

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st November 1872.*

No. 1. Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Customs,) to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Simla, 23rd October 1872, No. 138:—

I AM directed to invite attention to the endorsement from this department, No. 80, dated the 17th June last, on the subject of allowing traders importing salt into the Central Provinces from the Madras Presidency the option of paying line-duty into the treasuries of the Madras Collectorate of Ganjam.

2. I am also to take this opportunity to forward a copy of the letter noted on the margin, and to remark that unless some such arrangement as that proposed by the Commissioner of Inland Customs and approved by the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces is arrived at, it is feared that what with the extension of the import of railway-borne Kokan salt into Raipur, and the heavy losses in cattle sustained during the past year by the Brinjarahs, the Madras salt-trade in this direction will be materially affected.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Customs,) dated Nagpur, 12th October 1872, No. 3,691-189.

I AM directed now to reply to the inquiry made in your endorsement No. 79, dated 17th June, on a letter from the Commissioner of Customs No. 167-C, dated 21st May, in which Mr. Batten recommended that, to prevent inconvenience to traders importing salt into the Central Provinces from the Madras Presidency, they should be permitted to pay our line-duty into the treasuries of the Madras Collectorate of Ganjam, arrangements being made for the grant of a Dukhila protecting the salt to our line where the Dukhila would be exchanged for a Rawanah to be granted by the Customs Officer in charge of the post when the salt crossed the line.

2. The Chief Commissioner highly approves of the proposal, and believes it would be a source of great relief to traders, and he would recommend its sanction. In connection, however, with the importations of salt from the Ganjam Collectorate into the Sambalpur district, there is a complication of which the Commissioner of Customs has been made aware; such salt enters the Central Provinces by one or other of two routes, both of which take it within the Bengal Presidency and across the Bengal line. According to rule and the strict orders of the Bengal Government, no salt can be allowed, under any circumstances, to cross their line without paying the full Bengal duty which is higher than the Central Provinces duty, and an arrangement would have to be made in concert both with the Madras and Bengal Governments whereby salt passing through Bengal from Madras on its way to the Central Provinces would pay in Madras the full Bengal duty. The question whether the importers of such salt on proof of its being taken into the Central Provinces should be entitled to a drawback of the difference between the Bengal and Central Provinces duty is one which would also have to be considered. At present a communication received from the Commissioner of Customs has been referred to the Commissioner of Orissa to ascertain whether he is willing to agree in certain suggestions made by Mr. Batten. On hearing from him the Commissioner of Customs will again be communicated with, and he will, doubtless, again address you on the present subject.

3. I am to apologise for the delay in sending this letter, but your communication referred to in paragraph 1 had been mislaid.

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No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1872, No. 1,519.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Customs.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue
in continuation of G. O., 26th June
1872, No. 986.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

G. O. of 1872 Madras.
REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 1st November 1872, No. 1,519.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 1-2.

*Salt imported into the Central Pro-
vinces from the Madras Presidency.—Letter
from Government of India respecting the pay-
ment of line-duty into the treasuries of the
Madras Collectorate of Ganjam, referred to the
Board of Revenue.*

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No. 2.

ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1872, No. 1,519.

REFERRED to the Board of Rev

Revenue 1872 Dept.
No. 3498.

From
The Govt of India
Agric. Dept.
No. 138.

Dated 23 Oct.
Recd. 31 "

Encl. 1. With order
No. 1519 - 1st Nov 72
Inviting attention to
Endorsement on the subject of
allowing traders importing
salt into the Central Provinces
from the Madras Presidency
the option of paying local duty
into the treasuries of the
Madras Collectorate of Poonam,
forwarding, with certain remarks,
copy of a letter from the Dy. Commr.
Central Provinces, on the subject.

Refered to the Board of Revenue in
Continuation of G.O. 26th June 1872, No. 98.

No. 1519

14th Nov 72
6. West General

1 Nov 72

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