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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

12th June 1877, No. 1,967.

Read the following paper:—

No. 233. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th June 1877.

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 26th May 1877, No. 354.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the orders of Board, copy of letter, No. 190, dated 23rd instant, received from the Head Assistant Collector, bringing to notice the exportation of cow-dung manure to Ceylon in large quantities, which he considers detrimental to the agricultural interests of this district, and suggesting the advisability of imposing export duty as a means of restricting this trade.

2. I do not think it desirable to interfere, as the system of protection is one which I do not think should be encouraged for any purpose.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. DAVIS, Esq., Ag. Head Assistant Collector of Tinnevely, to A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tuticorin, 23rd May 1877, No. 190.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that large quantities of cow-dung manure are being exported hence to Ceylon. It may be feared, if this exportation is allowed to continue without check, that the agricultural interests of this district will be much injured. There is little enough manure in the country as it is, and much of that little is taken away, the soil must become still more impoverished than it already is. You will observe from the statement I submit herewith that no less than 422 tons of cow-dung have been sent away from here in the last few months, and that this is the first occasion on which this description of manure has been exported. It is, I know, to the present season of pressure, and may not continue; but a trade of this sort, once established, is a dangerous precedent which may be followed in the future. Many people in this line of distress have found subsistence by the collection and sale of this valuable article, and the whole country for miles inland has been scoured to obtain it. It was at Ottaparam twelve miles away, that the subject first attracted my attention by my finding people there earning a living, though by collecting and bringing in here basket-loads of this manure for sale to merchants. There is an export duty on grain, and I presume it is imposed not so much for fiscal purposes as for reasons of political economy, viz., to hinder the food supplies of the people from being withdrawn, in short, for protective purposes. If the export of rice is thus hampered, therefore the exportation of the same quantity of the production of rice should be also restricted; and I beg, therefore, to suggest, for your consideration, the advisability of addressing Government on this important subject, with a view to some restriction, such as an export duty, being placed on the wholesale spoliation now going on. What is urged as regards cow-dung manure, that in general use for the production of the grains of this country, may also apply to bone manure, but this I believe is not usually as extensively used by our cultivators, and its continuing loss will not, therefore, be felt, as the loss of the other manure will inevitably be felt sooner or later if its exportation continues.

Revenue Department, 12th June 1877, No. 1,967.

Statement showing the Export of Manure from the Port of Tutuorin during the official Years 1874-75 to 1876-77.

Years.	Other Sorts.										Total.
	Animal Bones.		Caster Pannak.		White Sulphate Ammonia and Ammonia phosphate, and Ammonia phosphate.		Cow-dung.		Value.		
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.			
	TONS. CWTs. LBS.	RS.	TONS. CWTs. LBS.	RS.	TONS. CWTs. LBS.	RS.	TONS. CWTs. LBS.	RS.	TONS. CWTs. LBS.	RS.	
1874-75	342 17 0	11,287	...	...	...	...	342 17 0	11,287	...	...	
1875-76	254 5 0	6,373	4 10 0	90	10 0 0	154	...	6,617	23 5 0	6,617	
1876-77	650 8 50	18,654	0 5 0	10	...	...	422 0 0	2,979	1,032 13 50	21,643	
Total	1,247 10 50	36,314	4 15 0	100	10 0 0	154	422 0 0	2,979	1,034 5 50	39,547	

(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
Assisting Head Assistant Collector.

Revenue Department, 12th June 1877, No. 1,967.

The Board do not consider that any restriction should be placed on the export of cow dung, much as it is to be regretted. It is probably, as the Head Assistant Collector himself points out, only temporary and the result of the present season of scarcity. The letter will, however, be submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

ORDER IN COUNCIL, 12th June 1877, No. 1,967.

Separate Revenue, No. 41.

Customs.

The GRACE the Governor in Council agrees with the Board.

Information should be obtained as to the price paid for the manure in Trinnevelly as well as in Ceylon, and its destination in Ceylon.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

to the Lord of Revenue.

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Head Assistant Collector's Office
No. 190. Tuticorin 23 May 1867

Sir, The Head Assistant Collector
Tinnevely

To
The Acting Collector of
Tinnevely

I have the honor to bring to your notice that large quantities of raw cotton being in great quantities are being exported to England. It may be feared if this exportation is allowed to continue without check, that the agricultural interests of this district will be much injured. There is not little enough produce in the country, as it is, and if much of that little is taken away, the soil must become still more impoverished than it already is. You will observe from the statement I submit herewith, that no less than 422 tons of raw cotton have been sent away from here in the last few

few months, and that this is the
first occasion on which this
description of manure, has been
exported. It is due, I know to the
present season of pressure and
may not continue, but a trade
of this sort, once established,
is a dangerous precedent which
may be followed in the future.
Many people in this time of
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I have &c

Wm. A. Davies

Ag. Sec. & Collector

Statement of the quantity and value of the various articles of export from the Port of London during the official year 1874-75

Years	Normal		Other ports		Total	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1874-75	75,000	12,500	10,000	1,500	85,000	14,000
1875-76	76,254	12,500	10,000	1,500	86,254	14,000
1876-77	60,850	10,500	10,000	1,500	70,850	12,000
Total	124,700	35,500	30,000	4,500	154,700	40,000

Wm. A. Davies
Ag. Sec. & Collector
1874-75

1876-77
Ag. Sec. & Collector
1876-77

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 7th June 1877.

Reads the following:

No. 354.

From J. Stuart Esq. Collector

To E. Stoker Esq. Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,
I have the honor to submit to you for the orders of Board copy of letter No. 190 dated 23rd instant received from the Asst. Collector bringing to notice of the exportation of Coriander to Ceylon in large quantities which he considers is injurious to the agricultural interest of this District, and suggesting the advisability of imposing an export duty as a means of restricting this trade.
I do not think it desirable to interfere

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J. Stuart Esq. Collector
E. Stoker Esq. Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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is one which I do not think it
should be encouraged for any purpose.

I personally. I have seen
26th May 1857. I /sc/ J. L. Stuart.
Acting Collector
Calcutta

The Board do not consider that
any restriction should be placed
on the export of low-dung. Much
as it is to be regretted. It is
probably as the Board is not
collector himself. It is only
temporary and the result of
the present season of scarcity.
The letter will however be submitted
for the information of Government.

True copy

J. L. Stuart

To The Secy. to Govt. R. S. with copy to the Secy. to Govt.

From

Pres: Board of Revenue

Date *July 7* 187*7*
FOR ORDERS.

He cannot put an
export duty a C.D.
But the export of ^{the} ~~the~~
wore is practically
prohibited in England
by the terms of the
1875 Act.

This suit is a thorough
one. I have a fine horse
and a fine farm
I could not improve
appreciate. But

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Expressing opinion
that no restriction need
be placed on the right
of sending material
to any of our stations
except under special
permission on the
subject. W. H. C. O. W.

FOR ORDERS.

C. 8 June 1777. 18. 12 June 1777