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[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning prop. Statts. in connection with the entertainment of an assistant Spt. of Customs at the Tuticorin port & the revision of the scale of pay fixed for the Supdt. of certain ports in the Kistna, ranjore and Madura Districts.

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Government {1897} of Madras. REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 33, 18th January 1897.

JANUARY.

Tuticorin Port.

Approving the entertainment of an Assistant Superintendent of Customs at the —; transferring with remarks the proposition statement to the Financial Department for sanction; and calling for report from the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) regarding the proposal for the transfer of the treasury work of the station to the Deputy Tahsildar.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., R. No. 1983, Revenue, dated 26th October 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Referring to the Board of Revenue for very early report Proceedings, Marine Department, forwarding for consideration copies of papers regarding the alteration in the office hours of the Port of Tuticorin in view of the proposed accelerated train service between Madras and Tuticorin.

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 4760, dated 16th November 1896:—

Read—G.O., No. 1983, dated 26th October 1896.

Resolution—Mis. No. 4760, dated 16th November 1896.

The Board begs to submit its reply to the Government Order read above.

2. The additional work thrown on the Tuticorin Customs establishment, by the new arrangements regarding the earlier arrival of the mail steamers from Colombo, consists merely in attendance for the examination of passengers' baggage at an inconvenient hour in the morning. The total amount of work to be got through in the day remains the same, and as the agent's steam launch does not carry cargo, only passengers' baggage has now to be dealt with before the usual office hours. The Customs establishment at Tuticorin is, however, so utterly inadequate for the work it has to perform that the Board finds it impossible to make any arrangements for meeting the present difficulty without a considerable increase.

3. Since the daily line of steamers between Colombo and Tuticorin was established, the importance of the latter as an import port for foreign trade has been increasing very fast and promises to do so at a still more rapid rate in the future. The customs duty collected on imports has risen from Rs. 89,358 in 1894-95 to Rs. 1,15,675 in 1895-96, while Rs. 63,539 had been collected up to the end of October during the current year. Of these sums, Rs. 5,288 was collected as import duty on articles found in passengers' baggage in 1894-95, Rs. 6,487 in 1895-96 and Rs. 3,454 up to October in the current year. The following shows the position which Tuticorin occupies as regards the customs duty on imports compared with the other chief ports of the Presidency:—

Port.	Import duty.
	RS.
Cocanada	13,706
Negapatam	77,688
Tuticorin	1,15,675
Calicut	39,522
Cochin	44,378
Mangalore	24,307

Some of the other ports collect a large export duty on rice, but this is a simple matter to deal with compared with the levy of import duty on miscellaneous goods, the valuation of many of which for the assessment of duty requires much skill and experience. The figures given above, striking as they are, do not convey an adequate idea of the importance of the work of the Customs house at Tuticorin, for in Negapatam a large proportion of the import duty (Rs. 29,600) is collected on betel-nuts, and which are articles easily assessed. While in Tuticorin Rs. 43,511 were collected on piece-goods, one of the most difficult articles to assess properly. The import work of the Customs establishment at Tuticorin is consequently not only greatly in excess of that at any other outpost as far as actual volume is concerned, but is of a far more

intricate and complicated description than elsewhere owing to nearly one-half being collected on passengers' baggage and piece-goods. In addition to this, the establishment of a daily service to Colombo affords facilities for smuggling which do not exist at any other port in India. It also appears to the Board that Tuticorin might easily, under lax supervision, become a great avenue for the influx of articles which contravene the Merchandise Marks Act including cases which have been rejected at the principal ports. Nothing would be simpler than to ship them to Colombo for re-export to Tuticorin by the daily service.

4. Proposals for the revision of the Customs establishment at Tuticorin have been recently sanctioned as part of the general scheme of Customs establishments for the Presidency (*vide* correspondence ending with G.O., No. 724, Financial, dated 30th October 1896). Unfortunately the Collector's report submitting his proposals regarding Tuticorin was despatched early in 1895 at a time when the importance of this rapidly-developing trade with Colombo had not attracted much notice and even the recently-sanctioned establishment appears to be far from adequate to the work now to be done. The sanctioned scale is as follows:—

	RS.
1 Superintendent	150
1 Clerk	25
1 "	20
3 Clerks	45
1 Shroff	15
1 Weigher	7
12 Peons	72
1 Masalchi	5
Total	339

The scale is faulty in not providing for more than one superior officer. Owing to the peculiar position of Tuticorin with a foreign country within a few hours' sail and passengers landing at all hours of the day,—the agent's launch has to make two trips to clear the steamer, and other passengers come across in native vessels—it appears to the Board absolutely necessary that there should always be a responsible Customs officer on duty capable of valuing goods and dealing with authority with any customs question which may arise. At present the whole of the examination of the baggage of the native passengers (about 250 per diem) is conducted by the Superintendent. It takes him a couple of hours at least to get through the passengers who are brought ashore by the launch on her first trip and yet the examination is necessarily of a very ineffective kind. The Board has no doubt but that many escape examination altogether, and these of course would be the men who had something to gain by evading it. The Superintendent gets no help to speak of from his subordinates in this work, as their time is fully occupied otherwise under the peculiar treasury arrangements which exist at Tuticorin. The treasury work of the district is done chiefly by the branch of the Bank of Madras at that station, but all the bank transactions have to pass through the Sea Customs treasury and are recorded in the accounts kept by it. The total sum dealt with by the Sea Customs treasury during the past year amounted to over 40 lakhs of rupees and included the following items according to a statement furnished to the Acting Commissioner by the Superintendent:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Customs receipts	1,29,491	12	2
Stamps	1,08,654	12	6
Salt receipts	4,89,521	15	0
Income-tax	23,996	7	10
Excise	42,578	4	11
Civil Court deposits	62,159	4	2
Municipal receipts	48,301	9	1
Postal receipts	67,205	0	0
Port	62,001	10	6
Taluk remittances	29,93,948	2	9

Of course the labour involved in passing these sums through the accounts in connection with the actual receipt of cash by the Bank of Madras is trifling compared with dealing with these in the ordinary way, but the volume of work to be got through is still very large, and as regards the stamp transactions the actual issue has to be made

by the Customs Superintendent. It appears to the Board that arrangements should be made to relieve the Sea Customs establishment of this miscellaneous work. There is a Deputy Tahsildar on the spot which makes the present system all the more extraordinary.

5. The removal of these duties from the shoulders of the Superintendent would free him from much routine work and would allow of the service of a clerk or two provided under the new scale being dispensed with, but it would still leave the actual examination of goods and the assessment of duty in the hands of one man. The Board considers that it is out of the question to expect one officer to discharge these duties effectively, particularly when his time is occupied for about three hours daily in the examination of passengers' baggage, and when for the reasons given above, there is every reason to anticipate Tuticorin rapidly becoming a favourite port with offenders against the Customs laws, if it is not so already. It is of the opinion that he should have an Assistant Superintendent on Rs. 70, who should, if possible, be obtained from the Custom House in Madras so as to secure the services of a man with some practical knowledge of the examination of packages and the valuation of goods.

6. In accordance with the above remarks and suggestions the Board begs to submit a proposition statement herewith for the entertainment of an Assistant Superintendent on Rs. 70, dispensing at the same time, with the services of two of the clerks on Rs. 15. The latter proposal can, however, only be given effect to, if the treasury work is handed over to the Deputy Tahsildar.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a proposition statement in duplicate,
through the Accountant-General and with
enclosures, in original, returned.
Copy to the Collector of Tinnevely.

ORDER—No. 33, Revenue, dated 18th January 1897.

Miscellaneous.

In the circumstances reported, the Board's proposal for the entertainment of an Assistant Superintendent of Customs at the Tuticorin port on a pay of Rs. 70 *per mensem* is approved.

2. The suggestion in the concluding portion of the Board's Proceedings for the transfer of the treasury work of the station to the Deputy Tahsildar will be referred to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) for report, and pending final orders on this point the proposal to abolish two of the clerks of the Sea Customs office on Rs. 15 each will be held in abeyance. The saving shown in the proposition statement on this account will accordingly be omitted and the proposition statement, as thus modified, will be transferred to the Financial Department for sanction.

3. The Board of Revenue will report in what manner it proposes to alter the office hours of the Sea Customs office at the port so as to meet the requirements of the altered train and steamer service.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department, with proposition statement.
" the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
" the Public Works Department (Railway).
" the Marine Department.

Exd. Shaik Karim.
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Note by the Hon'ble Mr. Bliss C.I.E., dated 15th January 1897.

This may issue. But report the matter to India, with the request that this additional expenditure may be added to the sum for which it undertook to be responsible when the new Tariff Act necessitated the improvement of our customs Establishments. As we are at present financially situated we cannot even afford this trifling increase of expenditure, necessary though it already is, to the safety of the customs revenue.

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ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

No. 208
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The entries in the column of "Present Scale" have been compared with the Registers of this office, and are correct with the exception of the items altered in red ink. *after taking into account the increase since*
times in G.O. No. 782 Revenue dated 8 December, the order
passed by the Financial Department in connection with
which has not been received in this Office.
The increase is within the Sanctioning power of Govt.

The delay in the submission of this report is due to a copy of the G.O. quoted above having been received in this Office only this day in the 19th ultimo.

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,

4th January 1897.

By Accountant-General.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

DEPARTMENT.

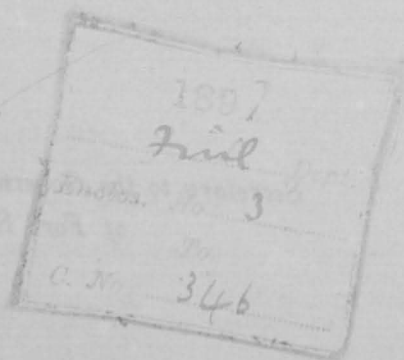
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FORT SAINT GEORGE,

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The

Secretary to the Government
of Fort St. George.



Statement of Proposition revision of Establishment.

Order sanctioning present establishment. Government of Madras Revenue Department.		Office to which the proposition refers.	NATURE OF CHARGE.																PROPOSITION.								Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	ORDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.		
			Present Scale.								Proposed Scale.								Permanent.				Temporary.						Home Department.	Financial Department.	
			No.	Designation.	Pay.		Average cost.	No.	Designation.	Pay.		Average cost.	Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Period.	Amount.	Period.	Amount.	Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.								
					Minimum.	Increment.				Maximum.	Minimum.													Increment.	Maximum.						
No.	Date.																														
																									As per Board's Proceedings No. 4760 dated 16 November 1896.						

G.O. No. 1, Financial & G.O. No. 702 Rev. 6 th January 1896 & 2 nd December 1895, respectively.																										
Sivamevelly District.																										
Tuticorin Port																										
1	Superintendent	150	-	-	150	150	1	Superintendent	150	-	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Clerk	25	-	-	25	25	1	Clerk	25	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Do	20	-	-	20	20	1	Do	20	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Clerks at Rs. 15 each	15	-	-	45	45	13	Do	15	-	-	15	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Shroff	15	-	-	15	15	1	Shroff	15	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Weigher	7	-	-	7	7	1	Weigher	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Boys at Rs. 72 each	72	-	-	72	72	12	Boys at Rs. 72 each	72	-	-	72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Inspector	5	-	-	5	5	1	Inspector	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Total	339	-	-	339	339	20	Total	379	-	-	379	-	-	70	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kulasekharapattinam Port																										
4	Superintendent	57	-	-	57	57	4	Superintendent	57	-	-	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kayalpattinam Port																										
3	Superintendent	32	-	-	32	32	3	Superintendent	32	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Grand Total.	428	-	-	428	428	27	Grand Total.	468	-	-	468	-	-	70	-	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net increase 40																										

If Local Government is competent to sanction, its order will be written across these

Net increase 40

Board of Revenue
Sivamevelly District
16th November 1896

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
General, with reference to G.O., No. 1695,
dated September 1878, Financial Department.

Signature

(Officer's Designation)

Assistant Secretary

If Local Government is competent to sanction, its order will be written across these four columns.

Financial (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 434

From

The Revenue Department.

Order

No. 633 Dis.

Dated 4th February 1897.

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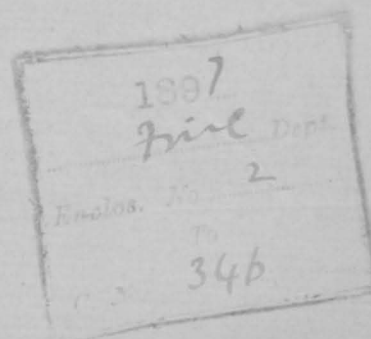
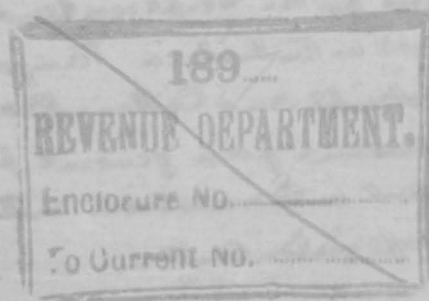
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SUBJECT.

Transferring to the Financial Dept for sanction the proposition statement submitted by the Board of Revenue in accordance with the revised scale of pay fixed for the Superintendents of certain posts in the Krishna Tanjore and Madurai Districts and Calling from the Board of Revenue for a general proposition statement in connection with the grading of Superintendents.

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THE entries in the column of "Present Scale" have been compared with the Registers of this office, and are correct with the exception of the items altered in red ink. *after taking into account the increase sanctioned by the Madras district in G.O. No. 782 Revenue dated 2 December 1895, the order passed by the Financial Department in connection with which has not been received in this office.*

2. The increase in the Sanctioning powers of Government.

3. If the Board's proposal in para 2 of its Order annexed is approved a general proposition statement will be necessary for the grading of the staff of Superintendents and Asst. Superintendents of Sea Customs with that of the Sub and Asst. Superintendents of the Salt Department in substance which the question as to the adjustment of the difference in the amount of pay will be reported upon.

4. The delay in the submission of this report is due to a copy of the G.O. quoted above having been received ~~only~~ *only* this day on the 19th ult.

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,

By Accountant-General.

Fort Saint George,

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

DEPARTMENT.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,

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Secretary to the Government
of Fort St. George.

Statement of Proposition

Order sanctioning present establishment. Government of Madras Revenue Department.			Office to which the proposition refers.	NATURE OF CHARGE.												Proposed Scale.				
				Present Scale.						Proposed Scale.										
				No.	Designation.	Pay.			Average cost.	No.	Designation.	Minimum			Average cost.	No.	Designation.	Minimum		
						Minimum.	Increment.	Maximum.				Minimum.	Increment.	Maximum.				Minimum.	Increment.	Maximum.
No.	Date.			RS.	A.	RS.	A.	RS.	A.	RS.	A.			RS.	A.	RS.	A.	RS.		
Tanjore District.																				
			<u>Point Calimere</u>																	
		1	Clerk	10	"	"	"	10	"	10	"	1	Clerk	10	"	"	"			
57			Grand Total	689	"	"	"	689	"	689	"	57	Grand Total	774	"	"	"			
			<u>Pamban Port</u>																	
12			Superintendent	162	"	"	"	162	"	162	"	12	Superintendent	162	"	"	"			
			<u>Kilakarai Port</u>																	
1			Assistant Superintendent	20	"	"	"	20	"	20	"	1	Assistant Superintendent	30	"	"	"			
1			Shroff	10	"	"	"	10	"	10	"	1	Shroff	10	"	"	"			
6			Person on Rob Each	36	"	"	"	36	"	36	"	6	Person on Rob Each	36	"	"	"			
8			Total	66	"	"	"	66	"	66	"	8	Total	76	"	"	"			
			<u>Deripatnam Port</u>																	
1			Assistant Superintendent	20	"	"	"	20	"	20	"	1	Assistant Superintendent	30	"	"	"			
1			Shroff	10	"	"	"	10	"	10	"	1	Shroff	10	"	"	"			
3			Person on Rob Each	18	"	"	"	18	"	18	"	3	Person on Rob Each	18	"	"	"			
5			Total	48	"	"	"	48	"	48	"	5	Total	58	"	"	"			
			<u>Tondi Port</u>																	
8			Asst Supt etc	85	"	"	"	85	"	85	"	8	Asst Supt etc	85	"	"	"			
33			Grand Total	361	"	"	"	361	"	361	"	33	Grand Total	381	"	"	"			
119			Grand Total	1360	"	"	"	1360	"	1360	"	119	Grand Total	1475	"	"	"			

G.O. Nos 776 and 782 Revenue

28th November 1895 and 2nd December 1895

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G.O. Nos 776 and 782 Revenue
28th November 1895 and 2nd December 1895
Madras District

Board of Revenue
Superior Revenue
2nd November 1895

The Secretary to Government,
through the Accountant-
dated the

revision of Establishment.

PROPOSITION.										Grounds of Proposition.	Local Government's recommendation.	ORDERS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.		
Permanent.								Temporary.				Home Department.	Financial Department.	
Maximum.	Average cost.	Increase per month.		Decrease per month.		Increase per month.		Decrease per month.				Remarks.	Remarks.	Orders.
		Amount.	Period.	Amount.	Period.	Amount.	Period.	Amount.	Period.					
RS.	A.	RS.	A.	RS.	A.	RS.	A.	RS.	A.					
10	"	10	"											
774	"	774	"	90	"	5	"							
162	"	162	"											
30	"	30	"	10	"									
10	"	10	"											
36	"	36	"											
76	"	76	"	10	"									
30	"	30	"	10	"									
10	"	10	"											
18	"	18	"											
58	"	58	"	10	"									
85	"	85	"											
381	"	381	"	20	"									
1475	"	1475	"	120	"	5	"							
Net increase 115														
We Board's Proceeding Open on 4 th 11 th 1896.														

Madras Board's Proceedings Order No. 4100 Dated 2nd November 1896.

Revenue Department,
General, with reference to G.O., No. 1695,
23rd September 1878, Financial Department.

Signature E. J. M. M. M.
(Officer's Designation) Assistant Secretary

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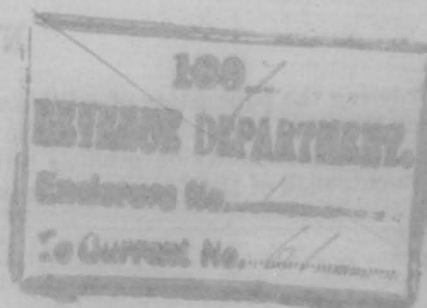
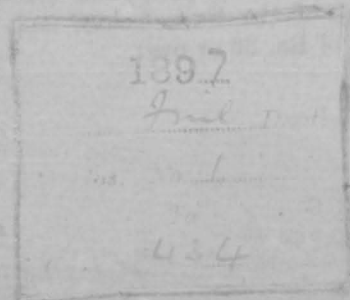
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G.O., No. 475, 18th September 1896.

SEPTEMBER.

Nagore Port.

Ordering the publication of a notification directing the closure of the — to foreign trade ;
revising the scale of pay allowed to the Superintendents of certain ports, and calling for a
report on the feasibility of grading with Sub-Inspectors of the Salt, Abkari and Customs
Department, such of the Superintendents as draw salaries of Rs. 30 or over.



GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 2824, dated 8th July 1896:—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1833 (Separate Revenue), dated 2nd May 1896, recording, pending the receipt of reports from other districts, letter from the Collector of Madura submitting the report called for regarding the supervision of low-paid Superintendents of certain ports open to foreign trade.

Read—again also Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2342 (Separate Revenue), dated 4th June 1896, recording, pending receipt of report from the Collector of Kistna, letter from the Collector of Tanjore reporting that certain ports in the Tanjore district should be open to foreign trade.

Read—endorsement of the Collector of Kistna, dated 16th June 1896, Reference C. No. 2199-Ver. of 1896, submitting report regarding the reorganization of the Customs establishment.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2824, dated 8th July 1896.

In approving the proposals regarding the reorganization of the Customs establishment in its Order, No. 776, Revenue, dated 28th November 1895, the Government remarked in paragraph 8 (1) of the order that the salaries of the Superintendents at the ports given in the margin range from Rs. 15 to Rs. 35 and requested the Board to report whether it is safe to allow foreign trade at these ports unless the work of these low-paid Superintendents is properly supervised.

2. The reports of the Collectors of Kistna, Tanjore and Madura on the question are submitted herewith.

The Sub-Collector of the Kistna district is of opinion that the Nizampatam port should be kept open to foreign trade in order to admit of exports of paddy to Colombo, but the Collector considers that the port may be closed to foreign trade. The Board supports the Collector's recommendation.

The Collector of Tanjore reports that all the eight ports referred to in his district should be open to foreign trade, but from a statement furnished by him, showing the extent of their foreign trade, it is observed that the foreign exports at the ports of Nagore, Ammápatnam and Kóttaiapatnam are trifling, and the Board does not think that imports need be taken into account in considering the question as the consumption

of foreign produce by natives is so small per head that no great hardship will be entailed on individuals by making them get their requirements through other ports. These three ports should, in the Board's opinion, be closed to foreign trade.

The Collector of Madura states that the three ports of Tondi, Kílakarai and Devipatnam should remain open to foreign trade as there is much traffic between these ports and Ceylon. The Board however considers that Kílakarai and Tondi should be closed to foreign trade for the reasons stated above.

3. With reference to the remarks of Government regarding the supervision of the work of the Superintendents, the Board begs to state that, Tranquebar and Adirámpatnam being also Salt factory stations, the Inspector or the Assistant Inspector of Salt, Abkari and Customs Revenue at these stations will be able to exercise supervision over the work of the Superintendents at these ports. Tópputturai may now and then be visited by the Inspector of the Védáranniyam Circle. The other ports—Tirumulavásal, Vélánganni and Devipatnam—can be visited, respectively, by the Inspector or Assistant Inspector at the Salt factories of Neidavásal, Negapatam and Vattanam.

4. As regards the salaries of the Superintendents, the Board recommends that the pay of the Superintendents at Tópputturai and Vélánganni may be raised from Rs. 15 to Rs. 30 as they collect nearly Rs. 10,000 each. Inasmuch as little supervision can be exercised over the work of the Superintendent at Devipatnam, Vattanam, which is the nearest Salt factory, being nearly 28 miles from it, the pay of the Superintendent of that port may be raised from Rs. 20 to Rs. 40.

5. With reference to the foregoing proposals a proposition statement is submitted for approval and sanction, and a notification restricting the trade of the ports noted in the margin to coasting trade with customs ports only for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

Nizampatam.
Nagore.
Ammápatnam.

Kóttaiapatnam.
Kílakarai.
Tondi.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with proposition statement in duplicate, notification
and Collectors' reports in original (to be returned),
through the Accountant-General.

" Collector of Kistna.
" " of Tanjore.
" " of Madura.

Read—again Official Memorandum, No. 118, dated 10th August 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Board of Revenue to furnish a statement showing the extent of trade and the amount of duty collected at certain ports in the Madura district.

Read—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Routine No. 2487, dated 15th August 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government a statement showing the extent of trade—foreign and coasting—and the amount of duty collected on imports and exports at each of the ports of Tondi, Kílakarai and Devipatnam for the years 1893-94, 1894-95 and 1895-96.

Read—also telegrams from M. R. MOHOMED IBRAHIM SAHIB, R. E. IBRAHIM SAHIB, Tondi, and VENA THENA ANNAMALAI CHETTIAR, Devakota, and petition from the residents and traders in Tondi.

ABSTRACT.—Praying that Tondi may not be closed to foreign trades.

Read—also endorsement of the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated 17th September 1896, No. 465-E.

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Tranquebar ...	35	30
Vélánganni ...	15	30
Tópputturai ...	15	30
Adirámpatnam ...	30	50
Ammápatnam ...	15	30
Kóttaiapatnam ...	15	30
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Total ...	245	360
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The Board of Revenue is requested to submit a revised proposition statement accordingly. It is also requested to report whether in all the cases in which the pay of the Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents is Rs. 30 or over, it may not be desirable to grade them with the Sub-Inspectors of Salt, Abkari and Customs Department and increase the number of Sub-Inspectors accordingly, so as to render it practicable to appoint Sub-Inspectors of higher grade also if necessary as Superintendents of the ports.

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supervision can be carried out. The report should deal with all the ports now ordered to be kept open to foreign trade.

4. The petitioners will be informed that it has been decided not to close Tondi to foreign trade.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), with enclosures.
" the Marine Department.

Endorsement to the petitioners (paragraph 4 only), through the Board.

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Tranquebar	35	30	30
Vélanganni	15	30	30
Tópputturai	15	30	30
Adirampatnam	30	50	30
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Exd. C. M. Brisson.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

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Read—again also Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2342 (Separate Revenue), dated 4th June 1896, recording, pending receipt of report from the Collector of Kistna, letter from the Collector of Tanjore reporting that certain ports in the Tanjore district should be open to foreign trade.

Read—endorsement of the Collector of Kistna, dated 16th June 1896, Reference C. No. 2199-Ver. of 1896, submitting report regarding the re-organization of the Customs establishment.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2824, dated 8th July 1896.

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foreign trade at these ports unless the work of these low-paid Superintendents is properly supervised.

2. The reports of the Collectors of Kistna, Tanjore and Madura on the question are submitted herewith.

The Sub-Collector of the Kistna district is of opinion that the Nizampatam port should be kept open to foreign trade in order to admit of exports of paddy to Colombo, but the Collector considers that the port may be closed to foreign trade. The Board supports the Collector's recommendation.

The Collector of Tanjore reports that all the eight ports referred to in his district should be open to foreign trade, but from a statement furnished by him, showing the extent of their foreign trade, it is observed that the foreign exports at the ports of Nagore, Ammápatnam and Kóttaiapatnam are trifling, and the Board does not think that imports need be taken into account in considering the question as the consumption of foreign produce by natives is so small per head that no great hardship will be entailed on individuals by making them get their requirements through other ports. These three ports should, in the Board's opinion, be closed to foreign trade.

The Collector of Madura states that the three ports of Tondi, Kilakarai and Devipatnam should remain open to foreign trade, as there is much traffic between these ports and Ceylon. The Board, however, considers that Kilakarai and Tondi should be closed to foreign trade for the reasons stated above.

3. With reference to the remarks of Government regarding the supervision of the work of the Superintendents, the Board begs to state that, Tranquebar and Adirampatnam being also salt factory stations, the Inspector or the Assistant Inspector of Salt, the work of the Superintendents at these ports. Tópputturai may now and then be visited by the Inspector of the Védáranniyam Circle. The other ports—Tirumalávasal, Vélánganni and Devipatnam—can be visited, respectively, by the Inspector or Assistant Inspector at the salt factories of Neidavasal, Negapatam and Vattanam.

4. As regards the salaries of the Superintendents, the Board recommends that the pay of the Superintendents at Tópputturai and Vélánganni may be raised from Rs. 15 to Rs. 30, as they collect nearly Rs. 10,000 each. Inasmuch as little supervision can be exercised over the work of the Superintendent at Devipatnam, Vattanam, which is the nearest salt factory, being nearly 28 miles from it, the pay of the Superintendent of that port may be raised from Rs. 20 to Rs. 40.

5. With reference to the foregoing proposals a proposition statement is submitted for approval and sanction, and a notification restricting the trade of the ports noted in the margin to coasting trade with customs ports only for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

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Ammápatnam.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with proposition statement in duplicate, notification
and Collectors' reports in original (to be returned),
through the Accountant-General.

„ Collector of Kistna.
„ „ of Tanjore.
„ „ of Madura.

Read—again Official Memorandum, No. 118, dated 10th August 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Board of Revenue to furnish a statement showing the extent of trade and the amount of duty collected at certain ports in the Madura district.

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ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government a statement showing the extent of trade—foreign and coasting—and the amount of duty collected on imports and exports at each of the ports of Tondi, Kilakarai and Devipatnam for the years 1893–94, 1894–95 and 1895–96.

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RESOLUTION—No. 440, dated 2nd November 1896.

A revised proposition statement is submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order.

2. With reference to the concluding portion of paragraph 2, the Board is of opinion that all Sea Custom Superintendents should be graded; those drawing Rs. 30 and upwards as Sub-Inspectors and those drawing Rs. 125 and upwards as Assistant Inspectors of the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, Port officers doing the duties of Sea Custom Superintendents being of course excluded. The total annual cost of the sanctioned scale of Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents including the pay of Sayer Superintendents and clerks in charge of Land Customs stations whose pay is Rs. 30 or over, but excluding the pay of the five Port officers referred to above is Rs. 30,780. This amount may be debited to 9. Customs as usual and credit taken under 5. Salt.

3. The information called for in paragraph 3 of the Government Order read above will be submitted when the draft instructions for the guidance of Salt and Abkari officers, which have been called for in paragraph 4 of G.O., No. 776, Revenue, dated 28th November 1895, and regarding which the Board is in correspondence with the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, have been formulated and approved by Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with proposition statement in duplicate, through the
Accountant-General.

” Collector of Kistna.
” of Tanjore.
” of Madura.

Copy to the Collectors of other Maritime Districts.

Note
G.O. W.P. 782 Res dated 22 Dec 1895 which has been received to the final dept has not been closed in the Register & disposal on it can be traced. A careful search has been made in the indices & Tables of Contents but without any effect. The G.O. has been comm. to the final dept & the final G.O. on it was handed over to me by the head clerk only yesterday.
The final current does not appear to have been included in the annex list.
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1896.

Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed November 27th.

Proceedings, No. 440, 2nd November 1896.

Submitting to Government a proposition statement in accordance with the revised scale of pay fixed for the Superintendents of certain ports in the Kistna, Tanjore and Madura districts, stating the Board's opinion that all Superintendents, whose pay is Rs. 30 or over, should be graded with Sub-Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, and state that the information called for re-supervision of the work of Superintendents of certain ports by Salt and Abkari submitted when the instructions in Customs matters are formulated by Government.

CURRENT No. 434
Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Copy attached. ^{also} Read again G.O. No. 475, dated 18th September 1896.
Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue) dated 2nd November 1896, No. 440 Press.

Order thereon, No. 633 Dis. d/4th February 1897.

The proposition statement received with the second of the papers read above, will be transferred to the Financial Department for sanction.

With reference to para 2 of its Proceedings, the Board of Revenue is requested to submit a general proposition statement as suggested by the Accountant General in para 3 of his forwarding Enrolment.

(True Extract)

G. D. S. S.

Ag: Secretary to Government.

To the Financial Department with copy of G.O.

No. 475, d/18-9-96.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue)

To the Accountant General with a copy of G.O.

No. 475, d/18-9-96.

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Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

189 , No.

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189 , No.

Current No. 346 of 189 , dated

, from R.D.

" " 434 , 189 , "

" " R.D.

" " , 189 , "

" "

ORDER. No 231 of 15-3-97

The proposition statement
are sanctioned -

2. The general proposition
statement called for in
para 2 of G.O. No 33 Rev D
4th Feb 97
18th Jan 97 will be awaited.

3. The Accounts will
be requested to furnish forth
with the details of the calculations
on which ^{has been made}
(determining the adjustment)
from Imperial Revenue towards
the increased cost of Customs
established from ^{the introduction of the Tariff Act}
up to 31st March 1897 -

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AK 9/12/97
13/3/97

Lord Revenue (V)
Accounts (with C. & P. S.)

AK 9/10/97

Note - with reference to H. & L.

Not attached to C. No.
 346, it is submitted that at present
 it is necessary to
 trouble him about the matter
 as the Accountant takes into
 account the whole of the actual
 expenditure incurred, (since the
 introduction of the Budget Act)
~~minimizes~~ of the old scale -
 If on receipt of the information
 called for in para 3 of the draft
 it is found that this small
 sum of Rs 70 per. is metted,
 this sum may be added on
 the A.C. bill to include it.
 In any case no money can
 be made after the new contract
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G.O., No.

DATE

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FROM CIRCULATION
 WITH REMARKS.

H.P. 247
 20-3-97

For f.d.

It is submitted that
 the draft may now come
 with the proper date inserted
 and approved by H.M.

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