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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 4 4 June 1869

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No. 118. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th May 1869, No. 3,450:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tuticorin, 22nd April 1869, No. 165.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,117, dated 31st ultimo, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Acting Head Assistant-Collector, No. 30, dated 14th instant.

2. The Master of the vessel who broke the law was fined 100 Rupees under Sections 130 and 194 of the Indian Customs Act VI. of 1863, and the amount of penalty thus awarded was remitted to the Collector of Customs at Galle for distribution among the Custom Officers who were instrumental in the detection of the Opium, as directed in Board's Proceedings, No. 2,006, dated 23rd ultimo.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Head Assistant-Collector, to the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Strivycuntam, 14th April 1869, No. 30.

WITH reference to your Endorsement on the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 24th March last, I have the honor to report that the Opium (208 lbs.) referred to therein was not, as far as I am able to ascertain, shipped at Tuticorin. In the Manifest submitted by the Master of the vessel, with his application for port clearance, no mention was made of any contraband article.

2. It is not improbable that the shipment took place at Manapad, or some other village on the coast—a practice which I am inclined to think prevails to some extent, and one which it is next to impossible to check at present.

3. The Opium was discovered at Galle, whither the Master of the vessel was obliged to put in on account of bad weather; and on its being brought to my notice I punished the Master of the vessel.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, dated 24th March 1869, No. 823.

2. It appears to the Board that the smuggling in this case may have occurred without culpable neglect on the part of the Custom House authorities at Tuticorin.

No. 119. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1869, No. 1,586.

Separate Revenue, No. 4.
Customs.

ORDERED to be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their Under-Secretary's letter in the Financial Department, dated 3rd March 1869, No. 1,390.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

No. 2,006.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd March 1869.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd March 1869, No. 95:—

IN continuation of the correspondence referred to in Board's Proceedings, No. 8,179, dated 19th November last, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, No. 170, dated 20th ultimo, together with copies of correspondence therein alluded to.

2. I request the Board will move the Government to pass orders on the matter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. H. BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to the Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Madras, 20th February 1869, No. 170.

IN forwarding original letter from the Collector of Customs, Galle, dated 16th instant, I have the honor to suggest your forwarding copy thereof, together with your letter referred to, to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings, No. 8,179, dated 19th November last.

From the Acting Collector of Customs, Galle, to the Collector of Customs, Tuticorin, dated Galle, 7th January 1869, No. 5.

ADVERTING to my letter of the 3rd November last and previous correspondence, I have the honor to suggest that, if any penalty is imposed by you on the Master of the "Salva Maria Saint Anthony," for the irregularity committed by him, a portion of the amount recovered be remitted to me for distribution amongst those of the officers here who were instrumental in detecting the breach of the Indian Customs Laws committed by the Tindal.

From C. J. CROSTHWAITE, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Magistrate, to the Collector of Sea Customs, Galle, dated Tuticorin, 19th January 1869, No. 9.

WITH reference to your letter, No. 5, dated the 7th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I fined the Master of the "Salva Maria Saint Anthony" 100 Rupees under Sections 130 and 194 of the Indian Customs Act No. VI. of 1863; but as I have ordered the whole amount of the said fine to be carried to the credit of Government, I am unable to remit to you any portion of it for distribution as reward to the detectors: if, however, you will let me know the actual circumstances under which the goods were seized, and the officers individually who were instrumental in the detection, I will make a reference upon the subject.

2. I shall feel obliged if you will kindly let me know what was done with the contraband goods, namely, the Opium and Selindhi rice.

From the Acting Collector of Customs, Galle, to the Collector of Customs, Tuticorin, dated Galle, 16th February 1869.

IN reply to your letter of the 19th ultimo, No. 9, I have the honor to state that the fine imposed by you on the Tindal of the "Salva Maria Saint Anthony" having been already credited to Government, and the amount to which, according to practice in force here, the detectors would be entitled being so small, I think it is needless to press their claims. The usage in such cases here is to distribute mitigated penalties in whole or in part amongst the officers who are instrumental in detecting the irregularity; and in a case which occurred in 1867, where the Tindal of a native vessel was detected by the Customs Officers at Calicut in infringing the Ceylon Customs Laws, the whole of the penalty of 100 Rupees was remitted by me for distribution amongst them.

2 The Opium and Selindhi rice in question not having been imported into Ceylon contrary to the Customs Law prevailing here, they were not detained.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Acting Collector.

THE Board are of opinion that it is highly desirable to encourage the Custom House servants at Galle to aid in the detection of cases like these where no offence is committed against the Ceylon Customs Laws, but where the Indian Customs Revenue is infringed to the great loss of the State.

2. They accordingly sanction the payment, to the Collector of Customs of Galle, of the sum of Rupees 100, being the total penalty awarded in the case, for distribution among those who were instrumental in the detection.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly.

Copy to the Accountant General.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
4th June, 1869.

No. 1,587.

No. 120.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Separate Revenue, No. 5.
Customs.

WITH reference to the letter from your department of the 3rd March, 1869, No. 1,390, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying correspondence* from the Board of Revenue, relating to the 208 lbs. of Opium smuggled at Tuticorin.

*Pro. Board of Rev., 23rd March, 1869, No. 2,006.
Do. do. 19th May, ,, ,, 3,450.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

1869.

Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS 2ND MARCH 1869, No. 2,006.

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Received

MARCH
No. 2,006.

Opium and Sundries—smuggled on board brig "Salava Maria Saint Anthony" at port of Tuticorin in Tinnevelly District, and landed at Galle,—Payment to Collector of Sea Customs of latter port, of Rupees 100, total penalty imposed by Collector of Tinnevelly on Tindal of vessel, on account of, sanctioned, for distribution among persons instrumental in detection.

No. 1586.

Ordered to be forwarded to the Government of India, with reference to their Under-Secretary's letter in the Financial Department, dated 8th March 1869, No. 1390.

14th June/69.

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No. 1587.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India

Financial Department

Sir

With reference to the letter from your Dept.t of the 3rd March 1869 No. 1390, I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying correspondence from the Board of Revenue relating to the 208 lbs of opium smuggled at Tuticorin

× Rev. Bd of Rev. 23 March /69 No. 2006
— do — 19th May — No. 3458.

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