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Read the following Papers:—

No. 45. From Lieutenant Colonel C. DAVIDSON, Resident at Hyderabad, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Hyderabad Residency, 30th March 1860, No. 652.

* 1 *From the Resident to the Minister, No. 496, dated 23rd March* 1860.
2 „ *Minister to the Resident, No. 609, dated 27th March* 1860.
3 „ *Resident to the Minister, No. 528, dated 27th March* 1860.
4 „ *Minister to the Resident, No. 634, dated 28th March* 1860.

I have the honor to enclose copies of a correspondence as per margin* with the Minister with reference to a Despatch which I have recently received from the Government of India, directing me to intimate to the Nizam's Government that its claim to levy Transit duty on Salt or other goods of any kind passing through but not imported into or exported from the Hyderabad Territory, cannot be admitted.

Copy of a letter from Colonel DAVIDSON, to Nawáb MUKHTAR UL MULK, Bahádur dated 29th Shaban Hijrí year 1,276, or 24th March 1860, No. 496.

I beg to enclose herein for your inspection and information a letter from the Government of India No. 853, of the 8th March, intimating that the Nizam's Government has no claim to levy Transit duty on Salt or other goods passing by the River Godavery; and trust that you will kindly return the same after your perusal.

Copy of a letter from Nawáb MUKHTAR UL MULK, Bahádur, to Colonel DAVIDSON, dated 3rd Ramzán Hijrí, year 1,276, or 27th March 1860, No. 609.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 296, dated 29th Shaban of the current Hijrí year, accompanied by a despatch from the Government of India declining to admit the claim of the Nizam's Government to levy duty on Salt or other goods of any kind passing by the river Godavery, I have to observe that as per letter from the Madras Government enclosed in your letter No. 1,103, dated the 8th of the month of Suffur of the current year, Captain Stoddard, deputed by the Madras Government to impose duty at 5 per cent. on the goods passing by the Godavery river, had come to the place, and one Húji Darab Jang Bahádur having been sent by the Nizam's Government to meet that Officer, a duty of 5 per cent. was fixed with the joint concurrence of these two Officers to be levied upon goods and all kinds of commodities excepting Salt, and a paper to this effect bearing the signature of Captain Stoddard was handed over to the said Darab Jang Bahádur, and Choukies were established to levy duty at 5 per cent. (Salt excepted). From that time to the present moment, this arrangement has been kept up undisturbed, and no complaint has ever come touching the same. The Zamíndárs and others have levied no Transit duty &c., and will never levy it in future. Should any complaint be preferred in future to the Circar (*i. e.* Nizam's Government) against the said Zamíndárs, they shall be visited with condign punishment.

2. With reference to your observation concerning the Salt duty I have to inform you that during the administration (of the first time) of the late Díwán Soorajúl Mulk Bahádur, a correspondence passed between the two Governments, and it was agreed that the levy of duty on Salt should be continued according to the usual custom of the Nizam's Government in all the localities attached to it. So much so, that this practice is still in force, and duty is levied on Salt in Sado Punch station and other places, according to the custom of the Nizam's Government; and in the same manner the Officers of the Nizam's Government posted in Choukies on the river Godavery, will continue to levy the same on the Salt that passes and repasses by the river Godavery. The original letter is returned herein enclosed.

Copy of a letter from Colonel DAVIDSON, to the Nawáb MUKHTAR UL MULK, Bahádur, dated 3rd Ramzán 1,276, or 27th March 1860, No. 528.

In answer to your letter No. 609 of this day's date on the subject of Transit duties on the river Godavery, I write for your information that it appears that you have not well comprehended the contents of the letters of the Government of India, whose object is this, viz., that no Transit duties be levied *on Salt or other goods of any kind*, in direct adherence to the terms of the Treaty of 1802, which forbids the levying of all and every kind of Transit duty. As there is no mention at all in the letter about the duty on Salt, it may be levied according to the

established usage and Mámúl, excepting on *such Salt and goods as go by this route to other Territories*; the levy of Transit duty thereon by the Officers of the Nizam's Government being quite unlawful and improper.

Copy of a letter from Nawáb MUKHTAR UL MULK, Bahádur, to Colonel DAVIDSON, dated 4th Ramzán Hijrí or, 28th March 1860, No. 634.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date No. 528, on the subject of the levy of duty on the Godavery, intimating (among other things) that it is the intention of the Government of India that no Transit duty be levied on Salt or other goods of any kind, in adherence to the terms of the Treaty concluded in 1802, which expressly forbids the levying of all and every kind of Transit duty, I beg to say that no Transit duty will be levied on such goods or Salt that pass by the river Godavery from one direction of the Territory of the Madras Government to the other direction of that Territory, but a duty will be levied on goods and other articles (excepting Salt) that may be imported into or exported from the Territories of the Nizam Government by the Merchants of the Madras Government, at Rupees 5 per cent. according to the terms of Treaty; and strict Orders have been sent on this subject to the Officers of the Nizam's Government. Should any complaint of levying Transit duty be preferred in future against any Zamíndár, &c., he shall be visited with punishment by this Government.

(True Translations.)

(Signed) SYED SHAH ALY,
Translator.

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1860, No. 708.

Paragraph 1. Copy of this letter, with translations of its enclosures, will be furnished to the Chief Engineer and Captain Stoddard, and to the Board of Revenue with reference to paragraph 3 of their Proceedings dated 11th February 1860, No. 767, and the Proceedings of Government dated April 1860, No.

2. Adverting to the letter from the Secretary to the Government of India with the Governor General, 8th March 1860, No. 852, the Government notice in the present papers that the Nizam's Minister has promised that all goods, including Salt, passing through, but not landing in, His Highness' Territories, shall be free from duty.

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

No. 708.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3d May 1860

Read the following letter from the Resident at Hyderabad

Here enter 30th March 60 No. 652

Communicating correspondence with the Nizam's minister, on a dispatch from the Govt. Genl, regarding exemption from duty of all goods, salt included, passing thro' His Highness' territories.

Ordered, That Copy of this letter, with translate of its enclosures will be furnished to the Chief Engr and Capt Stoddard, and to the Board of Revenue with reference to para 3 of their proceedings dated 11th Feb 60, No. 767, and the Pro: of Govt dated 23d Apl 1860, No. 619.

2 Adverting to the letter from the Secretary to the Govt of India with the Govt: Genl, 8th March 1860, No. 852, the Govt notice in the present papers that the Nizam's minister has

provided that all goods, including salt, passing through but not landing in His Highness' territories, shall be free from duty.

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To
The Board of Revenue Cliff. 4
10 " Chief Engineer 1
1 " Capt J. F. Haddock