

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th March 1872.*

No. 301. Read the following letter from the Rev. A. R. SYMONDS, Minister of St. Thomas' Church, St. Thomé, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 13th March 1872:—

I HAVE the honour to state that the congregation of the Church under my charge have subscribed for the purchase of an organ for use in the Church of St. Thomas, St. Thomé, Madras. The instrument is expected to arrive in a few days, and I have now to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council will be pleased to exempt this organ from duty on its passing through the Madras Custom-house.

2. I believe that in the case of organs brought out for the use of Government Churches no duty is charged, and I, therefore, venture humbly to submit that *a fortiori* duty should not be charged on an organ intended for a Church which is kept up and Divine Service regularly maintained in it for the benefit of Her Majesty's subjects without any cost to the Government beyond the grant of 100 Rs. per mensem allowed as a stipend for the Minister.

3. Some time since the Government were pleased to remit the duty which had been charged on a bell for the Tanjore Church, in consideration of that Church being used for the English congregation. I, therefore, venture to indulge the hope that His Excellency the Governor in Council will not refuse the present application.

No. 302. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1872, No. 516.

Separate Revenue, No. 17.

Customs.

THE Collector of Sea Customs is authorized to submit the bill for the Customs duties as a charge against Government in the Ecclesiastical Department.

2. Under instructions from the Supreme Government remission of duty in such cases cannot be granted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Rev. A. R. Symonds.
„ the Ecclesiastical Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Sea Customs.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Memo for Orders on Current A: 862 -

The principle
laid down in the letter
from Supreme Government
of 2^d Feb: 1869, is, that
in cases where a grant
of money might reasonably
be made by the State,
the charge for the Customs
duties may properly be
borne by them, and the
importers pro tanto
relieved.

In the present
case private subscriptions
have provided an organ
for St Thomas Church.

I think this is a
case in which the Govt
might very properly have
been asked to contribute
to the cost, and therefore
might

Yes
A.P.
M.E.

might now comply in spirit
with the application by
passing a bill for the
Customs Charges.



L.B.

The friends
of the bill

are now in the
hands of the
Government

and it is
hoped that
they will be
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Exemption from Customs
duty of an Organ
for St. Thomas Church

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Madras March 13 1872

From

The Rev. A. P. Symonds
Minister of St. Thomas Church
St. Thomas Madras

To

W. Huddleston Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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I am

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

A. N. Jaynards

Minister of St. Thomas Church
St. Thome, Madras.

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From
The Hon. A. T. Symonds
Minister of the Colonies
J. H. Moore

about 13 months
Recd. 13. "

Regarding exemption
from customs duty of an
opium expected to arrive
in a few days.

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My dear Sir,
I have the pleasure to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 13th
inst. in relation to the
exemption of opium from
customs duty.

The Hon. A. T. Symonds, Esq.
Minister of the Colonies,
J. H. Moore

1. The Hon. A. T. Symonds, Esq.

26/3/72 8th March 72

2. The Hon. A. T. Symonds, Esq.

11/4/72 11th April 72

3. The Hon. A. T. Symonds, Esq.

6/5/72 6th May 72

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