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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 278. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th December 1861, No. 6,861 :—

Read the following letter from C. COLLETT, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Madras, 20th November 1861, No. 561.

SIR,

With reference to the Order of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October last, No. 5,687, I have the honor to forward copies of letters from the Collectors of Customs, Calcutta* and Bombay,† reporting the practice in regard to the remission of duty on Stationery, &c., imported by Religious Societies. The reply from Calcutta was received only yesterday. I understand from the letter from Bombay that paper for the Auxiliary Bible Society is now subject to duty. It is otherwise at Calcutta.

* Dated 5th November 1861, No. 539.

† Dated 31st October 1861, No. 1,530.

From C. CHAPMAN, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Calcutta, to C. COLLETT, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated 5th November 1861, No. 539.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 516, dated the 19th October 1861, calling for information as to the practice of this Office in regard to the passing of Stationery, Educational Apparatus, and materials imported for Religious Societies.

2. In reply I beg to state, that the Auxiliary Bible Society is the only Religious Society which is allowed the indulgence of a free importation, and that only of *Stationery* under a guarantee of the Society that it is exclusively intended for the purpose of printing the Holy Scriptures. No other Societies are allowed this indulgence, nor are Educational Apparatus and materials, except those that are exempted by Act X of 1860, allowed to be imported free of duty.

From E. L. JENKINS, Esq., Acting Commissioner of Customs, Bombay, to C. COLLETT, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated 31st October 1861, No. 1,530.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 516, dated the 19th instant, with accompaniments.

2. In reply I beg to state that although previous to the passing of Act VII of 1859, articles of the nature mentioned by you were passed free of duty under the authority of the local Government, this practice has been put a stop to, the Government of India having objected to such exemptions, and the said articles are now allowed to be passed only on payment of duty.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) C. COLLETT,
Acting Collector of Sea Customs.

In Cons. 15th October 1861, No. 6,553.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, dated 14th October 1861, No. 1,985, Revenue Department.

2. As it appears that the privilege sought to be obtained at Madras is denied at Calcutta and Bombay, and in the latter place with direct reference to instructions from the Supreme Government, the Board do not desire to maintain their former recommendation.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th December 1861.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1861, No. 2,380.

1. Ordered that the Calcutta practice be followed in all the Customs Houses of this Presidency. Under this practice the Auxiliary Bible Society will continue to be the only Religious Society which is allowed the indulgence of free import and that only of *Stationery* under a guarantee that it is exclusively intended for the purpose of printing the Holy Scriptures. As already observed in the Order of Government, dated 14th October 1861, No. 1,985, the case of the Bible Society is altogether exceptional, the privilege being conceded to that body under the special orders of the Home Government.

2. Ordered that a copy of this Order be furnished to the Committee of the Tract and Book Society and to the Diocesan Committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, in reply to their letters respectively dated 12th and 20th August 1861.

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

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No. 6861.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Sea Customs (with Enclosures) reporting the practice in Calcutta & Bombay in regard to the remission of duty on Stationery &c. imported by Religious Societies, with the Board's remarks thereon —

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