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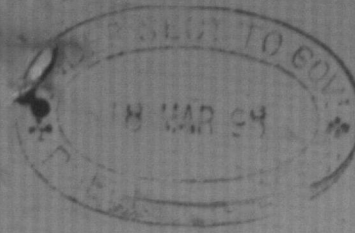
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The Madras Chamber of Commerce,

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The Honble Mr. G. G. Arbuthnot
CHAIRMAN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government
Local & Municipal Department
Fort Saint George.
Sir:

It has been brought to the notice of the Chamber that considerable hardship and inconvenience are being caused to firms having Agencies in Refusil Municipalities by the injurious working of Section 62 of the District Municipalities Act in respect of those Agencies. It is the custom, the Chamber understands, to rate the firms at the

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show by their books that they are not liable. This, however, is a practical impossibility in the case of up-country Agencies, seeing that separate profit and loss accounts are not and cannot be kept for each Agency. Moreover, in any case, the Chamber considers it imprudent to call upon a firm of good standing to produce its books for inspection by a body of persons such as usually comprise a District Municipal Council, some of the members of which are themselves very often interested in trade and, at any rate, could not always be trusted to preserve secrecy with regard to the contents of a firm's books.

As an instance of how

brought to the Chamber's notice in which not only has a firm been assessed by a District Municipality at the maximum rate as Agent of a Company it represents, but the Company itself has also been assessed at the maximum rate on the plea that a delivery of goods made by the firm on the Company's behalf through the firm's leading Agent is the exercise by both the firm and the Company of a trade or calling within the meaning of the Act.

In the opinion of the Chamber it would be both more equitable and more convenient for all parties if a fixed license were substituted for the present system

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income-tax, with the invidious distinction, however, namely, that its assessment is in the hands of a body of persons whose status and reliability are greatly inferior to those of income-tax assessors.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obed^t servant

Genl. G. Munro

Chairman

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