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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th September 1862.

No. 219. Read the following letter from E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department, to A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 19th August 1862, No. 4,355 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,589, dated 24th July last, requesting, for reasons explained, the exemption of Fire-wood from the payment of import duty, and in reply to state that the Governor General in Council thinks that Fire-wood imported from Ceylon for the Railway Company might be exempted from duty at once in anticipation of any Legislative measure which it will be necessary to have recourse to with a view to Fire-wood being added to the list of duty-free articles in Schedule A. of the new Customs Act.

2. The Governor General in Council is of opinion that, under Section XVII. of Act VI. of 1844, it is fairly within the competency of the local Government to exempt specially any cargo of Fire-wood imported on account of the Railway Company, that is to say for a special purpose, though, as has been correctly intimated by the Government of Fort Saint George to the Board of Revenue at that Presidency, the above Section of the Law does not enable the local Government to declare any article of import generally exempt from Customs duty.

No. 220. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1862, No. 1,963.

With reference to the opinion expressed in this letter, the Governor in Council is pleased, under Section XVII of Act VI of 1844, to direct that Fire-wood imported on account of the Railway Company be admitted free of duty.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 2481.

From the Secty. to the Govt.
of India -

Dated 19th Aug. 1862.
Recd 30th Aug. 1862.

No. 4355.

Written Orders -
No. 1963 - 12th Sept.

In reply to the
Govt. letter requesting that
exemptions of firewood
from the payment of Im-
port duty & stating that the
Supl. Govt. think that fire-
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any Legislative measure
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sary to have recourse to
with a view to firewood
being added to the list
of duty free articles -

Revenue Dept.
Copy of Letter from the Govt. of India
No. 2481 dated 24th July 1862
Financial Railway Dept. — No. 1588.
Rec'd 12th Aug. 1862.

Transmitting Copy of a Letter from
Messrs. Peile & Co. with reference to Q. 24th July 1862
Rec'd 24th July 1862 No. 24/C

Messrs. Peile & Co. with reference to Q. 24th July 1862
Stock 17 of 1854 to direct that
imported on account of the Railway
Company has accordingly been
in Schedule A of the
Customs Act —

No. 219 & 220.

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