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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th December 1868.

No. 195. Read the following letter from W. F. SHAW, Esq., Secretary to the Madras Trade Association, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 5th November 1868 :—

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice, that I have been requested by the Committee of the Madras Trade Association to submit to Government a series of correspondence which has passed between individual members of the trade and the Trade Association, and the Board of Revenue, in reference to what the Association believes to have been irregular acts on the part of the Sea Custom House officials, and for which the Board has granted only partial satisfaction, and has declined further to entertain the points which the Association urged, and thought to be of the greatest importance both to Government and to importers ; I was also instructed most respectfully to request that the Government would be pleased to institute a Commission to enquire into the present working of the Sea Custom House at Madras, and at the same time respectfully to suggest that the services and experience of Mr. T. Jones, of the Bengal Uncovenanted Civil Service, who was and is now in Madras, be availed of for that purpose.

2. As I am not yet prepared to lay before you, for the information of Government, the whole of the correspondence alluded to, I take the liberty of anticipating the last named request, in consequence of an intimation having this day reached me of the probable very early departure of Mr. Jones from Madras ; I have, therefore, to request that you will be pleased to make known to Government the wish of the Trade Association, which is based upon a sense of insecurity, and a knowledge of the fact that irregularities of a very grave character have been perpetrated, and grievous hardships inflicted upon importers under the assumed sanction of the Customs Act No. VI of 1863, while the main features of the Act, and the liberal intention of its framers, have been either entirely misconstrued or ignored.

3. In conclusion I may add that, to this day, to the best of my belief, there are no legal rules published under the Act to guide importers, and they are consequently liable to a repetition of the surprises and sore annoyances which were inflicted upon them only recently, without hope of substantial redress.

Soliciting the favor of your early attention, I have, &c.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
24th November 1868.

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1868, No. 3,106.

Miscellaneous.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for report, with an intimation that the gentleman named in Mr. W. F. Shaw's letter has quitted Madras for Calcutta.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of {1868} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 14th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G. O., 14th December 1868, No. 3,106.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 105-106.

Irregular acts of the Sea Customs officials.—Letter from the Trade Association requesting the institution of a Commission to enquire into the present working of this Department in Madras, forwarded to Board of Revenue for report.

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From

The Secty. to the
Madras Trade
Association

Dated 5th. Novr. 1868

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No. 3106. 14 Decr.

Submitting a series of correspondence which has passed between the members of the Trade Association & Bd. of Rev: in reference to certain irregular acts of the Sea Customs Officials & requesting that Mr. Jones of the Bengal Service be appointed to enquire into the present working of the Sea Customs House at Madras.

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