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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd May 1862.

No. 417. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department, dated 19th May 1862, No. 264:—

Referring for consideration letter from Agent Great Southern of India Railway, requesting that firewood imported from Ceylon for use of the Railway may be exempted from duty. } (Vide Financial Railway Proceedings, 19th May 1862, Nos. 77, 78.)

No. 418. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1862, No. 1,136.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from WILLIAM S. BETTS, Esq., Agent Great Southern of India Railway; to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras, dated Negapatam, 10th May 1862, No. 387.

In consequence of the high price of firewood in this District, I recently entered into a contract with a Merchant of Jaffna for the delivery of 600 tons of that article from Ceylon for the use of our Engines, fully believing that such firewood would be entitled to admission free of duty equally with coal, used for the same purpose.

The Acting Collector of Tanjore however informs me that no importation of firewood from Ceylon or Foreign ports having been made into Madras, the question has never been officially decided, and the duty must therefore be levied.

I am anxious that the subject should be officially considered, and I therefore beg you will place this my application before Government for the admission duty free of the firewood required for the use of our Engines.

Schedule A of Act No. VII of 1859 exempts from duty "Machinery for the improvement of the communications, and for development of the resources of the country."

Government Order, No. 2,937, 30th June 1860, says in addition that all stores, tools, and fittings as are indispensably required and exclusively used to make such Machinery available shall also be admitted duty free.

Both coal and firewood are required to make our Engines available for the purpose for which they are intended. Coal is admitted duty free, but the Officers of Revenue seek to levy duty on the firewood.

Forwarded for the information of Government and for orders as to whether duty should be levied on firewood imported from Ceylon for use on the Great Southern of India Railway.

(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, Captain,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS, *15th May* 1862.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.

ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1862, No. 264.

Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration.

(True Extract.)

G. J. Cumberland

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

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