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No. 170. Read the following letter from C. J. LYALL, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras, dated Calcutta, 10th November 1874, No. 31.

Fisheries.

WITH a view to protect the interests of the Indian Fishermen who use taxed salt for curing fish, it has been proposed that an *ad valorem* duty should be levied on all foreign cured fish imported into the Madras Presidency. To enable the Government of India to judge of the probable effect of the measure and also of the rate of duty which should be imposed, I am directed to request that the Governor-General in Council may be furnished, with the least possible delay, with a Return in the annexed form showing the imports of salt-fish, dried or cured, into the Madras Presidency during the last three years, the localities from which they are imported, and the rate of duty that is now payable.

2. As the weight of the salt and dry fish imported free of duty is not recorded, it is believed, at the Customs Houses, this should be given approximately by ascertaining the average declared value. Thus, if Rupees 30,000 worth of such fish were imported, and it be ascertained that such fish averages Rupees 20 per ton, 1,500 tons should be entered as the weight of fish imported. This will not, of course, be accurate, but it will be an approximation which will enable Government to form some idea of the quantity of taxed salt that the Indian fishermen would require to use to prepare a similar amount of such fish, and therefore the rate of duty necessary to put home-cured salt-fish on a footing with foreign fish.

3. His Excellency in Council would further wish it to be ascertained approximately what weight of good taxed salt is required to cure one ton of each of the four classes of salt-fish entered in the annexed form, due allowance being made for wastage.

4. I am to add that His Excellency will be glad to be favored with any remarks or suggestions, in connection with this question, that His Excellency the Governor in Council may desire to make.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th November 1874.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
Presidency.
STATEMENT of Salt, dried or cured, fish imported into the

Class of Article.	Rate of duty now payable.	Localities from which imported.	1871-72.		1872-73.		1873-74.		TOTAL.		JERLOG.	
			Quantity in Tons and Cwts.	Value, Rs.	Quantity, etc.	Rs.	Quantity.	Rs.	Quantity.	Rs.	Quantity.	Rs.
I.—Fish, salt and dried, free of duty												
Total ..												
II.—Sharks' fins, subject to duty												
Total ..												
III.—Fish maws, subject to duty												
Total ..												
IV.—Fish, Sogillus and Signally, small, subject to duty												
Total ..												
Grand Total ..												

No. 171.

ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1874, No. 1,468.

Miscellaneous.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue, with the request that they will be good enough to compile and submit the required Return.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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To

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated November 12th.

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G. O., 30th November 1874, No. 1468.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 170-171.

Foreign and Fish imported into Madras Presidency.—Requesting the Board of Revenue to compile and submit the Return of — required by the Government of India.

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FROM

C. J. LYALL, ESQUIRE,

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Department of Agriculture,

Revenue and Commerce,

TO

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most obedient servant,

Chas. L. Hall

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

30: Nov: 14