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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th December 1874.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 135. From E. F. HARRISON, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Fort William, 25th November 1874, No. 6,705.

With reference to a Resolution recorded by the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 6,703, of this day's date, sanctioning the formation of a Committee for the revision of the Customs Tariff valuations, I am directed to request that you will be good enough to move His Excellency the Governor in Council to nominate an experienced officer to be a Member of the Committee, and to direct him to proceed to Calcutta so as to be present at the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee.

No. 136. Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department (Separate Revenue—Customs), dated Fort William, 25th November 1874, No. 6,703.

Read the under-mentioned papers:—

Letter from the Secretary to the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, dated 20th August 1873, proposing a revision of the values on which duties are assessed under the Tariff Act XIII of 1871 and of the rates of duty.

Letter to the Governments of Bengal, Bombay, and Madras, and the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah, No. 3,073, dated 18th September 1873, forwarding the above for report.

Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 6,443/319-R., dated the 26th November 1873.

Letter from the Government of Bengal, No. 2,372, dated 9th September 1873, proposing a revision of the Customs Tariff with the view of placing certain articles named on the free list.

Despatch (Separate Revenue) from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, No. 2, dated 26th March 1874, forwarding, for consideration, a memorial from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce on the subject of the duties now levied on yarns and manufactured goods imported into India.

Despatch (Separate Revenue) to the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, No. 10, dated 15th May 1874, stating that the subject has been under the consideration of the Government of India, and that possibly a Committee for the revision of the Tariff would be convened in the ensuing cold season.

Letter from the Secretary to the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, dated 23rd September 1874, (received 8th October), inviting attention to his previous letter of 20th August 1873, regarding a proposal for the revision of the Tariff of fixed valuations, and stating that the Chamber is prepared to recommend various amendments in the Tariff.

Despatch (Separate Revenue) from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India, No. 5, dated 8th October 1874, forwarding a further letter from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, pressing for a revision of the Tariff.

RESOLUTION.—It has been represented to the Government of India that the values on which Customs duties are assessed, as contained in Schedules A and B of the Indian Tariff Act, 1871, are in some instances in excess of the market values of the articles valued.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th December 1874.*

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General in Council is of opinion that the time has arrived for the revision of the Tariff valuations, and has resolved for this purpose to appoint a Committee to inquire into and report on the subject.

The Committee will be composed of the following Members:—

President:

Mr. A. MONEY, C.B., *Member of the Board of Revenue, L. P.*

Members:

THE HON'BLE J. R. BULLEN SMITH,

Mr. T. B. LANE, *Offg. Collector of Customs, Calcutta,*

and other Members who will be subsequently appointed after communication with the Governments of Bombay and Madras.

The Committee will meet in Calcutta in the first week of January next.

The Government of India would further be glad to consider the opinion of the Committee as to the propriety of removing from the Tariff any articles the retention of which may be thought unimportant in the interest of the public revenue, and the removal of which from the list of dutiable articles would give freedom to trade, or any other cases in which from competition or otherwise the Committee may be of opinion that any of the existing export duties are seriously prejudicial to the trade in the articles subject to them.

Representations have also been made to the Government of India as to the injurious effect of the duties levied on the import of cotton goods and twist manufactured in England. The Government of India would be glad to receive a report of the opinion of the Committee on this point after inquiry into the facts.

In considering this question, the Committee will observe that the Government of India does not impose or maintain Customs duties for the purpose of affording protection to any branch or class of industry, but for revenue purposes only.

ORDERED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to each of the Members of the Committee named therein, to the Government of Bengal, and to the Governments of Bombay and Madras for information, and for communication to the officer that may be selected from each of those Presidencies to be a Member of the Committee.

(Signed) E. F. HARRISON,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Ed. W. H. French.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th December 1874.

No. 1,540.

No. 137.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Separate Revenue, No. 6.

Customs.

SIR,—I am directed to state in reply to your letter, dated 25th November last, No. 6,705, that His Excellency the Governor in Council proposes to nominate

the Hon. R. A. Dakyell, who is now in Calcutta, to be a member of the Committee for the revision of the Customs Tariff Valuations, if the Right Honorable the Governor-General in Council can spare his services for the purpose, and considers that the requirements of the case will be met by the deputation of an officer who, without having been actually employed in the Customs Department, is not without general knowledge of that branch of the revenue.

2. Should it be considered that, as the primary object of the Committee is the revision of Tariff valuations, an officer of experience in Customs work should be sent, the Governor in Council would depute Mr. Hunter-Blair, the Collector of Sea Customs in Madras, as the officer possessing the necessary qualification.

3. In the present position of the service, the services of Mr. Hunter-Blair cannot very easily be spared, and the former arrangement would be most convenient to this Government if it be agreeable to the Governor-General in Council.

4. An expression of the wishes of the Government of India on the subject is solicited by telegraph.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

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Government of Fort St. George.

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Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

NR 135 From E. F. Harrison Esq. Offg Secy to the Govt of India
Financial Dept., 9 Fort William, 25 Nov 1874, No 6703

To
The Chief Secretary to the Government of
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Your most obt. servant

E. F. Harrison

Offg Secy to the Govt of India

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