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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 146. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th July 1860, No. 3,098 :—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 15th June 1860, No. 119 :—

1. I deem it proper to bring to the notice of the Board a fact which, from its tendency to affect our Sea Customs Revenue, deserves their prompt attention.

2. After the abolition of our Tobacco monopoly, large imports of that article were made from Jaffna* into British Cochin, and found their way into the Cochin and Travancore Rájá's Territories, to the prejudice of their monopoly.

**A Port in Ceylon.*

3. So soon as an impost of 20 per cent. *ad valorem* was laid on such Imports by Act VII of 1859, they decreased to a considerable extent, as illustrated by the appended Table, and since Act X of 1860, raising the duty on Tobacco to 8 Annas a seer, came into operation, imports of this luxury from Jaffna have entirely disappeared from our Cochin Sea Custom Returns.

4. Two vessels laden with Tobacco, which touched at Cochin during the last fair season, cleared that Port without landing their cargoes there.

5. I have every reason to believe, that vessels, from Jaffna, &c., having such cargoes on board, will now resort to the French Settlement of Mahí, and land them there, to escape duty at our Ports, and that the Tobacco thus landed, will be imported free of duty into our Territory, and thence exported by sea, also free of duty, to British Cochin and other Ports within Her Majesty's Indian Dominions.

6. I needs carcely say, how much our Customs Revenue will suffer by such a state of things, and how important it is that immediate measures should be adopted to prevent it. I would take the liberty to suggest, that the import duty on Tobacco,† prescribed by Act X of 1860, be extended to imports of that article *by land* from Mahí into our Territory. No duty is now levied on such imports, as in the Government Notification, dated 1st September 1858, Tobacco is not specified among the articles liable to duty on importation from Foreign Settlements.

† *Unmanufactured,* 8 *As. a of* 80 *tolas weight. seer*
Manufactured, 1 *Rupee a seer*
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Statement showing the imports of Tobacco from Jaffna into British Cochin in the undermentioned official years.

Years.	Quantity.	Duty.		
	Cwt.	RS.	A.	P.
1852-3	3,866	1,376	7	3
1853-4...	12,726	6,216	1	7
1854-5	11,311	5,655	10	9
1855-6...	12,105	7,633	0	3
1856-7	18,314	12,819	12	11
1857-8...	14,135	9,894	11	1
1858-9	15,238	11,900	10	5
1859-60...	1,556	4,357	3	10

(Signed) P. GRANT, *Collector.*

1. Resolved, that the above letter be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation, that under existing circumstances, Tobacco imported by land from Mahí be no longer allowed exemption from Customs duties.

2. The Collectors of South Arcot, Tanjore and the Godavery, will be requested to state whether similar protective measures are necessary in their Districts.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th July 1860.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1860, No. 1,157.

1. The Board of Revenue submit, with their recommendation, a letter from the Collector of Malabar representing that in order to avoid evasion of Customs duty, it is necessary to exclude Tobacco from the list of articles exempt from duty on import by land from the French Settlement of Mahí.

2. The Governor in Council fully concurs in the Board's recommendation, and directs that Act X of 1860 shall be held applicable to Tobacco imported by land from Mahí into Malabar.

3. Ordered that the following Notification be published in the Gazette.

NOTIFICATION.

"It is hereby notified, with reference to the Notification of September 28th 1858, at page, 736 of the Official Gazette, that the Honorable the Governor in Council having ordered that Tobacco imported by land into Malabar from the French Settlement of Mahí shall be liable to the duty prescribed by Act X of 1860, that article will be subjected to duty accordingly from the date on which this Notification shall reach the Customs Officers."

3. A copy of this Order and of the Board's Proceedings will be furnished to the Special Agent for Foreign Settlements, with instructions to make His Excellency the Governor of Pondicherry acquainted with the Order and with the reason of it.

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

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No. 1757.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th July 1860.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Malabar with the Board's recommendation that Tobacco imported by land from Mahé be no longer allowed exemption from Customs duties.

(Here enter 5th July 1860 No. 3098)

List
Under order

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9/12th July 1860.

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