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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th February 1865.*

No. 331. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Political
Department:—

Requesting orders for the refund of any Income }
Tax that may have been levied on the rents of } (Here enter 8th February 1865, No. 48.)
lands situated in French territory at Mahé.

No. 332. ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1865, No. 344.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue who will be requested
to issue the necessary instructions to the Collector.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Political Department, No. 48.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
8th February 1865.*

No. 14. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar ;
to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint
George, dated Calicut, 21st January 1865, No. 12.

From Chief of Mahé, to Collector, dated 20th instant, No. 2. I have the honor to enclose copies of the
To do. from do., dated 21st do. No. 233. correspondence noted.

2. I may remark, that so completely has the French factory been hitherto treated as an
integral portion of the British territory that Income tax was levied and paid without question
on the rents of sundry houses on the French territory.

This was certainly an oversight, and in one or two cases where it was brought to notice the
demand was discontinued. Of course further demand will not be made on that account.

3. I do not suppose there is any objection to the French colors flying on the factory
ground.

4. Considering, however, that the rights of a French port have never been claimed or exer-
cised on the few yards of beach appertaining to the factory ground (a few hundred yards north
of the Calicut Custom House, Light House, and principal landing and shipping beach), I think it
to be regretted that the question of establishing a French port there now should be mooted by
the Chef de Service, when, as I have pointed out to him, a few months will probably determine
whether the territory is to be French or British for the future.

I must mention distinctly that hitherto this part of the beach has been treated in every
way as under the British Customs Laws, without a word of dissent on the part of the French
authorities.

5. Gunpowder has been sold at some of the shops of the Calicut bazaar that are in French
territory under the British Government license. As we exercise Police jurisdiction, I cannot
object to this, but it would be manifestly inexpedient for the sale of such an article
to be permitted without our license.

6. The French ground I may, in conclusion, observe is in the heart of Calicut bazaars.
The houses often interlace, and it would be very difficult to keep up a preventive guard.

Under present circumstances, I think the Madras and Pondicherry Governments will see
that the innovations contemplated by the Chef de Service of Mahé would give great annoyance
without the slightest counterbalancing advantage.

Mahé, le 20 Janvier 1865.

DEPENDANCE

DE

Mahé,

No. 2,

1 ANNEXE.

MONSIEUR LE COLLECTEUR,

Par lettre du 28 Décembre dernier, Son Excellence du Gouverneur des Etablissements
Français dans l'Inde, m'a fait connaître qu'il avait décidé en conseil, qu'il serait sursis à la mise
à exécution de la Ferme des Spiritueux à Calicut, que cette mesure n'était prise qu'à titre pure-
ment gracieux et provisoire, et sur le demande de Son Excellence le Gouverneur du Fort Saint
George, et qu'elle ne prejudiciait en rien aux droits de Souveraineté de la France sur la loge de
Calicut.

J'ai donné des ordres en consequence au Résident Français de notre loge.

En vertu de ce droit de Souveraineté, j'ai fait rétablir le mat de pavillon, qui avait été
abattu depuis quelques années par les orages de la mousson, et nos couleurs nationales vont
flotter de nouveau sur la partie Française de Calicut. Ainsi que je vous l'avais promis, je vous
envoie une copie certifiée de l'Acte de rétrocession de cette dépendance de Mahé, daté du 1er
Février 1819.

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8th February 1865.*

Je suis informé que diverses personnes qui sont domiciliées sur notre territoire, payent encore au Gouvernement Anglais l'Income-tax, et de plus que votre administration prélève un droit sur la poudre vendue dans les boutiques situées dans les rues Françaises, ce qui constitue une violation de nos droits; en ce sens que le Gouvernement Anglais fait Acte de Souveraineté en exigeant des impôts des habitants de notre loge. Je ne puis donc que vous prier de vouloir bien donner des ordres pour faire cesser immédiatement cet état des choses contraire au droit International.

Il est probable que des navires Français, ou autres viendront sur la rade de notre établissement, débarquer des marchandises pour être entreposées sur notre territoire. J'ai donné des ordres pour que le cas échéant, les droits de tonnage et autres imposés par nos règlements fussent perçus par nos Agents. Je vous serais donc très obligé de vouloir bien de votre côté, prendre des dispositions pour que les opérations commerciales qui s'effectueraient dans nos limites, ne soient point troublées par les Agents de notre Gouvernement.

En vous accusant réception de votre lettre de 23 Décembre dernier N^o 4424, je vous fais toute réserve en ce qui concerne les limites de la loge Française de Calicut au nord et au sud. J'espère pouvoir prouver que des empiétements ont eu lieu sur ces deux faces.

Recevez, Monsieur le Collecteur, l'assurance de ma considération très distinguée.

Le S. Commissaire de la Marine,

Chef de Service,

(Signé) H. LAUTAUD,

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,

Collector.

From G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Collector of Malabar; to Monsieur LE CHEF DE SERVICE, Mahé, dated Calicut, 21st January 1865, No. 233.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, and to thank you for its enclosure.

2. My Government favored me with copies of the correspondence that had passed between it and the Government of Pondicherry, and informed me of the conclusion arrived at regarding the Abkari farm.

3. Should any persons hitherto assessed to Income tax by the British Government claim exemption on the score that their residences are in French territory, or otherwise, their representations shall receive prompt attention, and I need hardly say, any unfounded claims shall be at once withdrawn.

In one or two cases, some months back, demands of Income tax, which had been inadvertently made, and till then paid without remonstrance, were at once discontinued, when it was represented that the assessed subjects were portions of the French factory ground at Calicut.

4. But I would submit to your good sense that under present circumstances, and especially as the question of speedy interchange of territory is now before our Governments, no alteration should be made in the arrangements that have hitherto existed with regard to the sale of gunpowder, the Sea Customs, or such like matters on the French ground here. As the present arrangements have existed for so many years, it is surely undesirable to disturb them, when a few months will probably determine whether the territory is to be French or British, and enable permanent measures to be introduced accordingly.

5. This view is so reasonable that I think you will entirely adopt it. But should you not do so, I must request that you will submit your proposals to your Government, with a view to their moving my Government, should they see fit, to send me instructions in the matter, for I cannot, after undisturbed prescription of nearly half a century, assent to changes in matters alluded to in the last preceding paragraph, without distinct orders from my Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. A. BALLARD,

Collector.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Political Department,
8th February 1865.*

No. 15

ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1865, No. 48.

Resolved that the following letter be addressed to the Governor of the French Establishments in India:—

(Here enter 8th February 1865, No. 49.)

2. There is no objection to the French flag flying on the French ground. Orders will be passed in the Revenue Department for the refund of any Income Tax that may have been levied on the rents of ~~lands~~ situated in French territory.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Malabar.

„ Revenue Department.;

For J. Tulloch.

