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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

**Government of Madras.**

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2332-33 Press Mis

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Dated 4-10-1867.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th October 1867.*

No. 106. Read the following letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Courtallum, 14th September 1867, No. 47:—

1. I have the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that the Travancore and Cochin Governments have recently reduced the duty on Pepper exported from their ports, from 15 to 9 Rupees per candy.

2. Act III of 1861 was passed to assimilate the export duty at British Cochin to that of these States, and authorizes a duty of Rupees 15 per candy to be levied on Pepper at that port in the behalf of the two States.

3. It seems desirable that the Act should be modified with reference to the measure now reported, and I beg to suggest that a brief enactment may be passed accordingly to reduce the duty to Rupees 9 a candy.

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No. 107. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1867, No. 2,332.

| Separate Revenue, No. 6. |
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| *Customs.* |

Ordered accordingly that application be made to the Supreme Government for the enactment of a law to modify Act III of 1861, so far as the rate of duty is concerned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

" Board of Revenue.

Rrd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
*4th October* 1867.

No. 2,333.

No. 108.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

| Separate Revenue, No. 7. |
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| *Customs.* |

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Home Department, No. 2,046, dated 15th September 1860, authorizing the introduction of a Bill to provide for the collection of Duty of Customs on Pepper exported by sea from the British port of Cochin, which was eventually enacted as Act III of 1861, I am directed by this Government to forward copy of a letter from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, stating that as the Sirkars have reduced their duty on Pepper from 15 to 9 Rupees per candy, a corresponding reduction has to be made in the duty levied under the Act for their benefit, and requesting that the necessary enactment may be obtained.

2. This Government originally proposed that the Bill should provide for the levy of a duty "*not exceeding* 15 Rupees," thus leaving it open to Government to reduce the rate when expedient, as in the contingency that has now arisen, but the Supreme Government for reasons which were not stated, deemed it preferable to fix the duty absolutely at 15 Rupees, "leaving it to be abated afterwards if advisable." This decision of the Supreme Government has rendered necessary the enactment of a law, to do now what might otherwise have been done by an order in Council.

3. As this Government trust that the assimilation of the Sirkars' scale of duties to that of the British Government will be progressive as the state of their finances may permit, they are of opinion that the present opportunity should be taken for modifying the wording of the enactment, so as to enable Government hereafter, without further legislation, to reduce the rate of duty when circumstances may render the measure necessary.

4. I am directed to forward draft of a Bill prepared in accordance with these views, and to request that the necessary steps may be taken to cause the enactment of the requisite law, in such form as the Government of India may deem best.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Secretary to Government.*

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

DRAFT.

*A Bill to amend Act III of* 1861.

Whereas Act III of 1861 provides that in order to the effectual abolition of the Sirkar monopoly of Pepper in the States of Travancore and Cochin and the substitution of a system of export duty for it, the same rate of duty as is collected on the export of Pepper from Travancore and Cochin should be collected on behalf of the said States at the British port of Cochin, and Whereas the Travancore and Cochin Governments have recently reduced the duty on Pepper exported from their ports, from Rupees 15 to Rupees 9 per candy,

It is hereby enacted, in modification of Section I of the said Act, that from and after the passing of this Act in lieu of the duty prescribed by Act III of 1861 or Act XVII of 1867, there shall be levied a duty not exceeding 9 Rupees a candy on all Pepper exported by sea from the port of Cochin, and the Government of Madras shall from time to time determine by an order in Council the exact rate of duty to be levied under this Act.

This Act shall be read with, and taken as, part of the said Act No. III of 1861.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

*Secretary to Government.*

No. 20 March 1862 No. 26 [illegible]
" 4th October " " 14-15
" 24 " " " 68-69
" 12th November " " 26-27
" 21st January 1863 " 91-92

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Bound accordingly that application by made to the Supt. Govt. for the enactment of a law to modify Act 3. of 1861. so far as the rate of duty is concerned

3 Copies to the Resident of Travancore & Cochin [illegible] 4th Octr/67

Draft.

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or Act 17 of 67 - there
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not exceeding nine Rupees
a Candy on all pepper
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port of Cochin and the
Govt of Madras shall
from time to time deter:
:mine by an order in
Council

Council, the exact rate of
duty to be levied under
this act.

This act shall be
read with, & taken as,
part of the said act
No 3 of 61. —

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Revenue Department

No. 2333.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India
Home Department

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H.B.

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No. 2333.

To
The Govt. of India H.D.
d 16th October 1867.

~~Further Pro: 6th Nov 67 No 2628~~

~~From Govt. of India 21 Dec 67~~

No. 108.