

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1636

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th September 1863.*

No. 74. Read the following letter from W. H. CRAKE, Esq., Chairman Chamber of Commerce, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 24th August 1863:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the order that has been received by the Local Government to levy duty on Spirits shipped for consumption on board ships in the roads of Madras, I have the honor to address you by desire of the Chamber of Commerce on the subject.

2. The Chamber is sensible of the advantages that have recently been accorded by Government in allowing vessels sailing from Madras to the Northern ports, and thence to foreign ports, to ship their Spirits as stores duty free, and it fails to see the justice of levying duty on Spirits also shipped as stores, but for consumption in this port. It feels that the claims which the Government recognized in freeing ship owners from a heavy tax in the case of vessels proceeding to a Coast port, apply with equal weight in the case of vessels loading here for a foreign port direct, and the Chamber, therefore, solicits the re-consideration of this point by the local Government.

3. It has always been the practice in England and other countries to allow Spirits and other dutiable articles to be shipped free of duty when intended for use on board. Until very recently this rule obtained here also, and it is believed without any loss to the revenue, for the imposition of the high duty on the common Spirits of the country has entirely put a stop to their consumption by the shipping in the roads.

No. 75.

ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1863, No. 1,636.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for early report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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From
W. H. Frazer Esq.
Hon. Sec. of the
of Commerce
Total 242.00
Received 23.00
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Report to the Board of Revenue
for early report.

From W. H. Frazer Esq.
50. 22 Apr 1863

in Office to the 30th Dec 1863