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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.

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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.

\* Dated 10th April 1875, No. 9-84.

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.

Miscellaneous No 3964

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 8 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

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 April  
1875 No 84

Cont. of 1875

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated June, 2nd

Recd

Encl

G O, 2nd June 1875, No 860.

JUNE  
Nos. 8-9.

From the Enquiry reported by the Affairs  
Ministry - Inquiring, with reference to the  
request for the refund of Rs. 300-11-6, being the  
amount of duty on —, whether the same were  
necessary to enable the Municipal Commissioners  
to carry out the instructions of Government as to  
the original form of the certificates and for  
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paid by the Municipality  
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was collected and  
carried to account on  
the 6 February 1875.

Sea Customs House  
Madras  
14 April 1875  
Highd. J. Hunter Blair  
Collector  
Sea Customs

E. No. 9  
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From The President  
Municipal Commission  
Madras  
To The Collectors of  
Sea Customs  
Madras  
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bring to your notice that  
by Government Order  
dated 8 December 1864  
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Receipt  
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Madras Municipality  
Executive Engineer's Office  
Madras  
10 April 1895

I have re-  
ceived from Mr. J. B. Lock  
President M.C.

/True copy/

Wm. Blair  
Collector  
Sea Customs

Submitted for  
the orders of Govern-  
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2. The Government  
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be held to cover  
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the present case.

/True copy & Extract/

H. Thomas  
As Secretary

To The Secretary to  
Government Revenue  
Department.

per  
W. Marshall

Memor: for Anderson Esq of Revenue Department  
Prior: Bd of Revenue  
Regarding refund to Madras Municipality of Import duty paid by them on certain articles

H. E. 8. May 1875 his No 2964

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.

2. G.O. of 24 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 Municipal Commissioners being provided with

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Order 8c May 1875  
Recd 19

No 860 of 1875

Submitting with remarks for order of Govt re-Commissioners of Collection of the Customs for Madras Municipality of Rs 300-11-6 being the amount of duty paid by them.

220 May 1875

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 &  
thereon were entrusted to  
the Munc. 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 Munc. Commr.  
who are bound to fence  
them & keep them in  
order.

The

The explanation  
needed in the  
coming session  
Act.

This is a small  
the Govt. There is no  
question of levying  
duty as a matter of  
course.

3. The Commr. has  
therefore rightly paid the  
customs duty. 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 Munc.  
Corporation.

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

Customs

customs duty of any  
 kind, except under most  
 peculiar circumstances  
 16. In 1870, this Govt  
 exempted from duty  
 plant & materials for  
 the Madras water  
 distribution project,  
 but the Govt of India  
 at first declined to  
 sanction the exemption,  
 and it was only on a  
 second representation  
 that similar exemptions  
 were granted in Bombay  
 & Calcutta; that the  
 Govt

\* G.O. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1870 No. 69  
 Letter from Govt of India  
 of 16<sup>th</sup> March 1870 No. 1834 -  
 Letter to - Do - of 14<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>y</sup> 1870  
 No. 1161 -  
 G.O. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1870 No. 1749  
 G.O. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1871 No. 132 -  
 Letter to Govt of India of 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>  
 No. 13  
 G.O. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1871 No. 293. -

Govt of India ninth -  
 drew their objections  
 86  
 7. Orders are requested  
 on the present case.

I have with me the  
 Mr. Bullister's remarks  
 on the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1870  
 regarding the exemption  
 of the plant & materials  
 for the Madras water  
 distribution project.  
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 is a very reasonable one  
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Memo for the  
 The Board  
 of the Marine  
 Corps  
 for the duty paid  
 by them on certain  
 articles.

Receipts of the Marine Corps  
 Under date the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1875  
 860  
 Per: H. E. 8: May/75  
 Indentation of the 300-11-6 being simple duty paid  
 time

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 Genl as to the original  
 fencing of the S. Islands  
 to place or whether  
 they were required  
 for maintaining or  
 renewing the fences.

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Ind. Copy To the Board of the Marine Corps  
 14. Boarded copies des 10 June  
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