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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

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G.O., No. 852 *AD*

DATED 15/6/99.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition

Declining to comply with the request of certain timber importers of Madras regarding their complaint against the increase of licence fee on timber from Rs 3 to 5 per ton.

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 1472

Misc.
Order

No. 832. Misc. Order 1576/12.6.99 From The Revenue Department.

The Government regrets that the request of the petitioners cannot be complied with.

No 1890

Dated 29-5-99

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SUBJECT.

Transferring Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue) on a petition from certain large timber importers of Madras complaining against the Madras Municipality in the matter of the increase of license fee on timber from Rs 3 to Rs 5 per ton.

Note. Please see the notes and orders in G.O. No. 713 M. dated 17th May 1899 and also G.O. No. 711 M. dated 17th May 1899.

To The Petitioners. Board of Revenue. Mysore Revenue Department. 19/6/99

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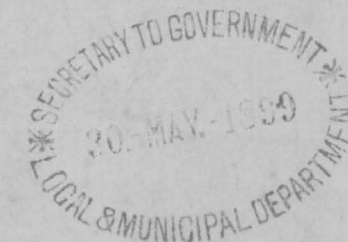
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Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 3248



From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of
Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, Madras.

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Order

Transferred to the
L & M. Department.

Mis. No. 2195

Dated 16th May 1899.

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[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

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29th May 1899

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, with remarks,
for orders, petition from certain large
timber importers of Madras complaining
against the Madras Municipality in the
matter of the increase of license fee
on timber from Rs.3 to Rs.5 per ton.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue).

Dated 16th May

1899.

Mis.No. 2195

Read petition from Messrs Binny and Co., Madras, dated 11th March 1899.

Resolution:-

Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, for orders.

2. Similar petitions having been received by the Board from two firms in Madras, a reference was made to the President ^{of the} Municipal Commission who in his reply stated that on a representation from the Chamber of Commerce in November 1898 he made careful investigation in the matter and found that the increased taxation would not have the effect of drawing away the trade to Negapatam as was feared.

3. The Board however considers that the petitioners have some cause for complaint in the short notice given them and that it may possibly affect their forward contracts and cause them loss.

(True extract)

G. S. S. S.
Acting Secretary.
15.5.99.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with
petition.
To the Petitioners.

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Madras, 10th. May, 1899.

To

The Right Honorable Sir Arthur Havelock, C. C. M. G., C. C. I. E.
Governor of Madras in Council.

O O T A C A M U N D A

The humble memorial of the undersigned timber importers
of Madras.

We have the honor to submit the following petition for
your Excellency's consideration, that we, being large importers
of timber, did on the 24th March receive from the Municipality
an intimation dated 14th March announcing, that on and after
the 1st April Municipal dues would be raised from Rs 3/- to
Rs 5/- per ton, which is an altogether inadequate notice. On
receipt of this intimation we applied to the Municipality to
exempt timber to come forward against existing contracts from
the increased taxation, but our applications were refused. It
is true that under section 341 of the City of Madras Municipi-
-pal Act No 1 of 1884 the Commission, with the sanction of
Government, has the option of increasing the tax in question
up to a maximum rate of Rs 5/- per ton, but it could never
have been intended that such option should be exercised in a

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manner calculated to occasion serious loss to Trade. All our forward contracts for sale of timber have been based on the old Municipal tax of Rs 5/- per ton, and consequently the large increase of tax, of Rs 2/- per ton, on some thousands of tons of timber, sold forward, entails a serious loss to importers.

It will be evident to your Excellency that the interests of the Trade in so important a matter claim far more consideration. Ample notice we think, should have been given of any contemplated rise in the tax in question, which would have enabled the Trade to make arrangements accordingly, and thus have obviated any unexpected loss of the nature complained of.

Under the circumstances we have the honor to request that your Excellency will be pleased to pass such orders as may be necessary to exempt, from the increased tax of Rs 2/- per ton, all contracts entered into before receipt of the notice. This principle was admitted and acted upon in the recent legislation in the case of Madras Tariffs vide section 10, of the Madras Tariff Act 1894.

As regards the increased tax itself, its introduction we respectfully submit will necessarily have the effect of restricting the importation of timber into this port and of diverting the Trade to adjoining ports, where there is no

Municipal tax and where landing charges are much lighter than those ruling here, thus defeating the object the Municipal Commissioners had in view when imposing the increased tax.

It was we believe not contemplated, when the increase was sanctioned by council, that it would result in injury to Trade and loss to rate-payers which ^{it} will be evident to your Excellency, this sudden announcement cannot but do. Prices, owing to extra demand from Europe, are already so high that they restrict Trade, and anything that raises them still further will, we feel sure, tend to still further curtail Trade. This is not by any means a small matter to Madras, where the timber Trade amounts to upwards of Rs 20,00,000 yearly.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's
Most obedient humble Servants,

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