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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
2nd June 1875.*

No. 8. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th May 1875, Miscellaneous No. 964:—

Read the following letter from J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras 14th April 1875, No. 511.

I HAVE the honor to forward copy of a letter\* from the President, Municipal Commission, requesting a refund of Rs. 300-11-6, being the amount of Import

Duty paid by the Municipality on, 316 Nos., iron-wire fencing, pillars, &c., valued at Rs. 4,009-9-4, and request the sanction of the Board for the disbursement of the amount to the Municipality, as the amount was collected and carried to account on the 6th February 1875.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. C. LOCH, Esq., Presdt., Municipal Commission, Madras, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, dated Madras, 10th April 1875, E. No. 9-84.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that by G. O., dated 8th December 1864, No. 2,220, the Collector of Sea Customs was directed to pass, free of duty, the iron-wire fencing ordered out from England for the esplanades and glacis of Fort St. George.

2. The Municipality have just imported per *Duke of Devonshire* a further supply of iron fencing solely for use on the esplanades, and as the fencing was urgently required for immediate use, in order to save time duty was paid upon these, amounting to Rs. 300-11-6,† I

† Receipt enclosed.

have the honor to request that you will be good enough to order a refund of the amount.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Government Order quoted cannot be held to cover the present case.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,  
Acting Secretary.

No. 9. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1875, No. 860.

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|--------------------------|
| Separate Revenue, No. 3. |
| Customs.                 |

BEFORE disposing of this reference, the Government desire to learn whether these materials were necessary to enable the Municipal Commissioners to carry out the instructions of Government as to the original fencing of the esplanades and Fort glacis, or whether they were required for maintaining and renewing the fences.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,  
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Miscellaneous No 3964.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 1875

Read the following:-

No 511

From J. Hunter Blair Esquire  
Collector of  
Sea Customs

H. E. Stokes Esquire  
Acting Secretary  
Board of Revenue

Sir

I have the honour to  
forward copy of a letter  
from the President, Muni-  
cipal Commission, re-  
questing a refund of  
Paper 300-11-6, being the  
amount of Import duty  
paid

Dated 10<sup>th</sup> April  
1875 No 2/84

Boat. of 118751

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated June, 2nd

Read

G. O., 2nd June 1875, No. 860.

Encl.

JUNE  
Nov. 8-9.

From the Fencing imported by the Muziris  
Municipality. Inquiring with reference to the  
request for the refund of Rs. 300-11-6, being the  
amount of duty on - whether the wires were  
necessary to enable the Municipal Commissioners  
to carry out the instructions of Government as to  
the original fencing of the esplanades and fort  
phases, or whether they were required for maintain-  
ing and renewing the fence.

paid by the Municipality  
on 31<sup>st</sup> Apr. Draw wire  
fencing Pillars &c. as  
valued at Rupees 4009-9-4  
and request the sanction  
of the Board for  
the disbursement of the  
amount to the Municipality  
as the amount  
was collected and  
carried to account on  
the 6<sup>th</sup> February 1875.

Sea Customs House  
Madras  
14<sup>th</sup> April 1875  
I have the honor to  
be,  
Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
J. Hunter Blair  
Collector  
Sea Customs

E. N. 9  
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From The President  
Municipal Commission  
Madras

To The Collector of  
Sea Customs  
Madras

Sir,  
I have the honor to  
bring

bring to your notice that  
by Government Order  
dated 8<sup>th</sup> December 1864  
No. 2220, the Collector  
of Sea Customs was  
directed to pass free  
of duty the iron wire  
fencing ordered out  
from England for the  
Esplanades and Glacis  
of Fort Saint George.

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was

was paid upon these  
amounting to Rs 300-11-6.  
I have the honor to  
request that you will  
be good enough to order  
a refund of the amount.

Receipt  
enclosed

Madras Municipality  
Executive Engineer's Office  
Madras  
10 April 1895

I have the  
H. J. J. B. Lock  
President M.C.

True copy  
H. J. J. B. Lock  
Collector  
Sea Customs

Submitted for  
the orders of Govern-  
ment.

2. The Government  
Order quoted cannot  
be held to cover  
the

the present case.

True copy & Extract

H. J. J. B. Lock  
As Secretary

To The Secretary to  
Government Revenue  
Department

per  
M. A. D. S. S.

Memor for Anderson Esq of Revenue Department  
 P. No. 13<sup>d</sup> of Revenue  
 Regarding refund to Municipality of Import duty paid by them on certain articles

H. E. 8. May 1875 his No 3964

The President of the Madras

Municipality seeks to recover

Rs 300-11-6 the amount of

Customs duty paid by him on

Iron wire, pillars &c imported

from England for fencing the

Esplanades on the ground that,

in 1864, similar articles were

ordered by Govt to be passed

free of duty. The Board of

Revenue remark in submitting

the application, that the G.O.

quoted cannot be held to cover

the present case.

In G.O. of 24<sup>th</sup> Decr 1863

No 4117, Military Dept, shows -

that the cost of enclosing the

esplanades & glacis was ordered

to be entered in the P. W. Budget

for 1864/65 in view to the Munici-  
 pal Commissioners being provided with

Rev: 1875: 844

Proceedings of the  
 Board of Revenue

Order 8<sup>th</sup> May 1875

Order 14<sup>th</sup> 2

Order 19<sup>th</sup> 2

Submitting  
 with remarks for  
 order of Govt re-  
 commendation of  
 collection of the Customs  
 for the Municipality of  
 the 800-11-6 being  
 the amount of duty  
 payable by them.

with the necessary funds,  
and by para 3 of that G.O.  
the conservancy of the  
esplanades & the glacis & the  
leasing out of the grass &c.  
thereon were entrusted to  
the Muz. Commr. As  
the cost was then borne  
by Govt, the fencing ma-  
terials were then rightly  
considered the property  
of Govt and the duty  
thereon remitted accordingly.

Now the esplanades &  
glacis are in charge  
of the Muz. Commr.  
who are bound to fence  
them & keep them in  
order.

The

The esplanades  
were in the  
charge of  
the Muz. Commr.  
Act - 11

This is a land  
the Govt. There is no  
question of remitting  
duty as a matter of  
policy.

3. The Commr. have  
therefore rightly paid the  
customs duty.  $\frac{86}{6}$

4. The question for the  
consideration of Govt is  
whether it is desirable  
under section 19 of Act  
VI of 1863, to remit the  
duty paid by the Muz.  
- pality.

5. The Govt of India  
in their letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 7  
1869 No. 803 say "His  
Excellency the Governor  
General in Council is  
on principle, very strongly  
opposed to exemption from

Customs

16. In 1870, this Gov<sup>t</sup>  
exempted from duty  
plant & materials for  
the Madras water  
distribution project;  
but the Gov<sup>t</sup> of India  
at first declined to  
sanction the exemption,  
and it was only on  
second representation  
that similar exemptions  
were granted in Bombay  
& Calcutta; that the  
Gov<sup>t</sup>

\* G.O. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1870 N<sup>o</sup> 69  
Letter from Gov<sup>t</sup> of India  
of 16<sup>th</sup> March 1870 N<sup>o</sup> 1834.  
Letter to - Do - of 4<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>y</sup> 1870  
N<sup>o</sup> 1161 -

G.O. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1870 N<sup>o</sup> 1749  
G.O. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1871 N<sup>o</sup> 132 -  
Letter to Gov<sup>t</sup> of India of 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>  
N<sup>o</sup> 18  
G.O. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1871 N<sup>o</sup> 293. —

[illegible]

Gov<sup>t</sup> of India ninth =  
drew their objections.  
86  
Orders are requested  
on the present case.

I do call for further explanation  
from the M<sup>rs</sup>.  
If these materials are  
necessary in order to carry  
out the instructions of  
Gov<sup>t</sup>. that the M<sup>rs</sup>.  
will take measures for  
enriching the Town & planting  
at Gov<sup>t</sup> places. then at least  
I presume in excess of  
the orig<sup>l</sup> estimate. the  
Gov<sup>t</sup> am<sup>t</sup> of \$29,512  
was I presume paid by Gov<sup>t</sup>.  
to the M<sup>rs</sup>. of the orig<sup>l</sup> bill  
approved by the M<sup>rs</sup>. -  
But if as seems more  
likely this bill is only

Means for Orders.

Referred to.

Madras Municipal

import duty paid  
by them on certain  
Articles.

Prescriptions of the Madras Government  
Under date the 2

June 1875

Pro: H. E. R. R. R.

Salaries for orders, with remarks, Memo  
incorporation of the of the Customs for referred to Madras  
Ministry of the 300-11-6 being complete duty paid  
then.

H. E. R. R. R. May 1/75 No. 13564

Refer disposing

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Govt desire to learn  
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Commissioners to carry  
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Govt as to the original  
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to place in whether  
they were required  
for maintaining or  
renewing the fences.

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