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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	851	Press / Mis.
Dated	1st July	1859.

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No. 26. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., Fort St. George; dated 16th June 1859, No. 2079.

In Con. 8th May 1837, *No.* 602.
Vide Almanac p. 97, (*Male Asylum edition.*)

By the order of Government, dated 3d May 1837, No. 69, spices, imported into this Presidency from the Straits Settlements, and other British possessions, (if imported direct and accompanied by a tificate of growth) are passed free of duty, and the appear accordingly in the list of "Free Duty Goods" in the Madras Custom House Lists.

E. M. C. 30th Nov. 1836, *R. D. No.* 1632.
In Con. 12*th Dec.* 1836, *No.* 186.

2. This concession was originally granted in 1820 by the Supreme Government and was doubtless intended as an encouragement to the growth of such products Nearly 40 years however have passed since the exemption was accorded, and it has occurred to the Board that Government may deem it right to enquire whether the boon is still considered necessary by the Supreme Government.

3. Spices, the produce of India, pay an export duty of 3 per cent. ad valorem and the general rate of import duty on such articles under Act VII. of 1859 is 20 per cent.

	I. M.	*Valuation. Rs.*
1856-7.....	127	5,934
1857-8.....	289	14,682
1858-9.....	266	10,276

4. The average imports of spices under certificates into Madras from the Straits Settlements during the last three years have been Indian maunds 228 per annum, and the duty on that quantity at the present rate would amount to Rupees 2,060 yearly.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 27. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government Revenue Department; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; dated 27th June 1859, No. 851.

Para. 1. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to submit for the orders of the Government of India a letter from the Board of Revenue dated 6th June, on the subject of the duty on spices imported from the Straits Settlements.

2. Under instructions from the Supreme Government dated 25th January 1820, spices imported into this Presidency from the Straits Settlements and other British possessions are allowed exemption from duty. The concession was granted by the Supreme Government apparently with the view of encouraging the growth of such products, but as nearly forty years have passed since, I am desired to enquire whether such indulgence is still considered to be necessary.

I am to remark that under Act VII. of 1859, spices are subject to an import duty of 20 per cent.; and that at this rate, the duty on the average of the last three years imports of spices into Madras from the Straits Settlements would amount to Rupees 2,060 yearly.

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

Revenue Department

To 1857.

C. Beadon, Esqre
Secretary to the Govt of
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I am to remark that under Act VII of 1859 spices are subject to an import duty of 20 per cent; and that at this rate, the duty on the average of the last three years on imports of spices into Moulmein Straits Settlements is would amount to Rs. 2060 yearly.

Fort St. Geo. 27 June 1859.

We have the honour &c

Revenue 1859 Dept^t.
Rec^d of Govt. 1st July.

No 857.

To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India.
Dy 27 June 59.

From the Sec. & 29 July 59
Cy No 1486 inclos = 15 August
1859 Cl = 1094
Further C No 620 of 1861 in Rec.
16th Sept^r 61. No 621
Board's letter on
duty on Spices import-
-ed from Straits Settle-
-ments forwarded.

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