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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 141. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, (Financial Department), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, the 19th October 1865, No. 2,996 :—

1. I am directed to enquire whether the Government of Madras considers that an early revision of the Tariff of valuations of articles subject to *ad valorem* duties of Customs is now requisite.

2. I am also to request the opinion of the Government of Madras whether a separate Tariff should be made for each Presidency, or one for all India as recommended by the Tariff Committee of 1860, in the following paragraphs of their Report :—

* G. O. 10th December 1860, No. 2,361.

15. "The next question upon which the Committee were directed to report "was the feasibility or otherwise of constructing an uniform Tariff for all India.

16. "After a careful consideration of the subject, they are of opinion that "such a Tariff is both feasible and desirable.

17. "Mr. Spooner brought with him from Bombay a Tariff prepared for the "occasion, in communication with the mercantile community of Bombay, and in "comparing it with what they considered fair average values at this port, the Com- "mittee find that except as regards some few unimportant articles, no substan- "tial difference exists between the Market rates ordinarily ruling at the two "Presidencies. With respect to those items regarding which any great difference "was apparent, they found on close enquiry that it arose generally from the fact "of their being articles of considerable trade at the one port, and of merely "nominal import and export at the other.

18. "It has been asserted on previous occasions, that the valuations which "are suitable for Bombay and Calcutta cannot be considered sufficient for Madras, "where the Market rates are higher. The Committee attach no importance what- "ever to such an assertion ; it seems to them unreasonable to suppose that any real "or permanent difference can exist between the prices of articles of considerable "trade, ruling at two ports within a few days' distance of one another. If any "difference does ever exist, it either arises from some exceptional and extraordi- "nary demand for a particular commodity, or from the insignificance of the trade. "The Committee, however, believe that there is never any great discrepancy "between the Market rates at Madras and Calcutta.

19. "The Committee have the honor accordingly to submit, for the approval "of Government, an Import and Export Tariff for all India, the adoption of which "will, they are satisfied, secure to Government its just dues, and at the same time "remove all reasonable grounds of complaint."

3. An early answer is requested.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

1*st November* 1865.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th November 1865.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1865, No. 2,739.

Separate Revenue, No. 5.
Customs.

1. Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for report, after communication with the Collector of Sea Customs and Chamber of Commerce.

2. Copy will be furnished to the Board of the Statement prepared in the Government Office with reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th September and 7th November 1864, shewing the present and proposed Tariff values, and the Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay market values of the principal articles in regard to which Mr. Blair proposed a change last year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Articles.		Present Tariff value.			Proposed Tariff value.			Madras. Market value.			Calcutta. Market value.			Bombay. Market value.		
		Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P	Rs	A	P
Imports.																
Betel-nut	per cwt	4	8	"	7	"	"	7	"	"	8	14	"	10	"	"
Camphor, Crude or Powder	"	36	"	"	75	"	"	75	"	"	48	8	"	67	"	"
Cardamoms Sml ds, Bastard	"	70	"	"	35	"	"	35	"	"	30	"	"	72	"	"
do True	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	160	"	"	"	"	"
Cocoanuts	per 1,000	25	"	"	35	"	"	38	"	"	20 32	"	"	42	"	"
Fireworks, China Rose of 183 1/3 lbs		20	"	"	35	"	"	35	"	"	25	"	"	36	"	"
Pepper, Long	per cwt	16	"	"	40	"	"	45	"	"	14	8	"	42	"	"
Rattans-Malacca	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	7	8	"	"	"	"
do Country	"	6	"	"	9	"	"	9	"	"	5	8	"	12	"	"
Tar-American	per Barrel	12	"	"	16	"	"	16	"	"	15	"	"	14	"	"
do - Swedish	"	14	"	"	18	"	"	18	"	"	16	8	"	17	"	"
China cash	per cwt	30	"	"	40	"	"	40	"	"	38	8	"	34	"	"
Copper, Bolt	"	60	"	"	65	"	"	"	"	"	57	4	"	57	"	"
do Pigs and Slabs	"	50	"	"	65	"	"	58	"	"	54	8	"	50	"	"
Alum-China	"	3	4	"	6	"	"	6	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Cordage Hemp, Europe	"	15	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
do do Manilla	"	15	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Cork, French and Spanish, per Gross		1	8	"	2	8	"	2	8	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Canmer	per cwt	5	"	"	7	"	"	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Deal or Fine Planks or Board for 1,000 sup: dz: ft of 1 inch thick		55	"	"	80	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sandalwood (Eastward)		20	"	"	10	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Tea	per lb	"	10	"	1	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Oil-wood	per cwt	12	"	"	16	"	"	16	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Exports.																
Cardamoms, large in shell	per cwt	25	"	"	150	"	"	170	"	"	33	4	"	200	"	"
Cutch or Catechu	"	9	8	"	14	"	"	14	"	"	8	4	"	11	"	"
Fish Maws	"	80	"	"	34	"	"	34	"	"	54	"	"	37	8	"
Ghee	"	25	"	"	34	"	"	34	"	"	34	4	"	46	"	"
Ginger, dry, rough	"	6	"	"	14	"	"	16	"	"	11	"	"	16	"	"
Mustard seeds	"	4	2	"	6	"	"	6	"	"	6	"	"	5	8	"
Red-wood	"	3	"	"	2	"	"	2	"	"	3	8	"	3	"	"
Turmeric	"	3	"	"	8	"	"	8	"	"	7	12	"	12	"	"
Castor Oil	"	12	"	"	16	"	"	17	"	"	19	2	"	18	"	"
Cocoanut Oil	"	14	"	"	18	"	"	18	"	"	20	8	"	17	"	"
Teel Seed	"	4	8	"	5	8	"	6	"	"	4	12	"	7	12	"
Gingely Seed	"										"	"	"			
Ellekannum Seed	"															
Biscuits, brown	"	7	"	"	12	"	"	12	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Betel-nut boiled	"	not in Tariff			24	"	"	25	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Black Cummin Seed	"	3	"	"	10	"	"	10	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Cummin Seeds	"	10	"	"	16	"	"	20	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Myrobolans	"	2	"	"	3	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Pepper, Long	"	25	"	"	40	"	"	45	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Sandalwood of Mysore	"	20	"	"	20	"	"	23	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ground nut oil	"	not in Tariff			14	"	"	14	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Teel or Gingely oil	"	12	"	"	18	"	"	18	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Hides-Cow-Country-Tanned	per Corge	36	"	"	50	"	"	50	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mathie Seeds	per cwt	2	8	"	6	"	"	7	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ground nut Seeds	"	not in Tariff			3	"	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
do Kerneb	"	not in Tariff			5	"	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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Communication with the
Collr. of Sea Customs. N.
Chamber of Commerce
Copy with reference
to the Govt: of the Straits Settlements
to the Secy: of State with a copy of
the Govt: of Bengal
showing the Current Customs
values. & the Calcutta Prices-
Bombay Current values of the same
articles in reply to Sir Edw. Blair's
a Despatch last year.

J.B.

14 To the Board of Revenue Statement
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