Revenue Department

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No. 57. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th September 1858, No. 3369.

In Con. 4th Sept. 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Rajahmundry, dated 26th June 1858.

(Here enter No. 106.)

With the above letter the Collector of Rajahmundry submits an application from Mr. Faulkner requesting to be permitted to import, free of duty, three Iron boats built in England and shipped in pieces to be put together in this country. These boats were ordered by Mr. Faulkner for the Navigation Company, and are intended to be used for the conveyance of passengers, parcels, &c. on the Godavery channels.

In Con. 21*st Sept.* 1857. 2. By the orders of the Supreme Government communicated in Extract Minutes Consultation 5th September 1857, Revenue Department, No. 889, Plate Iron *prepared* for the Hulls of Steamers is exempt from Import duty, and by the subsequent decision conveyed in Extract Minutes

In Con. 4th Aug. 1858. Consultation 29th July Revenue Department, No. 1059, this exemption is extended to Plate Iron intended for the construction of Flats to be towed by Steamers.

3. Mr. Faulkner's application does not come within the strict letter of these instructions, but the Board think, the exemption claimed may fairly be conceded without violating their spirit. It is a matter of great importance that boats of the most efficient description should be introduced for use on the Canals of this Presidency, and as Iron boats are not made in this country protection to native industry by the means of an import duty, even if politic, is not called for, and the levy of such a tax can have no other effect than help to retard the progress of improvement. On the other hand the Revenue derived from such a source can never be large and its loss will be indirectly compensated.

4. For these reasons the Board resolve to request the sanction of Government for exempting the boats in question, and any others which may be imported hereafter for similar purposes, from the levy of duty on import.

5. The Board recommend that the same privilege be extended also to Plate Iron imported for the construction of similar boats.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 58. ORDER THEREON, No. 1283; dated 21st September 1858.

Under the circumstances represented by the Board of Bevenue, the Government are pleased to authorize the exemption from customs duty of three Iron Boats, imported in pieces from England by Mr. G. H. Faulkner of Rajahmundry, for employment on the Godavery channels in the conveyance of passengers, parcels, &c. The Government are further pleased, on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, to extend this exemption to all Iron Boats which may be similarly imported for the like purposes in future, and to plate iron intended for the construction of vessels of the same kind.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

№ 1283.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 21st September 1858 –

Read the following extract
from the Pro: of the Board of Revenue –
(Here enter 4th September 1858 № 3369)

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stances represented by the Board
of Revenue, the Govt are pleased
to authorize the exemption from
customs duty of three iron boats,
imported in pieces from England
by Mr J. B. Faulkner of Rajah-
mundry, for employment in the
Godavery channels in the convey-
ance of passengers, parcels &c. The
Govt are further pleased, on the re-
commendations of the Board of
Revenue, to extend this exemption
to all iron boats which may be
similarly imported in future, for the like purposes
to flat iron intended for the con-
struction or repairs of the same
kind.

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No. 1283

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Extract Minute of Cons.
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No. 5 / 858.

Authorize the exemption from Customs duty of Iron Boats imported by Messrs. Hawkes of Rangoon dry for employment on the Godavery Steam vessels. This exemption to extend to all Iron Boats &c. &c. imported for like purposes in future.