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FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th December 1875.

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To

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

Separate Revenue, No. 13.
Salt.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 21st of October 1875, No. 338, I am directed to forward the accompanying Proceedings of this Government, in which are embodied two Proceedings of the Board of Revenue discussing the question of the introduction of the Salt Excise Act into the districts of Malabar and Canara.

2. The Board of Revenue appear to have somewhat confused the effect of introducing the Act itself with the results attending the Resolution of the Government of India requiring that Government should "recede altogether from their position as salt-traders;" and I am to invite attention to the remarks of this Government reviewing the Board's reports.

3. It will be seen that this Government consider that the introduction of the Act will be mainly advantageous in the way of suppressing the private manufacture of untaxed salt in Malabar and preventing its extension to South Canara; but that they view, with apprehension, all hindrances to free importation such as the compulsory pre-payment of duty at Bombay and the restriction as to the transport of salt by sea.

4. They are also not yet prepared to say how far or how soon the Government should cease to import, manufacture, and sell salt, and, as the decision of this question is attended with serious difficulties, I am to suggest that it should be remitted for consideration by the Salt Commission that is to meet at Madras in the first week of January in connection* with the Bill to restrict the transport of salt by sea, and that no action in the way of the withdrawal by Government from the supply of salt should at present be taken.

* *Vide* letter to Government of India, dated 22nd November 1875, No. 1,674.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. E. Bentleman.

Bermuda Dept.

Copy of Letter from Governor Bruere to Lord Germain, No. 1780.

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Sir

The Sentry of the Sch.r of Lucia
Deserted & Run away from
Capt.n Thomas

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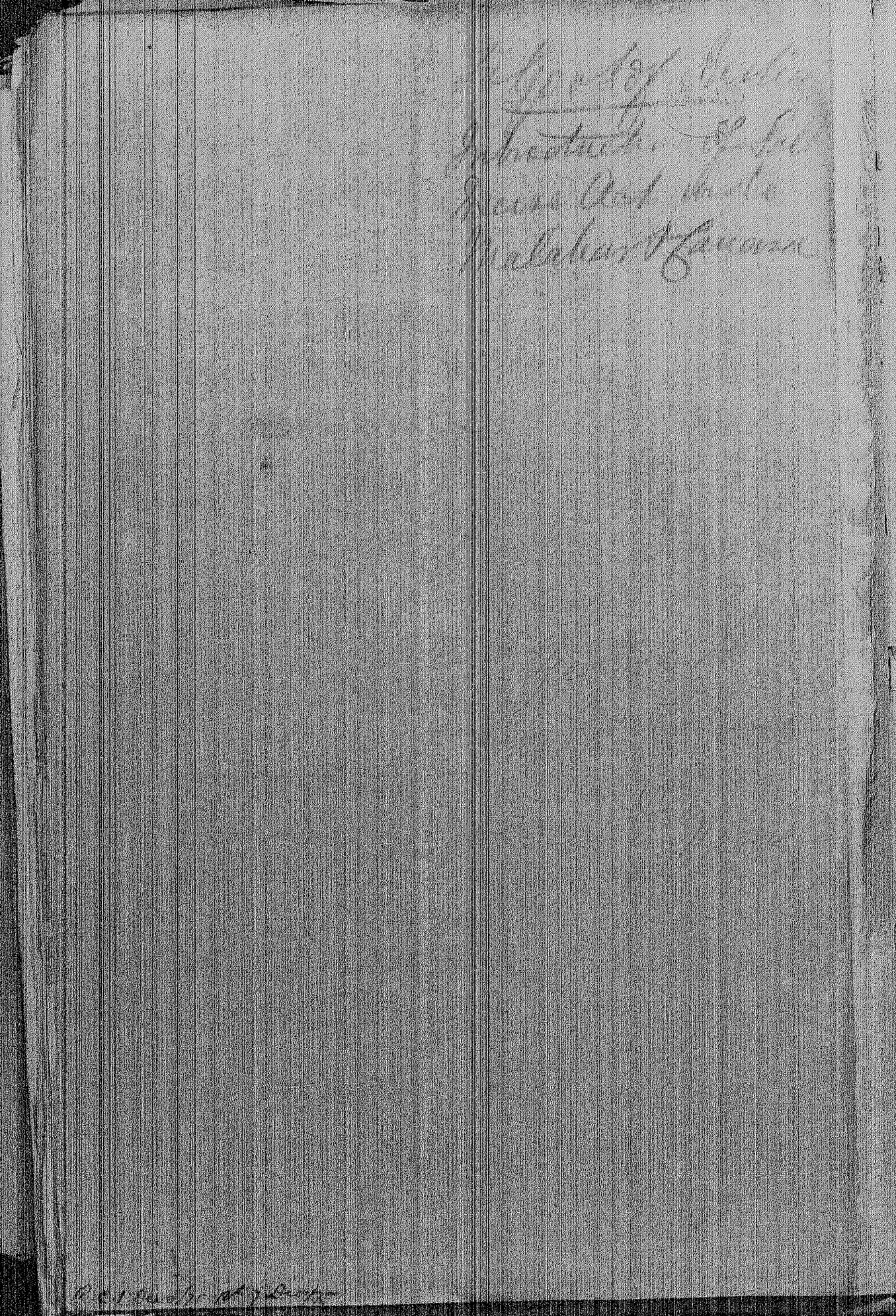
With reference
to your Letter of the
2nd of Dec.r 1778 No 338
and its Enclosures from
Captain Hale
I am directed by
His Excellency
Governor Bruere to send
you herewith the Examination
of Thomas the Sentry of the
Royal Prince Sloop
of War