No. 112. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd December 1873, No. 2,461.

Read the following letter from J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 25th November 1873, No. 1,319:—

I HAVE the honour to forward copy of a letter from Mr. Nevins Pillay, Vakeel of the High Court, giving notice, as required by Section 214 of Act VI. of 1863, that an action will be brought against me by Poonnier Chettambaram, of Point Pedro, at the expiration of thirty days, from 21st November 1873, for having wrongfully and illegally fined him in the sum of Rupees 56,000, and for having wrongfully and illegally distrained or caused to be distrained his palmyrah yard at Royapooram with his palmyrahs, etc., therein, and request the Board will be good enough to authorize the Government Solicitor to defend the suit at the public expense should it be filed.

2. The full particulars of the case will be found in the Board's Proceedings marginally noted.

Board's Proceedings, No. 2,174, of 23rd October 1873.
Do., No. 2,227, of 31st October 1873.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From S. NEVINS PILLAY, Vakeel, High Court, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, dated Madras, 21st November 1873.

I AM instructed by Poonnier Chettambaram, of Point Pedro in Jaffna, to give you notice, which I hereby do, that the said Poonnier Chettambaram will, at the expiration of one month from this date, bring an action against you for recovering from you the damages he has sustained, and may hereafter sustain, by your having wrongfully and illegally fined him in the sum of fifty-six thousand rupees, and by your having wrongfully and illegally distrained or caused to be distrained his palmyrah yard at Royapooram, Madras, with his palmyrahs, etc., therein.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, with the request that the Government Solicitor may be authorized to manage the defence of the suit against the Collector of Sea Customs.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1873, No. 1,382.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government Solicitor is accordingly authorized to defend the suit against the Collector of Sea Customs, at the cost of Government in the first instance, and to report the result in due course.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Government Solicitor.
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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21st December 1813.

To

Charles Reid Esquire

Collector of the Customs

Hackney

Sir,

I have received the Honble Commrs

Letter herewith & have perused

the same upon the Case produced & Resolved the Deal

Boe mentioned & therein referred to be the Property

of the Exportation & not to be proved

duly Landed, Duty paid & Cleared upon

the Importation, I have upon the Examination

of the Case produced & sworn before me

do not entertain a doubt but the Drawback

claimed, may be allowed, I am therefore

willing & hereby allow the same

accordingly, I am Sir your most Obedient

Humble Servant Richard Ford

I am also directed by the Honble Commrs to desire

The Secretary at War presents his Respects to Mr. Hill, and begs to know what Number of Copies of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the Fees, Gratuities, Perquisites, and Emoluments which have been lately received in the several Offices connected with the Treasury, the Exchequer, the Admiralty, the Secretaries of State, the Board of Trade, the Pay Office, and the Office of the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, Mr. Hill would wish to have sent to the Secretary at War's Office.

(Three Copies)

Whitehall, 1st March 1806.

The Secretary at War presents his Compliments to Mr. Hill, and begs to know what Number of Copies of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the Fees, Gratuities, Perquisites, and Emoluments which have been lately received in the several Offices connected with the Treasury, the Exchequer, the Admiralty, the Secretaries of State, the Board of Trade, the Pay Office, and the Office of the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, Mr. Hill would wish to have sent to the Secretary at War's Office.

(Three Copies)

Mr. Hill,
Secretary,
Board of Treasury.

Secretary at War's Office

No 337473

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2. The full particulars of the case will be found in the Boards' Proceedings* marginally noted

* Boards' Proceedings No. 2174 of 23rd October 1873.
— do. — do. ——— No. 2227 of 31st October 1873.

Sea Custom House Madras 25th November 1873 } (Signed) I have &c. J. Hunter Blair Collector, Sea Customs.

Submitted for the orders of Government with the request that the Government Solicitor may be authorized to manage the defence of the Suit against the Collector of Sea Customs.

(True Copy & Extract)

[signature]
Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with copy of Enclosure.

[signature]
[illegible]

Revenue Department

No 1382

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 7th December 1873.—

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue—

Submitting the Court letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras &c. regarding the suit which is to be filed against him by one O Subbanarrainaswamy Pandit Vidwan for detaining his property in consequence of his having smuggled opium.—

R. & S. 7th December 1873.

The Government—

Solicitor is accordingly authorized to defend the suit against the Collector of Sea Customs, if it is instituted, at the cost of Government and to report the result in due course

Read 7th Dec. 1873

Despatched 8th Dec. 1873

Copy forwarded to the Board of Revenue

Copy forwarded to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras

Copy forwarded to the Solicitor to Government

Read 8th Dec. 1873

Copy forwarded to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras

G.O. 1382 - 9 dated 7th Dec. 1873

Despatched 8th Dec. 1873

Section I

Copy of a letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, No. 1144 dated 1st December 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of Government that a Native Pandit Vidwan named O Subbanarrainaswamy has petitioned the Court for the return of certain property which was seized by the Preventive Officers on the 27th ultimo on board the Steamer Rangoon, on the ground that it was smuggled opium.

2. The property consists of 1 Box containing 1 Chest and 1 Bundle containing 1 Mat, 1 Pillow, 1 Quilt, 1 Sheet, 1 Blanket and 1 Cloth.

3. The Pandit has also petitioned the Government for the return of the property, and I have the honor to request that I may be furnished with the orders of Government in the matter.

4. I have also to request that I may be informed whether the Solicitor to Government is to defend the suit, if instituted.

I have &c.

(Signed) [illegible]

Collector of Sea Customs

Section II

Copy of a letter from the Board of Revenue, No. 2382 dated 2nd December 1873.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a petition from O Subbanarrainaswamy Pandit Vidwan, for transmission to the Government, and to request that you will furnish the Board with the orders of Government in the matter of the petition.

2. I have also to request that you will inform the Board whether the Solicitor to Government is to defend the suit, if instituted.

I have &c.

(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To

The Collector of Sea Customs, Madras

Section III

Copy of a petition from O Subbanarrainaswamy Pandit Vidwan, dated 1st December 1873.

To

The Hon'ble the Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to state that I arrived in Madras by the Steamer Rangoon on the 27th ultimo, and that on the same day my property was seized by the Preventive Officers on the ground that it was smuggled opium.

2. The property consists of 1 Box containing 1 Chest and 1 Bundle containing 1 Mat, 1 Pillow, 1 Quilt, 1 Sheet, 1 Blanket and 1 Cloth.

3. I have to request that the property may be restored to me.

I have &c.

(Signed) O Subbanarrainaswamy Pandit Vidwan

Madras 1st December 1873

Section IV

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(Signed) [illegible]

Collector of Sea Customs

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(Signed) [illegible]

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To

The Collector of Sea Customs, Madras

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To

The Hon'ble the Board of Revenue

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I have &c.

(Signed) O Subbanarrainaswamy Pandit Vidwan

Madras 1st December 1873