

ried into effect; thus affording to the produce of those Districts belonging to the Honorable Company, a free transit through the Cochin Territories to British Cochin, that your Memorialists now solicit, for the subject matter of the previous Memorial, the serious and favorable consideration of your Honorable Board, and your Memorialists will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

Signed—

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Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, 4th March, 1853.

SIR,—I am directed by the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade, to request that you will lay before the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, the enclosed copies of Memorials, which have been addressed to my Lords, on the subject of the differential duties charged upon the produce of the East Indian States of Travancore and Cochin, and also copies of a correspondence that has taken place between this Board and the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, with reference to these Memorials.

The Memorialists, who consist of Merchants resident in British Cochin, represent that the produce of these States is treated in British Ports as the produce of Foreign Possessions, by which their Export Trade is crippled, and the natural resources of the contiguous districts impeded in their development.

They complain that other Native States adjacent to Travancore and Cochin, such as the Province of Mysore, are not subjected to this disadvantage, their produce being admitted as that of British Possessions.

Their Lordships will perceive, that the treatment of the produce of these States has formed the subject of a previous Memorial to the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, and that a correspondence has at different periods taken place upon this question between that Board and the Court of Directors of the East India Company.

It appears from this correspondence, that the exclusion of Travancore and Cochin, from a privilege conceded to Mysore and other States in subsidiary alliance with the British Crown, has been maintained on the ground of a difference in the relation of those States to the British Government, they being only under the general guidance of a British resident acting as Amicus Curie to the Native Princes, while the former are occupied by British Troops, and directly administered by British Officers.

As the Rajahs of Travancore and Cochin are, however, under Treaty Engagements to "pay attention" to the advice of the British residents at their respective Courts, in all matters connected with the Government of their Territories, the Court of Directors and the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, are of opinion, it appears, that there is no sufficient reason for excluding them from the privilege of being considered as British Possessions, as regards the treatment of their produce.

The Memorialists appear to complain of the operation of differential duties in the United Kingdom, in British India, and in the Mauritius. My Lords conceive, that by the present Tariff of the United Kingdom, few, if any, of the articles exported from the States in question are subject to such differential duties, but they apprehend that the treatment by the Imperial Government of these States as British Possessions, in respect of Custom Duties, would ensure their admission to a similar privilege by the Local Legislatures of the above dependencies; and my Lords conceive, that in the interests of Commerce, it is desirable that this concession should be made.

I am therefore to request that you will move the Lords Commissioners to take this question into their consideration, with a view of deciding upon the propriety of assimilating, as regards Customs Duties, the produce of Travancore and Cochin to that of States administered directly by the British Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed) J. BOOTH.

James Wilson, Esq., M.P. &c. &c. &c.

Treasury Chambers, 12th April, 1853.

SIR,—The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have had under their consideration your letter of 4th ultimo, covering a Memorial from British Merchants concerned in the Trade of the East Indian States of Cochin and Travancore, praying that those States may be placed on the same footing as Mysore and other Native States, which are more exclusively under the influence of British authority, so far as regards the terms on which their produce is treated in British Ports, and in British Possessions abroad.

My Lords refer to the great importance to British Trade and British interests in India, that a communication as free as possible should be maintained between British India and the Native States under British influence and control, as the best means, not only of extending our markets in those important territories, but also of

cementing by mutual interests our friendly relations with such Native States: and they especially advert to the fact that the States of Travancore and Cochin have already shewn their sense of the advantages which a free commercial communication between themselves and our territories in India would entail, by repealing the Frontier duties on the side of Malabar and Coimbatore.

My Lords are of opinion that the more extensive construction of the term "British Possessions," as it relates to our Revenue Laws, may now fairly be extended to include the States of Travancore and Cochin, and such other Native States in India, over which the British authorities are entitled to exercise similar rights, influence, and control, by the presence of their Troops and their resident Agent; and my Lords have therefore been pleased to direct that the produce of the States in question shall hereafter be considered as the produce of British Possessions in India, and be treated accordingly.

A communication has been made to the Commissioners of Customs to that effect, and I am to request that you will move the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade to cause the decision at which my Lords have arrived to be notified to the Memorialists, and to the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, and that enquiry may be made as to what other Native States are similarly circumstanced, with a view that similar concessions may be granted in relation thereto.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES WILSON.

Sir J. Emerson Tennent, &c. &c. &c.

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CROWN LAND OFFICE, May 2, 1853.

THE undermentioned Lots of Crown Lands will be offered for sale by Public Auction, on Tuesday the seventh day of June next, at noon, by the respective Deputies, at their Offices, agreeably to the Regulations of 11th May 1843, and no sale on credit will be made to any person who is indebted to the Crown for previous purchases.

(The right of granting Licences for the cutting of Logs and Timber is to be reserved by the Government, after the Land has been surveyed and improved to the value of not less than ten pounds, until the first day of May next following such survey and improvements.)

(No person is allowed to hold more than one hundred acres payable by instalments.)

GLoucester.

By Deputy Carruthers, at Bathurst.

100 acres, lot 40, block 37, Bass River, S. Cunard improved.

NORTHUMBERLAND.

By Deputy Peters, at Chatham.

50 acres, lot L, Ledbetter's Brook, H. Ferguson and A. M'Laggan.

65 acres, east ½ lot A, Williamston, Wm. Taylor improved.

KENT.

By Deputy Douglas, at Buctouche.

100 acres, lot 84, Saint Anthony, W. Gillmore.

100 acres, lot 85, Saint Anthony, A. Hanington.

100 acres, lot 86, Saint Anthony, J. Cowin.

170 acres, lot 85, north side Cocagne River, J. Grier; 16s. per lot survey.

155 acres, lot 86, north side Cocagne River, J. Grier; 16s. per lot survey.

155 acres, lot 87, north side Cocagne River, J. Foster; 16s. per lot survey.

155 acres, lot 88, north side Cocagne River, J. Foster; 16s. per lot survey.

156 acres, lot 89, north side Cocagne River, J. M'Crum; 16s. per lot survey.

156 acres, lot 90, north side Cocagne River, J. M'Crum; 16s. per lot survey.

100 acres, lot 41, block 5, Wellington, M. Basterash improved.

50 acres, lot 45 west, block 5, Wellington, T. Collet improved.

50 acres, lot 75 east, block 5, Wellington, A. Hebert improved.

130 acres, lot P, block B, Wellington, S. Jervoid.

100 acres, lot V, Township 3, R. Richard.

157 acres, lot 20, middle Township, W. Kennedy; 16s. per lot survey.

156 acres, lot 74, middle Township, R. B. Cutler improved; 16s. per lot survey.

156 acres, lot 21, south Township, T. Hicks improved; 16s. per lot survey.

160 acres, lot 22, south Township, S. Geddes improved; 16s. per lot survey.

WESTMORLAND.

By Deputy Palmer, at Dorchester.

100 acres, south part of lot 47, Botsford, A. Fillmore.

193 acres, lot 68, Botsford, John Anderson.

200 acres, lot 90, block I, Shediack, T. Bilevou.

100 acres, lot 95, block I, Shediack, John Rowe.

100 acres, lot 96, block I, Shediack, N. M. Walker.

100 acres, lot 97, block I, Shediack, G. E. Atkinson.

100 acres, lot 100, block I, Shediack, R. Atkinson.

100 acres, lot V, block L, Shediack, Geo. Harper.

110 acres, lot 17, block H, Moncton, J. M'Devitt.

50 acres, lot 35, block I, Moncton, James Brown.

279 acres, lot 47, block 12, Moncton, M. S. Harris improved.