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21st March 1864.*

No. 241. Read the following letter from A. J. BYARD, Esq., Chairman Chamber of Commerce, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 21st March 1864 :—

SIR,

1. The period being at hand when the Annual Budget will be presented to the Supreme Council, the Chamber of Commerce deems it a fitting moment to lay before His Excellency the Governor in Council a few observations with reference to certain alterations and modifications in the existing Custom duties, which it is considered might with advantage be made.

2. *Corrugated and Continuous Iron roofing, and the like*, is found particularly adapted in the erection of buildings in Districts where material and labor is scarce and dear, and rapidity of constructions of importance, such as Coffee and other work now so rapidly increasing in number in this Presidency. The employment of iron manufactures of this description has, it is believed, been hitherto much limited by the heavy duty of 10 per cent. now levied; and it is submitted that the principle on which machinery and agricultural implements are admitted free, and a duty of but 1 per cent. levied on bar and other wrought-iron, might consistently be extended to all iron used in the construction of buildings and manufactures of a kindred character, either by an entire remission of duty thereon, or subjecting them to a nominal charge of 1 per cent.; this charge, while it would be of great benefit generally and especially to those engaged in agriculture and enterprizes incidental thereto, would at the same time entail but trifling loss to the revenue.

3. I am desired further to observe that if the position of the public revenue will admit of a general modification of Customs duties, the Chamber is of opinion that a reduction on all articles now charged with 10 per cent. duty would be very desirable, but if at this moment such a general reduction is considered inexpedient, the Chamber would especially urge that in continuation of the wise and liberal policy which led to the alteration in the duty on iron last year, that Copper, Spelter, and all other metals may be similarly dealt with, and relieved from the present excessive duty imposed thereon.

4. The Chamber trusts its views may meet with the concurrence of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and that, in communicating them to the Governor General, they will be supported by this Government, and the adoption of the suggestions made recommended.

No. 242.

ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1864, No. 483.

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

A. J. Myard
Chairman

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Provisional Chamber

of Commerce

March 21st 1862
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Respectfully
Yours

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to certain articles and in some
places with a view to
the same being added if it is
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