

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th April 1871.*

No. 319. Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 31st March 1871, No. 1,922:—

I AM directed to forward a copy of the correspondence noted in the margin, and, with reference thereto, to inquire whether any steps are taken to prevent the importation of Opium from the Hyderabad territory into the Presidency of Madras; and if not, what course His Excellency in Council would suggest to prevent it.

Letter to Secretary to Government, Bombay, No. 4,383, dated 21st October 1870.
Do. from do., No. 5,372, dated 2nd November 1870.
Do. to Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, No. 4,382, dated 21st October 1870.
Do. from do., No. 348-9, dated 21st February 1870.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Simla, 21st October 1870, No. 4,383.

I AM directed to inquire whether there exists in Bombay any means of preventing Opium from getting out of the Berars, where it is untaxed, into British territory; and if not, what course His Excellency the Governor in Council would suggest to prevent it.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Bombay Castle, 2nd November 1870, No. 5,372.

WITH reference to Mr. Officiating Under-Secretary Westland's letter, No. 4,383, dated 21st ultimo, I am directed to state, for the information of the Government of India, that Opium is imported into Bombay only from Malwa and Guzerat, and that importation from the Berars is unknown. The Customs Department at this Presidency has no means for preventing Opium being smuggled into British territory, but as there is a large Preventive Frontier Establishment round the Berars under the control of the Inland Customs Commissioner, it is presumed that the duty of checking illegal importations rests with that department.

2. The question mooted in Mr. Under-Secretary Westland's letter, under acknowledgment, is one which apparently has reference more to the importation of Opium from the Berars into the Madras Presidency than into this, and can therefore, it is presumed, be alone satisfactorily disposed of by the Commissioner of Inland Customs.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Commissioner of Central Provinces, dated Simla, 21st October 1870, No. 4,382.

REFERRING to your Secretary's letter, No. 2,602-269, of 8th October 1870, I am directed to inquire what quantity of Betul Opium has been allowed to go into the Berars, and whether there exists in the Central Provinces any means of preventing such Opium from getting out of the Berars into British territory; and if not, what course you would suggest to prevent it.

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ENCLOSURE No. 4.

From the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Nagpore, 21st February 1871, No. 348-9.

In reply to your letter, No. 4,382, of 21st October, I am directed to state that the Opium which has passed from the two districts of Betul and Nimar into the Berars during the past two years has been as follows:—

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From Betul...	20	37
„ Nimar	1,252	1,582

A large part of this Opium is imported from Malwa; part is purchased in Nimar. The appended extract from a letter from the Commissioner, East Berar, shows its destination.

2. With regard to the question put in the last clause of your letter, I am to state that no special measures have ever been taken by this Administration to prevent Opium passing from the Berars into British territory, nor, indeed, have any been thought necessary. It has been assumed that, as far as regards the Bombay Presidency, the same restrictions which prevent the import of Opium from the Native States of Malwa would be effectual against importation from Berar, and, as to the Central Provinces, the import of Opium is allowed free to all persons applying for a Pass as provided in the rules sanctioned by the Government of India letter No. 1,420, dated 28th March 1866.

Extract paragraph 2 from a letter from the Commissioner, East Berar, to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, dated 2nd February 1871, No. 193.

2. But a very large import and export trade in Malwa Opium is carried on in the Berars. Immense quantities are purchased by Oomrawuttee merchants, who, when it reaches Oomrawuttee, obtain a Pass from the Deputy-Commissioner authorizing them to export the amount of Opium mentioned in the Pass. The Opium thus exported almost all goes to Hominabad in His Highness the Nizam's dominions (between Hyderabad and Sholapore), and when it arrives at the southern boundary of the assigned districts, it pays to this Administration an Export-duty of one Rupee per Seer.

No. 320.

ORDER THEREON, 28th April 1871, No. 757.

Separate Revenue, No. 16.
Customs.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for report. The state of the law regarding the Opium trade is explained in the Proceedings of Government, dated

12th April 1871, No. 658, transmitted to the Government of India with letter, dated 15th idem, No. 678.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Encl. F. R. Bantleman.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Read the following letter

from the
Under Secy to the Govt
of India, H. Dept.

Forwarding copy of
correspondence with
Bombay Govt relating to
importation of opium
from the Berars into British
Territory, &c.

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18 May

I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the
 10th inst. and in reply to inform
 you that the same has been
 forwarded to the proper
 authorities for their consideration.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, Sir, very respectfully,
 J. P.

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Persian to British
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I HAVE the honour, under instruction from the Resident, to forward copy of an extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,288, dated 24th February 1870, which has been presented at this Office by Habeeb-ulla-Beg, the Yeomiahdar therein named, and to state that he has applied for a Life Certificate to enable him to draw his Yeomiah allowance.

2. As, however, no Descriptive Roll of the Yeomiahdar in question has been received, and the Resident has not as yet addressed direct by the Madras Government in the matter, the application has been refused, pending receipt of a reply to the present reference.

No. 322. ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1871, No. 753.

Miscellaneous.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Dated April 28th.

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