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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 12. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated Simla, 7th October 1864, No. 316.

Read the following letter from H. M. DURAND, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, (Foreign Department—Revenue), to the Commissioner for the Government of the Territories of His Highness the Maharajah of Mysore, dated Simla, the 7th October 1864, No. 315.

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 16th August last, No. 1,631-60, explaining why a transit duty was levied on the timber of the Wynad, and what it would cost to give up all the duties levied between Madras and Mysore.

2. The report submitted by you shows that the timber duty is only one Rupee per bandy load. But it is not so much the duty itself as the vexation and delay which its levy entails that is objectionable. The Governor General in Council directs the abolition of this duty absolutely without any condition. The Conservator of the Mysore forest will dispose of its timber with due regard to its market value, and the officer in charge of the forests in Madras will act similarly in respect to the timber of those forests.

3. The duties levied on the commerce between Madras and Mysore amount to Rs. 4,43,147 per annum. This is a considerable sum; but considering that Madras levies no similar duties on its frontier or on its produce, and bearing in mind the intimate relations of the British Government with Mysore, and that this Government bears all the cost of the pensions of the English officers employed in Mysore, His Excellency in Council directs the relinquishment of these duties also.

4. The moderate duties levied on the sea board of Madras have nothing to do with the present question; His Excellency in Council does not think that Mysore has any claim to share in the revenue derived from these duties, founded on the analogy of the German Zollverein.

5. With reference to the reform and reduction in the excise and transit duties of Mysore, I am directed by the Governor General in Council to state that you have done well, you have no doubt relieved the industry of the country considerably, and given a stimulus to its trade; and His Excellency in Council hopes that you will go still further hereafter. His Excellency in Council does not think that such articles as those noted in the margin ought to pay duty. His Excellency in Council does not see how chillies and pepper can be deemed luxuries; if they are so, they are almost the only ones the poorer classes enjoy; they are really the condiments which they eat with their food.

Piece goods, Silk.
Cocoanuts dry and fresh.
Chillies.
Pepper.

Copy forwarded to the Madras Government with reference to their Secretary's letter, No. 876, dated 23rd May last.

(Signed) H. M. DURAND,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1864, No. 2,009.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Customs.

Ordered to be communicated to the Acting Conservator of Forests and the Board of Revenue for their information and for communication to the officers employed in the Districts adjoining the Mysore territory.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Acting Conservator of Forests.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Political Department.

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Pepper

Simla
The 7th October
1864

I have &c.
(Sd) H. M. Durand
Sec. to the Govt of India

No. 310.

Copy forwarded to the Madras Government with reference to their Secretary's letter No. 876 dated 23d May last.

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Revenue
The 7th October
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(Sd) H. M. Durand
Sec. to the Govt of India

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Dated 7th Octr
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No. 316.

Forwarding copy
of a letter addressed to
the Commissioner of Mysore
directing the abolition
of the transit duty levied
on the timber of the Wynaad

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