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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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. 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.		
			V. Rs.	Duty.		V. Rs.	Duty.
							Rs. A. P.
Manufactured Tobacco.							
1856-57	No.	23,850	405	at 5 per cent. 20 4 0	40,650	235 at 10 per cent.	23 8 0
1857-58	,,	61,500	735	do. 36 12 0	2,87,509	1,486 do.	148 10 0
1858-59	,,	2,78,000	6,911	do. 345 8 10	3,91,750	1,856 do.	185 10 0
1859-60	,,	1,73,000 lbs. 10	4,361	at 20 per cent. 872 3 2	3,04,250	1,923 at 3 per cent.	57 11 0
1860-61	,,	24	80	at 1 Rupee per seer 12 0 0	2,383	875 Free	
Unmanufactured Tobacco.							
1856-57	lbs.	21,24,830	2,65,234	at 5 & 10 per cent. 14,146 9 2	1,08,150	10,770 at 10 per cent.	1,077 0 0
1857-58	,,	17,17,791	2,14,050	at 5 per cent. 10,702 8 0	59,381	3,604 do.	260 6 0
1858-59	,,	32,56,123	2,39,677	at 5 & 20 per cent. 13,376 7 3	50,710	3,102 do.	310 3 4
1859-60	,,	2,34,327	28,741	at 20 per cent. 4,842 9 10	35,899	2,361 at 3 per cent.	70 13 3
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 16-

No. 415

To,

The Colonial Secretary
to Govt.

Sir;

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 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 Solars (Std) weight.-	2 The Import duties on Foreign Tobaccos are as shown in the margin.-
Unmanufactured	1/2 Rupee per Do Do-	

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

subject in common with others -

4. When the Import duties on Foreign Tobacco were raised to the present amount the Govt of India contemplated the Special taxation of Indigenous Tobacco but such a measure was given out of the question in this Presidency -

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Fort St. George
26th July 1862.

To Secy to the Govt of India

Revenue Sept.

No. 416.
No. 4.16.

To,
The Secretary to the
Govt. of India.

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Mr. Masters' letter dated
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From Lt. Govr. &
Co. Colombo Dy 26 Feb. 62
Rec. 12 Mch 62

To The Colonial Secy. Colombo.

Relative to the duty
on Jaffna Tobacco.

Revenue 1862 No. 416
Govt. of Fort St. Geo.
Dated 4 Feb. 62.

From Colonial Secy's
Co. Colombo Dy 26 Feb. 62
Rec. 12 Mch 62

Transmitting Ceylon
Govt. Notification, re-
quiring, regarding the duty
on Jaffna Tobacco
imported into Ceylon.

No. 508 at 5/0.

Despatched
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23 Feb 1862

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Pro: of Govt. for 4th Oct.

No 416.

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.

Regarding the duty on
Jaffna Tobacco

Copy of Letter
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