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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 28 - 9 - 1857.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 24th September to 4th October 1859.

No. 63. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1859, No. 3750.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government dated 14th September 1859, No. 1234, bringing to notice with reference to the proceedings of Government, dated 14th September 1859, No. 1234, that a passage in the Board's proceedings has not been understood in its intended sense, and explaining that it was with the sanction of Government, and not by a formal Convention only, that certain articles of food were admitted duty free into Pondicherry.

(In Con. 15th September 1859, No. 4613.)

Before communicating this order to the Acting Collector in charge of the Special Agent's office, the Board deem it advisable to point out a passage in which their Proceedings had not been understood in their intended sense. It was with the sanction of this Government, and not by a formal convention that certain articles of food have been admitted duty free into Pondicherry, for the consumption of its Native inhabitants; and as the French Government appeared now to claim the extension of that privilege *as a right*, the Board thought it necessary to show that no such *right* existed, and thus "avoid the possibility of future embarrassments." This was one of the principal reasons for which they proposed to omit some articles for the free admission of which a claim had been preferred. They recommended that the rest should be allowed to pass duty free, not on the ground of right, but on the same amicable principle which had led to the original arrangement.

See Bd's. Circular Orders Vol. for 1851 *to* 1853, *page* 16.

2. The Government, however, have supposed the Board's recommendation to be "based on the assumption that the French Government claim the exemption of articles of food as a right." If the French authorities had ground to believe from an official document, that the Revenue Board held such a view, it might encourage their assertion of a right, and the Board resolve, therefore, to bring the point under the notice of Government, before communicating the order to the Special Agent in its present form.

3. In reference to the observations of Government in para. 5, the Board beg to observe that when alluding to the possibility of an arrangement by which our frontier Chowkies could be dispensed with, they pointed out in para. 6 of their Proceedings, that this could only be attained, "if the French Government would undertake to collect Sea Custom duties for us on all Exports and "*Imports*."

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 64. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1859, No. 1318.

In para. 2 of their proceedings of the 22nd July, No. 2884, the Board stated that certain articles of food required by the Native population have been allowed to pass into Pondicherry free of duty, under a convention between the French and English Governments. They now state that they did not refer to any formal convention, and that it was by an order of this Government that the articles in question were allowed to pass free. This confirms the view stated by Government in their order of September 14th* that the exemption of articles of food cannot be claimed on the part of the French settlements, as matter of right.

* *No.* 1234. *Para.* 4.

2. Adverting to the third paragraph of the Board's present proceedings, the Government regret that in passing their former order they overlooked the expression to which the Board now refer, and which shows that the defect in Mr. Taylor's proposal had not been unnoticed by the Board.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department

No. 1318.

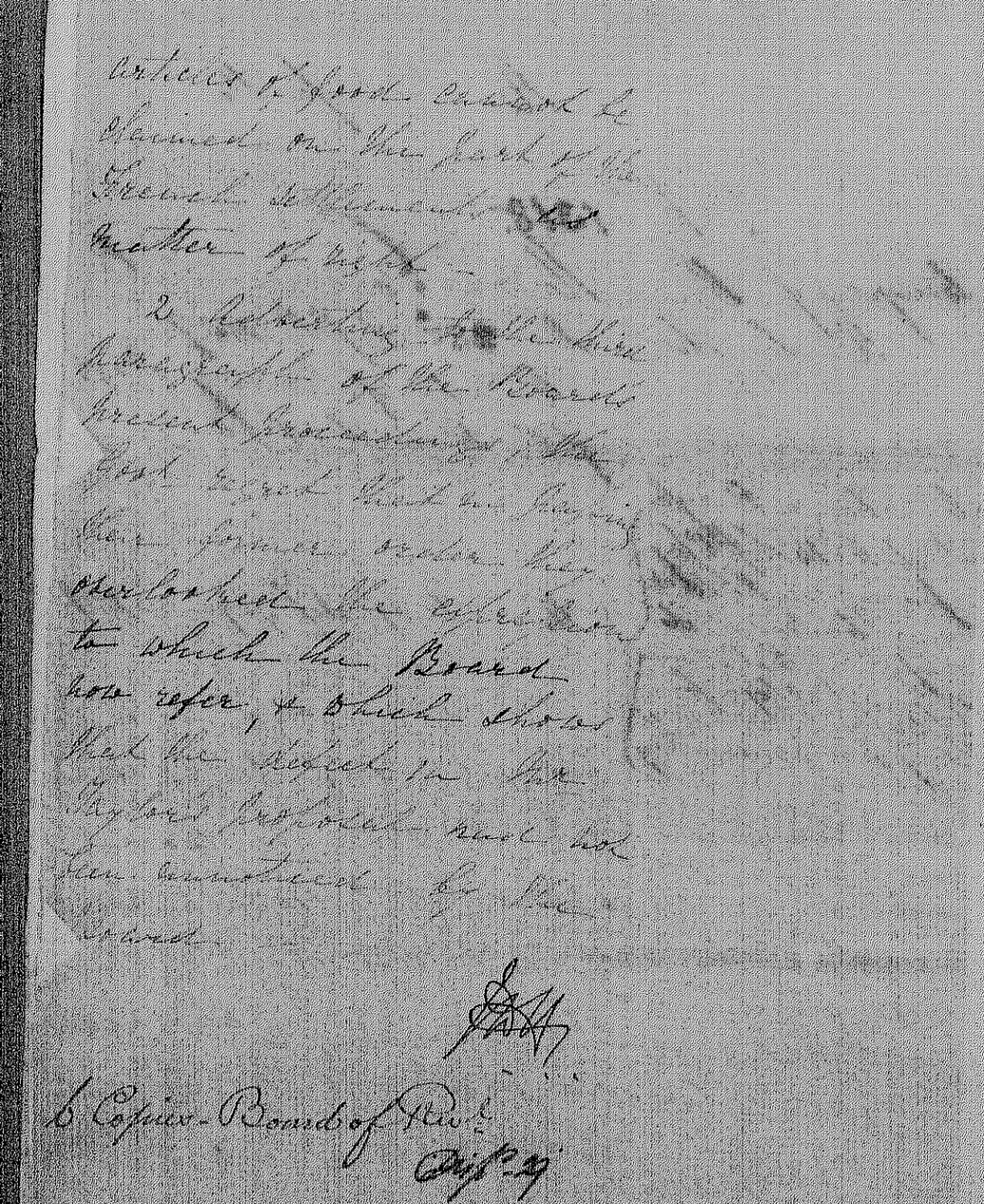
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th Septr 1859.
Read the following Report
of the Board of Revenue

Bringing to notice with reference
to Dis. No. of Govt dated 14th Septr 1859
No. 1234 that a passage in the Govt
Proceedings noticed in the margin was
written under the impression that it was
with the sanction of Govt that certain Outlets
for rivers admitted duty free into Pondicherry

Here enter 19th Septr 1859 No. 3569

In place of the
Proceedings of the 22nd
July, No. 2864, the Board
state that certain details
of food required by the
native population have
been allowed to pass into
Pondicherry free of duty,
under a convention between
the French & English Govts
They are also aware that the
rice not kept for the
General Consumption of the
Coast by the order of
Govt was also allowed
in like manner to pass
duty free

No. 1234
Para 4.



Rec.d from Govt 16th September 1859
F: 35 to 36.

Revenue 1859 Sept.r
Rec.d of Govt 4th October

No 1218.

Rec.d of the Madras Govt
F/28 Septr 59.

Exemption of duty
on articles of goods
passing into Pudicherry
Territory as claimed as
matter of right

F: 63 to 64.