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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 841 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 25-5- 18~~69~~.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of May 1860.

No. 54. Read the following letter from F. AGNEW, Esq., Agent Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 9th May 1860, No. 619 :—

1. I have the honor with reference to the Order of Government No. 627 of 24th ultimo, to address you concerning the exemption from duty given by Schedule A of Act No. VII of 1859 to "Machinery."

2. This exemption is founded on the fact that such importations will specially tend to improve the internal condition of this country, by the promotion of Public Works.

3. My object in addressing you on this subject is to request you to call the attention of His Excellency in Council, now that this Act is under revision, to the fact that the internal condition and the Public Works of this country generally will be as much benefitted by the introduction of good *tools, implements* and *instruments*, as by the introduction of Machinery.

4. Under these general heads I would include Carpenter's, Smith's, Mason's, and such tools; Engineering and Drawing Instruments; Mamoties and other implements of earthwork; Earth waggons and all such Stores required by a Company like the Irrigation Company in the prosecution of its work.

5. I would, therefore, beg to request that His Excellency in Council would order this letter to be forwarded to the proper quarter in Calcutta with a view to the consideration of its proposals in the discussion on Act No. VII of 1859, which may shortly be expected.

6. My propositions are two-fold :—

1st. That there are certain *tools, implements* and *machinery*, which ought to be classified with *machinery*, and exempted from duty in all cases.

2ndly. That the importations of such a Company as the Irrigation Company should in all cases be exempt from duty on the grounds; first, that the Company is so closely connected with Government that its Stores should be admitted on the same terms as those of Government; and secondly, that it works are directly calculated to improve the internal condition of the country and to multiply Public Works.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1860, No. 841.

1. Mr. Agnew will be informed that Act VII of 1859 has already been superseded by Act X of 1860.

2. Under Clause III of that Act the present application should be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Revenue Department.

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

its works are directly calculated to improve the internal condition of the Country and to multiply public works.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your most Ob. Servant,

E. Morrow

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No 1038.

From the Agent to the
Madras Irrigation and
Canal Company -

Dated 9th } May 1860.
Rec'd 18th }

Requests that this
letter be forwarded to the proper
quarter in Calcutta in view
to its proposals respecting the
Exemption of certain tools &c
from Customs duty being con-
-sidered in the discussion on
act No VII of 1859 -
No 841. 25th May
With enclosure

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2 Under clause
of that Act the present ap
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Government of India
the Revenue Department

For'd to Govt. 25 May
1860.

A Copy to the Agent of the Madras
Irrigation & Canal Company.

Disp 25th