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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 5-4-1861.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th April 1861.

No. 76. Read the following letter from A. J. BYARD, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th April 1861 :—

SIR,

1. I am requested by the Chamber to direct the attention of the Governor in Council to an advertisement of the Collector of Madras, which has appeared in the "Fort Saint George Gazette" of the 26th ultimo, with reference to the supply of 150,000 Gallons of Colombo Arrack, the 15th instant being appointed for the opening of Tenders.

2. The Chamber is of opinion that a longer period should elapse before the opening of Tenders, for a contract of such magnitude which necessitates a correspondence with, and preliminary arrangements being made in Ceylon on the part of those who may contemplate tendering, and it is obviously the interest of Government to give such facilities as will ensure the fullest competition, the Chamber, therefore, ventures to suggest to the Governor in Council the desirability of naming a later date for opening the Tenders.

3. I may mention that a reply from Colombo by the ordinary Tappal cannot be received in less than fourteen days.

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1861, No. 761.

The Board of Revenue will instruct the Collector to extend the time allowed for the receipt of Tenders for the supply of Arrack. The Government quite agree with the Chamber of Commerce that the term as now fixed in the advertisement is too short.

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

14th March 1861 No 255-256

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From the Chairman
of Chamber of
Commerce

Dated 4th April 61
Received 4th April 61
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Under the circumstance stated suggest the desirability of naming a later date for opening the tenders for the supply of Colombo Arrack. —

No 761

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Fort St. Geo
5th April 1861

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