

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

31st May 1859

Book No. 9 and 10

Order No 724. Dated 30th May 1859

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
from 28th to 31st May 1859.*

No. 9. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Political Department; dated 19th May 1859, No. 312.

Resolving that the proposal of the Government of Travancore to supply Tobacco at prime cost to the inhabitants of Tangacherry &c. and thus deprive them of all grounds of complaint as respects the pressure of the Monopoly, be carried out experimentally at least and subject to its being abandoned on the motion of either of the British or Travancore Governments on giving 3 months notice. The Collectors of Malabar in communication with the Resident settle the details as regards the quantity of Tobacco to be supplied to the several places &c.)

(Vide Political Proceedings from 18th to 27th May 1859, Nos. 15-16.)

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1859, No. 724.
Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Extract Minutes of Consultation, in the Revenue Department.

Referring for consideration in the Political Department, paras. 38 and 43 to 46 of the Right Honorable the President's Minute, dated 3rd December 1858. (Here enter 11th March 1859, No. 308.)

ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1859, No. 312.

Para. 5. 45. The Right Honorable the late President adverts to the strong complaints made by the Travancore Authorities of the loss of Revenue sustained, and the trouble entailed by the two small British Settlements of Tangacherry and Anjengo, and two or three small Gardens within the Province, and mentions that they would gladly accept some arrangements, such as we have with the French, regarding Salt, by which they would be enabled to prevent the smuggling which exists from being carried out at these localities. He thinks that this is a fair demand, and that if we cannot manage to persuade them to abolish the Monopoly, in justice we should not, even indirectly, in any way afford any protection to acts contrary to the laws, and which tend to diminish the Revenue of the Province.

6. The arrangements above alluded to in respect to the supply of Salt to the French Settlements are the following.

Convention 18th July 1837.

Convention 7th March 1815.

The British Government supply them, at cost price, with as much Salt as they require for the consumption of their Settlements, Pondicherry, Mahi, &c., and they in consideration of this, and of an annual payment of Rupees 4,00,000, engage to abstain from the Manufacture of Salt or

Opium in their own Territories, so as not to interfere with our Monopoly.

7. Similarly the Government of Travancore would be willing to supply Tobacco at prime cost to the inhabitants of Tangacherry, Anjengo, and Cottadilly and the Shertally lands, and thus deprive them of all grounds of complaint as respects the pressure of the Monopoly, and all excuse for engaging in the contraband trade.

8. It appears to the Government that this offer is reasonable and they resolve that the arrangement be carried out experimentally at least, and subject to its being abandoned on the motion of either of the British or Travancore Governments on giving three months notice.

9. The Collector of Malabar will, in communication with the Resident, settle the details, as regards the quantity of Tobacco to be supplied to the several places, the prices at which it is to be furnished by the Travancore Government, and the mode of regulating its delivery and retail sale within British Settlements, and they will submit to Government at an early date the Plan that they may have agreed upon.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Chief Secretary.

To the Resident of Travancore.
" Collector of Malabar.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

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