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3RD JULY 1882, No. 1669 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.  
Civil Works.

No. 14.

READ—the following letter from C. SIMPSON, Esq., Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 21st June 1882:—

The Chamber have under their consideration the Proceedings of Government, Public Works Department, dated 5th June 1882, No. 1382, in which the Master Attendant is directed to place himself in communication with the Advocate-General in view to the drafting of a bill for the levying (through some Government Officer or department) of a consolidated charge of Rs. 2-2-0 per ton on all goods landed and shipped in the harbour; and in which it is further stated that on the passing of the bill "His Excellency in Council will nominate such executive agency as will in his opinion offer the best available guarantees for securing the highly important interests involved and satisfying the reasonable requirements of the trading community."

2. The Chamber need hardly assure you that this bill, the drafting of which is entrusted to the Advocate-General presumably, in consultation with the Master Attendant, is one that will most seriously affect the interests of the whole mercantile and trading community of Madras; and they venture to request, therefore, that the Government will be pleased to take no further step in the direction of legislation until the Chamber shall have had an opportunity of criticising the bill and submitting their opinion thereon. They trust, therefore, that they may be favored with a copy of the draft at an early opportunity. In the meantime the Chamber reserve further remarks on the Proceedings of Government now under notice.

No. 15.

ORDER—dated 3rd July 1882, No. 1669 W., Public Works.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes that, when the bill comes under the consideration of the Legislative Council, the Chamber of Commerce and all others interested in it will have the opportunity of criticising it, and of petitioning against any of its provisions as may appear to them objectionable as provided for in Rule XII for the conduct of the business of the Council.

2. Rule XXXIV, moreover, provides that such period shall always intervene between the introduction of a bill and its consideration by the whole Council as will admit of its being published for a reasonable length of time.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,  
Irrigation Branch.

To the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Madras.  
" Master Attendant, Madras.  
" Marine Department.  
" Legislative do.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.  
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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1882) Madras.  
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 3rd.

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G.O., 3rd July 1882, No. 1669 W.

JULY.  
Nos. 14-15.

Madras Harbour.

Levy of Dues, &c., for the use of the —.  
Orders on letter from the Chairman, Cham-  
ber of Commerce, Madras, relative to the  
proposed bill for —.

1669/2 Chamber of Commerce,  
Madras, 21<sup>st</sup> June 1882.

From  
The Chairman,  
Chamber of Commerce.

To  
The Secretary to Government,  
Public Works Department.

Sir,

The Chamber have under  
their consideration the Proceedings  
of Government, P. W. D. dated 5 June  
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the Advocate General in view to the  
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The Chamber need hardly assure you that this Bill, the drafting of which is entrusted to the Advocate General, presumably in consultation with the Master Attendant,

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is one that will most seriously affect the interests of the whole mercantile and trading community of Madras; and they venture to request, therefore, that the Government will be pleased to take no further step in the direction of legislation until the Chamber shall have had an opportunity of criticizing the Bill and submitting their opinion thereon. They trust, therefore, that they may be favored with a copy of the Draft at an early opportunity. In the meantime, the Chamber reserve further remarks on the Proceedings of Government  
now

now under notice

Mr. C. C. 11/11

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Clement Simpson.

Chairman

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I do not understand the  
prayer of the Chamber of Com-  
merce at this stage of the  
proceedings. When the bill  
comes under the consideration  
of the Council (Rule XII) and  
not before they and all  
interested will have the  
opportunity of criticizing it and  
petitioning against such of  
its provisions as may appear  
to them objectionable. The  
bill will be published in the  
Official Gazette where all men  
may see it and first re-  
ferred to a Select Committee.  
Rule XXXIV provides that such  
period shall always intervene  
between the introduction of a  
bill into consideration by the  
House of Council as will admit of  
its being published for a reasonable  
length of time. In dealing with  
this bill, which will doubtless  
materially affect the profits of  
the great business agency but benefit  
the traders, I presume there is  
no intention of suspending the  
standing orders.

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C. 26. 6. R. 29.  
23/6 Re 3/7

Mr. C. C. 11/11

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For order

In circulating in order  
the amended letter  
from the Secy of the  
Chamber of Commerce  
dated 21st inst. asking  
that they may be  
afforded the opportunity  
of criticizing the draft  
of the proposed "Short  
bill" ordered in P.O.  
5th June 1882 No 1382 W.

I venture to suggest  
that if this request  
be conceded the bill  
might also be sent  
to others e.g. the  
Secy for the Traders &  
Association, Collector  
of Sea Customs, &c.  
Even then however  
the 'public' who have  
been all along vigi-  
lantly watching the

fortunate <sup>they</sup>  
informed by agents  
under the head of  
"landing charges &c."  
which have been known  
at times to equal  
the whole freight but  
England to Madras  
could not be repre-  
sented - It is too  
more difficult to  
suggest a means of  
obtaining the victims  
opinion as the Madras  
press are one and  
all believed to be  
interested parties;  
includes the Editor  
of the Herald was the  
English Lately Secretary  
to the Chamber of  
Commerce

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1882.

Read the following:

From,

The Chairman, Chamber of Commerce } (Dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 1882.)  
Madras...

The Right Honble the  
Governor in Council observes  
that, when the Bill comes  
under the consideration of the  
Legislative Council, the Chamber  
of Commerce and all others  
interested in it will have  
the opportunity of criticizing  
it, and of petitioning against  
any of its provisions as may  
appear to them objectionable  
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for

for the conduct of the  
business of the Council.

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between the introduction of  
a Bill and its consideration  
by the whole Council  
as will admit of its being  
published for a reasonable  
length of time.

W. H.

28/6/82

To,

By me

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The Chairman of the Chamber  
of Commerce, Madras.

" Master Attendant, Madras.

" Marine Dept.

" Legislative.

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G. O., 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1882, No. 1669 W

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Madras Harbour

Survey of dues & for the  
use of the — Order or letter  
from the Chairman Chamber  
of Commerce Madras relative  
the proposed Bill for —

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