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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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21st April 1866.*

No. 330. Read the following letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Peermade, 19th March 1866, No. 17 :—

1. I have the honor to address you on the interportal arrangements lately entered into between the British and Cochin Governments, in which a customs duty of not less than 1,00,000, and an import duty on tobacco of not less than 10,500 Rupees was guaranteed to the Cochin Sirkar.

2. The amount due, in consequence of this arrangement, cannot evidently be calculated till the end of the year. It was, however, at the same time stipulated that the British Government should hand over to that of Cochin half the customs receipts of British Cochin, and, the whole of the import duty on tobacco levied at that port.

3. With reference to this latter part of the agreement, the Dewan of Cochin has submitted a request that these collections be handed over to the Cochin Government at the end of each month, instead of at the close of the year.

4. The reason for desiring this arrangement is that some inconvenience is felt consequent on the regular *monthly* payment of the British Subsidy, while the customs receipts above-mentioned are withheld from the Cochin Sirkar, thereby obliging them to keep a larger sum of money in their Treasury than would otherwise be necessary.

5. Under the above circumstances, I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, that the whole of the duty on tobacco, and a moiety of the duty on other articles levied at the port of British Cochin, be made over monthly to the Cochin Sirkar, instead of having deferred till the guaranteed amount is paid at the close of the year.

6. This could, I think, be adjusted without inconvenience by the Collector of Malabar, forwarding to the Dewan an order for the amount of the customs, which can be accepted at his Treasury in Cochin as part payment of the Subsidy, the particulars being forwarded to this office for information.

7. I am informing the Dewan of Cochin, in reply to a question on the subject, that the time most convenient to Government for paying the guaranteed amount, alluded to in the first paragraph of my letter, will be the close of the official, instead of the Malabar year.

No. 331. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1866, No. 940.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.
Customs.

1. Sanctioned.

2. The Accountant General will issue the necessary instructions.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

„ the Accountant General.

„ the Board of Revenue.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Wm. L. D. S.

President.

Sanctioned.

With the best feelings
will issue the
necessary in-
structions.

Wm. L. D. S.

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No. 16th July 1852

3rd of Dec. 1852
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