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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
29th August 1876.

No. 307.

No. 1,184.

To

THE RESIDENT OF HYDERABAD.

Separate Revenue, No. 33.

Customs.

SIR,—In your letters of the 2nd June and 1st July 1876, Nos. 655 and 958, you transmit, for the information of this Government, translations of a report

from the Customs Department of His Highness the Nizam's Territories and of a letter from his Minister. The first reports that a system of taking security from British traders conveying goods from one British district to another through His Highness' Territory has been determined on by this Government; and you observe that the arrangement is stated to have been introduced by the Nizam's Customs Department in the districts bordering on the Madras Presidency, and inquire whether any modification of the rules in connection with the free-pass system has taken place under the orders of this Government. With reference to this, I am directed to state that in the Order which formed an enclosure to my letter, dated 5th January 1874, No. 5, the proposal to take security made by the Board of Revenue was disposed of in the following words:—"The system of transit passes seems to have worked fairly and the Government see no present necessity for moving in the matter." As no further orders have been issued on the subject, it is not clear what arrangement is referred to in the report sent to you by the Nizam's Customs Department. On this point, however, reports have been called for from the Collectors of the Godavery, Kistna, Bellary, and Kurnool Districts, and this Government proposes to address you more fully hereafter.

2. I am now to state that the extension of the system, as reported, in the Nizam's Territories without previously obtaining the consent of this Government is to be regretted. Pending inquiry into a settlement of the whole question, I am to request you to adopt measures for the early reversion to the system hitherto in force between His Highness' and British Territories, and to communicate to you the accom-

14th January 1876, No. 56.

panying copy of the Proceedings of this Government, from which you will find that

a transit duty on salt passing through His Highness' Territories is reported to be levied, and that this Government have not thought it necessary to move in the matter until some specific instance of a breach of the rules is brought to notice. The Government now invite your attention to the matter.

3. In regard to the subject of your second letter, I am directed to request information as to the nature of the orders said to have been issued in accordance with the

* G.O., 5th January 1874, No. 4-A.

suggestion of the Board in paragraph 6 of their Proceedings,* 8th October 1873,

No. 2,052. As it is possible that there has been some misapprehension on the subject, I am to point out that in paragraph 2 of my letter, 5th January 1874, No. 5, the suggestions at the end of paragraph 6 alone were commended to you, and not

those in the whole paragraph. They had reference only to two points: (1) That in no case should the Dakhilah chit on production of a pass at the last chowkee be refused by the officers of the Nizam's Government; (2) that the Nizam's chowkees should be inspected by a superior officer of his Government. The rest of the paragraph refers to the taking of security by the officers of the British Government for the payment of the Nizam's duty, which, as already observed, has been negatived by Government.

4. I am to add that, if it is thought that under the present system of passes sufficient security for the Nizam's revenue does not exist, this Government will reconsider their decision in 1874, and in that event there will be no necessity for security being taken also by His Highness' Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

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No 1184 of 29 August 1876 1184/3
 To the President.
 Hyderabad.

Sir
 In your letter of the 22 June 1876 No 655-1 956, you transmit for the information of this Government the draft of a report from the Customs Dept. of H. H. the Nizam's territories & a letter from his ameer. The first report is a system of taking security from British traders concerning goods from one British district to another through H. H.'s territories has been determined by this Government, & you observe that the arrangement is stated to have been introduced by the Nizam's Customs Dept. in the District of Hyderabad. The Madras Presidency & inquire whether any notification of this rule in connection with

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THE RESIDENT OF HYDERABAD.

Dated August, 29th.

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It remains that the proposed system of taking security by British Officers for the payment of the Nizam's duty was already negatived by the Madras Government, and expressing regret that the extension of the system into the Nizam's territories was made without previously obtaining the consent of this Government; requesting the adoption of measures for early revision to the system hitherto in force; and desiring to be informed of the nature of the orders said to have been issued in connection with the free-pass system.

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