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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 897 — Press / Mis.

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Dated 31 - 5 - 1860

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of May 1860.

No. 168. Read the following letter from Messrs. ARBUTHNOT & Co., to T. PYCROFT, Esq. Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 26th May 1860 :—

1. We have the honor to address you regarding certain impediments to which our business in the Northern Division is at present subjected, and the removal of which we desire, at the suggestion of our associate, Mr. John Young, to procure.

2. The Rum which is manufactured at our Sugar Factory at Chittivalsá, and which is shipped to England from the neighbouring Port of Bimlipatam is only admitted there on production of a certain Certificate from the Collector of Customs, and instances have occurred of this Certificate not arriving in England before the Rum to which it referred, much inconvenience and some risk of confiscation being thereby occasioned.

3. The cause of the delay in forwarding these Certificates is the difficulty of our Agent finding time and opportunity to proceed personally to appear before the Collector, who being also the Head Political authority in the District, is often absent in the interior at a great distance, in places difficult of access, and whose habitual head quarters are at a distance of 20 miles.

4. By Act XXIII of 1841, it is prescribed that these Certificates by granted by the "Collector or Assisstant Collector of the Land or the Customs Revenue of any District within "the said Territories, or by any other Officer appointed by the Governor in Council to give "such Certificates."

5. At Bimlipatam, the only Revenue Official is the Sea Custom Thánádár, who is the fittest person to give the Shipping Certificate, as he can ascertain by personal inspection that the casks exported are the indentical ones for which the Land Revenue Certificate (on which his is granted) is produced.

6. It is also a hardship that the Shipper should be obliged to leave his place of business and go in quest of an Officer, who after all, appears less qualified than one on the spot to grant the necessary Certificate.

7. The request, therefore, which we have to prefer is, that the local Officer of Customs be appointed to give these Certificates. At present that Officer is a Thánádár but we understand there is a likelihood of a Deputy Collector being appointed.

8. We should then be able to act in what we are informed by our friends at Home is the regular way, viz., furnish the Captain before sailing with the necessary Certificates for the Rum which formed part of his Cargo.

No. 169. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1860, No. 897.

Referred to the Board of Revenue who will report to Government at an early date, as to he best means of obviating the inconvenience justly complained of by Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co.

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

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We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servants,

For Thomas & Co

Revenue 1860 Dep.t

Pres: of Govt. 31st May.

No 1094.

From Messrs Arbuthnot & Co.

Mis. Pro. 7th June/60.

Dated 26th May 1860.

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Pointing out the difficulties in obtaining a Certificate from the Coll.r of Customs for the Rum shipped to England by their agent at Bimlipatam, and requesting that the Local Officers of Customs may be instructed to grant the Certificate

No 897. 31st May

William Ogilvie

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Fort St. Geo.
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