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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine

DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 166	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated 29. 4.	1857

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Madras 2^d October 1856.

To The Acting Collector of
Sea Customs

Sir,

Having been appointed Agents at Madras for the line of Auxiliary Screw Steam Ships established by Mr W. S. Lindsay to trade between London and Calcutta we have the honor to state that a contract having been entered into for the conveyance by these ships of H. M. Mails, the ships will be free from all port charges. If therefore you have not already received instructions from Govt on this subject, perhaps you will be good enough to communicate the substance of this letter and make such arrangements as will prevent delay or inconvenience on the arrival of the ships in the roads.

The "England" the first of the line is expected to touch here en route to Calcutta about the 12th Instant.

We have the honor to be
Yours
J. B. Binnys & Co.

Sea Customs House

Madras. 3^d October 1856.

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To Messrs Binnys & Co.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge
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the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, in which as Agents at Madras for the Auxiliary screw steam ships to trade between London and Calcutta, you state - "a contract having been entered into for the conveyance of H. M. Mail, these ships will be free from all Port Charges;" and request me to communicate the substance of this letter for the consideration of Govt."

Before complying with your request, I beg to be favored with the grounds on which you solicit the remission of Port dues on the vessels in question. The principle ruling in this Department being opposed to the concession you require. The P. & O. S. N. Co's steamers, and even transports taken up by Govt, are not exempted, nor were the late screw steamers round the Cape. Under these circumstances I am indeed to solicit the favor of your stating the grounds on which you claim the indulgence.

I beg to add that the usual arrangements will be made to prevent delay or inconvenience, you as Agents holding yourselves responsible for the payment of all charges.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
W. E. Cochrane
Agent Collector of Customs

Madras 6th October 1856.

To The Acting Collector of
Sea Customs.

Sir,
We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd Instant N^o 403.

In a letter to our address from Mr. W. S. Lindsay, M. P. Managing owner of the line of auxiliary screw steamers, he says "You will have heard also that I have obtained the mails to and from the Cape and the other Indian ports. This will give me many advantages and be a guarantee, if it is necessary, to the public for the punctual performance of this service at the same time it will free us from all port charges. Though of this you will have been previously aware and no doubt have made arrangements accordingly." Having no doubt that Mr. Lindsay wrote the above advisedly, we addressed you on the subject in our letter of the 2nd Inst.

We were not aware the Peninsular and Oriental Company's steamers and the General screw steam Company's ships paid for port dues but these vessels called here for general cargo as well as passengers, whereas it appears to be the intention of the owners of the auxiliary screw steamers that they shall not receive cargo at Madras other than specie & small parcels.

We have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
B. J. C.

To
The Collector of Sea Customs
Madras.

Madras 12th Nov. 1856.

Sir,
We have the honor to request that
under our guarantee you will be pleased to allow
the Auxiliary screw steamers, the same privileges
as those allowed to the P & O steamers in entering
and clearing, landing & shipping goods.

We have the honor to be &c
/ signed of Binny & Co

Sea Customs House

N^o 451. Madras 12th Nov. 1856.

To Mess^{rs} Binny & Co.
Madras

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 12th Inst & to state
I have much pleasure in according to the
Steamer of the Auxiliary screw steam Company
the same privileges as are granted to the steamers
of the P. and O. Company.

I have the honor to be &c
/ signed of W. E. Underwood
/ (True Copies) Collector Sea Customs
W. E. Underwood

Collector Sea Customs.

N^o 1
In a letter from the Collector of
Sea Customs, Madras, dated
10th March 1857. N^o 62.

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In N^o 932 of 1857.
In Cons 7 April 57

Correspondence to and
from Mess^{rs} Binny & Co.
on the subject of the emission
of Port dues on screw steamers.

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Sea Custom House,

Maar 10th March, 1857.

N^o 62.

From, W. E. Underwood Esq^r
Collector Sea Customs

To, Maaras

C. D. Sim Esq^r

Asst. Secy. Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor with reference

to Extract Proceedings Board of Revenue

dated 5th Instant N^o 693 to forward

the copies of correspondence noted in the

Margin.

2 The amount of Port dues paid

by Messrs J. Penny & Co up to this date

amounts to Rupees Five hundred and

Twenty five as per annexed Statement.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servant.

W. Underwood

Collector Sea Customs

Statement

Names of the Steamers	Commanders Names	Date of Entry	Tonnage	Amount of Port dues Paid
St. England	A. A. Dundas	11 th Nov ^r 1856	746	131 4 "
"Synemonth"	J. Seales	5 th January 1857	1228	131 4 "
"Robert Lowe"	J. Longatton	13 th " "	1250	131 4 "
"Scotland"	J. F. Atkins	4 th Feb ^y "	759	131 4 "

Total Rupees 525 " "

W. Underwood
Collector Sea Customs

Madras 34. January 1867

To
The Collector
of Sea Customs

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence that we have had with your Department on the subject of a petition of the several Portulans in the case of the Auxiliary Service Steamers we have the honor to state that we have again heard from Mr. W. S. Lindsey on the subject. He says

As regards the grounds upon which I request that my ships may be freed from the ordinary post dues, I may observe that my position is quite different to either the Peninsular and Oriental Company, or the Indo European Steam Company. The former have so large a grant from the Government that they can afford to do without that, which, to me, is a boon. When it is remembered that a single individual has undertaken to perform a service, which a large company failed to do; that by means of my steamers a regular communication is kept up twice a month between your port and Mauritius and the Cape of Good Hope; that by my steamers the chain of postal communication connecting India, China, Australia, Mauritius and the Cape Colony, is completed, I think I have a right to expect the greatest support and encouragement which can be offered by those ports and communities which are benefited by my exertions. The Government of the Mauritius, fully alive to the advantages to be derived from this line, have at once acceded to my request and freed me from their heavy post charges; and I trust your Government will

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The Collector of Sea Customs

Madras

John Macdonald Esq.

Board of Customs

Fort George

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In Comd. J. Macdonald Esq.

Dec 11 1857

Commanding Officer of the

Corps of Marine

Dep. Comd. of the 3rd

Regt. of Foot

Dep. Comd. of the 3rd

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Regt. of Foot

will induce their sense of the importance of this undertaking by acting in the same liberal spirit. I must securely say that the expenses of a line of portraits of this description are very great, and as the returns are based upon a calculation which will leave but a very moderate interest upon the investment, I require every support which can be given by both Government and community.

May we request you will be good enough to submit the question again to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for his favorable consideration with special reference to the above observations.

We have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Wm. D. D.

In a letter from the
Collector of the Customs
of 26th January 1857. No. 19.
In a letter No. 424 of 1857.
To the Collector of the Customs
of the Port of London.
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

Wm. D. D.
The 20th Jan 1857

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Sea Customs House,
Madras 14th January 1857.

N^o 19.

From W. C. Underwood Esq^r
Collector sea Customs.

To J. D. Sim Esq^r
Acting Secretary Board of Revenue
Fort St. George.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to forward
to you for transmission to Government
the accompanying letter from Mess^{rs} Rivington
soliciting on behalf of the owner of the
Screw Steamer on the grounds stated
that the Port dues may be remitted in the
Port of Madras in the same manner as
has been done at the Mauritius.

2. It occurs to me to observe the
Government and the Community at large
in India have a direct interest in the
success of any scheme which may pre-
clude the conveyance of Goods & Passengers
and the Mails from being monopolized
by any one Company, and that it would
be highly inexpedient for the sake of the
small profit which Government might
derive from the Port dues, to force the collection
and induce Mr. Lindsay to abandon
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the experiment. The Countenance given
by Government by the remission of the
Port dues will be of more advantage to
the parties than the pecuniary benefit
derived, and I would respectfully submit
for consideration the expediency of granting
the remission for 12 months.

3. At the end of that period the
propriety of continuing the indulgence
might form matter of consideration.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

W. Underwood

Collector Sea Customs

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7.
Before Binny and Co. refer to some
previous Correspondence as having taken
place regarding the proposed remission
of Port dues to Mr. Lindsay's
auxiliary Screw Steamers. The Board
request that the Collector of Sea Customs
will quote the communications which
have passed on the subject, and furnish
copies of the same if they are not already
on the Records of the Board.

2. Mr. Underwood will also specify
the amount of port dues which would
probably have to be given up, if
Mr. Lindsay's request is complied
with.

Wm. J. D. Sim

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Should see how far I can draw any
distinctions. This company should be treated
exactly like any other Co. *Wm. H. H. H.*

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1857. Department

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Reasons checked the removal of Fort Bliss level at the cost of \$100,000 on the silver claims for a period of 12 months, and then at the expiration of that time the propriety of continuing the indulgence would form a

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Revenue B^d Office,
Fort St George,
7th April, 1857.

N^o 1066

From,
J. D. Sim Esq.
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue
To,

A. Forbes Esq.
Secy Secretary to Government.
Revenue Department.

Sir, dated 7 April 1857.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit, for the consideration and orders of Government, the correspondence noted in the margin, having reference to a request preferred by Mr. Lindsay, to have his Steamer freed from the ordinary port dues.

2. Mr. Underwood recommends the exemption applied for on the ground that "Government and the Community have a direct interest in the success of any scheme which may preclude the conveyance of goods, passengers and the mails, from being monopolized by any one Company." The Board are

From Collector of Customs
28th Jan^y inclos 5th March 1857.
Board's Proc^y 5th March 57.
From Coll^r of Customs
15th March inclos 2nd April 57.

are fully alive to the advantages in regard to communication with the Cape and Mauri-
tius which Mr. Lindsay's Steamers afford,
but they do not see how the exemption sought
can be accorded to these vessels alone. Whatever
privileges may be conceded to Mr. Lindsay
will naturally be sought by the P. and O. Com-
pany and cannot well be withheld, conse-
quently both parties will still be on the
same footing.

3. The Mauritius Government have,
Mr. Lindsay says, freed his vessels from their
heavy port charges, but the Board are not
aware whether the Bengal Government have
granted any peculiar privileges to the Ausi-
liary Screw Steamers, and they would sug-
gest a reference to Calcutta on the subject
if Government are disposed to make an ex-
ception in Mr. Lindsay's favor.

4. By the existing rules, vessels
are required to pay port dues but once in
six months, Mr. Lindsay's Steamer will
consequently be liable to the impost, which
is apparently about 131 Rupees on each ship,
only

Revenue B^d Office,
Fort St. George,
7th April, 1857.

only on their outward voyages.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

J. M.
Secy.

J. M.

A. Forbes Esq.

Secy to Government
Revenue Department.

Recd.

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~~Memorandum~~ 1857 Department
of State
No. 1066, dated 29 April 1857

From

The Secretary to the
Board of Marine
The Secretary to the
Revenue Department

Dated 1st Dec 1857

No. 803 April 1857

4 Dec. 1857

No. 133

Wells

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Submitting with the
Board's report, correspondence
relative to a request received by
the Secretary to the Marine
Department from the ordinary postmaster,
and suggesting a reference to
the Committee on the subject, of
the Government and proposed to
make an exception in the
ordinary postmaster.

Wells on 29 Dec.

H. H. Delivered already
delivered to the Court

29 April 1857
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No. 1066, dated 29 April 1857

The 28 Dec. 1857

Communicated to the Board of
Revenue, the reply to a circular
reference made by the Marine
Department on the 3rd October 1857.
The application then submitted
for relieving the shipmaster
from the payment
of port charges and the order
passed thereon have been
brought to the notice of the
Board. The Court of Directors
is a late despatch.
and 29 Dec 1857
29 April 1857

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Copy to Board of Revenue,
with copy of Marine Department's
letter of 29 Dec. 1857. 1857. 1857. 1857.
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