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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2129 — Press / Mis.

86-87

Dated 7 — 11 — 1861.

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No. 86. Read the following Memorial submitted for the information of the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, Colombo, October 11th, 1861, by the undersigned Tuticorin Traders and Merchants, residing in Colombo, to J. SILVER, Esq., Head Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Colombo, 10th October 1861 :—

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

1. That your Memorialists beg leave to state the following for your honor's kind consideration.

2. That having been given to understand that great irregularities are at present taking place and the great loss and detriment of the Memorialists in the Custom House at Tuticorin in the high valuation put on goods exported from imported into that country by Savidikar Nelleapulle, such high valuation is divided between four persons employed in the Custom House, the Memorialists therefore pray that you will be kindly pleased to appoint a Christian in the place of the Savidikar, as a Hindu will do anything to his interest, because he does not fear God.

3. There is, the Memorialists believe, a case now pending in the Court against the said Savidikar for some irregularity committed by him in the Custom House at Tuticorin.

4. Therefore the Memorialists pray that you will be kindly pleased to institute an enquiry, and that justice be done to the Memorialists by placing the Custom House and the collection of duties in the hands of the Master Attendant or any other Officer, and that proper receipts be granted for amounts paid in the shape of duties, &c.

For which act of kind favor your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) MANUEL DAVOTE MOTHA and 27 others.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1861, No. 2,129.

The Board of Revenue will call upon the Collector to report on the alleged over-valuation of goods at the Tuticorin Custom House. This Department should be placed under the superintendence of the resident Deputy Collector.

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

Signd/ Anthony Xavier Morel Perera
"/ Nicolas Fernando Ktaao
"/ Weagala Moral
"/ Juanis Moral
"/ Thomas Gomes
"/ Rosario Moraitha
"/ Alexandra Moraitha
"/ Manuel Louis Corea
"/ Juanis Xavier Rowelle
"/ Nazareth Mascarenn
"/ Emielantuby Pallegiru
"/ Appavoo Pulle.

True Copy

Signed/ M. L. Matthes

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Stating that great irregula=
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Sarcarkar & Cleapulle
in the valuation of exported
and imported Goods at
Sulteorin and requesting
that the Collector Assistant
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With an order