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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	827	Press / Mis.
Dated 24th June	1859.	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 18th to 24th June 1859.

No. 44. Read the following letter from W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India ; to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George ; dated Fort William, the 9th June 1859, No. 1139.

I am directed to forward the accompanying Extract of a Despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, regarding the present practice of allowing drawback of import duty upon goods re-exported, and to request that His Excellency the Governor General in Council may be favored with the opinion of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council as to the expediency of doing away with the privilege which is now allowed in that respect.

2. I am desired to suggest that it may be ascertained, through the Customs Officers, on the one hand, to what extent the system is attended with inconvenience and disadvantage to Government, and what saving in establishments its abolition would render practicable,—and through the Chamber of Commerce, on the other hand, whether the abolition of the system under the facilities which the law provides for bonding goods, would be regarded as objection, able by the Commercial community, and if so upon what grounds.

Extract of a Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, dated the 7th April 1859, No. 4.

Para. 15.—Her Majesty's Government would suggest to your Lordship the expediency of taking advantage of any general revision of customs duties for doing away with the drawback now allowed on re-exported goods. Such a measure would tend greatly to simplify the Custom House accounts, and might render it possible to effect some reduction in the establishments employed, while it would, at the same time, facilitate the general transactions of the mercantile community with the Agents of Government. The establishment of Bonded Warehouses at the Presidency Towns affords to Merchants all the facilities which they can expect for this branch of their transactions.

(Signed) R. B. CHAPMAN,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1859, No. 827.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report after full communication with the Chamber of Commerce.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

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From Govt. of India
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W. Robinson Legislative
Member Calcutta 25/2/71

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No. 1156.

From the Secretary to the
Govt. of India
d/ 9th
Rec-22nd June/59.

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Requesting the opinion of this Govt. on the expediency of doing away with the Drawback now allowed on re-exported goods and suggesting to ascertain to what extent the system is attended with disadvantage to Govt. and whether its abolition would be regarded as objectionable by the commercial community and if so upon what grounds.

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With an order L.