

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th April 1865.*

No. 204. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 3rd April 1865, No. 199.

Read the following letter from R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel P. P. L. O'CONNELL, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, April 3rd 1865, No. 290 :—

SIR,

1. On the 4th of February last, by letter No. 112, I submitted copy of a correspondence which had passed between the Collector of Sea Customs and myself, as to the interpretation of Act XI of 1862, with regard to the duty leviable upon Weighing Machines, &c. &c., sent out from England, for the use of this Railway, and I have now the honor to solicit that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be kind enough to favor me with his views upon

• To Collector of Sea Customs, No. 108, 19th January 1865.
From do. do. " 96, 31st do. "
From do. do. " 212, 6th March "
To do. do. " 284, 7th do. "
From do. do. " 256, 17th do. "

the accompanying copy of a further correspondence,* with reference to the duty upon Railway materials.

2. His Excellency will observe, that with reference to the Proceedings of Government, in the Revenue Department, No. 2,246, dated the 13th December last, embodying a letter from the Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, it is laid down, that " all Railway materials in " whatever stage of manufacture, have been admitted at 1 per cent. duty, also galvanized sheet iron, wire, and rails."

3. Upon receipt of this information, I applied by letter No. 108, dated the 9th January, to the Collector of Sea Customs for a refund of Rupees 4,395-1-5 which had been paid by this Company in error, upon the articles enumerated† in the margin.

† Galvanized wire.
Copper pipes.
Do. sheets.
Do. bolts
Straining machines.
Circular Saws.
Traversing Screw Jacks.
Corrugated zinc sheets.
Steel wire.
Do. do. half round.

‡ No. 96, 31st January.

§ N. 256, 17th March.

4. Mr. Hunter Blair however declines‡ to authorize a refund, except in the case of galvanized wire, and copper pipes and bolts for Locomotive Engines, stating,§ that he has ascertained by a

reference to the Collector of Customs at Calcutta, that the order to which I have alluded, was passed in connection with a specific question, which had been raised with regard to duty on *Iron* for Railway purposes.

5. I shall therefore feel obliged if His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to consider this subject, as it appears to me that the order of Government embraces " ALL Railway materials," as stated in Mr. Prinsep's letter, and that it is not a question, whether or not the articles referred to should be charged at 7½ per cent., but whether or not they should be admitted free, as component parts of machinery, or charged at 1 per cent. duty.

1. The Agent's letter of the 4th February last, No. 112, was forwarded with my observations of the 6th idem, No. 89..

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2. I request to be favored with the orders of Government on the papers now submitted, for communication to the Agent and Manager.

(Signed) P. P. L. O'CONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
8th April 1865.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 205.

ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1865, No. 812.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.
Customs.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early
report.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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*Referred to the Board of
Revenue for early report*

*Fort St. George
19th April 1865*

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No 199. The Speck Letter of the 4th February
last, No 112, has been enclosed with my observation
of the 6th March No 89.
I regret to be prevented with the order
of Government on the Paper now submitted, for
communication to the Agent and Manager.

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3rd April 1865

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Selling Expenses for Railway

The Chief Clerk to Government
at Saint George

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MADRAS RAILWAY

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways

Dated 3rd April 1865

Recd. 10th May

Encl. No. 290/199
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Forwarding for His Excellency
the Govr. consideration, copy
of the correspondence
relating to duty upon
Railway Materials -

Transferred to the
Revenue Department

G. J. Curran

Chief Secretary
Per S. T. Augustin, 19th April
1865
With Order

Board of Revenue 19th May
165 C. # 1247

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