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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, for the month of December 1859.

No. 69. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 29th November 1859, No. 4876.

With reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 10th September 1859, P. W. D., Marine, No. 2177, directing the Collector of Sea Customs to suspend the levy of duty on the materials arriving for the Pier and to keep an account of the amount for after adjustment if necessary, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward herewith, a letter from Mr. Underwood, dated 25th October 1859, enclosing one from Mr. Gilbert in charge of the Pier works, from which it will be seen that the specification and value of the goods imported for the Pier cannot be obtained without a reference to England.

In Con. 12th Sept. 1859, No. 4538.

In Con. 25th Oct. 1859, No. 5284.

2 Mr. Underwood suggests that if duty is to be charged on articles imported for the Pier, it be levied in England and credited to this Presidency, but the Board consider this proposal to be inadmissible duty being legally leviable only after the goods have been landed at Madras. The preferable course would be, in the Board's opinion, to require the contractors in England to send out regular invoices, or declarations of value, if it should eventually be determined to levy duty on the Pier materials.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1859, No. 2910.

The Board will be referred to the proceedings of Government of this day's date No. 2909 communicating a despatch from the Secretary of State exempting the materials for the Madras Pier from the payment of import duty; no order on the present letter is necessary.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 4876.

From W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

SIR,

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort St. George,
29th November 1859.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Acting Secretary.

Copy to Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

10th Sept. P.R. 1859. No 9-10.

Ordered to be brought to the notice of the Home Government with reference to the Despatch of 10th Sept. 1859 No 46.

1859 Depart.

Rec'd Jan. 27 Dec.

No 3189.

From
The Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To
The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Depart.
Dated 29th November 1859
Desp'd 1st December
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No. 4870.

No. 2910. 14th December

Submitting with the Board's observations a letter from the Collector of Sea Customs enclosing one from Mr. Gilbert in charge of the Pier Works and stating that the Specification and Value of the goods imported for the Pier cannot be obtained without a reference to England.

Collr's Proceedings of Government of this day's date No 2910

Communicating a Despatch from the Secretary of State requiring the accounts for the Madras Pier from the Government of India for the last financial year to be furnished in time for the Government to transmit them to the Auditor in England by the 1st February next.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for report.

14th December 1859

(Signed) Francis Gurney
Chief Secretary to Government

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 17th December 1859 No 6944

Referred to the Collector of Sea Customs for report.

By Order
(Signed) [illegible]
Secretary

No. 2910. The Board of Revenue wish to be favoured with the Collector's report on the subject of this letter.

17th December 1859

(Signed) [illegible]
Secretary