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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*26th June* 1874.

No. 230. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Ootacamund, 5th June 1874:—

Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Trevandrum, 30th May 1874, No. B.

I HAVE the honour to report that some little time ago Messrs. Volkart Brothers of Cochin exported from the Cochin Sirkar port of Narakal certain pepper,* produce of Travancore, that had paid the Travancore Export-duty†.

* Cwts. 967¼.

† Rupees 1,083-9-3, at 5 Rs. for 500 lbs.

2. The Cochin Sirkar claimed duty, Messrs. Volkart objected. The matter was referred to me.

3. The Dewan of Cochin argues that when the interportal arrangements were made in 1865, the Cochin inland Chowkies were abolished, but Travancore was allowed to retain most of hers; that though the pepper paid duty at the Travancore Chowky, *that* must be considered *transit* duty, and the duty levied by Cochin on export from Narakal the real Export-duty. The British Government to assist the interportal arrangements allows pepper that has paid duty to either of the Sirkars to be exported free from British Cochin, and levies an exceptional duty at that port (the proceeds of which are divided between the Sirkars) on pepper not covered by Sirkar Ravanas. But at all other ports the Sirkar Ravana would have no effect, and the pepper would pay the ordinary Export-duty.

4. The Dewan says: "It is, however, in the interests of the British Government that I am so particularly anxious to collect the duty on the pepper above mentioned. By the interportal arrangements above referred to, the British Government have guaranteed to this Sirkar a Customs duty of not less than 1,00,000 Rs., and the smaller the receipts at our ports, the larger will be the amount to be made good by that Government. If the British Government wishes that we should abandon the claim to duty on pepper exported from our ports under such circumstances as have been mentioned above, I shall, of course, have no objection to do so."

5. It seems that several years ago the question was raised but left unsettled.

6. It seems to me that though the Dewan very rightly raised the question, it will be only in accordance with the spirit of the interportal arrangements to allow claim to be waived. Narakal is, to a great extent, a subsidiary port of Cochin. It is used mainly on account of its well-known mud-bank when the port of British Cochin is closed. It may well be put in such a matter as the present on the same footing as British Cochin, and I would recommend that Government assent to allow pepper covered by a Sirkar Ravana to be exported from Narakal, as from British Cochin, free of duty.

P.S.—I regret the question was overlooked, and would request early order, as the Dewan will be closing account for the current Malabar year.

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TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Acting Chief Secretary.*

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*26th June* 1874.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 26th June 1874, No. 782.

| Separate Revenue, No. 10p. |
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| *Customs.* |

THE Government approve and sanction the recommendation made by the Resident at the conclusion of the foregoing letter, *viz.*, to allow pepper covered by a Sirkar Rowana to be exported from Nowakul, as from British Cochin, free of duty.

(True Extract.)

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

Govt. of India.

# REVENUE.

To the RESIDENT at TRAVANCORE
AND COCHIN,
&c, &c, &c.

Dated Fort St. G. 26th June 1874.

Rec'd

A. G. 26th June 1874. No. 182.

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Nos. 230-231.

Subject.—Approval and sanction requested to allow — granted by Straw elevens to be supplied from National Bee of ship.

[illegible] transit duty. The British Government to record the Interportal arrangements a Clause praying that the transit duty to either of the Indian States may be exempted from Portuguese Territories on condition that Portuguese subjects on entering the Indian States may be exempted from transit duty at that Port of the French on which goods destined for the Indian States may be shipped. But all other Ports to the Indian Ports must have no effect and the Portuguese [illegible] transit duty.

The Dewan says it is known to the Government that goods passing through the Portuguese territories to the Indian States are charged with the Portuguese Government duty and that the Interportal arrangements do not exempt goods from the payment of this duty. The Portuguese Government have expressed their willingness to make arrangements by which goods passing through Portuguese territories to the Indian States may be exempted from the payment of the Portuguese duty on condition that Portuguese subjects on entering the Indian States may be exempted from transit duty at that Port of the French on which goods destined for the Indian States may be shipped. But all other Ports to the Indian Ports must have no effect and the Portuguese [illegible] transit duty.

5 I shall of course have no objection to do so. It seems that several years ago the question was raised but left unsettled.

6 It seems to me that although the Dewan very rightly raised the question, it will be only in accordance with the spirit of the Interportal arrangements to relieve them to be waived. Goa has to do a great extent to exclusive any part of Portugal. It is used mainly on account of the well known [illegible] than the port of Marmagoa also [illegible] on the same footing as Bombay. The British Government should [illegible] French Government to allow Portuguese goods passing through French territories to Indian ports free of duty.

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