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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th September 1871.

No. 333. Read the following letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, Ootacamund, dated Trevandrum, 3rd August 1871, No. 51:—

I HAVE the honour to forward copy of letter No. 505 of the 28th ultimo from the Dewan of Cochin, inquiring whether the British Government have agreed to his request that "no duty may be levied on Opium brought from the British "territory in Cochin," etc., and to request I may be informed what reply I am to make. A Customs line is not kept up between British territory and the Cochin and Travancore States, and I presume it is not intended that duty be levied by the British Government on Opium imported by land into these territories.

2. I beg further to inform the Government that the Government of His Highness the Maharajah of Travancore has agreed to the levy of an export-duty on Opium of Rs. 600 per chest, a chest containing two Indian maunds as per Order of Government No. 1,239, dated 17th July 1871.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Dewan of Cochin, to the British Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Ernacollum in Cochin, 28th July 1871, No. 505.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 388 of the 24th instant, and to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether the British Government have [illegible] that no duty may be levied on Opium brought from the British territory into this country, and that we may be allowed to obtain this drug on the same terms as those on which the inhabitants of the Madras Presidency are getting it.

No. 334. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1871, No. 1,672.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.
Opium.

THE Resident is requested to ascertain and report where the Opium is produced and whence and by what routes imported, which is consumed in the Cochin and Travancore States under the Sirkar monopoly.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 4,075.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd September 1871.

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 11th September 1871, No. 298:—

THE plaintiffs' Counsel in Original Suit No. 43 of 1866, (the Paloor water suit,) on the file of the Principal Sudr Amin, has moved the Court to issue a Commission to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries to examine Mr. Reade in connection with the suit, and the Court has issued it accordingly.

2. I do not know whether the Board think it advisable to retain Counsel to watch the case in Mr. Breeks's Court on behalf of Government, but one of the plaintiffs' Counsel is going up to Ootacamund to cross-examine Mr. Reade.

3. The object of examining that gentleman is, I believe, to extract admissions from him as to the superiority of the right of the villagers of the eighteen villages to the disputed water over those of Paloor; but as I do not know of any fact to which Mr. Reade can depose which cannot be proved equally well by documentary evidence, I do not see the necessity for any notice being taken of the Commission, which I am informed will commence its sittings on the 9th proximo.

4. Mr. Reade appears certainly to have altered his views of the merits of the case between 1866 and 1870, and some of his letters are inconsistent with each other, but I think that after the Commission has closed if a copy of the evidence given is at once applied for and sent to me all that need be done will have been done.

5. Mr. Reade's opinions are not of any value now, and are not binding on me; nor do I see of what value any statement made by him can be to the plaintiffs, unless it relates to a matter of fact.

6. No interrogatories have been framed because Counsel is going in person to conduct the examination, so I am unable to say positively on what points Mr. Reade will be questioned.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. If Mr. Handley should happen to be at Ootacamund on the date set down for examining Mr. Reade it would be as well for him to attend; but if not the Board think it will be sufficient if a copy of the evidence is applied for at once.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. H. Cummings
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.
" to the Government Pleader.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND SEPTEMBER 1871, No. 4,075.

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Suit No 43 *of* 1866—on file of Cuddalore Principal Sadr Amin's Court in South Arcot District, regarding Palur water dispute,—Letter from Collector intimating that Court has issued a commission to Commissioner of Neilgherries to examine late Collector, Mr. Reade, in connection with, and stating that there is no necessity to retain Counsel to watch the case on behalf of Government, submitted for orders of Government.

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No. 505/1871

To

Huzzoor Cutcherry

Ernacollum in Cochin, 23th July 1871.

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G. A. Ballard, Esquire

British Resident of

Travancore and Cochin.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 388 of the 24th instant and to request that you will be so good as to inform me whether the British Government have agreed to my request, conveyed in my letter, No. 258 of the 30th May last, that no Duty may be levied on Opium brought from the British Territy into this Country and that we may be allowed to obtain this drug on the same terms as those on which the inhabitants of the Madras Presidency are getting it.

I have &c.

(Signed) T. Shungoony Menon

(True Copy) Dewan

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No. 57.

Resident's Office,
Trevandrum, 3rd August 1871.

From

G. A. Ballard Esquire
Resident in Travancore and
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To

The Honorable R. S. Ellis C.B.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort Saint George
Ootacamund

Sir,

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Enclosed in a letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George No 57 dated Trevandrum 3rd August 1871

From the Dewan of Cochin to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin No 505 dated Cranellum 28th July 1871.

Request to be informed whether the British Government have agreed that duty may not be levied on Opium

Highness the Maharajah of Travancore has agreed to the levy of an export duty on Opium of Rupees 600 per chest, a chest containing two Indian Maunds, as per Order of Government N° 1239 dated 17th July 1871.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant,

J.G.S. Resident.

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From No 2506-

The Resident in

Travancore & Cochin

To

The Chief Secretary to

Government Fort St George

Ootacamund

Dated 3rd August 1871.

Received

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Enclosure one

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No 1672 - 25 September 1871

Regarding the levy of duty on Opium by the Travancore and Cochin States.

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