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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th March 1861.

No. 202. Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of Kistna District, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Gudivada, 27th February 1861, No. 9 :—

SIR,

1. Mr. Melville, Acting Head Assistant Collector of this District, having brought to my notice, that he has received several applications from the Superintendent of the Nizam's Frontier Chowky at Khodada, for assistance in preventing smuggling, and that the Superintendent has twice applied to him to send back persons who, having passed the Chowky without examination, had entered our territory, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to obtain the instructions of Government for my guidance in dealing with such applications.

2. The Nizam's Government have appointed an Officer of rank to the post of Superintendent on the Frontier, and appear really anxious to put down the levy of illegal exactions from traders, and it would appear proper for us to aid them in the collection of their just dues ; but at the same time I am doubtful how far the authorities of this District would be justified in intercepting, and sending back traders, who may have evaded the payment of duty on their goods before entering our limits. I solicit the instructions of Government especially as to whether, under any circumstance, a person charged with smuggling by the Nizam's authorities should be arrested in his progress, and if permitted to be arrested, whether he should be sent back to the Custom House to be dealt with there, or whether any and to what extent investigation into the matter should be held by the authorities of this District.

I have requested Mr. Melville, pending the receipt of further instructions, to make inquiry into any case, wherein he may be applied to, and to communicate the result to the Superintendent, but not to send back or to detain the traders.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1861, No. 568.

1. The Acting Collector of Kistna District reports that the Nizam's Superintendent of Frontier Customs has made several applications to his Head Assistant for aid in preventing smuggling, and in particular has twice applied to him to send back persons alleged to have passed the Chowky without examination. Mr. Thornhill asks for instructions as to the course he is to follow in the matter.

2. The Government are unable to authorize the Collector to accede to such applications as those referred to. It is the universal rule that a State shall rely on itself to maintain its own Customs laws; it has no right to apply to an adjoining State for help in doing so.

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

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From the Acting Collector
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understood that no Vessel
shall rely on the Officers of the
Revenue for the performance
of any duty which
they are doing so.

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Application for a Dividend to
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dated 12th March 1861.

Declining to accede
to the application from the
Bengal Supt of Frontier
Customs for aid in preventing
smuggling.

No. 202 to 203.