 Cts. 10 P. on the road leading to Hyderabad from Masulipatam.

Dated 30th April
in No 3rd July 1857.

G. O. B. 1854 Page 19. 2.

By the proclamation of 5th August 1854 in the Fort St. George Gazette, it was notified that all Customs duties between the frontier of the Territories of His Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad, and those of the

the British, as well as in the districts lately assigned by His Highness to the British Government, were abolished, but the 2 Villages alluded to appear to be situated in the Masulipatam District and are apparently surrounded by English territory.

3. From Lieutenant Farnwell's observations it will be seen that Travellers are put to much inconvenience by the levy of these tolls, to avoid which many of them take a circuitous route and the Collector thinks it would be a great boon to the poorer class of Travellers if Government could make some arrangement with the Nizam for their abolition.

4. The Board of Revenue doubt whether the impost complained of is a legal one after the proclamation above referred to, but as any remonstrance on the part of the Collector would probably be disregarded by the Village authorities they would suggest that enquiries on the subject be instituted through the Resident at Hyderabad and if it be found that the Nizam's Government have a right to levy duties

duties in the two Villages referred to, they recommend that some arrangement be entered into with that Government so as to relieve Travellers of such vexatious imposts.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant.

J. S. Sur
Secretary.

To,

H. Forbes Esq.

Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

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No 1224/1 C

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 30th April 1857.

Read the following:-

Masulipatam Collectors

Cutcherry 6th April 1857.

No 53.

From T. J. Know Esq^r
Acting Collector of Masulipatam

To Colonel C. E. Fisher
Chief Engineer D. P. Works.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,
Para 1 In reply to your Extract of Proceedings on a letter of Lieutenant Farewell, dated 5th January 1857, regarding certain transit duties levied in 2 Villages by His Highness the Nizam; I have the honor to state, that Lieut. Farewell's statement is perfectly correct, those tolls are levied by the Hyderabad authorities, and they are oppressive and injurious - but I fear are legal, for I know of no Proclamations of the Governor General on this subject.

2. It would however be a great boon, especially to travellers of the poorer class, if our Government could make some arrangement with the Nizam for their abolition. I need not point out, how the Collectors of this

tolls

* 31st January 1857
No 9914.

Under 8th Aug 57/54. No 4044.

27th M. C. by India letter to C
of 23rd Dec 57/59. 1570

Revenue 1857. Report
of 15th Dec. 4th Aug 57

From 1857/92

The Hyderabad Public
Works & Revenue.

The Hyderabad
Government

Order 8th Aug 1857.

2nd Dec. 1857

1857/58. 30th Aug

Copy sent India to the
Secretary at Hyderabad
30 Aug 57
1857/58

1857/58

22nd July 1857

Substantive Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer, relative
to the transit duties levied
by the Nizam's Government in 2
Villages on the road leading
to Hyderabad from Masulipatam,
and suggesting that any money
to make the the Revenue
at Hyderabad in new tolls
be collected in -

toll are far from all Supervision, and probably a small proportion of their Collections ever reaches the Nizam's Treasury. —

3. If it is deemed inadvisable to make some arrangement for the removal of this obstacle to trade, I suggest, that the circuitous road by which these dues are evaded, be shortened as far as possible and repaired. —

Yours Vca

(Signed) J. J. Knox

Actg. Collector

Resolved, to forward for the information of the Board of Revenue, a copy of the foregoing letter from the Acting Collector of Masulipatam, together with Extract [Paras 6 and 7] from Smith Fairwell's General Observations for December 1856, respecting the practice which obtains of levying customs on the Merchandise at the outlying portions of the Nizam's Territory, and to request, that they will obligingly, should they see fit, lay the matter before Government. —

1 Enclosure

Copy of paras 6 & 7 of Smith Fairwell's General Observations for Dec. 1856

(Witnessed) Captain

Actg. Secy. Engr. (in file)

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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Extract from General Observations made by
Lieutenant W. Farwell A. Assistant Civil Engineer
Nizamat Division for the Month of December 1856.

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Para 6 In preparing the traffic accounts
of the High roads to Hyderabad which pass through
these Talooks, I observed, that portions of the Road
were much more frequented than others, and on
enquiry, I find, the cause of such to be, increase
of the heavy impacts received from all
Merchandise which passes through the Villages of
Panchgatalah on this Road [a small isolated portion
of the Nizam's Territories - between Champaatam
and Cunchekacherlah] where notwithstanding the
proclamations of Governor General to the contrary,
the Tariffs listed below continue to be imposed.

1 Cart load of Rice	Rs. 4 3
1 do of Paddy	4
1 do of Cloths	3
1 do of Cholam	4
1 do of Tabacs	3
1 do of Grams	4
1 Bullock load of Rice	4
1 do of Cholam or Paddy	3
1 Cowdy Cowl with Rice	6
1 do with Cholam	4
1 do with Merchandise	2

W. Farwell A. Assistant Civil Engineer
Nizamat Division for the Month of December 1856

No. 1577

Extract from the Proceedings
of the Civil Engineer D. W. M.
to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Date 30th April 1857
No. 2 / May
Recd.

June 8 - 8 July 1857.

Forwards for inform. & Copy of
a letter from the Secy to the Board
of Revenue, D. W. M. to the
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
for the month of December 1856
on Merchandise in the Nizam's
Territory.

Enc. to Govt. 8 July 57

No. 1577
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7. This impost is repeated at the Village of Kotadoo, between the Palairoo River, and Comarabundah, and again at Sooriahpett, the first Village in His Highness, the Nizam's Country beyond the Zamindari of Mooneyah. The Village authorities are most keen in making this Collection, as they receive the enormous percentage of 6 Annas in every rupee thus collected. The Passage of Europeans, Supplies for them &c &c are permitted to pass free. The levying of this toll inflicts great inconvenience on Native Cart Owners, Merchants, Coolies &c who in order to avoid it at Parathyalah, strike off the High Road near Condapilly passing round to the North of Condapilly range of Hills through the Villages of Doogeralapadoo in the Bezgarah Talook, and Simmapoorum and Jadooor in the Kandajanah Talook, rejoining the High Road at the Ford of the Mooneyah River, below the Village of Keesarah; I have met strings of Bandies on this Cross Road, the owners of which have mentioned the desire of avoiding this toll, as their

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their reasons for thus going upwards of six miles out of the Road. —

Masulipatana District }
Camp Bezgarah }
5th January 1857

X X X
(Signed) W. Fairwell Lieut

1st Lt. Civil Eng. H. D.

() C. A. Orr Captain

Civil Engineer in Char. H. D.

[True Copy]

W. Motuslow Captain
Actg. Supr. Eng. H. D.

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Armed Department

From

To

H. Forbes Esq. ³⁰ July 1857
Resident at Hyderabad

Sir,

I am directed by
the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council to
transmit to you copy of
a letter from the Secretary
to the Board of Revenue,
together with ^{copies of} the enclosures
having reference to the
transit duties levied by the
Nizam's Government in
certain Villages on the
road leading from Hy-
derabad to Masulipatam
and to request ^{that} you will state
your opinion, whether after
the determination of the
Governor

8 July 1857 No 2328.

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Copy of letter to
d/235 Dec 1857 1858

Enclosure in a proceeding
from the Chief Secy. to the
Govt. to the Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Dated 31st April 1857
No. 4

1857/11

Copy of letter 6th of
July 1857 to the
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
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