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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 564

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th March 1862.*

No. 225. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th February 1862,
No. 1,052:—

Read the following letter from P. GRANT, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to W. HUDLESTON,
Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Calicut, 27th January 1862,
No. 16.

SIR,

Dated 25th January 1843.

1. By a letter from Mr. Davies, the then Collector of South Arcot in charge of the Special Agent's Office, I find that grain imported from the Company's territory for the *bond fide* consumption of the inhabitants of the French Settlement of Mahe, is to be admitted free, on condition of a guarantee being given for the payment of the authorized duty on whatever portion may be exported by sea from the latter place.

2. The authorities at Mangalore refuse to act in conformity with the above privilege, and demand duty on all grain imported to Mahe. They are probably unaware of the sanction referred to above, or it may not have been the intention of the Indian Government to extend it to imports into Mahe by sea. Should there, however, be no objection to the step, it will be a great privilege to the inhabitants of Mahe to be allowed to import grain from Mangalore. It is abundant and cheap there, whereas in Malabar, although not scarce, it is not superabundant, and it is also high-priced. The French people have been in the habit of importing grain to the British Indian Port Kalai, on the north bank of the Mahe river, almost opposite to the town; but the landing of it at our Sea Custom House, and its subsequent carriage into Mahe, raise the price so much, that there is very little to be gained by the proceeding. The present Governor of Mahe has addressed me on the subject of the import of grain, and gives his assurance (a sufficient guarantee in itself) that the interests of the British Indian Government shall not be trenchd on.

3. An early reply will oblige, as the season is advancing, and it is of importance to take advantage of the fair weather.

1. The Board observe that the order quoted by Mr. Grant referred to Land Customs only, and that the question of extending it to imports by sea from British Indian Ports into the French Settlement of Pondicherry is now under the consideration of Government, to whom Mr. Grant's letter will be submitted, in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st August 1831, No. 4,135, copy of which will be communicated to the Collector.

2. Should Government think proper to concede any privileges to Pondicherry, they will of course be extended to Mahe.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 226. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1862, No. 564.

The Board are requested to state whether the concession sought might not safely be granted on the conditions stated in paragraph 3 of the letter of the Collector of South Arcot to them, dated 24th June 1861, No. 103.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Malabar,

with copy of Board's Proceedings of 1st August 1861.

Exd. J. Wright,

Jan 4. November/1862 No 34-35

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No. 492.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 14th February 1862.
Despatched, 20th
Received, 21st.

From the Board of Revenue,
20th April 1862. No 1103 in the
6th May 62. No 983.

No. 1032.

Submitting in continuation of former Pro-
ceedings a letter from the Collector of Malabar
regarding the free importation of grain for the
consumption of the inhabitants of the French
Settlement of Malé.

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