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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th September 1863.

Read the following papers:—

No. 229. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1863, No. 5,234.
Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 19th August 1863, No. 1,524.

(In Cons. 20th August 1863, No. 5,370.)

1. The Board request to be informed whether it is the wish of Government that Instruments for Regimental Bands should be charged with duty on importation. They observe that the ruling of the Supreme Government is not conclusive.

2. The Board are disposed to think that wherever the property in Instruments may rest, the men benefit by a Band at least as much as the Officers, and they would beg to recommend that the Instruments be admitted free.

No. 230. Memorandum from the Secretary to Government, Military Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 24th August 1863.

The Military Secretary to Government has the honor to inquire of the Secretary in the Revenue Department, whether Revenue Order 19th August 1863, No. 1,524, supersedes Revenue Order 23rd March 1861, No. 631, or whether the latter Order, allowing Military Officers to land free of duty a Gun or Rifle, Pistols and Saddlery, in addition to their other accoutrements, is still applicable to passengers' luggage, and the Order of the 19th instant applies only to articles imported for Officers and not brought with them.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 231. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1863, No. 1,714.

1. The suggestion of the Board of Revenue to admit Band Instruments free will be submitted for the favorable consideration of the Government of India.

2. The question put by the Military Department in the second paper recorded above, will also be referred for the decision of the same authority.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Military Department.

Exd. S. T, Augustin.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
18th September 1863.

No. 1,715.

No. 232.
From

J. D. SIM, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

SIR,

1. With reference to your Endorsement, No. 4,845, communicating copy of a letter, dated 4th August last, No. 4,843, to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay on the subject of exempting from Customs Duty Regimental necessaries and Band Instruments, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward copy of the Proceedings* of the Madras Board of Revenue, recommending that, as the men of a Regiment benefit by a Band at least as much as the Officers, Band Instruments should be admitted free.

* Dated 21st August 1863.

2. This Government support the Board's proposal for the reason stated, and also because though the Instruments are purchased with the private funds of the Officers, they become the property of the Regiment, and so long as the Band exists individual Officers cannot re-claim their subscriptions, nor refuse to subscribe, for their purchase.

3. I am further directed to ask whether the course hitherto pursued in Calcutta, of allowing Military Officers to land a Gun or Rifle, Pistols and Saddlery free, as described in the 4th paragraph of Lord H. Ulick Browne's letter, dated 1st February 1861, No. 239, is still pursued, or whether the ruling contained in the letter to Bombay referred to in paragraph 1 above, applies only to articles imported for Officers and not brought with them.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 18th Septr 1863 No.

Read the following

Papers. —

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Recommending that instruments for Regimental Bands be admitted free of duty on importation.

(Here enter 21st Augt 1863 No.)

Memo.
From the Secretary to Military Deptt

Enquiring whether Revenue Order 19th August 1863 No. 1524, supersedes the Order of 23rd March 1861, No. 681, or whether the latter order, allowing Military Officers to land free of duty, a Gun, Rifle &c., in addition to their other accoutrements is still applicable to passenger's luggage.

(Here enter 24th Augt 1863 No.)

1. The suggestion of the Board of Revenue to admit Band Instruments free will be submitted for the favorable

favourable consider-
-ation of the Govern-
-ment of India.

2. The question put by the Military Department in the second paper recorded above will also be (1) referred for the decision of the same authority.

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Revenue Department

No. 1715.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Home Department

Sir

With reference to your endorsement No. 1815 communicating copy of a letter dated 5th August last from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay on the subject of exempting from Customs Duty Regimental necessaries and Band instruments I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Board of Revenue recommending that

Copies Orders &c. &c. &c. Steamer

Council

dated 21st August 1863 No

Revenue 1863 Aug. 17th
Entering Letter for Sept 1863.

No. 1715.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Madras Board of Revenue dated 25th July 1863.

No. 1715.

The Engineer Officer of the Band of Queen's Own to submit Estimate of Instruments for Regimental Band for Egmont, submitted for the decision of the Govt. of India.

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the Band exists
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Short St. George's
18th Dec in 1863.

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Revenue 1863 Septr.
No: of Govt for Septr.

No 1715.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India.
Home Dept.
Dy 18th Septr 1863.

Submitting for the
decision of the Govt of India
a suggestion of the Board of
Revenue to admit free from
duty the instruments for
Regimental Bands.

No 232.