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[Despatch Abstract.]

Referring to the ~~Board~~ of Revenue for
remarks letter from the ~~govt~~ of India
regarding the revision of the
arrangements in force at ~~Madras~~
for the ~~supplyment~~ & issue of
opium.

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SUBJECT.

To The Board of Rev (Sep. Rev).
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Acknowledging with certain
observations receipt of letter No 685
dated 9 August 1897 proposing a
revision of the arrangements in
force at Indore for the weighing
and issue of opium.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Calcutta, the 14th February 1898.

To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Revenue Department.

Sir,
I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 685, dated the 9th August 1897, proposing a revision of the arrangements in force at Indore for the weighing and issue of opium.

2. The Government of Madras are of opinion that the existing practice of weighing the contents of only a small percentage of the packages in which the drug is despatched from Indore, and calculating from the results thus obtained the average weight of a whole consignment is insufficient for the protection of the revenue. It is also observed that the present system does not admit of the weight of the packages despatched to the Madras Presidency being accurately verified at the place of destination, and that unless the advices from Indore contain precise information as to the quantity of opium despatched with each consignment

its movements inside the Presidency cannot
(as is contemplated by the local authorities)
be subjected to better control than at present.

3. I am to state, for the information of His
Excellency the Governor in Council, that the
system of receipt and disposal of Malwa opium
in the Bombay Presidency is regulated with
very minute precision, and that both the
manner of packing the opium at Indore,
and the arrangements for dealing with it at
Bombay, are entirely different from those pre-
vailing with reference to the consignments sent
to the Madras Presidency. Experience, moreover,
has shown that the existing arrangements
in so far as they concern the Bombay
Presidency, are quite effective; and the Govern-
ment of India, after making further enquiries
both of the Government of Bombay and the
Opium Agent in Malwa, have come to the
conclusion that they afford adequate protec-
tion to the revenue, and that no change
is at present required.

4. The arrangements for the reception of
opium in the Madras Presidency do not
however, appear to be equally efficient. In
regard to the bags in which the drug is sent
to that Presidency from Indore, I am to
state

state that, in the opinion of the Government
of India, there would probably be little
difficulty in ensuring that they shall in
every case be separately weighed, numbered and
sealed before despatch, and that if the
Government of Madras are desirous of
introducing arrangements for examination
of the bags on arrival in their territory which
may depend upon the above procedure being
adopted at Indore, the Government of India
will be prepared to cause the necessary steps
to be taken towards that end.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

L. M. J.

Off. Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

W. J.

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