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2nd March 1875.*

No. 15. Read the following letter from G. H. M. BATTEN, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Customs and Salt,) to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Calcutta, 6th February 1875, No. 37:—

UNDER the Notification of the Bombay Government, published in the *Bombay Gazette* of the 3rd September 1874, prohibiting the export by sea of salt from the 1st October 1874, unless the full excise duty has been paid on it, an unforeseen inconvenience has arisen in the accounts in the case of salt supplied to the Madras Government through contractors.

2. As these contractors have to pay the duty of Rs. 1-13-0 per maund to the Bombay Government before exporting the salt, that duty is first credited to the Bombay revenues. Then the Madras authorities have to pay back to the contractors the duty thus paid by them. This payment is debited to Madras. Finally, the salt is sold to the public at a price which includes the duty, and the duty is a second time brought to credit. Thus the duty is twice included in the General Revenues, and once in the expenditure. This renders comparison of receipts and expenditure with those of previous years difficult, and gives a wrong idea of the actual state of the case.

3. It appears to the Governor-General in Council that the difficulty might be avoided by allowing the contractors to export the salt which they engage to supply to the Madras authorities free of duty, under sufficient security that they shall deliver all such salt to these authorities. The necessity for pre-paying the duty not only causes the inconvenience described, but must make the charges to the Madras Government higher than they otherwise would be, as it must swell the contractors' charges for interest, profits, insurance, etc.

4. I am desired to state that the Governor-General in Council would be glad of an early expression of the opinion of the Government of Bombay on this point, and as to the measures which it would suggest to remove the anomaly pointed out.

5. In all accounts and returns the duty paid by the contractors should be carefully distinguished and recorded both for the past and future, so that it will be possible to eliminate the amount from the accounts.

No. 38.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

(By Order,)

(Signed) C. J. LYALL,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 16.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1875, No. 335.

Separate Revenue, No. 2.

Salt.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue for their information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

FROM

No. 37
L. H. M. Batten, Esquire
~~A. O. HUME, Esquire, C. B.,~~

Offg: Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue,
Agriculture and Commerce,

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Bombay

Calcutta dated 5 February 1875.

Customs and Salt. SIR,

Under the Notification of the Bombay Government published in the Bombay Gazette of the 3^d September 1874, prohibiting the export by sea of Salt from the 1st October 1874 unless the full excise duty has been paid on it, an unforeseen inconvenience has arisen in the accounts, in the case of Salt supplied to the Madras Government through contractors. 2. As these contractors have to pay the duty of Rs. 1-13 per maund to the Bombay Government before exporting the Salt, that duty is first credited to the Bombay revenues. Then the Madras authorities have to pay back the contractors the duty thus paid by them. This payment is debited to Madras. Finally the Salt is sold to the public

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dist. Board, 2nd.

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G. O. 3rd March 1875, No. 385.

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Nos. 15-16.

Bombay Salt. Communicating for information copy of a letter from the Government of India to the Government of Bombay, requesting opinion on the suggestion to allow opium to export — to Madras free of duty under sufficient security for purpose of account.

at a price which includes the duty - and the duty is a second time brought to credit. Thus the duty is twice included in the general revenues and once in the expenditure. This renders comparison of receipts and expenditure with those of previous years difficult and gives a wrong idea of the actual state of the case.

3. It appears to the Governor General in Council that the difficulty might be avoided by allowing the Contractors to export the salt which they engage to supply to the Madras authorities free of duty, under sufficient security that they shall deliver all such salt to these authorities. The necessity for prepaying the duty not only causes the inconvenience described, but must make the charges to the Madras Government higher than they otherwise would be, as it must swell the Contractors' charges for interest, profits, insurance &c.

4. I am desired to state that the Governor General in Council would be glad of an early expression of the opinion of the Government of Bombay on this point and as to the measures which it would

suggest to remove the anomaly pointed out.

5. In all accounts and returns the duty paid by the Contractors should be carefully distinguished and recorded both for the past and future, so that it will be possible to eliminate the amount from the accounts.

I have &c

L. H. M. Batten

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India

N. 38

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information.

By order,

Chas. L. Lull

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Dated 6th February 1875
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Forwarding copy of letter
which was addressed to the
Bombay Govt requesting
to be informed as to the
measures which would be
necessary to prevent the
inconvenience in the accounts
(in the case of salt cartage, & others)
which must arise from the
Mitigation. prohibiting export
by sea & salt only the following
- one day has been fixed -

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