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Revenue Department

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21/9/58

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 19th January 1858.

No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 25th November 1857, No. 4163.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar
In Consultation 25th November 1857. dated 26th October 1857.

(Here enter No. 159.)

In the above communication, the Acting Collector reports as required in Extract Minutes Consultation 12th September last, No. 927, Revenue Department, on the effect which Act VI. of 1848 has had on the trade of the Cochin port of Malleapooram, about 3 miles North of British Cochin.

2. Malleapooram was almost unknown as a port until about 1841 when the Cochin Government put it "in a more efficient state by reduction of duties, &c." The Cochin rates of Export and Import duty being lower on many articles than the British rates, a diversion of trade ensued, and to obviate this effect the tariff values of British Cochin were altered, so as nearly to equalize duties at the two ports. Foreign Sugar, Wines, and spirits were the chief commodities introduced into Malleapooram not merely from the more favorable duty but also from the facilities which its position* afforded for subsequently smuggling them into British territory. The correspondence on this subject is noted in the margin of para. 4 of Mr. Robinson's letter. The result has been that the Cochin Government agreed to assimilate their duties with ours. Mr. Robinson states that this equalisation has been effected only in regard to wines and spirits, and it seems doubtful whether even this is fully carried out. Previous to the passing of Act VI. of 1848 a duty of 8 per cent. was levied on goods passing from one British port to another as well as from the Cochin and Travancore ports to British ports. The freedom of the port to port trade (Section Act VI. of 1848) does not extend to other than British ports so that while goods pass free between British ports articles imported from a foreign port, such as Malleapooram, are liable to a 5 per cent. duty.

*Vide Map in Collector's letter 3d September 1841.

From Government 18th June 1853 No. 670 Revenue Department.

3. The Board concur with the Acting Collector that there is nothing in this state of affairs calling for immediate alteration in regard only to a single petty port, which, moreover, as shown in the first part of these Proceedings injuriously affects British trade to a certain extent. The Honorable Court in their despatch dated 2d July 1856, No. 7, have directed a reconsideration of all duties levied between Travancore, Cochin and the Company's territories, and Malleapooram will of course be included in the arrangements which may then be effected. The Board presume that a complete assimilation of duties will be the basis of any arrangement for placing the Cochin ports on the same footing as our own, and they apprehend that from its superior position, greater capital and other advantages, British Cochin would still maintain its superiority over Malleapooram.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 8.

ORDER THEREON, No. 58; dated 14th January 1858.

Ordered that the above Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue and its enclosure from the Acting Collector of Malabar, on the effect which Act VI. of 1848 has had on the Trade of the Cochin port of Malleapooram, be communicated to the Political Department with reference to para. 1 of an Extract Minutes Consultation in that Department dated 24th August 1857.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Extract from the Q Q

Revenue Department.

Read the following No. 4163

Extract from the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue, dated 25 November 1837.

Read letter from the Acting
Collector of Malabar dated 26 October 1837.
(Here enter No. 159.)

In the above communication
the Acting Collector reports as required in
Extract Minutes Consultation 12 September last
No. 927 P. Q. on the effect which Act VI of 1818
has had on the trade of the Cochin port of
Malleaporum, about 3 miles North of British
Cochin.

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From Coll. 3 Sept. 1841
from 1 & P. Q.
In Jan 7 Oct. 1841.

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from

Revenue Dept

No 58

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 14th January 1858
Read the following

Extract from the Pro: of
the Board of Revenue

Here enter 25th Nov. 1857
No 4163

Ordered that
the above Extract from
the Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
and its enclosure from
the Acting Collector
of Malabar, on the
affair which Act VI
of

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By
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Revenue: 15th of the month of January 1858 No 25-26
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No 1452

Ordered from the
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Dated 25th
Nov 27th Jan 1857

1. Encl:
No 1453

No 68 No 14 January 1858

Submitting with the
Board's recommendation, the
report of the collector
of Malabar, on the effect
which Act VI of 1818 has
had on the trade of the
Coast of Malabar.

Atty.

22 Nov 1857

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of 1848 has had on the
Trade of the Cochin
port of Malapooram,
be communicated to
the Political Depart-
ment with reference
to para 1 of an Extract
Minutes Consultation
in that Department
dated 24 August 1857.

It does not appear
to the Government that
~~any~~ ^{it} is necessary
~~that any thing should~~
to be done at present;
the change in the
law affected all
foreign ports, and
Malapooram was
~~among~~
~~one of them.~~

Copy to Pol. Dep.
with this Encl.
C. P. M.

sent

B. E.

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Revenue 1858 Rept. to
Cons: 19th January

No. 58.

Extract. Min: of Cons.
Dated 14th June 1858.

Communicating to the
Bill. & Extracts in Extract
from the Proceedings of the House
of Revenue and its enclosure, on
the subject which Act VI of 1848 has
had on the State of the various
part of Malacca Peninsula.

No. 9. 48.

L. M. 1858