

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1707	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th July 1866.*

No. 202. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Poona, 3rd July 1866 :—

From the Officiating Commissioner of Customs, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, dated Bombay, 30th June 1866, No. 1,626.

1. In reply to Mr. Under Secretary King's Memorandum as per margin, stating that the Government of India has been informed that "I shall be ready to start as soon as my presence is required in "Calcutta," I have the honor to state that, as far as I am personally concerned, I am ready to start at any time.

2. I have, however, to mention, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that I have been in communication with the Chamber of Commerce, and that it was only yesterday that the Chairman told me, he and the other Members of the Chamber had only commenced revising the Tariff since they heard of my appointment on the 19th instant; that they have to go over every item of the Tariff, and discuss the merits of each valuation, after which I shall have to go through the same process with them in Committee, and this His Excellency will understand is a work of labor and time.

3. Without being fully prepared with these details, it would be impossible for me properly to represent the interests of the Bombay mercantile community. In the end it will be time gained that I should, before starting for Calcutta, be well prepared with information, and that I should fully acquaint myself with the views of the Chamber of Commerce. To appear before the Tariff Committee at Calcutta without being fully instructed by the Bombay Chamber would be useless, and place me in a difficult position.

4. I have, therefore, to request that the Government of India may be informed that the beginning of August will be about the time I shall be able to start.

5. I believe the annual Estimates and Accounts come under review in January next, so that if I arrived in Calcutta in August there will be more than ample time to submit the Tariff Report before the above accounts come under review, as desired by the Government of India.

Forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras.

(Signed) F. C. CHAPMAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 203. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1866, No. 1,707.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.
Customs.

Communicated to the Collector of Sea Customs.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

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January next, so that if I arrived
in Calcutta in Aug. next there will be
more than six months time to submit
the Tariff Report before the above
accounts come under review, as desired
the Government of India.

I have the honor to be &c
Yours &c. D. J. D. Morris
Offg Commissioner of Customs.

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Bombay 5th July 1866