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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st May 1880, No. 571.

No. 144. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

From BABU RAJENDRA NATH MITRA, Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George (Madras), dated Calcutta, 22nd April 1880, No. 26 (Excise).

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,038, dated the 17th ultimo, asking for a short account of the arrangements under which the system of letting the opium retail monopoly in farm in Bengal is worked, and in reply to forward, herewith, for the information of His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George, the enclosed copy of a letter from the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, No. 279-B, of the 9th instant, on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. FORBES, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Financial Department, dated Fort William, 9th April 1880, No. 279-B.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., No. 21, dated 31st March 1880, with its annexure, calling for information for the Government of Madras, regarding the system of farming the retail sale of opium.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that the system of farming out the opium revenue is in force experimentally in the districts of Mozufferpore and Durbhungah, and it is worked on the following plan. The district is divided into circles corresponding with the sub divisions or the Police Thannahs, and the right to open a group of shops within the circle is put up to auction. The number of shops is determined beforehand, and announced at the time of auction. An upset price is fixed, and it is made a condition of the license granted to the farmer that he must purchase all his opium from the Government Treasury, and his purchase must not fall below a certain quantity to be determined by the Collector. The farmer is allowed to locate the shops wherever he pleases within his circle, and the only restriction imposed upon the shopkeepers is as to the quantity to be sold to a single purchaser, with the other general conditions contained in a license.

3. The original enclosure of the Government Order is returned herewith.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1880, No. 571.

Separate Revenue, No. 12.
Opium.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue with reference to paragraph 5 of their Proceedings, read in G.O., dated 6th April 1880, No. 409.

2. The reply from the Government of the North-Western Provinces and Oude, to which a similar reference was made, will be communicated when received.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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From BABU RAJENDRA NATH MITRA,
Asst. Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

To The Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, (Madras).

Calcutta, the 22nd April 1880.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1038 dated the 17th ultimo asking for a short account of the arrangements under which the system of letting the [illegible] retail monopoly in farm in Bengal is worked and in reply to forward herewith for the information of His Excellency the Governor of Fort St. George the enclosed copy of a letter from the Board of Revenue, L.P. No. 279 R, of the 9th Instant on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt. Servant,
Rajendra Nath Mitra
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of
Bengal

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Excise.

No. 279 B.

From,

A. Forbes, Esqre.,

offg. Secretary to the Board of Revenue &c.

To,

The Secretary to the Government of Bengal,

Financial Department.

Dated Fort William, 9th April 1880.

C. T. Buckland Esqre

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(True Copy.)
C. b Fleury
Head Assistant

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Sd/ A. Forbes,
Offg. Secretary.

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