

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th June 1871.*

No. 327. Read the following letter from the Officiating Second Assistant Resident, Hyderabad, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Hyderabad Residency, 9th June 1871, No. 686 :—

In reply to your letter, No. 591, dated the 30th March 1871, requesting to be furnished with a list of the articles on which transit, etc., duty is levied in His Highness the Nizam's territory, with the rates of duty thereon, I have the honour, under instructions from the Resident, to forward the accompanying translation of a letter and of its enclosure, received from the Minister in reply to a reference made to the Native Government on the subject. It will be perceived from Sir Salar Jung's letter that, with the exception of a special duty on Salt, at Rs. 2 per bullock-load, levied at the frontier, no transit-duty is now levied throughout His Highness's dominions.

2. A copy of the Customs Rules of His Highness the Nizam's Government is herewith forwarded for the information of His Excellency in Council.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Translation of a letter from His Highness the Nizam's Minister, to the Resident, Hyderabad, dated 29th May 1871 (8th Rubbeeoolaivul, 1288, Hijree), No. 1,757.

With reference to your letter, No. 1,040, dated 13th Suffur last (4th May 1871), asking for a list of the articles on which transit, etc., duty is leviable in the territories of His Highness the Nizam, with the rates of duty thereon, I beg to enclose the reply received from the Customs Department of this Government to a reference made to it on this subject; from which you will perceive that transit-duty is not levied at present on any article in His Highness's dominions, except on Salt; and even this not in the sense of transit-duty, but as a check upon frauds and smuggling which have already formed the subject of frequent correspondence. The other articles on which duty is levied at the frontier are such as do not reach the city or the Military Cantonments, etc., but are sold in the villages, the particulars of duty leviable on these are fully embodied in the Customs Rules. As regards goods which are ultimately intended for British territory, certificates of British authorities are required with the view that duty may not under any pretext be levied thereon at the frontier.

Proceedings of the Customs and Sudo-punj (Salt-duty) Department of His Highness the Nizam's Government, under date the 20th Suffur, 1288, Hijree (11th May 1871).

The Proceedings of the Moolkee Office, dated 19th Suffur, 1288, Hijree (10th May 1871), No. 87, with copy of a letter from the Resident, Hyderabad, and translation of one from the Secretary to Government, Madras, requesting information as to the articles on which transit-duty is levied in His Highness's territory, especially as regards Salt, etc., having been received, this department proceeds to report that new rules for the levy of Customs-duty in His Highness's dominions were established in Fusly 1274 (A.D., 1865) on a mutual understanding come to between the British Government and the Nizam's, and the rules then agreed upon, with schedules of dutiable articles, have been printed and published in English. Since that period, the former practice of levying transit-duty on miscellaneous articles has ceased. Under the Sudo-punj (Salt-duty) Rules, however, on supplies of Salt brought by Brinjarahs, merchants, etc., within the limits of His Highness's territory, duty is still leviable at Rs. 2 per bullock-load. The Brinjarahs bringing Salt, after entering His Highness's territory, sell the commodity in their own encampments, and take the remainder again into British territory. But in conformity with the Sudo-punj Rules above alluded to on all consignments of Salt which enter His Highness's territory duty is levied once for all at His Highness's frontier. Besides this no duty on any article continues to be levied as Radharee or transit-duty.

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ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1871, No. 1,128.

Separate Revenue, No. 12.

Customs.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue, with reference to the Proceed-
ings of Government dated 17th March
1871, No. 462.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

**List of Articles exempted from Duty on Importation
or Exportation at any place in His Highness
the Nizam's Dominions.**

Gold and silver coin of every description.

Copper coins and Cowries.

Ujwan—produce of the Nizam's dominions.

Potatoes—produce of the Nizam's dominions.

Dried mangoes.

Ground nut and shell—produce of the Nizam's dominions.

Onions.

Vegetable of every description, and fresh flowers.

Choodwa made of rice.

Mustard seed.

Indian corn.

Razgeerah (amaranthus).

Garlic.

Dried chillies—produce of the Nizam's dominions.

Fowls.

Palm leaves (palmyra).

Date leaves.

Mats.

Brooms.

Sambaloo twigs.

Twine of all kinds.

Baskets.

Umbarah fibres.

Sieves made of bamboo.

Umbarah seed.

Castor oil seed.

Onion seed.

Water melon seed.

Musk melon seed.

Koorfa seed.

Cucumber seed.

Calabash seed.

Fenugerrick seed.

Ownlah.

Marking nuts.

Pallaspapada.

Kalcezeera.

Seven.

VII. All Goods the produce or manufacture of districts belonging to the Surfi-khas, the Dewanee, and Pagah, or of places belonging to Jageerdars, Muktdars, and others in His Highness the Nizam's dominions, sold or consumed within the places named in the preceding Rule or within any other place whatever in His Highness' dominions, except those places mentioned in Rule I, or imported or exported from one place to another within the said dominions, shall be entirely exempted from the payment of all Customs and Transit duties, Huqdarees, &c. Therefore all Talookdars, Naibs, Jageerdars, Muktdars, Zumeendars, Mokudums, Putwarrees, Koolkurnees, Dangeputkees, &c. shall not levy Custom or Transit duties or Huqdarees, &c., from traders and others, subjects of the British Government, or of His Highness the Nizam's Government at any place or on any account, upon Goods imported or exported from districts or villages, or consumed within them. Nevertheless, agreeably to Rule I, duties will be levied on the productions and manufactures of His Highness the Nizam's territories, at the Custom Houses of the City of Hyderabad, of Chudderghaut and of the Cantonments of Secunderabad and Bolarum, by the Officers of the Customs department of His Highness the Nizam's Government.

Eight.

VIII. Upon Goods from British territory, passing on the roads where the frontier Custom Houses or Chowkees mentioned in the Rule V. are situated, to the City of Hyderabad or Chudderghaut or to the Cantonments of Secunderabad and Bolarum mentioned in Rule I, or to the Cantonments of Aurungabad, &c., mentioned in Rule VI, the Superintendents or Chowkeedars shall demand no duty, but deliver to the carriers of such Goods, certificates agreeably to Form No. 1, and they shall transmit copies thereof daily with their letters to the Officers in charge of the Custom Houses at the places to which the Goods may be consigned, with a view that on the arrival of the Goods at their destination, these Officers may verify the Invoices, and realize the Custom duties thereon, agreeably to the List furnished by the Circar, granting receipts for the same agreeably to Form No. 2.

Nine.

IX. On Articles the produce or manufacture of His Highness the Nizam's dominions, exported into the British territories, duties will be levied at the frontier Custom Houses or Chowkees, agreeably to the List furnished by the Circar and specified in Rule III, and receipts granted agreeably to Form No. 3.

Ten.

X. Traders receiving the certificates referred to in Rule VIII, at the frontier Custom Houses or Chowkees, and not taking their Goods to the Custom Houses specified in them, but fraudulently disposing of them at any intermediate place without paying the established Custom duties, are liable for such fraud, to fine or any punishment the Circar may deem proper to inflict.

Eleven.

XI. Duties agreeably to the List furnished by the Circar, shall be levied on Goods imported from British territory for any district in His Highness the Nizam's dominions, excepting the City of Hyderabad, Chudderghaut, and the Cantonments of Secunderabad and Bolarum, mentioned in Rule I, or the Cantonments of Aurungabad, &c., mentioned in Rule VI, by the Superintendent of the frontier Custom House or Chowkeedar on authentic Invoices, or if he has cause of suspicion, he is at liberty to open some of the bales and inspect the contents; and the above duties shall be levied either in ready money or by Hoondees at 8 days' sight drawn on some respectable Sowcar or Trader at Hyderabad. Receipts for the same shall be granted agreeably to Form No. 4.

Twelve.

XII. With a view to the prevention of fraud, it is ruled in regard to Goods on which duty is leviable at any of the Custom Houses or Chowkees established by the Circar, that if any fraud is attempted by the traders and others by exhibiting lower prices than the real one either in their Invoices or otherwise, or by giving a wrong account of the quality or quantity of Goods, the Officers in charge of such Custom Houses or Chowkees shall sequester such Goods, and give information thereof through the Kurorgheeree Officer at Hyderabad to the Circar, by whom orders will be issued for imposing a fine or inflicting any other punishment on the offending parties as may be deemed proper.

Thirteen.

XIII. The Custom duties to be levied agreeably to the List furnished by the Circar, shall be in Halee Sicca Rupees current in His Highness the Nizam's dominions, and in the case of Goods where a rate per cent, is chargeable on the Invoice price when in Government Rupees, the rate of exchange shall be 116 Halee Sicca Rupees for 100 Government Rupees, and the duty charged shall be on the sum total of Halee Sicca Rupees.

Fourteen.

XIV. On account of the scarcity and high prices of grain, all duties on grain of every description are remitted within His Highness the Nizam's dominions, including duties on grain imported across the frontier, but on grain of any description exported from His Highness the Nizam's territory beyond the frontier, a duty of 8 annas per bullock load agreeably to the authorized List will be levied by the Officers of the Custom Houses and Chowkees on the frontier.

Fifteen.

XV. If any trader or other person quits the road on which the Custom Houses or Chowkees on the frontier are established, with the purpose of defrauding the Government of the duties, and takes his Goods secretly by a different road, such Goods upon discovery will be sequestered by the Customs Officers, and a report made without delay to the Officer in charge of the Hyderabad Kurorgheeree, with a view to the punishment of the offenders and the reward of the persons through whom the discovery was made, as the Circar may deem fit.

Sixteen.

XVI. All Goods passing through His Highness the Nizam's territory from one British district to another, shall be exempted from all Transit and Frontier duties whatsoever. On the arrival of such Goods at any frontier, the Officer in charge of the Custom House or Chowkee shall furnish the carriers with a Certificate per Form No. 5, and when Goods reach the opposite frontier, the Officer in charge of the Custom House or Chowkee there, shall claim and receive the Certificate and then allow the Goods to pass. All such certificates shall at the end of the month accompanied by a List of the Certificates and a detailed List of the Goods, containing the names of the owners, the quality and quantity of Goods, the place from whence they were brought, and their destination, and the date of their quitting the frontier, shall be transmitted to the Officer in charge of the Hyderabad Kurorgheeree. In the event of any of the traders or others, instead of conveying the Goods into the British territory, fraudulently disposing of them in any place within His Highness' dominions without paying the Government duties, the offenders shall be fined or otherwise punished as the Government may see fit.

Seventeen.

XVII. If any trader shall bring Goods, on which duty is payable by the bullock load, agreeably to the established List of the Circar, and such bullock load shall exceed in weight a pullah of 120 pukkah seers, a duty corresponding to the excess of weight shall be levied.

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