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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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13th June 1861.*

No. 132. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, in charge of the Central Office Public Works, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Fort Saint George, dated Chepauk, 10th June 1861, No. 1,413:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the orders of Government, No. 1,105, 28th May 1861, on the subject of the Lists submitted of articles that should be "free of Import duty" and what should be "dutiable," I have the honor to state, that in the present backward state of the Indian arts and sciences, I am clearly of opinion, the utmost latitude and liberality should be allowed in the importation of all manufactured articles, and that not only machinery of every description should be imported free of duty, but that all implements and tools in any way used or agriculture, mining, navigation, or for rail-road purposes, should be admitted duty free. It is only unwrought metals which I think should be taxed.

2. As a general rule, every sort of iron article is made better and more expeditiously in England than in this country, but their cost prevents greater numbers being used. I would strongly recommend that all the articles enumerated in both lists, with the exception of the articles named in the margin,* should be imported free of duty; as well as crow bars, mamooties, pickaxes, spades, chains, and in fact every tool which is likely to be used in ordinary artificer's and labourer's work.

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| • 1. Watering pots. | 14. Hobby Horses. |
| 2. Sodawater Machines. | 15. Garden Chairs. |
| 3. Washing do. | 16. Bath Chairs. |
| 4. Knife grinding do. | 38. Cabin Furniture. |
| 5. Ice Cream do. | 39. Victualling Stores. |
| 7. Galvanic and Electric Machines used by medical men. | 40. Deal Planks. |
| 11. Children's Perambulators. | 41. Timber. |
| 12. do. Carriages. | 42. Paint. |
| | 43. Varnish. |

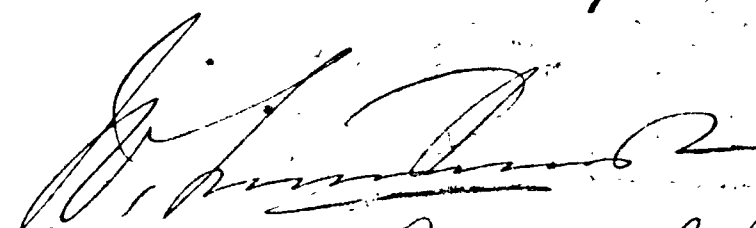
No. 133. ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1861, No. 1,192.
Transferred to the Board of Revenue, with reference to paragraph 2 of G. O., dated 28th May 1861, No. 110.

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

Spades, chains, and in fact every tool
which is likely to be used in ordinary
Artificer's and Labourer's work.

Central Office Pth
Chepauk
10th June 1861

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most O^bd^t servant

 Lieutth Colonel
Deputy Chief Engineer
in charge of the Central Office Pth

To
J. D. Sim Esq^{re}
Secretary to Government Pth
Fort Saint George

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