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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th July 1864.

No. 71. Read the following letter from E. H. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 10th June 1864, No. 774 ;—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 707 of the 23rd April, to the address of the Secretary to Government in the Home Department, submitting the details of the proposed arrangements for removing the existing fiscal restrictions upon the trade between British Territory and the Native States of Travancore and Cochin.

2. In reply I am directed to state that the Governor General in Council approves of the terms of the agreement with the Rajah of Cochin as enumerated under eleven heads in the fortieth paragraph of the Resolution of the Government of Madras No. 707 of the same day's date.

3. With regard, however, to the conditions in the arrangement with Travancore, I am instructed to inform you that His Excellency in Council is not prepared to assent to the exceptions stipulated for by the Dewan of that State in respect either the retention of Import Duty on raw and manufactured Cotton and crude and manufactured Metal whether British Indian or foreign (including English) which have paid Duty at a British Indian Port or have been exempted from Duty on exportation from thence, or of the reservation of the right to levy heavy export duties on every article of its own produce whithersoever exported.

4. The effect of the first of these exceptions would be to place the great British staples of Piece Goods and Metals under a disadvantage when they were imported into Travancore, notwithstanding that all articles of Travancore produce or manufacture and all foreign articles re-exported from Travancore Ports would be admitted Duty free into British Indian Ports, and the effect of the second would be to enable the Travancore Government to levy high export duties at the cost of British interests, because if Import Duty were charged in British Indian Ports on such exports, the Travancore Government could not charge such high rates of Export Duty.

5. I am accordingly desired to request that it may be suggested to the Travancere Government to re-consider the proposals which were made to it.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1864, No. 1,156.

Separate Revenue No. 26.
Customs.

1. Ordered that the above letter be communicated to the Board of Revenue and the Resident of Travancore and Cochin

2. In making known the Resolution of the Governor General in Council to the Rajah of Cochin, Mr. Newill will express to His Highness the satisfaction which the Governor in Council experiences in the removal of all fiscal restrictions on the trade between the territories of His Highness and British India. This desirable result is owing in a very great degree to the enlightened spirit in which the Cochin State considered the proposals of Government.

3. Mr. Newill will further draw His Highness' attention to the propositions contained in paragraphs 36 to 39 of the Proceedings of Government, dated 23rd April last. The Governor in Council does not doubt that His Highness will readily assent to these arrangements and thus fully carry out the proposed reform. The Government attach great importance to these measures, and feel assured that His Highness will at once see the advantages which will result from them.

4. On receiving intimation of His Highness' assent, application will be made to the Supreme Government for the necessary declaration under Section XII of the Consolidated Customs Act and also for an Act for the levy of Duty on Cochin Coffee exported from British Cochin, unless His Highness is willing to exempt the latter article and in consideration of this concession placing a somewhat higher assessment on Cotton lands.

5. Mr. Newill will arrange, in communication with the Board of Revenue, for returns of the trade and Custom receipts, with reference to Clauses 8, 9, 10 of paragraph 40 of the Proceedings of Government dated 23rd April last.

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6. Mr. Newill will communicate the views of the Governor General in Council to the Rajah of Travancore, and suggest to His Highness a re-consideration of the proposals of this Government as well as tender his assistance and advice. The anxiety which His Highness has always displayed for the welfare of his subjects, leads the Governor in Council to hope that measures so well calculated to increase the prosperity of his country will meet with His Highness' earnest consideration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Resident of Travancore and Cochin.
,, the Political Department.
,, the Collector of Malabar.
,, T. Clarke, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1156. 5th July 64

Ordered that the above letter be copied in the Book and the Resident of Travancore and Cochin be informed that the Government have been pleased to direct that the Rajah of Cochin be requested to appoint a Commissioner to confer with the Commissioner appointed on the part of the Rajah of Travancore on the subject of the transfer to the Cochin Government of the territories of the Rajah of Cochin

This desirable result is owing in a very great degree to the early steps in which the Colonial State has considered the proposals of Govt.

Mr. Neville will give the House Mr. Hawkins' details of the proposition contained in pages 36 & 39 of the Pros: of Feb. 23 April last. and will state to the House

The principles on which Mr. H. has acted in framing his Bill.

The Bill as originally introduced was framed on the principle of the Act of 1842 for the Sale of Waste Lands of the Crown in the Australian Colonies, which provides that the Land Revenue of the Colonies shall be appropriated to the purposes of Emigration, and that the Land Fund shall be applied to the purchase of Land in the Colonies, and to the Passage of Emigrants from the United Kingdom to the Colonies.

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On receiving information of Mr. H's intended application to the House of Assembly for the necessary declaration under the 14th & 15th Vict. cap. 64 for the purpose of enabling the Colonial Legislature to alter the Act for the Sale of Waste Lands of the Crown in the Colony of New South Wales, Mr. H. was desirous of obtaining the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown as to the power of the Colonial Legislature to alter the Act of 1842 in the manner proposed by Mr. H.

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