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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
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Separate Revenue, No. 23.
Customs.

SIR,—Referring to the letter from your department, dated 29th October 1870, No. 4,452, stating that the Governor-General in Council was unable to concur in opinion with this Government as to the expediency of exempting from Import-duty the plant and materials required for the new Water-supply Project to the Town of Madras, I am directed to submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, that, from a communication received from the President of the Madras Municipal Commission, it appears that, under date 29th August 1866, the Governor-General in Council was pleased to direct a refund of the duty (estimated to amount to 1½ lac) to the Justices for the Town of Calcutta in a precisely similar case, and that in the case of Bombay a similar refund was conceded by the Bombay Government in December 1868, under the powers vested in them by Section 19, Act VI. of 1863, to the Bombay Municipality, without eliciting any expression of disapproval from the Supreme Government.

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3. This Government continue of opinion that their remission of the Government demand for duty in a case of such great public importance was a most legitimate exercise of their powers under Section 19, Act VI. of 1863, and they trust that under the circumstances now submitted, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will not deem it necessary to maintain his former objection to the course they adopted.

4. The amount involved is only Rs. 6,000, which, however, is of considerable importance to the Madras Town Municipality.

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

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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