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No. 140.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Separate Revenue, No. 3g.

Salt.

No. 15.

To the Secretary to the Government of India,
Financial Department.

"Your letter, 18th May, No. 799. Travancore contracted for 3,30,000 maunds Bombay Salt. Duty payable nearly 6 lakhs. Monthly treaty subsidy amounts only to Rs. 71,000. Meanwhile, large advances by Travancore immediately necessary. Sirkar embarrassed. This Government recommend that rule requiring prepayment of duty at Bombay should be relaxed. Please telegraph instructions to Bombay to avoid delay. Letter follows."

shape of credit towards payment of subsidy. In carrying this out the following practical difficulty arises:—The Sirkar has contracted for a supply of 3,30,000 Indian maunds of Bombay salt the duty on which amounts to nearly 6 lakhs. The whole of this latter sum is repayable to the Sirkar by this Government by adjustments in the payments of the treaty subsidy. But as the monthly subsidy instalment does not exceed Rupees 71,000, it will take several months for the refund to be so adjusted. Meanwhile, the

* 2½ lakhs.

imported, and expects a further demand of 3 lakhs for consignments in January and 2½ lakhs for those in February. Under these circumstances, application for funds has been made to this Government to the extent of the refund due. In the opinion of His Grace in Council, however, the more preferable course is to relax the rules in force in Bombay in regard to the prepayment of duty on salt imported into Travancore under contract with that Government. Similar arrangements will, no doubt, become necessary in the case of the Cochin State. His Grace's further opinion that funds should be placed at the disposal of the Resident to enable Travancore to discharge its liabilities under the contract up to the 31st January, less treaty deductions. The Accountant-General will be requested to carry out this arrangement in consultation with the Resident.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

Edw. F. R. Randleman.

Financial (1870) Department

Government of Fort St. George

Dated 1st February 1876 No. 140

Subject: Revenue

To: The Secretary to the Govt. of India

From: The Secretary to the Govt. of Fort St. George

The Secretary to the Govt. of Fort St. George has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. regarding the proposed arrangement for the collection of salt duty in the Travancore State. The Government of Fort St. George has been directed to take the necessary steps to carry out the arrangement.

Recd Copy of Letter
9th Decm 1875

No 140

1 February 1876

The Secretary to the Govt. of India. Fort St. George.

Sir

With reference to my telegram of the 29th ultimo, I am directed to forward the ac-

No 15

To: The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Finl. Dept.

"Your letter 18th inst. No. 799. Travancore contracted for 330,000 Maceels Bombay Salt. Duty payable nearly 6 lacs. Monthly treaty subsidy amounts only to Rs. 7,000. Meanwhile large advances by Travancore immediately necessary. Please telegraph instructions to Bombay to avoid delay. Letter which follows."

comparing letter with enclosure from the Assistant Resident in charge Travancore & Cochin, bringing to notice the financial embarrassments which have arisen in the Travancore State from the arrangements for the refund of the duty levied on salt exported from

Banking under contract
with Khatker as sus-
tained in your letter of
18 May 1875 No 799,
failing to meet the
necessities of the case.
The arrangement as far
as aware, is that his
repaid should be paid
in the shape of credit towards
payment of Subsidy;
In carrying this out, a
practical difficulty
has arisen this year.
as briefly stated below.
The Sirkar has contracted
for a supply of 2,50,000
Ma & Maunds of Banking
Salt. the cost of which comes
to more than $7\frac{1}{2}$ Lacs of
Rupees including in-
duty amounting to
nearly 6 Lacs. The whole
of this latter sum is repaid
to

$2\frac{1}{2}$ Lacs.

to the Sirkar by the Govt.
by adjustments in the
payments of the Treas-
Subsidy. But as the
monthly Subsidy in-
statement does not
exceed Rs 71,000, it
will take several
months for the repaid
to be so adjusted.
Meanwhile the
Sirkar has already
paid a large sum from
the Treasury on account
of Salt already imported
& expects a further de-
mand of Salt for com-
mitments in January
& $2\frac{1}{2}$ Lacs for the same in
February. Under these
circumstances, appli-
cation

for funds has been made
to the Government for the
expense of his return home. The
~~consolidated~~ ~~statement~~

the opinion of the Govt. ~~has been~~ ~~however~~

the more preferable course
is to relax the rules
in force in Hong Kong
regard to his prepayment
of duty on salt imports
into Fancheng under
contract with the Govt.
I am accordingly to request

that early orders may
be issued in pursuance
of this telegram above
adverted to. The Govt.
are further of opinion
that funds be placed
at the disposal of the Resi-

dent to discharge his debts
up to the 31st January last.
Treaty deductions. The ac-
cumulated sum will
be requested to carry out
the arrangement in com-
munication with the Resident.
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Resident, Fancheng, and
Commissioner, Hong Kong, are
in favor of the Govt. plan.

It is also understood that

the Govt. are of the opinion
that the Government should be kept
in the loop.

W. C. P. 1/10