

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th July 1871.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 204. From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandrum, 6th July 1871, No. 44.

IN continuation of my letter No. 41 of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to forward copy of a communication from the Dewan of Cochin, No. 353, dated 30th May 1871, stating that that Sirkar "will be prepared to levy on Opium, imported or "exported by sea, a rate of duty not lower than that which the British Government "may impose on Opium imported into, or exported from, any port under the Madras "Presidency, and, if thought necessary, to prohibit altogether the export of the "drug from the Cochin ports," and requesting that no duty may be imposed on Opium imported by land from British territory, and that the Sirkar may be allowed to obtain the drug on the same terms as those on which the inhabitants of the Madras Presidency are enabled to get it.

No. 205. From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Trevandrum, 3rd July 1871, No. 41.

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of Government No. 658 of the 12th April last, I have the honour to forward copy of a communication from the Dewan of Travancore, No. 2,330, dated 27th ultimo, who intimates that Opium being a source of revenue in Travancore, it is desirable to obtain it as cheap as possible. Hence the Government of His Highness the Maharajah does not desire to levy Import-duty, but is prepared to levy Export-duty at any rate the British Government may decide upon.

No. 206. ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1871, No. 1,239.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.

Customs.

THE Resident here replies to paragraph 12, G. O., 12th April last, No. 658. He will inform the Dewans of both Governments that it was not intended

that any other duty should be levied by Travancore and Cochin on Opium than an Export-duty equivalent to that levied at British ports.

2. The Government of India has desired that this Export-duty shall stand at 600 Rs. per chest, a chest containing (2) two Indian Maunds. This amount therefore should be strictly levied on all Opium exported.

From Government of India, Financial Department, dated 8th June 1871, No. 978.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

Etd. F. R. Bantleman.

N^o 44.

Residents' Office,

Travancore, 6th July 1871.

From

G. A. Ballard Esq
Resident in
Savannah Cochin

To

W. H. Hudson Esq
Ag. Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter N^o 41
of the 3rd Inst^{ant}, I have the honor to
forward a copy of a communication from
the Dewan of Cochin N^o 353 dated 30th
May 1871, stating that that Sarkar "will
"be prepared to levy on opium, imported or
"exported by sea, a rate of duty not lower
"than that which the British Government
"may impose on opium imported into
"or exported from any Port under the
"Madras Presidency, and if thought
"necessary to prohibit altogether the export
"of the drug from the Cochin Ports" and
requesting that no duty may be imposed
on opium imported by land from

British

British Sanitary Board that the Sikhs
may be allowed to obtain the drug
on the same terms as those on which the
inhabitants of the Madras Presidency
are enabled to get it.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient servant

Farnham
President

L. D. L.

N^o 2330
R 678

Mayyoor Cutcherry,
Trevandrum, 27th June 1871.

To

G. A. Ballard Esq.
British Resident of Travancore

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
Mr. Minchin's Memo N^o C. under date the
29th April last on the Proceedings of the
Madras Government noted in the margin.

2 The requested to be informed
whether in case of the imposition of custom
duty on Import and Export of Opium by
land or sea into or from the Madras Presidency
the Government of His Highness will
have any objection to levy a rate of duty
least equally high within the limits of
their State.

3 I beg to premise that opium
is a source of revenue here on a system analog

Revenue Department 12th April 1871
with order thereon dated 12th April 1871 N^o 658

Recd 1871 under
From N^o 2203

The Resident in

Government Madras

2

Sh. Chit. Chit.

To Government

To Mr. Chit.

Recd 6th 3 July 1871

Revenue N^o 2203

N^o 44

Enclosure - me.

N^o 2

Forwarded copy to

the Government

for their consideration

and to be placed on

the file of the

Revenue Department

for their consideration

to that of the abkaree, and hence it is the obvious interest of this Government to obtain opium from outside these territories as cheap as possible

4 As regards Export of opium from these territories, this Government's interests will not be affected by levying any duty and we are quite willing to assimilate our Export duty to that which the British Indian Government may impose

5 I believe it is the Export duty that the British Government would be particular about as the means of preventing evasion of British revenues.

I have &c

Signed/ L. Madava Rao.

Dewan.

True copy/

Ensignair

President

to
Sd/-

N^o 41.

Residents' Office
Trawandrum, 3^d July 1871.

From
G. A. Ballard Esq
Resident in
Trawandrum Hochim

To
W. H. Biddleston Esq
Asst. Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George

Sir,
A drawing to the Proceedings of
Government No 658 of the 12th April last, I
have the honor to forward copy of a com-
- munication from the Dewan of Travancore
No 2330 dated 27th Ultimo, who intimates that
opium being a source of revenue in Travancore
it is desirable to obtain it as cheap as possible.
Hence the Government of His Highness the
Maharajah does not desire to levy import duty
but is prepared to levy export duty at any rate
the British Government may decide upon.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant
Gunnarsen
Resident

Enclosed in a letter

from the Resident in

Trawandrum Hochim

to the Asst. Chief Secretary

to Government. Fort St. George.

George. No 11 dated 3rd

July 1871.

From
R 2175/71

The Secretary

to the Resident in

Trawandrum Hochim

No 2330. dated 27th June 1871

No 19 July 1871. No 11, 1871

State that the Government

will not desire to levy

import duty on opium. The

is prepared to levy export

duty at any rate the British

Government may decide upon.

No 353
 1871
 C. P. V. 1
 Huzoor Cutcherry
 Crnacollum in Cochin, 30th May 1871.

To
 J. A. Minchin, Esquire
 Acting British Resident of
 Travancore and Cochin
 Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo requesting information, with reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government which accompanied it as to whether in case of the imposition of Customs Duty on import and export of Opium by land or sea into the Madras Presidency the Government of His Highness will have any objection to levy a rate of duty at least equally high within the limits of their States.

I beg to state in reply that this Sarkar will be prepared to levy on Opium, imported or exported by sea, a rate of duty not lower than that which the British Government may impose on Opium imported or exported from any Port under the Madras Presidency - and if thought necessary to prohibit altogether the export of the drug from the Cochin Ports.

All the Chowkies which this Sarkar had on its frontiers having been removed under the Inter-portal Arrangements made in 1866 they are not now in a position to levy a duty on Opium imported or exported by land, and the Establishment of a number

12th April 1871
 No 658.

No 205

Recd 1871
 From
 The Resident in
 Travancore & Cochin
 To
 The Chief Secretary
 to the Government
 Madras
 Enclosure - one.
 To forward copy of a letter from the Government of Travancore that the Government of Madras does not desire to levy import duty on Opium but has proposed to levy a duty on export of Opium with the British Government may wish to know. S. A. No 1009-17 July 71

4 By land neither Cochin nor Travancore can import any Opium except from British Territory, and their exports by land must also be into British Territory. I do not therefore think that there is any necessity for imposing a land import or export duty on Opium especially as the drug is sold at a high price by the Farmer of the Opium Monopoly in these States.

5 The greater part of the Opium consumed in this Country has been, for many years, imported by land from British Territory, without paying any duty to the British Government, and I trust I shall not be considered to be asking too much if I request, on behalf of the Cochin Sirkar, that no duty may now be imposed on such Opium, and that we may be allowed to obtain the drug on the same terms as those on which the inhabitants of the Madras Presidency are enabled to get it. I find moreover that the Board of Revenue do not recommend the imposition of an export duty on Opium, re-exported into this Country, and that they are of opinion that if the Cochin and Travancore States will consent to prohibit the exportation of the drug from their ports altogether, it would remove the necessity that now exists for "preventing its crossing their frontiers."

I have &c.

Signed, T. Shungoony, Glenore.
(Dewan

/ True Copy,

Canaraiah
Resident

Comp.

M. D. L.

No. 1239
 17th July 1878
 Read from Resident
 in Travancore & Cochin.

of 3rd July 71 No 41
 of 6th " " " No 44.

The Resident has replied to Para 12
 G.O. 12th April 71 No 600.
 He will inform the servants of both
 Governments that it was not
 intended that any duty should be
 levied by Travancore & Cochin
 on Opium, than an Export Duty
 equivalent to that levied at
 British ports.

2. The Govt of India has decided
 that his Export Duty shall stand
 at 600 Rs per chest, a chest
 containing two (2) Indian Maunds.
 This amount has for the
 strictly levied on all Opium
 exported.

29/6 14/7/71

G.O.

14 Copies to B.L. Rev. Despatch
 3 Copies to Resd. S

1971. 10/10/71
 On 10/10/71 in a letter
 from the Resident
 in Travancore & Cochin
 to the Hon. Secy. of the Govt.
 of Travancore & Cochin
 dated 10/10/71
 The Hon. Secy. of the Govt.
 in Travancore & Cochin
 No. 553 of 30.8.71
 State of Travancore & Cochin
 with the Government
 of Travancore & Cochin
 in reference to the
 Opium Duty.
 The Hon. Secy. of the Govt.
 of Travancore & Cochin
 No. 553 of 30.8.71
 State of Travancore & Cochin
 with the Government
 of Travancore & Cochin
 in reference to the
 Opium Duty.