

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1766.

DATED 1st April '97

[Despatch Abstract.]

Declining to reconsider the decision arrived at in G.O. No 3731 of 17.9.96 in regard to the conditions under which cotton goods may be transported from Pondicherry to Tuticorin

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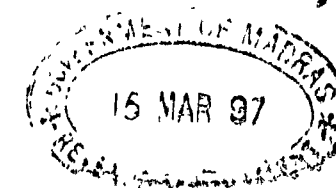
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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 2364

The Hon: Mr. B. S. C. J. S.

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Read of an G.O. No. 981 of 19.2.97 From the Secretary to the Commissioner

Order in a No. 1766 of Salt, alkali and separate Revenue Madras

The Govt. has no objection

Inis No. 828

to reconsider the decision arrived

at in G.O. No. 3731 of 17.9.96.

a copy of which together with the

para 7 of A.P. No. 3670 of 2.9.96

will be furnished to Messrs.

Harney and Co.

Dated 4th March, 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, a Copy of the Rules for the transport of Cotton goods from Pondicherry in bond for exportation

The N^o. of Rule (4th Rule) Messrs Harney and Co.

Note

The reason for the necessity of the at Luficonin. bond is stated in para 7 of the A.P. quoted above.

and in G.O. No. 3731 of 17.9.96

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Tuticorin 22nd. January 1897

Duplicate forwarded to the Government of Madras.
The Secretary,

Finance & Commerce Department,

Government of India,

Calcutta.

Sir,

S.R

With reference to your No. 2792 dated Simla, 26th. June 1896, addressed to the Government of Madras, copy of which has been forwarded to us, we have the honour to enclose herewith copy of "rules for the transport of cotton goods from Pondicherry in bond for exportation at Tuticorin" framed by the Madras Board of Revenue.

You will observe from these Rules that we are required to deliver over our goods to the Custom Department at Pondicherry who shall book them to the Custom House Officer of Tuticorin, whose duty it will be to see that the goods are duly exported to a foreign Port. The first part of the Rules-viz para (1) to (11) is, in our opinion, quite in order, being on similar lines to those obtaining among different Nations on the Continent of Europe, but Rule (12) is something new in our experience, & we respectfully submit, is unnecessary & uncalled for. You will observe that the goods are to be absolutely removed from the control & possession of the merchant, while they remain in British Territory. But notwithstanding this fact, he is required to execute a bond, & find sureties or deposit cash or Promissory

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Notes-for what purpose, it is not very clear, seeing that the goods are quite beyond his control. The Custom House Officer must see that the goods, consigned to him, are exported to a foreign Port- hence the Merchant has no choice in the matter. We beg to submit therefore that the proposed bond is only a vexatious annoyance, which is not required by other Nations in Europe & America, in railing goods in bond through their territories, as we know for a fact.

There are three courses open to the Board of Revenue, which are both in accordance with common sense, & the usages of other Nations viz:-

(1) The goods may be booked from Custom House to Custom House, as is described in the first part of the Rules.

(2) The full duty may be paid in Pondicherry, the goods to remain in charge of the merchant the duty to be refunded on production of Export certificate from the Custom House of Tuticorin.

(3) The goods may be booked through in the custody of the merchant on his executing a bond, & finding security as stated in Rule (12).

But we respectfully submit, that requiring a bond and securities to do certain things, concerning goods, which are absolutely beyond a person's control is an absurdity in itself. From the Customs Returns it may be seen that (so far as we are aware) not a bale of goods has ^{ever} been booked under these Rules nor is there likely to be.

To quote from your letter under reference, we cannot

admit that these Rules are fulfilling the desire expressed-viz-
that " all unnecessary fiscal restrictions on the transport of
such goods through British Indian Territory should be removed".
We beg therefore to request that the rules be placed on a more
business-like footing.

We apologise for troubling you in this matter at all,
but the above rules have received the sanction of the Madras
Government, & hence there is no course open to us but to appeal
to your Government. In conclusion we beg to point out that
it is open to the Government of Madras to collect duty on such
goods under the "Cotton Duties Act of 1906". If this were done
then under part II Section 38 the duty would become repayable on
the export of the goods.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
(signed) A. J. W. Harvey

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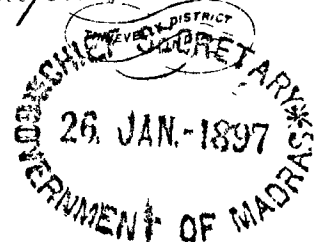
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TUTICORIN,

Virudupatti

23rd. January 1897.



The Chief Secretary,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

Sir,

We have the honor to enclose herewith copy of letter addressed
by us to the Secretary, Finance & Commerce Department, Calcutta.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants.

E. F. Harvey

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Copy of Rules for the transport of Cotton goods from Pondicherry in bond for exportation at Tuticorin.

The following rules have been framed relative to the transport by rail of Cotton goods from Pondicherry to Tuticorin in bond for export thence by sea.

1. Merchants and Mill owners in Pondicherry are allowed to transport by rail without payment of duty Cotton goods in bond from Pondicherry for export at Tuticorin.
2. Such goods must be conveyed at the owner's risk in waggons locked and Sealed by the British Customs Officers at Pondicherry and Consigned to the Customs officer at Tuticorin, in whose Custody they will remain until they are exported.
3. In Cases in which it may not be practicable for the merchants to secure a full wagon load, the goods may be sent in bales or packages Sealed by the British Customs officer at Pondicherry and under cover of a pass showing the weight and other particulars necessary for the identification of the goods in question.

4. The pass and the Invoice will be entrusted to the Railway guard with instructions to hand them over to the Station master at Tuticorin for delivery to the Customs officer at that place.

5. The passes will be in triplicate. The original which will be the Counterfoil itself will be filed in the Customs office at Pondicherry. The duplicate will be given to the owner of the goods and the triplicate with the invoice will be handed over to the guard and accompany the goods to their destination.

6. The Customs officer at Tuticorin will on receipt of the triplicate satisfy himself that the goods are received in tact.

7. He will also after satisfying himself that the goods have been reported by Sea to a foreign port within two months from the date of the pass in one or more Consignments, grant a certificate in the annexed form to the party concerned. A copy of this certificate will be forwarded by him by post registered to the Customs clerk, Railway Sayer, Pondicherry.

certificate

certified that the undermentioned goods covered by pass no. ^{dated} of the Customs officer at Pondicherry were received in tact and have been reported by Sea to ^{by (or on behalf)} the owner, on the dates mentioned against the goods.

(Particulars of goods as in the pass).

8. The owners of the goods must produce the certificates granted by the Customs officer at Tuticorin, to the Customs clerk, Pondicherry, within 10 days after the exportation of the goods by Sea from Tuticorin.

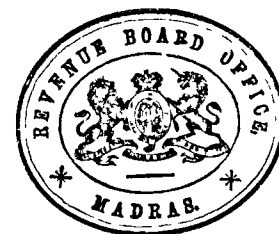
9. The Customs clerk, Pondicherry, will on receipt of the certificates check them carefully with the original passes retained by him and see that all the conditions of the bond have been fulfilled.

10. In all cases in which certificates are not produced within the time prescribed by the owner of the goods or when the conditions of the bond have been violated, a report with full particulars

particulars should be submitted to the Collector without delay for orders. The merchants and mill owners availing themselves of the Concession will be required to execute a bond in the form approved by the Board. If they prefer to deposit cash or government Promissory notes instead of giving security they can be allowed to do so. The amount required to be deposited will be fixed by the Collector before the Bond is executed.

Commencement
Assistant Secretary

4th Dec
13/3/97



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 4th March, 1897.

Mis No. 828.

Read Endorsement of Government, Revenue Department, ^{Mis.} no 805 dated 11th February, 1897.

Resolution

A Copy of the rules referred to by the petitioners is submitted to Government.

2. It will be observed that Rule 11 (referred to in the petition as Rule 12) requires the execution of a bond, specimen copy of which was submitted to Government in Board's Proceedings Mis no 3678^(PR) dated 2nd September 1896, by the merchant whose goods are trans-ported, and is in accordance with para 7 of the Board's Proceedings above referred to and approved in Government Order Mis no 3731 Revenue dated 17th Sep-

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tember 1896 (Vide also Board's Proceedings Mis no 4207 J.R. dated 9th October 1896.

(True Extract)

Commencement
Assistant Secretary

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department—
with petition returned and with copy of rules

13/3/97