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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 24th December 1877.

Read the following

N^o 279.

FROM

W. Logan Esq^{re}

Collector of Malabar

TO

H. E. Stokes Esquire

Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras

SIR,

I trust the Board will allow me to make the following remarks on Board's proceedings N^o 508th dated 26th Nov^r 1877 communicated to me with Gov^t orders Rev. Department N^o 3249 and 3309 of 14th November + 26th November 1877 respectively on the subject of the Preventive force for suppressing salt smuggling in Comara and Malabar.

2. The Board observe that so far as they are aware the grounds for recommending the organisation of a Land Preventive force are not danger of increased smuggling under the system now in force there having been so many inducements to smuggling before the change of system as now.

3. I would respectfully point out that in so far as the desire for gain on the part of smugglers is concerned the same inducements

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that formerly existed do still exist. In this respect there is no change. But then it must be remembered that under the old system there was practically no private trade in salt. See the enclosed statement. Showing that in 10 years preceding recent changes only 2500 Indian measures were imported. All salt that came to the District was on Government Account. Under such circumstances it was well nigh impracticable for any extensive smuggling trade to be carried on. Such a thing would have at once attracted attention. Now however when any body and every body is importing salt, it may be duty paid, it may be exciseable, there is great risk of extensive smuggling operations particularly at the Sub Ports which are very numerous and at which our Customs Establishments are altogether inadequate for the duties that will devolve on them. It was to do away to some extent with this risk that I proposed to shut these Sub Ports to the Salt Trade. but Government decided that they should be kept open.

4. Even with the proposed Preventive Force I should wish to see the Sub Ports closed to salt but if they are left open not only ^{will} the Preventive force be required but

* See the list given in my letter to G. O. R. D. No. 2562 of 23rd Dec. 1877.

but a large addition will probably be required to be made to the Sea Customs Establishment.

Malabar (Muz Office)
Calicut 17th Dec. 1877.

I have &c
(Sd) W. Logan
Collector

Submitted to Government with reference to the Proceeding quoted which have since been cancelled.

(True copy & Extract)

W. Logan
Sub Secretary

The Secretary to Government P. & S.
with copy of statement.

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Statement showing private trade in Salt in
the District of Malabar from the year 1865-66 to 1874-75.

Years	Import		Export	
	Indian Chambers	Value	Indian Chambers	Value
1865-66	168--	472		
66-67	32-9-40	139		
67-68	111-20--	203		
68-69	324-9-12	443		
69-70	3-35-10	44		
70-71	95-32--	268		
71-72	903-53--	1069		
72-73	38-20	142		
73-74	428-20	930		
74-75	400-14	922		
Total	2574-2862	4632		

Calculated
(December 1875)

* This includes rock salt imported from Kutch etc
on which duty was levied at the usual rate.

(Signed) W. Logan
Collector

(True Copy)

W. Logan
Collector

To the Collector

19 March 1878
L. Logan
Collector

Dated 24 December 1877
Despatched
No. 26
SUBJECT.

Submitting to Govt
Malabar Collectors
as per No. 26 500 of 26 March
on the subject of the
Provisional Force for
refining salt during the
in Calicut & Malabar.

10/10/78

Inclosure in Bonds

Proceedings & the
Inventory of Goods
of 24. Decr 1770

Nov. No 5340

This is to certify that the above