

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1062	Press Mis
<i>to S-106</i> Dated	13-7-	12 1820

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th July 1870.*

No. 105. Read the following letter from the Advocate-General, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 6th July 1870 :—

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that I this day appeared for the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India before the High Court in Regular Appeal Suit No. 1 of 1870, preferred by the defendant, I. Seetaramiah, in Original Suit No. 412 of 1869, against the Secretary of State.

2. The decision of Mr. Justice Bittleston was affirmed with costs after hearing Mr. O'Sullivan's arguments in support of the Appeal.

3. I understand that the appellant has already removed the house or choultry which stood upon the land. He will now be compelled to deliver possession of the land.

4. I am also informed by the Government Solicitor that Seetaramiah has given up possession of the land on which he encroached in the neighbourhood of the choultry; so that no Suit, as directed by Government, will be necessary.

No. 106. ORDER THEREON 13th July 1870, No. 1,062.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Government Solicitor.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Bombay 12th April 1870.

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J. R. S. Kyllie Esquire
Secretary to Government.

Sir,

We have the honor to hand you an enclosed copies of correspondence with the Commissioner of Customs, regarding the imposition of $7\frac{1}{2}$ of duty on Asphalt imported by us for the purpose of road pavement, and floor making.

2. We have had many years experience in the fitting out of ships and Steamers in Bombay, and have never used or heard of Asphalt being used in repairing vessels, we therefore beg most respectfully to submit that this article not being mentioned in the Customs Schedule of dutiable goods, it is an undue extension of the Act to bring it under the head of Naval Stores.

3. The suppliers of this article in England, stated to us that it did not contain bitumen, hence our statement to the Commissioner of Customs to that effect.

H. We are informed that Asphalt has been largely imported in Madras free of duty. When first introduced duty was charged but now it is admitted free.

5. We have respectfully to request that you

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THE BOARD-OF REVENUE.

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Dated July, 13th.

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G. O., 13th July 1870, No. 1,062.

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Fios. 105-106.

Suit for recovery of certain land from Seetaramiah, Madras District.—Advocate-General Slater, stating that it will be unnecessary to take proceedings against the individual in question, communicated to Board of Revenue.

you will lay our letter before his Excellency
the Governor in Council in order that the
duty already charged may be refunded to us
and future shipments admitted free.

We have the honor to be &c
(Signed) H. Nicol & Co.

Bombay 25th March 1870.

Y^{rs}

The Hon^{ble} A. F. Bellasis
Commissioner of Customs, Salt and Opium
Bombay.

Sir,

We have the honor to bring to your
notice the injustice of charging 7 1/2 % of
Customs Duty on Asphalt imported by us
in the ships "Albatross" and "Dilharree".

2. Our first importation of this article
was by the S. S. "Leith" and was a small trial
shipment of 10 tons. Being a new article of
import, the Customs Authorities were in-
formed that it was expressly prepared in
England for road making and for the
laying of floors and foot paths - It was
allowed to be passed free of duty.

3. The next shipments are 30 tons
by the "Albatross" and "Dilharree" and on which,
you now demand 7 1/2 % of duty. We beg to
submit that this Asphalt not being enu-
merated in the Customs Schedule of du-
-table articles should be passed free.

4. Being an article expressly ma-
-ufactured for the making of roads and floors,
we

we cannot agree with you, that it comes under
the head of Naval Stores.

The Asphalt does not contain
bitumen, but each ton of Asphalt cannot
be melted without the addition of one
hundred pounds weight of bitumen, and
the requisite quantity of this material is
sent along with each shipment.

We send herewith a sample of the
Asphalt.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) H. Nicol & Co.

Bombay 7th April
1870.

Y^{rs}

The Hon^{ble} A. F. Bellasis.
Commissioner of Customs, Salt and Opium

Sir,

We have the honor to refer to our
letter of 25 Ultimo, regarding Customs duty
on Asphalt to which we beg to solicit an
early reply.

In consequence of the imposition
of the duty on this article the orders
sent home for a considerable quantity
have been cancelled.

We have the honor to be &c

(Signed) H. Nicol & Co.

Y^{rs}

you will be
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To,

No 991 of 1870

Messrs H. Nicol & Co

Bombay Office of Commissioner
of Customs 9th April 1870.

Sirs,

In reply to your letter as per memo
= gin, I have the honor to inform you,
that my ruling in regard to the charging
of Import duty on Asphalt is in accor-
dance with the practice obtaining at
the Calcutta Custom House.

Dated 25th
March 1870.

2. I have also submitted the
sample of Asphalt you sent me to
the Government Chemical Analyzer,
and he informs me, that it does con-
=tain Bitumen.

I have the honor to be &c

Signed A. F. Bellasis

Commissioner of Customs.

No 1851 of 1870.

Revenue Department.

Bombay Castle 16th April 1870.

Forwarded to the Commissioners of
Customs, Salt and Opium for report
(to be written below).

By order &c

Signed F. R. S. Gillie.

Acting Under Secretary to Govern-
=ment.

No 1174 of 1870.

Revenue Department.

Bombay 23rd April 1870.

The undersigned has the honor to
report that, after reference to the Chemical
Analyzer who stated that the Asphalt in
question contains Bitumen, and to the
Calcutta Customs Authorities who stated
that duty is charged on Asphalt at that
Port as Naval Stores "all other sorts" under
article 38 of the then Tariff, Mr. Bellasis
informed Messrs Nicol & Co that his ruling
was maintained).

Signed H. E. Jacomb

In Charge Commissioner of Customs.

(True copies)

Signed Massades. Pandurang.

Assistant Secretary to Government.

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Customs.

No. 2151.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 5th May 1870.

Letter from Messrs. W. Nicol and Co., dated 12th April 1870—Requesting that the Customs duty already charged on Asphalt imported by them, may be refunded to them; and that future shipments admitted free.

Memorandum from the Commissioner of Customs, Salt and Opium, No. 1174, dated 23rd April 1870—Reporting on the above.

RESOLUTION.—In the opinion of this Government Asphalt is not dutiable under the head of "Naval Stores."

2. As, however, it appears to be the practice in Calcutta to levy duty on it under that head, the correspondence will be submitted for the orders of the Government of India.

F. S. CHAPMAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The COMMISSIONER of CUSTOMS, SALT and OPIUM,
Messrs. NICOL and Co. (by letter).

No. 2152 OF 1870.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 5th May 1870.

Submitted to the Government of India (with a copy of the papers).

F. S. CHAPMAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 541.

Copy forwarded to the Governments of Bengal and Madras
for report.

Financial Department
Simla

The 21st May 1870

By order &c.

M. Datta
Under Secretary to the Government
of India.

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of Revenue for information

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 17 June 70 89-90 V.
 23 June 70 273/4 V.
 12 June 70 177-178 V.
 17 June 70 139/20 V.
 22 June 70 47/8 74 V.

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From
 The Advocate General

Dated 5th July 1770
 Recd 9th Aug 1770

Stating that no
 suit will be necessary for
 the recovery of certain land
 from Sethasomnath in that
 suit since he has given up
 possession of the land in question
 upon by him-

Dated 13th July 1770
 With an Order