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Petroleum Act.

To The Commandant of Revenue (S. P. R.)

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Recommendation of the Board of Revenue to extend the provisions of the —
&c., of ordinary petroleum to the whole of the South Arcot district, and
publication in the Fort St. George Gazette of a notification on the subject.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 1504, dated 18th April 1898.

Read—again the following paper:—

Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 947, dated 10th March 1898.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting for the orders of Government a request of Messrs. Best & Co. for grant of a drawback on kerosine-oil exported to Pondicherry by land.

Read—also the following papers:—

From the Collector of South Arcot, dated 22nd March 1898, No. 12/Cus. Pet.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to move the Government to make the Petroleum Act and rules applicable to the whole district.

From the Collector of South Arcot, dated 24th March 1898, Ref. on No. 12/Cus. Pet.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to extend the Petroleum Act and the rules framed thereunder to the whole of his district as recommended in letter No. 12/Cus. Pet., dated 22nd March 1898, and informing that the sayer superintendents are meanwhile instructed to treat the petroleum as if it were ordinary and pass quantities less than 500 gallons on payment of duty.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1504, dated 18th April 1898.

In Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 947, dated 10th March 1898, Government was informed that Messrs. Best & Co. had reported that the French Settlement of Pondicherry, which up to that time had been getting its supplies of kerosine-oil by land from Madras, was expected to receive a large shipment of the oil by sea and that that firm had requested (1) that special precautions might be taken to prevent this oil being smuggled into British territory, and (2) that drawback of import-duty might be granted on the oil exported by them to Pondicherry by land. With reference to the first request, the attention of the Collector of South Arcot was drawn to the instructions contained in G.O., No. 822, Judicial, dated 12th June 1897, regarding imports of petroleum by land from Pondicherry; and as regards the second point, Messrs. Best & Co.'s request was recommended for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The Collector of South Arcot now reports that the expected consignment—60,000 cases—of kerosine-oil has arrived at Pondicherry, and that Monsr. A. Paulain of that settlement has applied to him for information as to the formalities to be observed when importing the oil into British territory by sea. The Collector has informed him, that the petroleum to be imported will have to be tested in order to ascertain whether it is dangerous or not, and that no quantity of dangerous petroleum exceeding three gallons, and no quantity of ordinary petroleum exceeding 500 gallons, can be imported into British territory without licenses from a Magistrate.

3. The Collector further represents that as the provisions of the Petroleum Act other than those relating to dangerous petroleum and the importation of petroleum have been extended only to certain ports and municipalities and to the compounds of certain railway stations in his district, he is, by implication, precluded from granting licenses for the transfer or storage of petroleum in areas outside those specified, and requests that the provisions of the Act be extended to the whole of the district to enable him to control transfer and storage of the large quantities of the oil which he expects to be imported and to take the necessary precautions in respect of petroleum which may be dangerous.

4. Having regard to the large quantities of petroleum to be dealt with and to the necessity for restricting its storage to places approved of by the Collector and to conveniently making the necessary examination and tests to find its character, the Board concurs in the Collector's opinion as to the desirability of extending the provisions of the Act to the whole district and recommends his proposals for the sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. M. THURLEY,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.

Endt. No. 1964.

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

OOTACAMUND,
5th May 1898.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

From the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue,
dated 7th May 1898, Mis. No. 1820.

ORDER—No. 902, Judicial, dated 11th June 1898.

The Board's recommendation is approved, and the following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*:—

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the power vested in him by clause (3), Section 1 of the Petroleum Act, 1886, and with reference to Rule 2 of the rules framed and issued under Section 11 of the Act, published at pages 216—223, Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 21st February 1893, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the provisions of the Act, other than those relating to dangerous petroleum and the importation of petroleum, shall extend to the whole of the South Arcot District.

(True Extract.)

As Kinnell
for Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue),
through the Revenue Department. ✓

„ District Magistrate, South Arcot.
„ Inspector General of Police.
„ Local and Municipal Department.

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Exd. W. D'Moss.