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No. 169. Read the following letter from A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Customs and Salt,) to the Members of the Madras Salt Commission, dated Calcutta, 6th January 1876, Nos. 3—8 :—

In continuation of my letter, dated the 30th November last, I am directed to forward a copy of the papers noted on the margin on the question of the substitution of a system of Salt Excise for the Government monopoly in the districts of Malabar and Canara.

1. It will be observed from the letter from the Government of Madras, dated the 9th December 1875, No. 1,780, and enclosures, that in view of various complications which are considered by the district officers and by the Board of Revenue likely to attend the introduction of the Madras Salt Excise Act into these districts under the conditions prescribed in the letter from the Government of India, dated the 19th August last, the

Madras Government are of opinion that the subject should be referred to the Salt Commission for consideration in connection with the general question of the policy of substituting an excise for a monopoly in the rest of the Madras Presidency. I am, accordingly, to remit the question for the consideration of the Commission, and to request that the Government of India may be furnished with a report on the following points :—

- 1st.—The conditions on which the importation of salt by private traders into Malabar and Canara should be permitted.
- 2nd.—What stock of salt the Government should retain, and at what price it should be sold in the event of the trade failing to supply the market.
- 3rd.—On what date the change of system should be introduced.
- 4th.—Whether it is expedient to exclude any part or the whole of Canara from the operations of the Madras Salt Excise Act.

Letter from H. E. Falk, Esq., dated the 12th December 1874.  
Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 354, dated the 18th December 1874.  
Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 256, dated 17th February 1875, and enclosures.  
Letters to the Government of Madras, Nos. 189 and 190, dated the 12th June 1875.

I am also to take this opportunity to forward, for your information, a copy of the papers marginally noted which bear on the general question.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
21st January 1876.*

No. 9.

COPY forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to its letter, No. 1,780, dated the 9th ultimo.

(Signed) C. J. LYALL,  
*Under-Secretary to the Government of India.*

No. 170.:

ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1876, No. 85.

Separate Revenue, No. 15.

*Customs and Salt.*

COMMUNICATED to the Board of  
Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

3/1/86

No. 13,68

FROM

A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Members of the  
Madras Salt Commission

Department of Revenue,  
Agriculture, and Commerce.

Customs and Salt.

Dated Calcutta, the 6th January 1876.

SIR,

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2. It will be observed from the letter from the Government of Madras dated the 9th December 1875, No. 1780, and enclosures, that in view of various complications which are considered by the District Officers and by the Board of Revenue likely to attend the introduction of the Madras Salt Excise Act into these districts under the conditions prescribed in the letter from the Government of India dated the 19th August last, the Madras Government are of opinion that the subject should be referred to the Salt Commission for consideration in connection with the general question of the policy of substituting an excise for a monopoly in the rest of the Madras Presidency. I am accordingly to remit the question for the consideration of the Commission, and to request that the Government of India may be furnished with a report on the following points:—

- Proceedings, February 1875, Nos. 1 to 12.
- March 1875, Nos. 4 to 7.
- June 1875, No. 4.
- Letters to the Governments of Madras and Bombay, Nos. 37 and 38, dated the 6th February 1875.
- Letter from the Government of Bombay, No. 1347, dated the 5th March 1875.
- Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 99, dated the 17th March 1875.
- Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 985, dated the 1st July 1875, and enclosures.
- Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 274, dated the 19th August 1875.
- Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 1442, dated the 1st October 1875.
- Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 338, dated the 21st October 1875.
- Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 1780, dated the 9th December 1875, and enclosures.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated January, 21st.

Recd.

G.O., 21st January 1876, No. 85.

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JANUARY.  
Nos. 169-170.

Salt monopoly in Malabar and South Canara Districts.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the Government of India forwarding papers on the question of the substitution of a system of Salt Excise for the Government for the consideration of the Salt Commission.

Madras 362/75.

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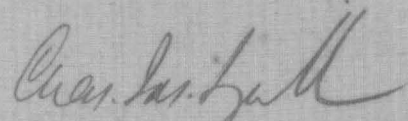
Your most obedient Servant,

A. O. HUME,

*Secretary to the Government of India.*

No. 9.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with refer-  
ence to its letter No. 1780, dated the 9th ultimo.



*Under Secretary to the Government of India.*

G.O. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec/75 no 1779  
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,  
AGRICULTURE. AND COMMERCE.

CUSTOMS and SALT.

To

No.

Dated Calcutta, the 6th January 1876.

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SUBJECT.

REMITTS for consideration in connection with the  
general question of the introduction of an excise  
for a Government monopoly in Madras, the ques-  
tion of the introduction of an excise system in the  
districts of Malabar and Canara.

O. S. G. P.—No. 545, R., A., & C.—6-1-76.—16.

Comm<sup>d</sup> to the  
Board of Revenue.

21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1876

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