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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 15*th September* 1857.

No. 25. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Political Department under date the 24th August 1857, No. 665.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant General W. CULLEN, Resident at Travancore and Cochin; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Trevandrum, 25th July 1857, No. 44.

SIR,

No. 426 of 18th Instant. I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from the Dewan of Cochin, with the explanation called for in your letter, No. 479 of the 23rd Ultimo.

(Signed.) W. CULLEN, Lieutenant General,
Resident.

From VENCATA ROW, Dewan of Cochin; to Lieutenant General W. CULLEN, British Resident of Travancore and Cochin, dated Ernacollum in Cochin, 18th July 1857, No. 426.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1169 of the 29th Ultimo, forwarding copy of one from the Madras Government, No. 479 of the 23d Idem, and to furnish you with the explanation therein requested.

2. Previous to the passing of Act VI. of 1848, all goods going from one British port to another were subject on importation to a duty of 8 per cent., and goods exported from Malliapooram to any British port were liable to a like duty. The trade, then, of British Cochin and of Malliapooram, as far as regarded their exports, was on an equal footing, but the abolition, by the said Act, of all duties on goods going from one British port to another, while a duty of 5 per cent. was imposed on goods exported from Malliapooram, or any port in the Cochin and Travancore States to any British port, placed, necessarily, the export trade of Malliapooram in a very disadvantageous position as compared with that of British Cochin.

3. The tonnage, engaged annually in bringing down salt from Bombay to Malliapooram for the consumption of this Sirkar, is considerable, upwards of 5,000 tons. The Vessels employed in this trade are Pattamars which, after discharging their salt at Malliapooram, run into British Cochin (only about 3 miles distant) for their return cargoes to avoid the duty of 5 per cent. leviable in Bombay and other British Ports on goods exported from Malliapooram.

4. With reference to the 2nd para. of the letter from the Madras Government, I beg to observe that by Section XXIV. of Act X. of 1841, Passes may be granted to Vessels built in a Native State, and owned by subjects of that State, provided they are commanded by British subjects, but these Passes are only for stated periods, rarely, I believe, exceeding 12 months. Such Passes require of course to be constantly renewed.

5. The limitation as to time, and the consequent necessity of a frequent renewal of the Passes must be a source of inconveniences in all instances. It may be felt less by the owners of Pattamars and other small coasting vessels, the voyages of which are always short, and the time, required for them easy to be calculated, but, in the case of ships of larger tonnage making long and distant voyages the limitation as to time is a most serious drawback.

6. If therefore, to Vessels built in the Cochin Territory, and owned by subjects of this State, the privilege of a permanent Pass or Register could be conceded, the boon would indeed be a great one.

(Signed) VENCATA ROW,
Dewan.

(True Copy.)

(Signed.) W. CULLEN,
Resident.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 15th September 1857.

1. The 1st para. of the letter addressed to the Resident under date the 23rd June last and paras. 1 to 3 of the communication from the Dewan of Cochin submitted with the above letter in reply thereto, will be furnished to the Revenue Department for consideration in reference to the injurious effect which the operation of Act No. VI. of 1848 is represented to have had on the Export Trade of the Sirkar Port of Malliapooram.

2. Ordered that paras. 4 to 6 of the Dewan's letter with the 2nd para. of the letter to the Resident to which it is a reply, be referred to the Registrar of Shipping at Madras for any remarks or suggestions he may have to offer in regard to the inconvenience complained of as resulting from the very limited period for which Passes are granted to Vessels owned by subjects of Native States, and which, it is alleged, rarely exceeds 12 months.

(True Extract and Copies.)

(Signed) E. MALTBY,
Acting Chief Secretary.

From E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin; dated Fort St. George 23d June 1857, No. 479.

SIR,

It appears from an abstract of the letter from the Dewan of Cochin, dated 9th May last, No. 283, entered in your Political Diary of the 18th to 24th May 1857, that the Export Trade of Mallipooram has almost ceased to exist, and that this has been occasioned by the abolition, by Act VI. of 1848, of all duties on articles going from one British port to another, and by the retention of a 5 per cent. duty on goods exported from the Sirkar port of Mallipooram. I am directed to request that you will report, for the information of Government, whether this has actually been the case, and in what manner the operation of the Act referred to has had an injurious effect on the Export Trade of that port.

2. The Dewan also remarks that not one of the vessels built in the Cochin Territory is owned by Sirkar subjects, and attributes this circumstance to the fact that such vessels owned by British subjects are allowed the advantages of a British Pass, while the same privilege is denied to the subjects of the Sirkar. I am desired to request that you will report upon this point also, and submit any remarks that you may have to offer in explanation of the subject.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, No. 927; dated 12th September 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract and enclosure be referred to the Board of Revenue for report.

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

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 479.

To

THE RESIDENT OF TRAVANCORE AND COCHIN.

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FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd June 1857.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) E. Maltby

Acting Chief Secretary.

True Copy
E. Maltby
Chief Secretary

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 665.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 24th August 1857.

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Resident.

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(True Extract and Copies.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

Para : 1 to the Revenue Department.
" 2 " Registrar of Shipping at Madras.

Exd.-A. P. W. Begbie.

No. 927
Ordered that the
foregoing & Track and Ch's
- clearance be referred to Mr.
Board of Revenue for
report.
Ch. Sec. to Govt.
12 Septr. 1857.

To the Registrar of Coasting Vessels
Madras

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To Govt. Fort St. George

No. 1102

Extract from the Minutes
of Council in the Political
Department.

Dated 24 August 1857
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Ordered, copy of the letter from
the Dewan of Cochin, with
reference to the enquiries
effected in this Presidency
of what effect the operation
of Act XI of 1846 is said
to have had
on the export trade of the
Malabar Ports for which Clearances
cannot be granted.

No. 925-26.

To Ch. Sec. to Govt.
No. 927. 12th Septr.