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4th July 1862.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 51. From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Reporter External Commerce, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 8th June 1855.

SIR,

1. I have the honor with reference to the Minutes of Consultation dated 3rd May 1855, No. 541, to refer to, my letter of the 12th September 1854, where the delay in transmission of the Statements is accounted for. The Establishment alluded to by Government, from the aid of which it is stated the accounts should have been earlier prepared, was sanctioned, not to frame the accounts of 1853-54 but those of 1854-55. Moreover, so far from this Department being chargeable with delay consequent upon the grant of the Establishment it was sanctioned in Minutes of Consultation, dated 10th November 1854, No. 1,457, and was organized to compile the accounts of the *previous* seven months as well as the subsequent five months, and consequently in about five months was required to do the work of twelve. It will complete the accounts of the year within the prescribed period, and with every deference and respect I submit that from no Department of Government is an equal amount of labor demanded. There are 13 Ports, and this Department has therefore the compilation of these Reports and performs the duties which appertain to 13 Officers. Besides its own, I frame the accounts of the following Districts :—

NOTE.—That 123 Statements every month or 1,476 of Imports, as many of Exports, Tonnage and Re-exports to which is added the 13 detailed Statements prepared from these Abstracts, besides the General Statement which includes the whole or 5,960 figured Statements. Besides the Duty on all Articles, which makes 1,490 more, total 6,450. In the accounts now transmitted, this duty has been performed by the Collectors and forms the annual detailed Statements of each Collectorate. In the year's accounts under preparation, the duties above detailed are now being performed by this Department.

Fort Saint George.	Nellore.
Ganjam.	Malabar.
Vizagapatam.	Canara.
Rajahmundry.	Tinnevely.
Southern Division of Arcot.	Madura.
Masulipatam.	
Guntoor.	Total
Tanjore.	13

2. Some of these were sent in the Native languages, and rather than send them back and lose time, I had them translated. These have to be abstracted under heads and countries and thus the whole responsibility and labor of the Trade Reports of the entire Presidency devolves upon me. I have therefore voluntarily undertaken to abstract the returns of 123 Ports, compile the accounts of thirteen Districts, and from them frame the General Statement for the Court of Directors. In fact the whole of the very voluminous accounts transmitted Home, which have attracted the attention of Government and caused a desire to compress them are compiled in my Office.

3. The Honorable Court require no report in their Despatch, and I have no information that it accompanies the Tables at the other Presidencies; this was the reason of its omission. Moreover, information on every point noticed in the report is available on a reference to the Statements.

4. The Frontier Trade Statements are omitted, they form no part of the Tabular Statement transmitted by the Court of Directors.

5. It will afford me much pleasure to attend to any instructions His Lordship in Council may honor me with respecting the preparation of Statements for the Madras Government, but I respectfully submit that, however multifarious the character of the Statements, or, however bulky they may be, there is no alternative, pending further instructions, but to transmit to the Honorable Court the Statements *verbatim et literatim* as directed by that authority, *filling up the forms transmitted by the Court for the purpose*.

6. The Honorable Court have expressed an opinion that the Statements from this Department have been uniformly correctly drawn, and when in their last Despatch they noticed irregularity in those of Calcutta and Bombay, no mention was made of Madras; by which it may reasonably be inferred that the Statements transmitted from hence were not open to exception.

7. I have the honor to forward all the papers required by paragraph 6, and will direct two of the Clerks of the Establishment to attend at such time and place as Government may desire.

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I may, I trust, however, be permitted to remark that their continued absence just now would place me in difficulty.

8. The bulky nature of the accounts may in some measure be accounted for from the distance of the lines apart. I did not overlook this, but after due consideration placed them at that distance, on the ground that being figured Statements, if they were closer there was great danger of erroneous entries, and I considered that compressibility should no way interfere with accuracy.

9. With a view to meet the wishes of Government respecting the bulky nature of the Statements, I transmit a form of Statement, the one for Imports* and the other for Exports,* which will contain all the information given in the various Statements required by the Honorable Court. Thus under the head "Rice," the export of this article from each port to each country is exhibited, and the red ink totals corresponding with the entry in the General Statement.

10. It does not occur to me that the information can be compressed in a smaller compass, and, I may remark that, this is merely a copy of the abstract which must be made to compile the General Statement and which can be framed in no other way.

No. 52. Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1857, No. 546.

Read Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 2nd February 1857.
(Here enter No. 124.)

From Sea Customs 31st July, in Cons. 20th December 1856.
From Chamber of Commerce 21st October, in Cons. 20th December.
From Trade Association 20th Dec. 1856, in Cons. 20th Feb. 1857.
From Agent Mercantile Bank 16th, in Cons. 30th January 1857.
From Collector Sea Customs 2nd, in Cons. 20th February 1857.

Resolved that the papers noted in the margin be submitted to Government, in compliance with the instructions contained in the above Extract Minutes Consultation.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 53. Official Memorandum from J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 6th April 1857, No. 1,031.

From Sea Customs, 22nd Sept. in Cons. 1st October 1855.
From do. 8th Dec. 1855, in Cons. 26th March 1856.

In continuation of their Official Memorandum dated 20th February 1857, No. 546, and with reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation 2nd February 1857, No. 124, the Acting Secretary to Board of Revenue has the honor to forward the papers noted in the margin, relating to the rates of Godown rent and other matters connected with the conduct of business in the Sea Customs Department at Madras.

By Order,

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 54. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 8th May 1857, No. 1,484.

From Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., 6th in Cons. 6th March 1857.
Proceedings to Sea Customs, 6th March 1857.
From do. 9th in Cons. 19th March 1857.
Proceedings to do. 19th March 1857.
From do. 21st March in Cons. 3rd April 1857.
Proceedings to do. 3rd April 1857.
From do. 16th April in Cons. 8th May 1857.
To Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., 8th May 1857.
Proceedings to Sea Customs 8th May 1857.

SIR,

1. I am directed to submit for the information of Government the accompanying correspondence between the Board and Collector of Sea Customs, regarding the confiscation of some acids landed without a special permit from the ship "Constantine."

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2. This vessel was entered inwards on the 27th February and a permit to land cargo was issued to the Commander in the usual form, but with an addition in red ink prohibiting the landing of acids and combustibles without special permission.

3. On the 2nd March the Commander, notwithstanding this notice, landed the acids without a special permit, and they were seized and adjudged to be confiscated by the Collector.

4. On the case coming before them in appeal, the Board entertained doubts whether the Collector's proceedings were legal.

5. The landing of such articles is not prohibited by the Customs Laws in force, the addition to the permit (the contravention of which led to the seizure) is not authorized by the rules and has not been expressly sanctioned by Government, and the acids were landed openly without any attempt to evade the Customs duties.

6. These considerations led the Board to question the legality of the confiscation, and the case was ultimately laid before the Officiating Advocate General.

Dated 14th April 1857, enclosure 3 in No. 1,356.
From Sea Customs 16th April, in Cons. 8th May 1857.

7. Mr. Dale (as Government will perceive from the copy of his opinion which accompanies this letter) considers the act

perfectly legal, and the Board have accordingly confirmed it, considering it necessary by every lawful means to prevent the unrestricted landing of articles of so dangerous a nature.

8. Mr. Dale however has also expressed an opinion that it would be advisable to have Rules formally passed by Government under Section XXIX of Act VI of 1844, and as a revision of the existing code is under preparation in the Government Office, the Board instruct me to submit the correspondence for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with a view to a rule prohibiting the landing of combustible articles without a special permit being introduced therein if such a measure should be deemed necessary, until Act XXII of 1855 comes into operation as it will do in August next.

From Sea Customs, 12th April in Cons. 15th May 1856.
From Advocate General 19th May in Cons. 3rd June 1856.
To Government 3rd June 1856.
From do. 17th June 1856, No. 629, Revenue Department.
From do. 13th December 1856, No. 1,312, Revenue Department.

9. The exportation of such articles from England formed the subject of the correspondence noted in the margin.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1862, No. 1,453.

1. These papers relate to information submitted by the Reporter of External Commerce and the Board of Revenue, for the revision of the Sea Customs accounts and for the preparation of a Manual prescribing rules for the conduct of business in the several Departments of the Sea Custom House entrusted to Jayaram Chetty when he was employed in the Government Office. Jayaram Chetty having in 1858 obtained temporary promotion in the Accountant General's Office, the Government authorized him to continue the revision under the orders of the Secretary to Government, and to retain for the purpose a portion of the temporary Establishment previously authorized at a monthly cost of Rupees 67. Jayaram Chetty was afterwards appointed Head Seristhadar of the Board of Revenue, and the temporary Establishment attached to him was placed at Mr. Pelly's disposal for the general revision of Revenue Establishments. There is no information on the Records of Government as to what progress has been made in the revision of the Sea Customs accounts and the preparation of the Manual by Jayaram Chetty.

2. The Government have, however, in their Order dated 18th March 1861, No. 627, sanctioned the proposal to publish a "Sea Customs Guide" compiled by the Collector of Sea Customs with the assistance of his Manager, and revised and approved by the Board of Revenue, and thus the necessity for a separate Manual prepared by Jayaram Chetty has ceased. Under

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these circumstances the papers above recorded will be sent to the Board of Revenue, so that they may make use of the information therein contained, and they will be requested to report how far the preparation of the Customs Guide and Manual of Accounts has progressed.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

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Under date the 16th June 1862

Read the following papers.

From the Reporter External Commerce

Affording information on points
as to the External Commerce of the
5th May 1855 N^o 541. and forward
to the documents called for
same. Transmitted for
reference which may probably
the desire of Government to
the statements.

Here enter 8th June 1855 N^o 541

From the Secy of the B^y Rev.

Submitting Papers relating
subject of Rules for the com.
of business in the sea
House.

Here enter 20th Feb 1857 N^o 545

From the Secy to the
Board of Revenue -

Forwarding certain papers
relating to the rates of Godown rent
their matters connected with
conduct of business in the sea
House Department at Madras.

Here enter 6th April 1857 N^o 1031

From the Secy to the B^y Rev.

Submitting Correspondence
regarding the confiscation of
some Goods landed without a
permit from the ship Consular
officer suggesting the introduction of
rule prohibiting the landing of
immovable Articles without a
special permit in the revised Code
of Rules relating to the internal
management of the sea Custom
House.

Here enter 8th May 1857 N^o 1484

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Reporter of External Commerce

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G.O. dt 20th Apr/54. C.A. 1501.
 " 27th July/55. " 253
 " 27th /57. " 124.

G.O. dt 1st June/58. C.A. 725

G.O. 27th Apr 1859.

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Abraham Lincoln
President

John

Chapman

The remaining ones
are deposited by me
with the B^y Association
to Christ Mr. Selby.

George R. 275

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of 14th & Aug 1862.

Pro: of Dec. 13th & 18th 1862
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Having orders on
certain papers furnishing
information for the revision
of the Sea Customs Accounts
and for the preparation of
rules for conducting business
with the several departments
of the Sea Customs House.

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