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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 958 Press / Mis.

Dated 22nd July 1859.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 16th to 22d July 1859.

No. 26. Read the following letter from H. NELSON, Esq., Chairman to the Chamber of Commerce; to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St. George; dated Madras, 30th May 1859.

I am desired by the Chamber of Commerce to bring under the consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council the prohibition, now existing, by which all trade in opium within the Madras territories is declared contraband.

Lord Stanley having stated in the House of Commons that the system by which the tax on opium is levied is to be considered, with the view to substituting for it an excise duty, i-seems a proper opportunity for the Chamber, representing the Mercantile interests of this Presidency, to protest against the unjust exclusion of Madras from the trade in this article; and to claim that her interests shall be considered in proposing any new Legislative enactment on the subject.

I have therefore most respectfully to request that measures may be taken by this Government to represent the matter to the proper authority.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1859, No. 958.

Ordered that the letter be forwarded for the consideration of the Home Government, and that a copy of the Despatch be furnished to the Chamber of Commerce for information.

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

Copy and Letter to E
dated 18th July 1859. No 28.

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