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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
1st October 1875.

No. 7.

No. 1,447.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Separate Revenue, No. 2.

Customs and Salt.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 19th August 1875, No. 274, and, with reference to paragraph 13, I am to state that this

Government consider that no time should be lost in applying the Excise Act to Malabar and Canara. On receipt of sanction, which, it is suggested, should be communicated by telegraph, the necessary measures will be at once adopted for bringing the Act into force.

2. As regards the decision contained in paragraph 14 to stop the supply of salt by Government from the 1st April, I am to state that a further communication will be addressed to you on the subject after inquiry. As at present informed, this Government fear that it may be found impossible to adhere to the date named by the Government of India, owing to the fact that the coast may be practically regarded as closed in April, and that, consequently, no time would, under such an arrangement, be allowed for private trade to adjust itself before the long closure of the monsoon.

3. Previous to the receipt of the order of the Government of India on this subject, the usual arrangement had been made, by contract, for the shipments of salt required for the ensuing year, so that ample stocks will be available to ensure a supply in the event of a failure of supply from private sources occurring.

4. I am, however, to state that this Government consider that the necessity for a subsequent reverting to Government sales would be a great misfortune tending to shake confidence among traders, and it is, for this reason, that they would so time the measure as to reduce the chances of a failure of private trade to a minimum.

5. I am, also, to point out that the existing rule, under which all salt exported from Bombay pays full duty to that Government, is prohibitive of the supply of salt from that Presidency to Madras by private traders, unless exempted under the Indian Tariff Act of 1875 from the import duty of Rs. 1-13-0 at Madras Ports.

6. In regard to using the Government stores as bonded warehouses, it has also to be noticed that the space will be required for the storage of the six months' supply to be retained as a reserve.

7. The stores consist for the most part, of makeshifts; the fact of the abolition of the monopoly having been, for some time, under contemplation having prevented the Government from incurring the enormous expenditure which suitable buildings would have entailed.

8. The conditions of the West Coast trade have led to the use of private bonded warehouses for all other classes of goods, and it will probably be found most convenient to allow the same course as regards salt.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

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C. H. Allen

REQUESTING sanction for the introduction of
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