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N^o 780

Huzoor butchery
Trichoor in Cochin
21st September 1876

To

Major A. F. J. Blomfield
Officiating British Resident of
Travancore and Cochin.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 572 of the 12th Instant.

2 What I attempted to show in my former letter, N^o 728 of the 5th Instant, was that if this Government were to purchase salt at the price mentioned in the most favourable of the 3 tenders lately received, the buying price would exceed the average annual amount realized by the sale of Bombay Salt by Rs 36,686. This loss is of course in addition to the loss of the whole of the nett revenue now derived from Bombay Salt.

3 The average quantity of Bombay salt purchased by this Government being 84,574 Indian Maunds and the average buying price Rs. 52. 6. per 100 Indian Maunds the average annual amount expended in the purchase of Bombay Salt is Rs. 26,576. 13. 2. The same quantity of salt sold at the present selling rate of 2 Rs. per Indian Maund produces Rs. 1,63,048.

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The difference between these amounts or Rupees 136,471-2-10 is the net revenue from Bombay Salt which will be lost to this Government if we cannot get salt on more favorable terms than those offered in the tenders received.

4. To these losses should be added the cost of carriage and the salaries of servants employed exclusively in the Salt Department, in case this Government has to maintain the monopoly on such ruinous terms.

5. The losses which this Government will be subjected by the action of the Bombay Government are therefore briefly as follows.

Excess of buying price over gross receipt.	Rs. 36,686-...
Average net revenue from Bombay salt	136,471-2-10
Cost of Carriage of Salt	13,080-...
Cost of Establishment	4062-...

Total Rupees 190,219-2-10

6. For the adjustment of the compensation on account of the wastage in Bombay Salt not exceeding 10% on the quantity exported from Bombay, a distinct account is kept of all Bombay Salt purchased by this Government, but no such distinct account is kept of the sale of Bombay Salt. It is therefore difficult to say what quantity of Bombay salt was sold in each year. I believe

believe, however, that the average quantity sold is very nearly, if not exactly, the average quantity purchased on which some of the above calculations are based.

7. In conclusion I beg to observe that as the great rise in the price of Bombay salt will necessarily raise the price of salt received from other places, we cannot expect a loss in the revenue derived from the latter source.

I have &c.
/Sd/ J. Shungoomy Menon
Diwan

/True copy/

Cassanah
Resident

W.C.
J.S.

N^o 12.

Residents' office,

Tiruvandrum, 20th January 1875

From

G. A. Ballard Esquire

Resident in Travancore & Cochin

To

The Ag. Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Fort St George.

Sir,

Adverting to your official
Memo. dated 14th Ultimo N^o 155, I
have the honor to forward herewith
copy of the Cochin Dewan's letter
dated 21st September 1874 N^o 780 and
to state with reference to para 2 of the
said Memo. that a communication
on the subject is being sent to Govern-
ment today.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. A. Ballard

Resident.

Enclosed in a letter from the
Resident in Travancore to the
Ag. Revenue Secretary to Govt.
Fort St George of 20th January
1875 N^o 12

From the Dewan of Travancore
to the Ag. Revenue Secretary to Govt.
of 21st September 1874 N^o 780

N^o 208/75

On the purchase of land
sold by the Travancore
Government.

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Providence Department

From the Record in Lawrence

to the Acting Secretary

Department, Bureau

Department - First Floor

Date 20th

Recd 25th January 1875

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Enclosure. 1.

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Forwarding copy of
a letter from the Secretary
of the Bureau on the subject
of Sunday School fund
by the Department.

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