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[Despatch Abstract.]

Addressing the Govt. of India in the matter of the despatch of confiscated opium to the factories at Patna or Ghazipur

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2246.

Order

From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, Madras.

His. **No.** 1022.

Dated 18th March 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting to Government that the grounds on which the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, proposed that contraband opium should be sent to the Government factory at Patna or Ghazipur do not apply to this Presidency and that the number of cases are so small that the alteration of the existing rules seems to be uncalled for.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE * MADRAS *

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 15th March 1893.

His No. 1022.

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Read ~~on the Government~~ order of Government, Revenue Department, His No.917, dated 25rd February 1893.

RESOLUTION-

The Board begs to submit to Government the report called for in Government Order His No.917, dated 25rd February 1893, regarding the disposal of contraband opium.

2. The Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, Bengal, proposed that all such opium as was confiscated should be forwarded to the Government factories at Patna and Ghazipur, the grounds of the proposal being that the rules in certain Provinces -- did not sufficiently ensure that the opium was fit for human consumption that some of that which had been seized was ---- "foreign" opium and unfit for local use and that the existing system of sale to local vendors was apt to cause loss of revenue. The Government of India held that the existing rules make sufficient provision for the preliminary examination of

of confiscated opium and that the quantities confiscated were often too small to make it worth while to transmit them to the factories. It considered, however, that where considerable quantities were confiscated they should be sent to them and proposed to fix the limit at 5 tolas.

3. The Board has no exception to take to this proposal on principle, but would submit that so far as this Presidency is concerned the necessity for any such additional rules on the subject has not become apparent. The arguments adduced by the Bengal Board of Revenue in favour of its proposal do not apply and the number of cases in which opium is confiscated is few. The average number of confiscations for the last 5 years has been 81. Accurate figures of quantities confiscated are not available in the Board's office, but the average realizations from confiscations amount to less than Rs. 900. At the same time the Board would respectfully submit that 5 tolas can hardly be termed a "considerable quantity" or worth the procedure proposed.

(True extract)

R. W. Thurlby
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Ac. Assistant Secretary

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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Rule XLIII on page 9 of G.O. 562 26-10-96 and

G.O. 1158 21-11-92

⊕ Recn. under G.O. 957 23-2-98

B. to Govt. Proc. No. 1022 15-3-98 (Con. 2246 of 1898)

To Secretary

In this Presidency confiscated opium declared fit for consumption is sold to licensed vendors for a price in excess of the duty leviable thereon. The Govt of India does not propose to interfere with this arrangement; but desires that opium exceeding five tolas in any case may be sent to one of the factories at Patna or Ghazipur". The Board of Rev states that the average number of confiscations during the last five years was only 81 and that five tolas can hardly be considered a "Considerable quantity", and apparently deprecates the introduction of the rule.

2. The question for consideration is whether it

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it is only worth while to make any representation to the Govt of India. Under rule XI iii confiscated Opium is examined by the Civil Surgeon and sent to the Collector's Office, if fit for use. If he is required to send it instead to the Collector of Madras, when the quantity exceeds five tolas, the latter can send once amounts to Patna or Ghazipur all the Opium which he may receive from the districts. The additional trouble, which ~~as contended by~~ according to the Board's showing will not be large, will thus be thrown on one officer only.

KD 29/3/98

Yes: this might be done

31/3/98

To Secy.

Please see drafts below.

KD 22/4/98

To AS. for approval

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But even this wd cause work & trouble. I cannot see reason for altering the existing system & wd tell India so. If we must send the stuff away, I thk shd be fixed as the quantity rather than 5 tolas

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B.P No 1022 dy 15-3-98 (C.No 2246)

G.O. No: 1864 dy 28th April 1898.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Govt of India.

28/4/98

To

The Sr. Mr of Revn (I.R.) with No: 1865. 25/4/98

To

The Secy to the Govt of India

Fin Revn Dept.

Sir

I am acknowledging receipt of the Resolution of the Govt of India No 769 Ex dy 14th February last, requesting that Excise officers may be instructed to send to the factories at Patna & Ghazipur confiscated opium exceeding five tolas in weight ~~in weight~~, I am directed to state that in this Presidency the average number of confiscations during the last five years was only 8 1/2 of that under

under rule XLiii of the Opium rules confiscated opium is examined by the Civil surgeon and sent to the Collector's office, where, if found fit for consumption, it is sold to licensed vendors for a price in excess of the duty leviable thereon. This procedure, while ensuring that no opium unfit for consumption is sold to licensed vendors, affords sufficient protection to the revenue; while the proposed arrangement would involve a great deal of avoidable trouble.

at page 9 of G.O. 562 26-10-96

~~In these circs. & having regard to~~ In view of the small no. of cases concerned, the G. in C. considers that no change in the existing system is required.

~~However the Govt of India deems it imperative that contraband~~ ~~shall desire that it should~~ ~~be~~ I am to suggest for its consideration the desirability of fixing the minimum ~~limit~~ ~~of the~~ quantity ~~of confiscated~~ ~~opium~~ opium in excess of a certain quantity shall be transmitted to a Govt factory ~~to be sent to Patna or Ghazipur at the~~ instead of ~~the~~ 5 tolas as ~~already fixed~~ proposed ~~in the~~ in the Resolution.

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