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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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o. 508, Read the following letter from the Honorable T. C. GIBSON, Colonial Secretary to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Colombo, 10th December 1861, No. 85 :—

SIR,

With reference to the annexed copy of a letter from the Government Agent at Jaffna, I am ected to request that you will, with the permission of the Honorable the Governor of Madras Council, furnish the information therein required.

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om P. A. DYKE, Esq., Government Agent, to the Honorable T. C. GIBSON, Colonial Secretary, Colombo, dated Jaffna, 25th November 1861, No. 202.

SIR,

I have the honor to request that the following information may be obtained from the adras Government :—

What is now the rate of duty on Tobacco imported from Jaffna into any Port under the Government of Madras ?

Whether there is now any tax on Tobacco grown in the territories of that Government.

Also assuming that there is not any such tax.

Whether, when the import duty was imposed, it was not intended that there should be a tax of corresponding amount on all Tobacco grown in the country ; and a part only of the original plan, viz., the imposition of an import duty has been carried t, and the remaining part, viz., the establishment of a tax on the local produce has not been, ether is there any probably of the rate of import duty being lowered.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) T. C. GIBSON,
Colonial Secretary to Government.

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o. 509. Official Memorandum from C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 17th January 1862.

The Collector of Sea Customs begs to forward the Statement called for in a Memorandum n the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 11th instant, No. 10.

Statement of Manufactured and Unmanufactured Tobacco Imported from and Exported to Ceylon to and from the Madras Territories during the last five years.

	Imports.			Export.	
		Manufactured Tobacco.			
		V. Rs.	Duty. Rs. A. P.		V. Rs.
1856-57	No. 23,850	405 at 5 per cent.	20 4 0	No. 40,650	235 at 10 per cent.
1857-58	,, 61,500	735 do.	36 12 0	,, 2,87,509	1,486 do.
1858-59	,, 2,78,000	6,911 do.	345 8 10	,, 3,91,750	1,856 do.
1859-60	,, 1,73,000 lbs. 16	4,361 at 20 per cent.	872 3 2	,, 3,04,250	1,923 at 3 per cent.
1860-61	,, 24	80 at 1 Rupee per seer	12 0 0	lbs. 2,388	875 Free
		Unmanufactured Tobacco.			
1856-57	lbs. 21,24,830	2,65,234 at 5 & 10 per cent.	14,146 9 2	lbs. 1,08,150	10,770 at 10 per cent.
1857-58	,, 17,17,791	2,14,050 at 5 per cent.	10,702 8 0	,, 59,381	3,604 do.
1858-59	,, 32,56,123	2,39,677 at 5 & 20 per cent.	13,376 7 3	,, 50,710	3,102 do.
1859-60	,, 2,34,327	28,741 at 20 per cent.	4,842 9 10	,, 35,899	2,361 at 3 per cent.
1860-61	,, 3,314	415 at 8 As. per seer	806 0 0	,, 1,38,879	8,745 Free

(Signed) C. J. SHUBRICK, *Collector of Sea Customs.*

(True Copies.)

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th February 1862.

Ordered that the following letters be despatched.

No. 510. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Colonial Secretary, Colombo, dated 26th February 1862, No. 415.

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 10th December 1861, No. 85, and to supply you with the information therein requested regarding the duty on Jaffna Tobacco imported into this Presidency.

Manufactured, 1 Rupee per Seer of 80 Tolas (Rupees) weight.
Unmanufactured, ½ Rupee per do. do.

2. The Import duties on Foreign Tobacco are shown in the margin.

3. There is no special tax on Tobacco grown in the Madras Territories, but there is a general Land Tax or Assessment to which lands on which Tobacco is grown are subject in common with others.

4. When the Import duties on Foreign Tobacco were raised to their present amount the Government of India contemplated the special taxation of indigenous Tobacco, but such a measure was and is quite out of the question in this Presidency.

5. The effect of the high duty on the Import of American Tobacco has lately been brought under the notice of the Supreme Government, and this Government have stated that a duty of 10 per cent. *ad valorem* is as much as the article will bear. Your letter under reply will be forwarded to the Government of India in support of the views expressed by this Government.

6. The Tobacco of Ceylon will of course be admitted on the same terms as other Foreign Tobacco, but the determination of the rates of Customs duties on all articles rests with the Imperial Government.

No. 511. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 19th February 1862, No. 416:—

SIR,

1. With reference to Mr. Master's letter, dated 9th January 1862, No. 35, I am directed to forward copy of a letter from the Government of Ceylon regarding the duty on Jaffna Tobacco imported into this Presidency, together with the reply of this Government and a Statement of the Imports of that article for five years.

2. It will be seen that the present high rate of duty has had the same effect in Ceylon as on American Tobacco.

Revenue Dept.

No. 415

To,

The Colonial Secretary
Colombo.

Sir;

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 10th December 1867 No. 85, and to supply you with the information therein requested regarding the duty on Jaffna tobacco imported into this Presidency.-

Manufactured	1 Rupee per Seer of 80 Tolas (Bazar) weight.-	
Unmanufactured	1/2 Rupee per do do-	

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From Sir. Geo. C
26th July 1862

to Copies to the Govt of India

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No. 416.

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To,

The Secretary to the
Govt. of India.

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Revenue 1862 Sept 16
No 20 of Govt for Revy
Dated 16th Sept 1862.

To the Colonial Secy:
at Colombo.

Sir,

I am directed to forward
for the information of
Council, regarding the duty
on Jaffna Tobacco
imported into Ceylon,
a letter from the Colonial
Secy: to Govt dated 26th Augt 62
No 1289 with

To the Colonial Secy: Colombo.

Relative to the duty
on Jaffna Tobacco.

No 508 at 510.

Transmitting Ceylon
Govt. the information re-
quired regarding the duty
on Jaffna Tobacco
imported into Ceylon
from Jaffna.

Despatched
1 Oct

25/9/62

^ the reply of the
Govt. and

From Govt. of Ceylon
Colonial Secy's Office
Colombo 26th August 1862.

Sir,

I am directed by the Governor to transmit to you, for the information of the Government of India, a Return showing the Quantity of Jaffna Tobacco imported into Ceylon from Jaffna during the last five years, and the Duty levied thereon.

I have &c

(Signed) C. Layard
Colonial Secretary.

Jaffna Tobacco imported into Ceylon from Jaffna during the last five years, and the Duty levied thereon.

Year	Quantity	Duty
1857	1,000,000 lbs	£ 50,000
1858	1,200,000 lbs	£ 60,000
1859	1,400,000 lbs	£ 70,000
1860	1,600,000 lbs	£ 80,000
1861	1,800,000 lbs	£ 90,000

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To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India.
Dy 26th February 62

Transmitting Copy of
letter from Ceylon Govt.
together with reply of this
Government regarding
duty on Jaffna Tobacco.

No 511.

Copy of Letter from Ceylon Govt. dated 5th Feb. 1862 No 511 regarding the duty on Jaffna Tobacco

Copy of Letter from Ceylon Govt. dated 5th Feb. 1862 No 511 regarding the duty on Jaffna Tobacco