

Revenue (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 2123

DATED 19th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating to the Board of Revenue, Allahabad, from the Govt. of India forwarding copy of a despatch from the Secy. of State for India reg. the application of the Merchandise Marks Act to bleached cotton goods. Cut in this preparation for the market.

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The Government of India,
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SUBJECT.

Forwarding to the Govt.
of Madras copy of a despatch
from the Secretary of State for
India re. the application of the
Merchandise Marked Act to
bleached cotton goods cut in their
preparation for the market.

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REVENUE,
No. 61.

INDIA OFFICE,

LONDON, 24th MARCH 1898.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR
GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

My Lord,

With reference to your Finance and Commerce Letter, No. 15, dated 20th January last, and my telegram of the 17th March, regarding the application of the Merchandize Marks Act to bleached cotton goods which have been cut in their preparation for the market, I forward for the consideration of Your

India Office to Chamber, 22nd February 1898.) Excellency in Council copy
Chamber to India Office, 12th March 1898.) of a correspondence which
has passed between this Office and the Manchester Chamber of
Commerce.

I have, &c.,
(Signed.) George Hamilton,

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INDIA OFFICE,
22nd February 1898.

Sir,

In continuation of Sir H. Walpole's letter of the 1st September last, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to transmit to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce copy F. & C. No. 15, dated 20th January 1898, enclosures.) of a letter which has been received from the Government of India regarding the representation made in your letter of the 6th May last.

I am, &c.,
(Signed.) A. Godley,

To

The Secretary to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

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Chamber of Commerce,
Manchester.
March 12th, 1898.

My Lord,

I am instructed by the Board of Directors of this Chamber to acknowledge receipt of the letter dated February 22nd from your Department with its enclosure, both referring to the proper method of marking pieces of bleached cotton goods which may have been cut as an unavoidable incident in their preparation for the market.

I am to state that the Chamber has taken steps to make widely known the decision of the Government of India in this matter, by means of the following paragraph inserted in the Manchester newspapers of this date:

"A question arising under the Merchandise Marks Act has been the subject of correspondence between the Chamber and the India Office. It is an incident in the preparation of bleached cotton piece goods that parts of a piece have to be cut out in order to remove damaged portions or to obtain patterns of the cloth. The remainder of the piece consists, therefore, of two or more separate lengths, amounting altogether to the number of yards stamped upon the front portion of the piece. A case arose some months ago in which the Madras Customs authorities stopped an importation of bleached goods on the ground that the marking of length was illegal, since only one of the component portions—the outer one—bore an indication of length, and that this was inaccurate as applying to that portion only. In a letter from the Government of India dated January 20th, forwarded to the Chamber by the India Office in London, it is said:—"We consider that each piece (portion) should be marked with its own length, or that the outer piece (portion) should show that the aggregate

The Right Hon: Lord George Hamilton, M.P.,

Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State

for India.

length

length is distributed over a number of pieces". It is understood that some India merchants are already accustomed to stamp conspicuously on the outer fold of each piece which may have undergone the treatment referred to some such words as "cut piece" and apparently this practice will now be considered satisfactory where it has been necessary to cut out any portion of a piece. The qualifying mark will be required even if the cut portions have been sewn together."

Other ways of informing merchants engaged in exporting bleached goods to India have also been adopted, and I am to express the hope that the method recommended by the Chamber of indicating that a piece consists of two or more portions will be deemed satisfactory.

I am, at the same time, to suggest to your Lordship that since the practice of sending to India pieces which have been cut, without any special indication of the fact, is of long standing, and has been followed without intention to defraud or to contravene the Indian Merchandise Marks Act, the requirement announced in the letter of the Government of India, dated January 20th, may not be rigorously enforced until sufficient time has elapsed for an observance of the requirement. That it will be generally obeyed now that it has been made known the Chamber has no doubt.

I have, &c.,
(Signed.) Elijah Helm,
Secretary.

(True Copy.)

E. Helm

Registrar, Finance & Commerce Department.

W. H. H.

No.2022-S.R.

Government of India.

FINANCE and COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 4th May 1898.



Read-

Despatch from the Secretary of State for India No.61 Revenue, dated the 24th March 1898.

Ordered that copy of the despatch and of the papers therein referred to be forwarded to the Government of Madras, with reference to the letter thence No.5999, dated the 20th November 1897.

Ordered also that copy of the despatch and its annexures, with copy of the despatch to which it is a reply and of the papers therein referred to, be forwarded to the Governments of Bombay, Bengal, and Burma for information.

J. A. Robinson
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.
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