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Dated 10th June

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating to the Board of Revenue with remarks Resolution of the Govt. of India on the Subject of Rewards to be granted to officials of Customs Dept. for bringing to notice breaches or evasions of the provisions of the Sea Customs & Indian Merchandise Marks Act.

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To.

THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOM-
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No. 2275-S.R.

Dated Simla, the 19th May 1899.

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Board of Revenue

2. The rules for the grant of rewards
should be revised in accordance with the
Resolution of the Govt. of India

To
P.C. No. 2275-S.R.
Board of Revenue (S.R.)

with copy of G.O. No. 68, 26.1.99, and
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Cases in which, and amounts which, should be
granted as rewards to officials of the Customs
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Sea Customs and Indian Merchandise Marks
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No. 2275-S.R.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

STATISTICS AND COMMERCE.
Customs.

RESOLUTION.

Simla, the 19th May 1899.

READ—

Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, No. 97 (Revenue), dated the 16th June 1898, and enclosures.

Letter to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, and Burma, No. 3351-S.R., dated the 5th August 1898, and the following replies thereto.

From the Government of Bengal, No. 427-T.F., dated the 25th October 1898, and enclosures.

From the Government of Bombay, No. 430, dated the 19th January 1899, and enclosures.

From the Government of Madras, No. 69 (Revenue), dated the 26th January 1899, and enclosures.

From the Government of Burma, No. 370-I.C.-6, dated the 16th February 1899, and enclosures.

WITH the letters cited above the Government of India transmitted to the Local Governments, for report, the despatch of the 16th June 1898 from the Secretary of State and of its enclosures, relating to a protest from the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, against the practice under which rewards are granted to officials of the Indian Customs Department for bringing to notice breaches or evasions of the provisions of the Sea Customs and Indian Merchandise Marks Acts.

2. The Secretary of State has been informed that, in the opinion of the Government of India, there is no substantial ground for the Chamber's representation, and that it is essential that the practice of giving rewards should not be discontinued.

3. But the Governor-General in Council has been struck by the diversity of practice as set out in the reports received. There is no real necessity for such diversity, and in the interests of the mercantile community it is desirable that the practice should everywhere be the same.

His Excellency in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that, in future, rewards should, when it is considered that they are merited, be given as follows:—

(a) In cases of detected smuggling, or attempted importation of prohibited articles, or breaches of the provisions of the Indian Merchandise Marks Act, a sum not exceeding one-half the value of the confiscated goods and of the fines imposed.

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(b) In cases of amendment of under-valuation in the bill of entry where the under-valuation is solely the result of accident or error, a sum not exceeding one-half of the penalty imposed.

(c) In cases of seizure or confiscation of goods in which the under-valuation is fraudulent, a sum not exceeding one-half the value of the goods and of the fines imposed.

In other cases no rewards should be given.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, and Burma.

[Signature]
Asst. Secy. to the Government of India.

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G.O., No. 386, 10th June 1899.

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Rewards.

Communicating to the Board of Revenue, with remarks, Resolution of the Government of India on the subject of the — to be granted to officials of the Customs Department for bringing to notice breaches or evasions of the provisions of the Sea Customs and Indian Merchandise Marks Acts.

No. 386, REVENUE, 10th June 1899.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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(Signed) J. E. O'CONOR,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 386, Revenue, dated 10th June 1899.

Separate Revenue No. 61.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. The rules for the grant of rewards should be revised in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue),
with copy of G.O., No. 68, dated 6th January 1899,
and letter to the Government of India of the same date.

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