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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th April 1864.*

No. 183. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Political Department:—

Communicating a letter from Government of India, requesting
observance of the rule laid down by Home Government
regarding the question whether American vessels of war
should be allowed the privilege of buying supplies duty
free. } (Here enter 1st April 1864, No. 118.)

No. 184. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1864, No. 607.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Political Department, No. 118.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
1st April 1864.*

No. 4. Read the following letter from C. U. AITCHISON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 11th March 1864, No. 290.

Foreign Department.
Political.

I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward to you the accompanying copy of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, under date the 23rd January last, No. 3, regarding the question whether American vessels of war should be allowed the privilege of buying supplies, duty free, and to request the observance of the rule laid down by the Home authorities on this point.

Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, dated India Office, London, 23rd January 1864, No. 3.

With reference to the inquiry contained in the letter of your Excellency's Government, dated 8th September (No. 33) 1863, "whether the privilege of buying supplies, duty free, may be granted to American vessels of war visiting any Indian Port," I now transmit for your

• Dated 26th October 1863.

† Dated 29th December 1863, with enclosure.

Excellency's information copy of a letter which, on the receipt of the communication under reply, I caused to be addressed to the Foreign Office, together with the reply† which it elicited: and I have to instruct your Excellency's Government to cause the rule indicated in Mr. Elliot's letter to be observed in the ports of the territories subject to your jurisdiction.

From H. MERIVALE, Esq.; to the Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office, United India Office, 26th October 1863.

I am directed by Sir C. Wood to transmit to you, for submission to Earl Russell, the annexed

India Foreign letter, 8th September, No. 33, 1863.

letter with enclosures recently received from the Government of India, and to request that His Lordship may be moved to favor Sir C. Wood with his opinion as to the reply to be given to the Viceroy in Council on the question raised, namely, "whether the privilege of buying supplies, duty free, may be granted to American vessels of war visiting any Indian Port."

From E. HAMMOND, Esq.; to the Under Secretary of State, India Office, dated Foreign Office, 29th December 1863.

With reference to your letter of the 26th of October last, I am directed by Earl Russell to inform you that His Lordship has been in communication with the Colonial Office with regard to the question of the purchase, by vessels of war belonging to the United States, of supplies, duty free, and I am now to transmit to you, to be laid before the Secretary of State for India in Council, a copy of a letter on this subject from the

December 23rd, 1863.

Colonial Office, and to suggest that instructions in accordance therewith should be addressed to the Indian Government.

From T. F. ELLIOT, Esq.; to E. HAMMOND, Esq., &c., &c., &c., dated Downing Street, 22nd December 1863.

I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to acknowledge your letter of the 10th ultimo, reverting to the question of the purchase, by vessels of war belonging to the United States, of supplies, duty free, and requesting to be informed of the practice hitherto observed on this question in Her Majesty's Colonial possessions.

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1st April 1864.

2. I am desired to acquaint you in answer that there is no uniform practice on this point established by regulation from Home throughout the whole of the British Colonies. Each Colony may possess laws and regulations of its own upon the subject. The Duke of Newcastle apprehends that the only general instruction which could conveniently be addressed to the Governors would be that, in any Colony where the purchase, duty free, of articles required for ships' use is allowed to the vessels of war belonging to other nations, the same advantage is equally to be allowed to those belonging to the United States: but that no special privilege is to be granted to these last, nor any distinction made between them and the national ships of other countries.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) C. U. AITCHISON,

*Under Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Foreign Department.*

ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1864, No. 118.

Communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

H. J. Tulloch
Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Exl. J. Tulloch

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Proceeding of
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