Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 4381-2

DATED 8th November 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

8. Addressing the Govt of India on the question of exempting from import duty samples brought into the country by Commercial Travellers.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 4722

From The Government of India
Finance & Commerce Dept.

Order nisi

Referred to the Board of Revenue for favour of an early report.

No. 2895 S.R.

Dated 29 June

Received 5 July

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Spare copies.

Secretary to Govt.

6/7/98
Letter Board of Revenue
(Sep. Rev.)

6/7/98. Where are the Enclosures? They must be kept.

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Remarks and Orders of Government.

Issued a perusal of the Act. with letter 8/7

SUBJECT.

Forwarding to all Local Govts and Administrations for report a copy of dispatch from the Secy of State for India, forwarding a copy of correspondence with Bd of Trade, re: the licensing of Commercial Travellers & desiring that copies may be sent of any regulations &c: or of concessions made to Commercial travellers in India, for publication in England.

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To Secy

No papers called for (Reply to the Board of Trade and Commercial Parliamentary paper) have been ~~applied~~ received from the Office of the Govt of India.

2. Please see a draft reference to the Board of Rev on the docket sheet of current No 6221.

KD
9/9/98

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No.2875-S.R.

Government of India.

FINANCE and COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 29th June 1898.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT * RECEIVED * 15 JUN 98 * GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Read-

Despatch from the Secretary of State for India (Revenue), dated the 19th May 1898.

Ordered that a copy of this despatch, and of the letter from the Board of Trade, dated the 4th May 1898, referred to therein, be forwarded to all local Governments and Administrations for report.

J.A. Robertson

Offg. Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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India Office.

London. 17th May 1898.

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No. 88.

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No.

His Excellency the Right Honble the
Governor General of India in Council.

My Lord,

I forward copy of correspondence with the Board of Trade regarding the licensing of Commercial Travellers. I desire that copies may be sent of any regulations regarding, or of concessions made to, commercial travellers in India, that could with advantage to British traders be published here.

I have &c

(Sd) George Hamilton

Board of Trade letter of 4th May 1898.
Commercial Parliamentary Paper regarding licenses to commercial travellers.
Reply to the Board of Trade, dated 17th May 1898.

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Vol. No. 2
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Board of Trade
Commercial Department
Whitehall Gardens,
London, S.W.
15th May, 1918.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Trade to request you to be good enough to direct Lord G. Hamilton's attention to the Parliamentary Paper "Commercial No 2 (1917)" issued last year by the Foreign Office containing a series of reports from His Majesty's Representatives abroad as to licences, etc., required by Commercial Travellers.

The Board desire me to point out that no similar report is available for British India, and though the general rule that Commercial Travellers are free to conduct their business in those possessions as in the United Kingdom without any let there may be in existence certain regulations connected with their calling: e.g. regulations dealing with the introduction of samples of dutiable goods, which it may be desirable to have on record for the information of those interested in the country.

I am therefore to inquire whether Lord G. Hamilton would have any objection to endeavouring to procure from the Government of India a statement giving particulars of a similar nature to those contained in the Foreign Office paper above referred to, with the addition of any further information as to regulations affecting Commercial Travellers which may be considered of value.

I am to add that a similar communication with regard to the conditions affecting Commercial Travellers in the Colonies has been addressed to the Colonial Office.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Sd.) F. Bateman.

The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

(True copy)
Abercrombie
Registrar.
Imperial Commercial Department

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT
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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 6221

From The Govt. of India, Fin. & Com. Dept.

Order

No. 3848 S.R.

Dated 31.8.98
Received 7.9.98
Registered 7.9.98
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Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Forwarding a copy of the Parliamentary paper (Commercial No. 224 1897) and requesting that it may be returned when no longer required.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 31st August *1898*.

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To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.2895, dated the 11th July 1898, I am directed to forward copy of the Parliamentary paper (Commercial No.2(1897)), and of the letter from the India Office dated the 17th May 1898, referred to in the despatch from the Secretary of State, No.88 (Revenue), dated the 19th May 1898, and to say that no spare copies of any of these papers are available.

2. I am to request that the Parliamentary paper, herewith sent, may be returned with your reply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J.A. Robertson

Offg.Asstt.Secy.to the Govt.of India.

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India Office,
17th May 1898.

To

The SECRETARY,
BOARD of TRADE.

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Sir,

With reference to your letter, No.C.2236, dated the 4th May 1898, regarding regulations for commercial travellers, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to inform you that he has invited the Government of India to state whether they have any rules regarding, or concessions in favour of commercial travellers, of which the publication might be useful or interesting to traders in the United Kingdom.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed.) A.Godley,

(True Copy.)
H Beadlime
Registrar, Finance & Commerce Department.

Rev. Dept.

No 214

O. M. for approval.

The Board of Revenue is requested to be good enough to report whether in practice bona fide samples of various articles brought into India by Commercial travellers are exempted from Customs duty; and if not whether it considers that special provision should be made for the exemption of such samples.

S.R. 16/9/98

D/ 17/9/98.

Cost accounts 17th Sept. 1898.

To

The Board of Revenue.
(Sep. Rev.)

Secy 17/9/98

(with original letter returned)

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REVENUE DEPT.
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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 7171

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

Order

Mis. No. 4035.

Dated 6th October 1898.

Received 19.10.98

Registered 20.10.98

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SUBJECT.

Reporting to Government, with regard to a reference upon the subject, that it is the practice of the Madras Custom House to charge duty on bona fide samples of dutiable articles brought into India by commercial travellers, and stating that the Board is in full agreement with the Madras Customs Collector's view that the exemption of such articles from Customs duty would lead to abuse and fraud.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue)

Dated 6th October 1898.

Mis. No. 4035.

Read Official Memorandum from Government, Revenue Department, No.314, dated 17th September 1898 and

Board's reference thereon No.815, dated 20th September 1898 to the Collector of Sea Customs for remarks.

Read also the following letter from J.N.Atkinson Esquire, I.C.S, Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, No.6579 G, dated 30th September 1898:-

"In reply to Board's reference No.815, dated 20th September 1898, I have the honour to state that the practice of this Custom House is to charge duty on all dutiable samples imported whether by commercial travellers, or by Agents of European shippers. To allow such goods to pass free would probably lead to abuse and open the door to fraud as it is well known that samples when done with by travellers or agents i.e.when these parties have obtained all the orders possible on them, are sold in the market either by auction or privately. It would be difficult to distinguish between the samples of bona fide

travellers and goods brought out by them for sale but packed and numbered as samples. For these reasons, I would deprecate the exemption of such articles from duty".

Resolution.

The Collector's letter read above will be submitted to Government.

2. The Board is in full agreement with the views expressed by the Collector.

(True copy and extract)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department. 17.1038

AB 15/11/18

O/18 2,00 30-3-98.

Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 6221.

From the Govt of India Finance and Commerce Dept, no 2875 S.R dated 29-6-98 (c no 4722)
do no 3848 S.R dated 31-8-98 (c no 6221).

From

The Govt of India, Finance & Commerce Dept

No. 3848 S.R.

Order

Referred to the Board of Rev for favour of early report.

Dated 3/Aug^t

Received 4/Sept

Registered 4/—

Enclosures 2.

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SUBJECT

Forwarding a copy of the Parliamentary Paper (Commercial No 2 (1897)) and requesting that it may be returned with the reply of the Madras Govt.

To the Board of Rev

(S.O) with enclosures

(to be returned)

(Hon Sir H Bliss)

There seems no need to have this referred to the Bd of Rev.. We can safely say that commercial travellers are not specially recognized either in the way of concessions or in respect of their samples.

I have looked thro the Madras Code to make sure. But indeed if there are privileges they must be conferred by Imperial enact^t & have to be [illegible]

But the question is whether unofficial persons bringing bona fide samples for sale by travellers from customs duty. I should suppose that generally they are in practice exempted already - but it might make sure if we recommended that they should be.

Yes. Furnish

BD 10/7/98

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To Secretary

Please see a draft D.w reference to the Board of Revenue ~~relative to the exemption~~ below.

P.P.K
14.9.98
KD
16/9/98

Mcc
16/9/8

From the Board of Rev (S.R.) Mis No 4035 dated 6-10-98 (~~Mis~~ C no 7171)

To Secy

The H.M. observed (vide remarks overleaf) that bona fide samples brought in by commercial travellers are in practice exempted from Customs duty, and that Special provision should be made for such exemptions.

2. The Board of Rev ~~now~~ reports that Samples of dutiable goods are not exempted in practice, As the samples ~~and that As they~~ are ~~sold~~ eventually sold in the market, and As it would be difficult to distinguish between bona fide samples and goods brought out for sale, the Collector of Customs and the Board of Rev deprecate their being passed free.

In these circumstances, should any recommendation be made to the Govt. of India in regard to the exemption of the samples?

KD
21/10/98

Hon. Better letter report the facts & the Bd's opinion & leave the Govt of India to settle the matter

8.K 24/10/98

WS
MD
27/10/98

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To Secy.

Please see draft g.o. and letter to India below.

P.P.K
22.10.98
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S.K 1/11/8

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(a) full — Read Endt. from the Govt of India, Finance and Commerce Dept. No. 2875 S.R. 29.6.98 (c.no. 4722)

(b) Print our Letter No. 2875 dtd 11-7-98. — Read letter from the same No. 3848 S.R. dt 31.8.98 (c.no. 6221)

(c) — Read Rev. Dept. O. No. 214 dt 17.9.98.

(d) full — Read B.P. (S.R.) No. 4035 dt 6.10.98 (c.no. 7171)

(e) full — G.O. No. 3881 dt 6th Nov 1898. Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed.

J.S.H. 6.11.98

Letter No. 4382 dt 8th Nov 1898

To

The Secry. to the Govt of India, Fin. & Com. Dept.

Sir,

I am acknowledging the receipt of Endt. No. 2875 S.R. of 29.6.98 referring for report a despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of regulations regarding

Print letter for Confirmation

Despatched 10-11-98

(under c.no. 4722)

J.S.H.

Krishnaiah.

of concessions made ~~to~~ in respect of samples imported by commercial travellers, I am directed to state that ~~at travellers are~~ not ~~usually~~ recognised in the ~~Law~~ is accorded here ~~this respect~~ ~~Law could either in the way of concessions or in respect of samples.~~

~~It is a question~~ If the Govt is disposed to think that it is open to consideration whether special provision should not be made for the exemption from customs duty of bona fide samples of dutiable goods brought into the country by commercial travellers. The Collector of Customs, Madras, and the Board of Revenue, however, deprecate ~~their~~ the exemption ~~being passed free~~ on the ground that samples are eventually sold in the market, and that it would be difficult to distinguish between bona fide samples and goods brought out for sale. Commercial No. 2 (1897) is returned as requested.

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With personal Endorsement of your communication under reply

K.B. 1/11/98

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