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[Despatch Abstract.]

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From

The Government of India,

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(Sd) G.S. Forbes.

Secretary to Govt.

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To

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Simla, the 11th May 1899.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.
Revenue Department.

Sir,

In the letter from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce dated the 12th March 1898, regarding the stamping of cut piece goods forwarded with the communication from this Department No. 2022 S.R. dated the 4th May 1898, the Chamber suggested (para 2) that such piece goods should be marked conspicuously on the outer fold of each piece with the words "cut piece" and they expressed the hope that this method of marking would be deemed satisfactory.

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2. The Chamber have now enquired whether

whether their suggestion has been adopted and I am to request that the Government of India may be favoured with the opinion thereon of His Excellency the Governor in Council and that it may at the same time be stated what is the practice at present in Madras.

Enclosed are letters and their annexures from the Governments of Bengal and Bombay in answer to a reference on this subject made from this Department.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

Asst to Secy: to the Govt of India.

Financial Department
Separate Revenue Branch
No. 1950 SR.

From
The Offg: Secy: to the Govt of Bengal.

To
The Secretary to the Government of India
Finance & Commerce Department

Calcutta the 24th March 1899.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. SR. 517, dated the 3rd February 1899, in which the Government of India enquire, with reference to para: 2 of the letter from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, dated the 12th March 1898, relative to the mode of marking cut piece goods, whether it will be sufficient to direct the stamping of the words "cut pieces" in addition to the length on the outerfold of each piece.

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2. In reply, I am directed to say that the

the Collector of Customs, Calcutta who was consulted in the matter states that he can see no objection to the mode of marking proposed but suggests, as an additional precaution, that the outer piece which is stamped with the aggregate number of yards, should also indicate the number of "cut pieces" within its fold. The Board of Revenue agree, and I am to say that this Government also supports the opinion expressed.

I have &c.

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Revenue Department.

Bombay Castle, 28th April 1899.

From

J.W.P. Muir Mackenzie, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of
Bombay,

To

The Secretary to the Government of
India,
Finance and Commerce Department,
Simla.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Officiating Assistant-Secretary Robertson's letter No. S.R./517, dated 3rd February 1899, inviting attention to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce dated 12th March 1898, in which that body suggested that all cut piece goods should be marked conspicuously on the outer fold of each piece with the words "cut piece", and enquiring whether in the opinion of this Government it will be sufficient to direct the stamping of the words "cut pieces" in addition to the length on the outer fold of each piece.

2. In reply I am directed to forward for the information of the Government of India copies of the letters from the Collectors of Customs, Karachi and Bombay, who were consulted on the subject. This Government agree with

Received with Memorandum No. 2022-S.R., dated 4th May 1898. (under G.O. 2123 of 17.5.98)

Letter from the Collector of Customs, Karachi, No. 1034, dated 9th March 1899.
Letter from the Collector of Customs, Bombay, No. C/5614, dated 7th April 1899.

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the Commissioner and the Collector of Customs, Bombay, that the number of yards and cut pieces should be shown on the outer fold of each piece. It will be observed that the merchants consulted accept the Collector's view.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) J. Muir Mackenzie

Secretary to Government.

His Memorandum No. 1034, dated 14th April 1899, (copy appended).

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No. 1034 of 1899.

From

R. N. Coghlan, Esquire,
Chief Collector of Customs in Sind,
KARACHI.

To

The Commissioner in Sind,
On Tour.

Karachi Customs House,
9th March 1899.

Sir,

In returning Government endorsement No. 1118 dated 13th ultimo received under your No. 1116 of 3rd. instant, I have the honour to state that in my opinion it would be sufficient to stamp the words "cut pieces" in addition to the length on the outer fold of each piece if the entire length consists of two portions, but when there are more than two the number of such portions should also be indicated, as the value decreases in an inverse ratio to the increase in the number of divisions. It would, however, be preferable, if practicable to have each portion stamped with its own length, to prevent fraud on illiterate people who, though they may be able to distinguish numerals cannot read or understand English words.

Merchandise Marks Act
Marking of "cut pieces"

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd) R. N. Coghlan.
Chief Collector of Customs in Sind.

To be read

No. C/5614 of 1899.

From

W. T. Morison Esquire, I.C.S.
Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium,
Bombay;

To

The Commissioner of Customs, Salt,
Opium and Abkari.

Bombay Custom House,
7th April 1899.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No. 917 dated 22nd. February 1899, the accompaniment to which is returned herewith, I have the honour to state my opinion that it is necessary to insist on the following system of marking:

" (40) yards in (6) cut pieces". As was pointed out by Collector of Customs, Madras, a single piece of 40 yards is in the market more valuable than two which make up the length. And similarly two pieces making up 40 yards are more valuable than six pieces making up the same length. It is therefore obviously desirable that purchasers should know the exact number of cut pieces making up each full piece. The European & Native Merchants, who have been consulted, agree on this point. I do not think that any real difficulty will be experience by home manufacturers in complying with the proposed requirement.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd) W. T. Morison.
Collector of Customs
and Opium.

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Camp Marowlee,

14th April 1899.

Submitted to Government in the Revenue Department with reference to their No. 1118 dated 13th February last

2. The Undersigned agrees with the Collector.

(Sd) J. Pollen

Ag: Commissioner of Customs, Salt Opium and Abkari

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