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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd March 1861.

No. 427. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th March 1861, No. 1,313:—

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 428. ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1861, No. 681.

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Secretary to Government.

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To W. E. Cochrane, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Copy to J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., for information, with reference to Government Order, 18th, in Cons. 19th February 1861, R. D., No. 382.

Exd. J. Wright.

Ans- Baggage kept customs duty like merchandize ; but there is one free - Military Officers are also allowed to import Uniforms & accoutrements free of duty. ~~and other~~ It seems

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No. 66/7.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 8th
Despd 12th } March 1861
Recd 13th

Further Pro. 19 Aug/63 No. 182/183
No. 1313.

Submitting for information copy of the Boards Pro: passed on a letter from the Collr. of Sea Customs Madras, authorizing him to allow hereafter Military Officers to land free of duty (in accordance with the practice at Calcutta) a Gun or Rifle, Pistols & Saddlery in addition to their other accoutrements which are already free.

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Ordd of the: 23d March 1861.

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also [illegible] the practice at Calcutta to bring with them, free of duty, a saddle, Pistols, & a gun or rifle. The Bd. of Rev. seem to extend this indulgence (for so it is, unsupported by law) to this Presy. Orders are requested.

The Bd. of Rev. exceeded their authority in directing the Coll. of Sea Customs to allow the exemption. Only the Govt. can exempt goods.

[illegible] Mar 18.

Note this Govt. — The Board only sanctioned here what has been permitted by the Calcutta Govt. & this [illegible]

The Calcutta practice of passing free a gun pistols & saddle in the case of Military Officers should be followed here.

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Yes [illegible]