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14th January 1879, No. 58.

Bills—Legislative.

Read the following papers:—

No. 59. *Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India.*

Separate Revenue.

No. 4.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
7th March 1878.

MY LORD,—The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 8th November, No. 16 of 1877, transmitting a correspondence relative to the substitution of a system of salt excise for the Government monopoly in the districts of Malabar and South Canara, and also to the Salt Transport Bill, has been considered by me in Council.

2. There appears now to be no substantial difference of opinion as to the substitution of an excise for the Government monopoly in Malabar and South Canara. The views on this point of the Madras Salt Commission, which have been adopted by your Excellency in Council, have been accepted with some hesitation and reserve by the Government of Madras.

3. The principal provision in the Salt Transport Bill, the restriction of the carriage of unexcised salt in British Indian waters to square-rigged vessels of not less than 300 tons, has been strongly opposed by the Government of Madras, and is a question which can only be satisfactorily solved by experiment.

4. I have, as you remark, already, in my despatch of the 25th January, No. 1 of 1877, assented to the introduction of the Bill into the Legislative Council, and I doubt not that, during the discussions in that Council, the views of the Government of Madras will receive the fullest consideration.

5. I approve generally of the views expressed in the Resolution of your Excellency's Government dated 16th March 1877.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) SALISBURY.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable

The Governor-General of India, in Council.

No. 105 (Salt).

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information, with reference to its letter, No. 1678, dated the 9th May 1877.

(By order.)

DEPT. OF REV., AGRIC., AND COMMERCE,
SIMLA, 16th April 1878.

(Signed) C. J. LYALL,
Under Secy. to Govt. of India.

No. 60. *Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 31st December 1878, No. 2072.*

Read Proceedings of Government, Judicial Department, dated 1st March 1877, No. 552, referring letter from Government of India requesting early expression of opinion on the provisions of the Bill to restrict the transport of salt by sea in its second stage.

The Government of India will be informed that the time that has passed since expression was last given to the views of this Government in regard to the Salt Transport Bill leaves their objections to the measure still undiminished on the grounds that have from time been fully set out.

2. His Grace the Governor in Council believes that any restriction on the transport of salt will enhance its cost to the injury of the consumer without any commensurate advantage to Government, and, with an efficient shore preventive service, is in no way needed for the protection of the revenue. Indeed, the obstruction caused thereby to licit trade, especially in supply of small places, is likely to encourage the smuggling of foreign salt.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 61.

ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1879, No. 58.

Ordered that copy of the foregoing Proceedings of this Government in the Revenue Department be forwarded to the Government of India in reply to their Legislative Secretary's letter, dated 23rd February 1877, No. 371.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 62.

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, dated Fort St. George, 14th January 1879, No. 59.

I am directed by His Grace the Governor in Council to forward, for submission to the Government of India, in reply to Mr. Whitley Stokes' letter, dated 23rd February 1877, No. 371, the accompanying copy of Proceedings of this Government in the Revenue Department, dated 31st December 1878, No. 2072, intimating that

*To Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, dated 9th May 1877, No. 1678, Revenue Department.
Also previous letter, 24th August 1876, No. 1161, Revenue Department.

the time that has passed since expression was last given to the views of this Government in regard to the Salt Transport Bill, leaves their objections to the measure still undiminished on the grounds that have from time been fully set out; His Grace the Governor in Council being of opinion that any restriction on the transport of salt will enhance its cost to the injury of the consumer without any commensurate advantage to the Government, while, with an efficient shore preventive service, it will no way be needed for the protection of the revenue.

2. The Bill to restrict the transport of salt by sea, in its second stage, was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* as hereunder mentioned:—

In English ..	..	..	..	..	..	13th March 1877.
In Tamil ..	..	..	..	..	..	10th April "
In Telugu ..	..	..	..	..	..	24th " "
In Malayalam ..	..	..	..	..	..	8th May "

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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