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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2746 Press Mis.

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Dated 13-11-1865.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th November 1865.

No. 154. Read the following Endorsement of the Officiating Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort William, 20th October 1865, No. 3,619:—

Read the following letter from the Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue, (Customs), to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort William, the 16th October 1865, No. 1,302.

With reference to your Memorandum No. 3,481, dated the 9th instant, I am directed to forward the accompanying copy of a letter and annexure from the Deputy Collector of Customs, Calcutta, No. 339, dated 11th idem, in explanation of the circumstances under which Customs duty was levied on Travancore and Cochin produce, contrary to the Notification of 1st July last.

From J. P. GRANT, Esq., Deputy Collector of Customs, Calcutta, to the Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated the 11th October 1865, No. 339.

* Received to-day.

1. In reply to No. 3,480, dated the 9th instant,* from the Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal, on the subject of certain dues levied by this office on produce shipped at Ports in Travancore, and Cochin, I have the honor to forward, enclosed herein, copy of an Office order by the Officiating Collector which affords the information desired by Government, and from which it will be seen that as soon as the error was discovered it was rectified.

2. I may add that although this Office cannot entirely evade the charge of negligence in having overlooked the Notification in the Gazette, still it has been the invariable practice hitherto to send simultaneous orders to the several Departments concerned, a practice which was not followed in this instance.

ORDER No. 173.

1. A Notification No. 1,131, appeared in the Gazette of India of 1st July last, under signature of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department, declaring the Ports of the Native States of Cochin and Travancore to be British Indian Ports for the purposes of certain specified Sections of Act VI. of 1863. No action appears to have been taken upon this Notification, and subsequent Telegraphic communications from the Port of Aleppy (a sea port of Travancore) enquiring whether directions, such as those which the said Notification contains have been received, have been answered in the *negative* by this Department. Under proper arrangement such an occurrence would not be possible, and steps must be taken to prevent a recurrence.

2. The Gazette of India and the Calcutta Gazette, after the *Collector* has seen them, must be sent to the Accountant and then to the Head Clerk. Each of these officers will carefully look through the Gazette and bring to the Collector's notice any notification affecting the Customs Department.

3. The ports of Cochin and Travancore must be added to the list of British Indian Ports, and refund of all duties levied in opposition to the directions of the Notification mentioned, subsequent to the 1st June 1865, must on application be made. A Telegram should now be sent† to the Resident, Trevandrum, (or other Officer from whom a similar communication was received), intimating that instructions to regard the Ports of Cochin and Travancore as British Indian Ports have been received.

† Telegram *sent.*

(Signed) J. D. GORDON,
Officiating Collector of Customs.

The 22nd September 1865.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. P. GRANT,
Deputy Collector of Customs.

(True Copies.)

Board of Revenue, S. P., Fort William, the 16th October 1865.

(Signed) T. B. LANE,
Junior Secretary.

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13th November 1865.

Copy forwarded to the Revenue Secretary to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to the Telegraphic message from this Office No. 3,484, dated 9th instant.

By order of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal,

(Signed) J. GEOGHEGAN,
For Officiating Junior Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1865, No. 2,746.

Separate Revenue, No. 6.
Customs.

Communicated to the Resident of Travancore for his information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Resident of Travancore.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Board of Revenue, L. P.,
Fort William,
the 16th October 1865.

(True Copies)
Signed J. B. Lane
Junior Secretary

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