

Revenue (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

According to the Proceedings, directing that Confiscated Opium exceeding 5 lbs in weight which is declared to be fit for human consumption, should in future be sent by collectors to the collector of the district who will forward it, once a month to Superintendent of the Police or Magistrate Opium factory.

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Directing that confiscated opium, exceeding five tolas in weight, which is declared to be fit for human consumption, should, in future, be sent by Collectors to the Collector of Madras who will forward it, once a month, to Superintendent of the Patna or Gazipur Opium factory.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

READ—the following G.O., Mis. No. 2446, Revenue, dated 7th June 1898:—

Read—the following letter from the Government of India, Finance and Commerce Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated 21st May 1898, No. 2345-Ex.:—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1865, dated the 28th April 1898, proposing a modification of the orders contained in the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 769-Ex., dated 14th February 1898, in which it was suggested that instructions should be issued to all local Excise Officers to the effect that whenever opium is in future confiscated under the provisions of the Opium Act, 1878, and the rules framed thereunder, in a quantity exceeding five tolas in weight, and is found to be fit for human consumption, it should, instead of being locally disposed of, be sent to the Superintendent of the Patna or Gazipur Opium factory, whichever is nearer, for disposal.

2. I am to explain that the object of the Government of India in directing the transmission of any appreciable seizures of contraband opium to the Patna and Gazipur factories was that this stuff, which is generally of an inferior description, might be utilized in the subsidiary processes of manufacture of opium, thus setting free pure opium which would otherwise have to be employed for the purpose. In view of the small stocks of Bengal opium now in hand owing to bad seasons, and the desirability of keeping up the supply of this article to the China market, any means of economising its "waste" in the factories is of importance.

3. It will thus be seen that if the remittance of a certain quantity of inferior contraband opium enables the factory authorities to release the same quantity of pure opium from employment in the subsidiary processes of manufacture, it is of more importance to use the contraband stuff in that fashion than to sell it locally for a price which must generally be considerably lower than that of pure opium. I am therefore to express the hope that the Madras Government will now be able to accept the suggestion made in paragraph 2 of this Department's Resolution No. 769-Ex., dated 14th February 1898.

Order—Mis. No. 2446, Revenue, dated 7th June 1898.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance, in continuation of G.O., No. 1864, dated 28th April 1898.

2. Under Rule xliii of the Opium Rules, confiscated opium is examined by the Civil Surgeon or the Chemical Examiner to Government and forwarded to the Collector's office if fit for use. The Board is requested to arrange with these officers for its transmission to the Collector of Madras, when the quantity exceeds five tolas, the latter officer forwarding once a month to Patna or Gazipur all the opium which may thus be sent to him.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. EDGINGTON,
for Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).

RESOLUTION—No. 193, dated 23rd June 1898.

Under instructions from the Government of India, it is directed that, in future, opium confiscated in a quantity exceeding five tolas in weight should, if declared by the Civil Surgeon or the Chemical Examiner to Government to be fit for human consumption under Rule xliii of the Opium Rules, be transmitted by the Collectors concerned to the Collector of Madras. The latter officer will be requested to forward once a month to the Superintendent of the Patna or Gazipur Opium factory all the opium which may thus be sent to him, quoting as authority Government of India Resolution No. 769-Ex., dated 14th February 1898.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

R. W. Hurley
Ag. Asst. Secretary.

To all Collectors (D.O.—Tahsirs and independent Dy. Tahsirs).
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" the Collector of Madras.
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