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No. 138. Read the following letter from Captain H. MACKENZIE, Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Nagpore, 15th March 1862, No. 1 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to your letter, No. 1,707, dated the 26th August last, to the address of the Commissioner of Nagpore, transmitting copies of the papers noted on the margin,* and bringing to notice the levy of illegal tolls from Brinjaries by the Zamindárs between the Coast and the Cotton growing Districts of Nagpore, I have the honor, under instructions from Lieutenant-Colonel Spence, in charge of the Office of the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a copy of the letter addressed on the subject to the Deputy Commissioner of the Godavery Districts No. 866/49, dated 7th September 1861, together with a copy of that Officer's reply thereto, No. 43, dated the 17th ultimo, and received on the 11th instant, from which it will be seen, that the Rájás of Bustar and Kalahundy positively deny the levy of any duty on Cotton passing through their respective territories.

* Letter from Collector of Vizagapatam to Board of Revenue, 22nd July 1861, No. 768.
Proceedings Board of Revenue, 9th August 1861, No. 4310.
Orders of Government, 26th August 1861, No. 1,706.

2. Captain Glasford, the Deputy Commissioner of the Godavery Districts was about to visit the Dependencies of Bustar and Kalahundy, when he would make full inquiry on the subject, and a copy of any further information which he may furnish to this Office shall be communicated to you.

Copy of a letter No. 866/49, dated 7th September 1861, from Judicial Commissioner in charge of Commissioner's Office Nagpore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Godavery Districts, Sirancha.

1. I have the honor to transmit for your information a printed copy of a letter, No. 1,707, under date the 26th ultimo, received from the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, together with a copy of the papers therein noted, and with reference to what is stated by the Collector of Vizagapatam respecting the levy of illegal tolls from Brinjary traders carrying cotton to the Coast, by the Zamindárs of Bustar, Kalahundy, &c., I solicit the favor of your obtaining as full details as possible on the subject, and submitting a report, showing what tolls or duties are levied by the Zamindárs in question, at what places, for what purpose and under what authority; how long the custom has existed, and whether the Brinjaries receive protection or any sort of assistance in lieu of such demands.

2. It would be advantageous if you could at the same time give a tolerably correct estimate of the number of Brinjary bullocks which annually pass to the Coast by the route alluded to, from Raepore, or any other part of the Province.

Copy of a letter No. 43, dated 17th February 1862, from Deputy Commissioner Godavery Districts, to Officiating Secretary to Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces.

1. With reference to a letter No. 866, dated 7th September 1861, to my address from Lieutenant-Colonel Elliot, then Commissioner of Nagpore, transmitting copies of the papers marginally noted, and requesting full information respecting the levy of illegal tolls from Brinjaries conveying cotton to the Coast, by the Zamindárs of the Bustar and Kalahundy, I have the honor to report that on the receipt of the above letter I addressed communications to the above Zamindárs on the subject. I received the Rájá of Bustar's reply some time back representing that he levied no tolls on cotton. It also appeared on subsequent enquiry that, that article is never exported from the Cotton growing Districts of Nagpore through Bustar, and that, but a very small quantity was imported from Chandah for consumption in that dependency.

From the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Commissioner of Nagpore, No. 1,707, dated 26th August, together with the papers therein noted.

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2. The Rájá of Kalahundy's reply was only received yesterday, he states that although he used to levy an import duty on salt, cloth and tobacco, and an export duty on lac, wax, ral and turmeric; cotton and all descriptions of grain passed free. He further states that he has entirely discontinued the levy of export and import duties consequent on instructions received from Raepore about two years ago. On my visiting this Dependency I shall make personal enquiries regarding these matters and strictly prohibit the levy of illegal tolls.

3. I will, with reference to the 2nd paragraph of the letter under repl., submit an estimate of the number of Brinjary bullocks which annually pass to and from the Coast, of the different exports and imports, and the routes they frequent, together with any information I may be able to collect in that Dependency.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) A. M. RUSSELL, *Superintendent.*

No. 139.

ORDER THEREON, 8th April 1862, No. 784.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Order of Government, dated 26th August 1861, No. 1,706. Any further information that may be furnished by the Chief Commissioner, as promised in paragraph 2 of this letter, will be forwarded to the Board.

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

