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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1446	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated	25—10	1859

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 22d to 31st October 1859.

No. 41. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government; dated 18th October 1859, No. 4225.

In Con. 2d June 1859, No. 2562.

With reference to the order of Government, dated 1st June 1859, No. 742, R. D., calling for an early reply to the question whether the recent increase in the rates of Import duties renders necessary any alteration in the existing Customs law or practice, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to state that so far as they can ascertain, no such alteration is thereby rendered necessary.

2. The enchancement of the duties affords a larger margin of profits to the successful illicit trader, and has, therefore, necessarily given greater inducement to the evasion of those duties, but the Board do not suppose that the enquiry of Government had reference to any such considerations which are prominent, and no doubt were duly weighed when the decision Governmedt was taken.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 42. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; dated 25th October 1859, No. 1446.

With reference to your letter of the 20th May 1859, No. 1023, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to farward copy of one from the Board of Revenue, dated 18th Instant, reporting, that so far as they can ascertain, no alteration in the Customs law or practice is rendered necessary by the recent increase in the rates of Import duties.

No. 4225.

From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government.

SIR,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
18th October 1859.

Acting Secretary.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department

No. 11445

From
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To
The Chief Secretary to Government

Madras Revenue Department
Letter of the 20th May 1859, with
1025, Dan. Sinclair, Esq. Acting Secretary
to the Government of Madras

Forwarded copy of Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue dated 18th
October 1859 submitting Statistical Report
on Salt Revenue and Administration
of Madras Customs
Law for the year 1858-59

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 18th October 1859

Read the letter from the Government of Madras
dated 1st June 1859 No. 712
Read the Statistical Report for the year 1858-59
Read the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 18th October 1859

Report
The Board have the honor to report that
no alteration in the existing Customs Law or Practice
is rendered necessary by the recent increase in the
rates of Import Duties.

(Signed) [illegible]

Revenue 1859 Department
Read 31st October 1859

No. 1910

From
The Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
To
The Chief Secretary to
Government

Dated 18th
Desp. 20th } October 1859
Rec. 21st

No. 4225.

No. 1446 - 25th Oct.

Reporting with reference to the Government order
of the 1st June 1859 R.D. No. 712
that no alteration in the
existing Customs Law or Practice
is rendered necessary
by the recent increase in the
rates of Import Duties.

A. 10th June 59 - Nos. 12-13.
— 22nd March 59 - 35-36.
— 2nd Sept. 59 - 48-49.

Copy to Govt. of Madras
25th Oct. 1859.

No. 11

e 22nd October 1825

Revenue 1859 Despatch
Pro: of Govt 31st Dec.

No 1446.

To the Secretary to the
Govt of India.
Dated 25th October 1859.

From Dr. H. M. Dear 1859
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Copy to Govt of Inde
d/ 25 Oct 59

No 41 & 42.

Forwarding Copy of
Board's letter responding that
no alteration in the Customs
law or practice is considered
necessary by the recent
increase in the rates of
import duties.