

(1) Number of pages 8
(2) Date of repair 27-4-42
(3) Initials of the Referencer

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue. DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	132.	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated	20. 1.	1871.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

19

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th January 1871.*

No. 275. Read the following letter from the Officiating President, Municipal Commission, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated 12th December 1870, No. 658:—

REFERRING to the Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, No. 137-8

Procs. of the Bombay Govt. in the Rev. Dept.,
dated 22nd Aug. 1866, No. 3,021.
Do. " 4th Oct. " " 3,539.
Do. " 5th Feb. 1867, " 459.
Do. " 24th Dec. 1863, " 4,831.
Do. " 14th Sept. 1869, " 3,942.
Do. " 10th Dec. " 5,418.
Do. " 21st " " 5,674.

Extract from letter from Government of Bengal,
dated 25th July 1866, No. 3,950.

Letter from Government of Bengal to Government of India, dated 25th July 1866, No. 3,951.
Proceedings of the Government of India, dated
29th August 1866, No. 2,101.

of the 11th January, and No. 143-4 of the 11th November 1870, I have now the honour to forward letters to my address from the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay and the Secretary to the Justices of the Peace, Calcutta, giving cover to copies of Proceedings of the Governments of India, Bengal, and Bombay, as noted in the margin, on the subject of the exemption from Customs duty of certain articles imported for the

use of the Municipalities of Calcutta and Bombay, which I request you will be good enough to lay before the Right Honourable the Governor in Council.

2. It will be observed from the Proceedings of the Government of India that, though they declined to comply with the very strong recommendation of the Government of Bengal that the machinery and materials to be used for the purposes of the Water-supply of Calcutta should be exempted from the payment of duty, they recognized the case as one in which some special indulgence should be conceded, and resolved that Customs duty should be levied as usual, but that the amount so levied should be refunded to the Justices of the Peace for the Town of Calcutta.

3. In the case of the Municipality of Bombay, the Government of Bombay, have not only sanctioned a remission of Customs duty on all materials imported for the Water-works of that city from 1865 (the year in which the Bombay Municipal Act came into operation) up to May 1867, but also exempted from the payment of duty a variety of articles imported solely for the ornamentation of the Town.

4. I am further informed, though there is no reference to it in any of the documents forwarded with this letter, that the whole of the piping and other materials required for the construction of the Vihar Water-works were exempted from payment of Customs duty, which, at the rate in force at the time of their importation, must have amounted to even a larger sum than that refunded in the case of the Water-works of Calcutta.

5. At the time the estimates for the Madras Water Distribution Project were prepared, no provision was made in them for the payment of Customs duty on the plant and other materials required, and on the faith of the Order of Government, dated the 11th January last, it was thought unnecessary to include any charge on this account in the accepted contract for carrying it out. If, therefore, it is now levied in pursuance of the decision of the Government of India, conveyed in their letter to the Chief Secretary, dated Simla, 29th October 1870, No. 4,452, it will bring the total cost of the works in excess of the estimates, and have to be met from the current revenue of the Municipality.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th January 1871.*

6. The sum required to pay the duty will probably be about Rs. 6,000, and the Right Honourable the Governor in Council is well aware that this amount, though small as compared with the duty remitted in the case of the Calcutta and Bombay Municipalities, will press heavily on the limited means of that of Madras. In addition to which the Commissioners are strongly of opinion that it will be an act of great injustice to this city, the poorest, but not the least populous of the Presidency Towns, if it is denied a concession which has been granted to Calcutta and Bombay, with the full approval of the Government of India.

7. I have therefore to express, on behalf of the Commissioners, their earnest hope that the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, taking into consideration all the circumstances detailed above, will be pleased to address the Government of India once more on the subject of exempting the plant and materials required for carrying out the Madras Water Distribution Project from payment of Customs duty, and urge on them, the justice of making this concession in such manner as they may deem most expedient, either by granting a general pre-exemption, or sanctioning a refund after the duty has been paid, as was done in the case of the Calcutta Municipality.

No. 276.

ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1871, No. 132.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.

Customs.

UNDER the circumstances stated in the above letter and enclosures, the Government resolve to address the Government of India again on the subject of exempting from Import-duty the plant, etc., required for the Madras Town Water-supply Project.

2. Ordered that the following letter be despatched:—

To the Financial Secretary to the Government of India.

(Here enter No. 133, dated 20th January 1871.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating President, Municipal Commission, Madras.
„ the Board of Revenue.

Frd. F. R. Bantleman.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 20th January 1871.

Read the following letter from the
Offg. President, Mun. Commn.
Madras -

H.E. 12th Decr. 1870, No 658.

Forwarding certain papers
regarding the exemption from Customs
duty of materials imported for the
Municipality of Bombay, &c. &c.
& requesting to obtain sanction of Govt.
of India to the importation of plant
required for the Madras Water
Supply Project free of Customs duty.

Under the circumstances
stated in the above letter, and
enclosures, the Govt. resolve to
address the Govt. of India
again on the subject of exemp-
ting from Import duty the
plant &c. required for the
Madras Town Water Supply

Project

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE OFFICIATING PRESIDENT, MUNI.

CIPAL, COMMISSION, MADRAS.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January 20th.

Recd.

Per

G. O., 20th January 1871, No. 132.

JANUARY.

Nos. 275-276.

Plant, &c., required for Madras Town
Water-supply Project.—Letter from the Presi-
dent of the Municipal Commission regarding the
exemption from Import duty, ordered to be for-
warded to the Government of India.

From the Govt. of India
29th Decr. 1870

Project.

2. Ordered that the following

Letter be dispatched

To
The Tenant Secy. to the
Govt. of India
(A. E.)

3 Folia of the *Cicadina pumila*.
March 1

144 - Box of Quilts

I think it is the regrettable
that the G.O. of N. H. 1870. B.C.
1874. has issued without
further discussion -

It has in effect yielded
the question of the power
of the Conf. Gov. & Dictator
in the matter.

Dec. 19. Act 6. of 83. says
"It shall be lawful for
the Local Govt. & & & & &
by special order from any of
Act & & any of the

I suppose the Law should
 I write in the the sup. for?
 can interfere. with the direction
 of the local govts and think
 that with all deference this

The Law lies in
the power - but
in the exercise here
of our legal power
we are bound to

follows the instructions
of the Seaboard pt.
This is the Bilti.
culty - I b.s

Should have been maintained
As it is, this Govt. has in fact
admitted the power of the Sup. Govt.
to dictate -

If the Govt. think fit.

occurs this position as
given by the law. I do suspect
that the fl. of N. D. (p. 2) lies
in their command to the fl.
except in the limited & remote
form. It appears that
I know this acquaintance
with the people in the case)

might be superseded by
a fresh order based in
the facts and brought to
notice by the incidents
of the Municipal
Commission. and the
fact reported for the
info of the Sup^r.

The contraction mode
of treating King's & Kadas
is extraordinary.

\$150,000 are admitted
 to the Calcutta Municipality
 for the identical purpose
 for 25 P. 6000 are
 refused & decided. The
 former municipality being
 known to the good health
 of the two. L. J.

1/2
Description of
Import duties
the plant &c
for Madras
water supply

Special...

Chief...