

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
18th February 1873.*

No. 120. Read the following letter from Messrs. DYMES & Co., Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated 10th February 1873:—

We have the honour to inform you that arrangements have been made with the Municipality to start, without incurring any tax, the pipes for the Madras Water Works, which we are Agents.

2. The materials are now being made in England, and will shortly be sent out, so we now venture through you to ask the Board of Revenue to waive the Import-duty of one per cent. chargeable on the rails.

3. Our reason for doing so is that these goods are imported for a purpose of public utility, and you will doubtless remember that the pipes for the Madras Water Project were permitted to be imported free of duty. We beg respectfully to point out that while in that case funds to a considerable extent were furnished by the Municipality, we receive no subsidy or advances whatever, and consequently lose the interest of our outlay.

Under the circumstances, we trust you will perhaps be inclined to admit the fairness of our petition, and give our application your early consideration.

No. 121.

ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1873, No. 193.

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| Separate Revenue, No. 13. |
| Customs.                  |

THE Governor in Council is unable to comply with this request. The concession made in the case of the piping for the Madras Water Works was

in favour of an undertaking of a very special character, involving the question of public health.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,  
*Secretary to Government.*

To Messrs. Dymes & Co.  
,, the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Madras 10<sup>th</sup> February 1873

G. F. Carmichael Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Secretary to Government  
Revenue Department  
Madras.

Sir,

We have the honor to inform you that arrangements have been made with the Municipality to start without further delay the line of Madras Tramways for which we are Agents.

The materials are now being made in England and will shortly be sent out; so we now venture, through you, to ask the Board of Revenue to waive the Import Duty of one per Cent. chargeable on the Rails.

Our reason for doing so is that these goods are imported for a purpose of public utility and you will doubtless remember that the pipes for the Madras Water Project were permitted to be imported free of duty. We beg respectfully to point out that while in that case, funds to a considerable extent, were furnished by the Municipality, we receive no subsidy or advantage whatever, and consequently lose the interest of our outlay.

Under the circumstances, we trust you will per-  
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give our application your early consideration.

We have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your Obedient Servants,

*Sydney*

Received 10th Sept.

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Mr. J. P. Symonds & Co.  
Madras

Dated 10th May 1873  
Wed. 11

20th Dec 1870 - 17th February 1871

Representing that the rails  
intended for the Madras Railway  
may be exempted from the  
Import duty of one per cent.

No. 120-131

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Letter from Messrs. Symonds & Co.

5/10-2-73

This firm has (as agents to some  
English Co.) obtained leave from  
(a) the Municipality, to run tram  
ways along the roads of the city  
(b) of the Govt, to run tram over  
bridges.

I see no point  
on which we  
can urge them  
claim on the  
Supreme pt.  
These to our way  
are a waste of time  
to us and the  
State has lost  
the interest in  
them that it has  
in its own tram  
ways - as  
in water supply

2-They now ask to be let off the 1/2 per cent  
import duty chargeable on the rails  
we are on their way out.  
3-This Govt. can let off anything by a  
special order (S. O. No. 11/73)  
the Consolidated Customs Act), but the  
last time they exercised this power in  
favor of the Madras Water Works piping  
the Govt of India remonstrated a good  
deal & were only appeased on its being  
accidentally discovered that the Calcutta  
& Bombay Water pipes had been  
treated in the same way.  
4-All Railway Materials pay 10 per  
cent by the latest Indian Tariff (Act 13/73)  
and it may be doubted if there  
is any ground for the exemption  
now requested. Water  
pipes involved the  
question of public health.

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 of public health. As the ~~Boarding~~  
 case.*

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*18 July 1933*

- 1. To Major Dyer and Co. on 19 Feb*
- 14. The Board of Officers*
- 21. Ch. B. W. ap.*

*C. 12: 76/3. 17: 76:*