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No. 105. Read the following letter from G. D. IRVINE, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Cuddalore, 27th August 1875, No. 80:—

I HAVE the honor to submit the report called for in your telegram of 25th instant.

2. As soon as the Proceedings (copy enclosed) of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th August 1875, No. 2,191, directing all the Collectors to give immediate effect to the provisions of the new Tariff Act of 1875 was received, it was, in the ordinary course of business, communicated to the Head Assistant Collector with instructions to issue the necessary orders to the Sayer Superintendents.

3. On the 19th instant, I received a letter (No. 73, bearing the same date, copy enclosed) from the French Government, bringing to my notice that the Sayer Superintendent at Mortandi Chavady was levying a duty on paddy exported to Pondicherry, and that this was contrary to the orders issued by Government in 1862. They enclosed copy of letter, No. 1,273 of 10th June 1862, addressed to them by the Madras Government relating to this matter and referred to in paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 1,272, of the same date, Revenue Department.

4. Referring to the former correspondence on the subject, I found that in 1813 the Madras Government had given up the export duty on the above articles in consideration of the French Government having agreed to discontinue the manufacture of salt in French territory, and that, in their orders quoted in the margin, the Madras Government had discussed the necessity for continuing the indulgence and directed its continuance.

No. 856 of 18th May 1863, Revenue Department, paragraph 5.
No. 1,771 of 17th July 1866, Revenue Department, paragraph 6.

5. As, however, the new Tariff Act directed the levy of the duty (by Section 10) without making any exception in favor of the French Government, I did not feel authorised to countermand its collection without specific orders, and accordingly applied for instructions on the subject by my telegram of the 20th instant. On receipt of the telegram under reply, I have issued instructions to suspend the levy of the duty until further orders.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1875, No. 1,354.

Separate Revenue, No. 7.
Customs.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council observes that there was nothing in the new Act or in the instructions which reached the Acting Collector regarding it, which warranted change without special authority in the arrangements with the French Government which have been in force since 1819, if not from an earlier date.

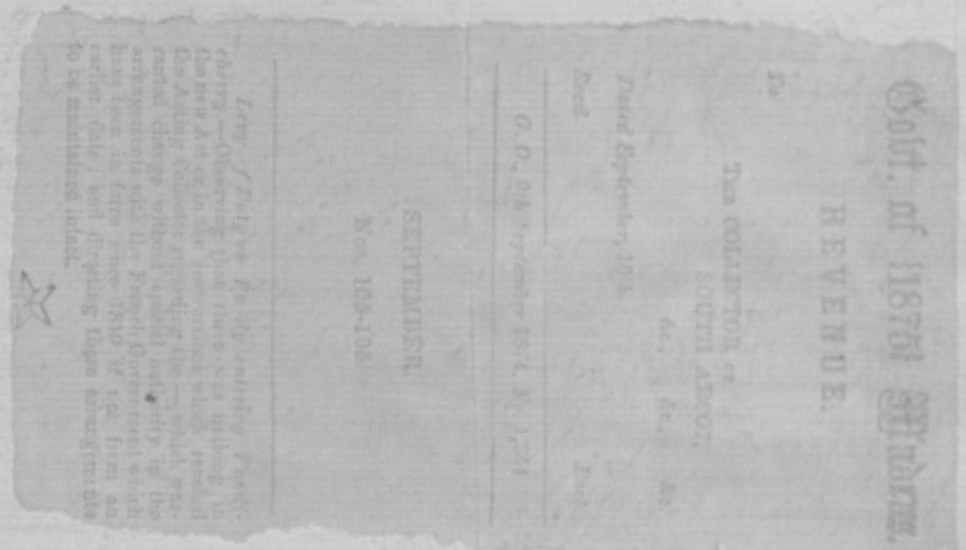
2. These arrangements should be maintained intact.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of South Arcot.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Ed F. R. Bentleman.


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REVENUE.
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The collector of
South Arcot.
Acct. for
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SOUTH ARCOT. COLLECTOR'S

No. 88. Cuddalore 27th August 1876

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From

G. Duncan Jervis Esqre

Actg Collector of South Arcot.

To

The Secretary to
Government of Madras
Public Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the return called for in your telegram of 25th Inst. Copy enclosed 2 ✱ No cases as per proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 6th August 1875 No 2191 directing all the Collectors to give immediate effect to the provisions of the New Salt Act of 1875 and copies of that Act in the Tamil and Telugu languages to be sent with instructions to issue the necessary orders to the Salt Superintendents.

2. On the 19th Inst I received a letter (No 73 bearing the same date. Copy enclosed) from the Tamil Superintendent of Salt bringing to my notice that the Salt Superintendent at Mooturpet (Karaty) was levying a duty on Salt by extortion & Punishing and that this was contrary to the orders issued by Government in 1862. I enclosed copy of letter No 1273 of 10th June 1862 addressed

Madras Government relating
thereto and referred to in same
Government Order No 1272 of
the same date, Revenue Department.

4. Referring to the former Correspondence
on the subject I found that in 1918
the Madras Government had given
up the export duty on the above articles
in consideration of the French
Government having agreed to dis-
-continue the manufacture of
salt in French Territory and that
in their orders quoted in the margin
the Madras Government had discussed
the desirability for continuing the
indulgence and directed a Provision
to be made in the New
Tariff Act directing the levy of the
duty (by section 19) and making
any exception in favour of the French
Government, & did not feel authe-
-rized to countermand the Collection
without specific orders and accord-
-ingly applied for instructions
on the subject by my Telegram of
the 20th Inst. On receipt of the
Telegram under reply I have issued
instructions to continue the levy
of the duty until further orders.

I have the honor &c
Sir
Your most obdt Servt

G Burnam Shaw
Ag Collector

No 1855 G.T. 18th May 1920
12 D. Para 6.
No 1777 G.T. 17th May 1920
12 D Para 6.

No 2191.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
dated 6th August 1875.

Read the following telegram from
the Secretary to the Government of
India, Financial Department, to
the Acting Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Madras, dated London
5th August 1875.

"The Tariff to be prepared, but
do not further by paragraphic and
make no other Public Schedules,
it must not be republished
until the Gazette Extraordinary
reaches you, meanwhile alter
the import duty on Tobacco to
five per cent & explain the
Bill and Schedules already
forwarded to you in the hands
of all Customs officers, also com-
municate them together with
a copy of this telegram to the Chamber
of Commerce, and let
me

immediate effect be given to them."

Ordered accordingly, that the Bill, with the corrections specified, be communicated to all Collectors of Maritime Districts, with instructions to bring the provisions of the Bill and the rates of duty specified in the Schedules thereto annexed, into operation

2: Ordered also, that the Bill, and the foregoing telegram, be communicated to the Chambers of Commerce, Madras. Collectors will also furnish copies without delay to Local Chambers of Commerce.

/True Extract/

Sgd/ A. E. Stokes

Secretary

/True copy/

Sgd/ [illegible]

Collector

N° 732

Pondichéry le 19 Août 1875

Monsieur le Collecteur

J'ai l'honneur de vous prier de vouloir bien me faire connaître le résultat de la perception du droit de 2 Roupies par charrette chargée de sel, à leur introduction sur notre territoire. Cette mesure a-t-elle produit ou non le résultat analogue à celle qui l'a produite en 1862 et qui donna lieu à la communication de Mr le Gouverneur Denicon, dont je vous transmets ci-joint la copie.

La répétition de cette perception inscrite étant de la plus grande importance pour l'approvisionnement du marché de Pondichéry, j'ai l'honneur de vous prier de vouloir bien

Recevoir

bien faire donner le plustôt possible, des instructions aux employés du poste de douane précité, afin que les grains continuent à entrer librement sur notre territoire, comme par le passé. Je vous serais également obligé, Monsieur le Collecteur, de prescrire la restitution aux ayants droit des sommes indûment perçues.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Collecteur, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

Le Gouverneur p.i. des Etablissements français de l'Inde.

/signed/ J. Nesty.

/True copy/

G. Duncan Stone

Acting Collector

Fort St George,
10th June 1862.

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No 1293.

To

His Excellency Wm D'Ubrayo
Governor of the French Establ.ts
in India
Pondicherry

Sir,

On the receipt of your Ex-
cellency's letter No 4 of the 20th Ultimo,
representing that the Collector of South
Arcot had prohibited the export of grain
for consumption [illegible]
except upon payment of duty, I have
the honor to inform you that I called
upon the Collector to explain his pro-
ceedings. From his report it appears
that the levy of the duty is entirely due
to a misapprehension on the part of his
subordinates in the Sayer Department,
but that the mistake has been noticed,
and that such sums as have been collected
will be returned. I have no doubt that
your Excellency is already in possession
of an explanation to the like effect in

reply

Dr 10 Extract from Sy's No 1354 of 10 June 1862

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Extract from Sy's No 1354 of 10 June 1862 to His Excellency Wm D'Ubrayo Governor of the French Establ.ts in India Pondicherry

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reply to the communication you have addressed to the Collector himself. I regret that this misunderstanding should have arisen and trust Sir, that you will accept the assurances of my high consideration with which,

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) Denison
Governor

(True Copy)
(Signed) De Possel Deydier
Ordonnateur

(True Copy)
[signature]
Ag. Collector

In a letter from the Actg Collector of South Arcot dated 27th Aug/75 No 80

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Rev Dept

Coll. of S. Arct

Reporting the circumstances under which duty on Paddy entering Pondicherry was levied } 14-2. 27th Aug/75 No 80

Memo. for Orders

The Acting Collector of South Arcot first telegraphed and now has written stating that the French Government object to the levy of duty under the new Tariff Act on rice & paddy entering their territory by land.

2. A resume of our arrangements with the French subsequent to the restoration of Pondicherry in 1815 will be found in the papers printed in G.O.

Ask the Ag. Collector whether there was nothing in the Act or in the instructions that reached him relative to it — that warranted change without special authority in the arrangts. with the French Govt. that have been in force since 1819 at least — & that he will maintain those arrangements intact. [initials]

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17? July 86 No 1771.

From this it appears that in 1817 & 1818 certain concessions were made to the French who on their turn agreed to give up manufacturing salt.

Among these concessions the first related to grain & ran thus "All live stock & articles of provisions, grain & all sorts included, in quantities actually of bona fide required for consumption at Pondicherry & other French Settlements to be allowed to pass the frontier free of duty."

This State of things remained in force but in 1862 Mr. Reade then Collector of Salt Brest allowed for a time the levy of duty on grain which the customs authorities had been levying under what Mr. Reade called the New Customs Act (presumably* Act X (of 62). as however he soon saw the levy was a mistake he stopped it.

4 The acting Collector states that as "the new Tariff Act directed the

* Ofy not available here.

See in F.O. 10th June 62 No 1272

levy of the duty
(by § 10) without
making any exception
in favor of the
French Government
I did not feel
authorized to remit
and its collection
without specific
orders".

A reference to the Act
(XVII of 71) hitherto
Regulating Customs
duties would have
shown him that
its § 8 & § 10 of the
new act (XVI of 75)
are word for word
the same and
that he need
not therefore have
apprehended that

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any change was
necessary or intended.
He was directed
by telegram on the
24th August to
maintain the
previous practice
and all that seems
necessary now is
to point out that
the new law makes
no change & to
direct the refund of
any duty that
may have been
collected.

Yours

A. M.

For Orders

Entry of Duty, under the new Law
on Teas & Coffee, entering Portsmouth