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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th May 1862.

No. 306. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1862, No. 2,590 :—

Read again letter from the Chairman of the Trades Association Madras, dated 27th March 1862.

(In Consultation 27th March 1862, No. 1,771.)

Read also the following from the Collector of Sea Customs, dated 1st April 1862, No. 192.

(In Consultation 1st April 1862, No. 1,904.)

1. Resolved that the above letters be submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. As Government are aware, they have engaged by the terms of the notice dated 1st January 1862, published* by the Collector of Sea Customs, to allow parties to keep their goods in the Public Bonding Warehouse until 30th June 1863, being the date of its final abolition.

* "Fort Saint George Gazette," February 7th, 1862, page 248.

3. The Madras Trades Association, as will be seen from the first letter recorded above, propose renting the Warehouse from Government "for a sufficient term of years" and relieving them of "all existing engagements in respect of the goods in Bond and in respect of the charges "thereon," the details of their proposal being reserved for future settlement should Government in the first place manifest a disposition to entertain such a proposition.

4. Mr. Shubrick considers it objectionable to rent the buildings at all, and would rather sell them, but it is quite possible that neither course may be practicable, as the Merchants whose goods are now in bond may object to the transfer of their interests to the guardianship of the Association.

5. The Board would have felt disposed before submitting the matter to Government, to ascertain whether these parties are likely to raise such an objection and also whether the Warehouse with its engagements could be transferred without their consent, but as any further action on the part of the Association must, apparently, depend on Government consenting to rent the buildings, the Board have deemed it expedient to submit the proposition for the orders of Government. The Board concur with Mr. Shubrick in considering that to sell the buildings would be a better plan than to lease them for a yearly rent.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 307. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1862, No. 1,083.

Resolved that the Board of Revenue be informed that the Government would prefer selling the Bonding Warehouse by public auction to renting it. However before issuing final orders on the subject the Government resolve to refer the papers to their Solicitor, in order that he may obtain and submit the opinion of the Advocate General as to whether the care of the property in the Warehouse can be transferred to the Members of the Trade Association or other private parties without the consent of the Bonders.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

I think it desirable that the Govt should put and keep the buildings and the maintenance of Sanded floors in repair upon as soon as possible - the hint that a proprietor shown - but a very trifling accident would destroy all this .. but proprietors no proper I think it is better to do as done elsewhere that is to leave them matters to private enterprise the Govt only maintaining such a control as is necessary Memorandum Rands. - but whether the building should be left now with the liabilities or otherwise July 63 is a matter for consideration

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From Chamber of Commerce
dated 4th March 1861.

Board's Pro: 21st June "
No 3214-

Re Govt Bonding and
Co claimed compensation
for damage sustained
by a bale of Skins stolen
lodged in the Government
Warehouse - & Govt
-ment
-ders the opinion given by
their Law officers, authorised
the admission of the claim
and in so doing remarked
that the establishment
of private warehouses pu-
-blic Licenses should be
encouraged - the Board
of Revenue took exception
to the Advocate Generals'
opinion that Govt is the
bailee for hire for its
own profit of the goods
in the custody of the Bonded
warehousekeeper - for it is
it

order dated 12th Septr

Copies with the
Memorandum thereon
Approved
Copy sent Govt - Dirs
of Customs Marshall
with the Board's
Pro: dated 16th Septr
1861 No 5,036-

2nd Warehouse -
Re Cost Clause 4
to Tide Gauges

as speedily as may be consistent with due consideration for the requirements of the trading community." They stated also that neither at Calcutta nor Bombay are any such establishments maintained by Govt. At this time the financial result of the warehouse was not before Govt. They however enclosed the circumstances stated by the Board × authorized the abolition of the warehouse and measures are now being adopted to carry out that order. The Collector of Sea Customs published a notification announcing to the Public that the warehouse will be finally closed after June 1863.

2. The Trade association now propose to rent the Govt Bonding warehouse to keep therein their own warehouse relieving Govt of all existing engagements in

× Order dated 16th Nov 1861 No 2171.

it more in consideration of the convenience and advantage of the importers that the warehouse is maintained, and desired that Mr Smyth may be requested to re-consider his opinion on the subject. Govt deemed it useless to reopen the question and following the hint given by the Board called for a report as to whether it is advisable for Govt to have Bonded warehouses of its own with the responsibility of the delivery of the goods in proper condition, attached. Information was also required as to the Calcutta and Bombay practices. The Board in reply allude to the bad condition of the warehouse buildings and remarks that "they have no doubt that it is desirable for Govt to withdraw from maintaining Bonding warehouses as

The Building
The Govt Port to
Goods Warehouse
Port - be sold
be discontinued of

order dated 5th Oct
1861 No 1930.

The Quantity of
Tea warehouseable
able to pledge
Govt - is the
best course for
Govt to adopt
to withdraw
Govt

Rev: Dated 21st Oct 1861
No 5775.

in respect of the goods in bond and in respect of the charges thereon - The Association promise to specify hereafter their detailed terms when the intention of Govt on the subject is known - The Collector of Sea Customs says that these terms should be known before any opinion can be given on the proposition and thinks that legal advice as to the right of Govt to transfer the property in the Bonding warehouse to the Association or other private parties irrespective of the separate consent of the Bonders should be obtained - Mr Shebbeare is decidedly in favor of disposing of the building by sale to the Association or any other parties who might offer for it and the Board also agree with him - But as any further action on the part of the Association must apparently depend on Govt consenting

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to rent the buildings, the Board request the orders of Govt on the proposition.

3. In connection with the papers now before Govt a statement shewing the receipts and charges of the warehouse for the last five years has been procured from the Collector - This statement shews that the result was a net gain of Rs 14868 for the five years or an average of 2973 Rs per annum - The Warehouse is thus a source of profit to Govt as well as convenience to the Mercantile community. Under these circumstances the Govt Council the previous order for advertising it for sale its purpose

to pair & the employment of a further Establishment or rent or sell it to the Association.

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Memo
Regarding the Bonding Warehouse

consenting to rent the buildings, the Board have deemed it expedient to submit the proposition for the orders of Government.—
The Board concur with Mr. Shubrick in considering that to sell the buildings would be a better plan than to lease them for a yearly rent.—

/ A true Extract /

Sub Secretary

To
J. D. Sim Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.—

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Rev: 1862 Deptt
Pro: of Govt for May
No. 1165

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 23
Desp 23 } April 1862
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1 & 1 Ol. Letter

No 2590

Submitting for orders
letters from the Chairman
of the Madras Trades As-
sociation and the Collector
of Sea Customs about
renting the Warehouse
from Govt for a certain
term of years with the
Boards observations
thereon

No 306 & 307

Recd 16 May
With an order

No 1083.

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of Revenue be informed that
the Govt would prefer selling
the Bonding Warehouse by
public auction to renting
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the Govt resolve to refer the pa-
pers to their Solicitor in
order that he may obtain &
submit the opinion of the
Advocate General as to whether
the part of the property in the
Warehouse can be transferred
to the members of the Trade As-
sociation, or other private parties
without the consent of the Bondsmen.

To the Bd of Rev Disp 19
Govt Solicitor

Rec'd 19th May 1862

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