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## No. 1.

(No. 36.)

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir C. CAMPBELL, K. C. B., to Earl GREY, dated Queen's House, Colombo, 10th October 1846.

No. 1.  
Governor  
Sir C. Campbell  
to  
Earl Grey,  
10th Oct. 1846.

I HAVE the honour to forward to your Lordship a Memorial signed by the principal merchants, and many of the planters and other respectable inhabitants of the colony, at a public meeting which was recently held at Colombo.

## Enclosure in No. 1.

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(Extract.)

To the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

The Petition of the undersigned Merchants, Planters, Landholders, and other Inhabitants of the Island of Ceylon,

Respectfully sheweth,—

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That all foreign commodities are subject to double the import duty levied upon British goods, a restriction which militates against foreign nations attempting to trade here to the extent they otherwise would do, and keeps away customers for the various products of the island, the staples of which are coffee, cinnamon, and cocoa-nut oil, all largely consumed on the Continent of Europe.

That in many instances foreign vessels are precluded from landing cargo at the ports of this island, though the cargo be the produce of the country to which such vessels belong. Thus, French and Spanish vessels are prohibited from sending wines, spirits, and other unenumerated articles, the produce and manufacture of France and Spain; no such restrictions exist in the neighbouring territories of the Honourable East India Company, and they are consequently felt more severely here.

That the staple food of the labourers of the coffee, sugar, and cinnamon plantations is rice, imported chiefly from the territories of the Honourable East India Company. This trade is restricted to vessels holding a British, or a British India register. In the opinion of your petitioners, the supply would be more abundant, and the price cheaper to the consumers, if the trade were thrown open to the vessels of all nations.

[114 Signatures.]

## No. 2.

(No. 70.)

EXTRACT of a DESPATCH from Governor Sir C. CAMPBELL, K. C. B., to Earl GREY, dated Queen's House, Colombo, 10th November 1846.

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Governor  
Sir C. Campbell  
to  
Earl Grey,  
10th Nov. 1846.

THE Memorial of which I have the honour to enclose a copy, has been transmitted to your Lordship in original by the present mail. It was agreed to at a public meeting of the planters and others, held at Kandy on the 9th September last, and is an echo of a similar manifesto emanating from a similar meeting, held at Colombo on the 22d of the month previous, and which, by the request of those who signed it, I had the honour to forward to your Lordship in my Despatch of the 10th October last (No. 36).