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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 14th July 1857.

No. 23. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to E. MALTBY, Esq., Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 1st July 1857, No. 2263.

SIR,

As requested in the Official Memoranda marginally noted, I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to forward, for submission to the Supreme Government, a Tabular Statement in the prescribed Form for the appointment of a Master Attendant at Calingapatam and Conservators at the Ports of Ganjam and Munsoorcottah.

2. It will be perceived that in this Statement is included the revised Sea Custom Establishments which, it appears from the Acting Collector's letter of the 20th June last, herewith likewise forwarded, the Government, under date the 16th May last, had called upon him to submit. He has therefore comprised the two Establishments, Marine and Sea Custom, in one Statement; and it seems to the Board that his proposed arrangements as regards numbers and salaries, while being moderate, are well calculated to ensure the efficiency of the Departments concerned.

3. As the Conservators of the Ports will be likewise Superintendent of Sea Customs, it will hereafter be decided in what proportion the salaries shall be debited to each Department.

4. Mr. Knox's proposition for appointing a Signal Serjeant at Calingapatam and Munsoorcottah to act as a Constable when necessity so requires, the Board think well worthy of consideration. These Ports are the resort of many European Ships, and it would be of great assistance to the Conservators to have an European capable of acting in such a capacity.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

From W. KNOX, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary to the Marine Board, Fort St. George, dated Chitterpoor, 20th June 1857.

SIR,

Para: 1. Having been called on by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated 16th May 1857, to submit a proposition for a revised Sea Custom Establishment, I have the honor to submit it along with the Statement called for in your letter of 13th May last, and beg the support of your Board as the present is admittedly an inefficient Establishment.

2. I have ventured to make an alteration in the pay of the two Conservators at Ganjam and Munsoorcottah, the work to be done at the former is light compared to that at Munsoorcottah to which Port Merchants have a decided preference besides it is always well to have something to hold out in the shape of reward, and when the Superintendent at Ganjam knows he may by exertion better himself he will naturally do his best, while the dread of a change to Ganjam will act as a salutary check to a man who though not deserving dismissal does not give satisfaction.

3. I have raised the pay of the Goomasthas at Sounapore and Poondy to 17½ Rupees, because they ought to be able to speak a little English and they have to pay the men who are their securities so that they have not above 15 or 16 Rupees clear. Those at the small Subordinate Ports I have put at 10 Rupees, this is the usual rate paid to Goomasthas without any independent charge and is as little as can be offered to respectable men who have to find Security.

4. The rate of hire is rising all through the District, I have therefore entered the peon's pay at Rupees 3-8-0 each, a common cooly makes 1½ anna a day or 2 Rupees 5½ annas a month, so that the proposed pay is not more than any intelligent man can earn. The increase in numbers is equally necessary if there is to be due Supervision over the boats and the thefts and insubordination now complained of are to be avoided. There are now 5 Ships at Munsoorcottah and 2 Peons to look after the Shipment of their Cargo and the Sea Custom House.

5. I beg leave to propose that when necessary the Collector be allowed to employ temporary Peons. It must be recollected that Cargo is shipped and landed over a long stretch of Coast not at one Ghaut or landing place.

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6. I beg leave to propose Signal Serjeants at two Ports these men would be most useful not only as Signallers but as Constables, being men accustomed to manage drunken Europeans and such like characters who would strike terror into the best native Peons. It is well known that Sailors are but too apt to strike Peons and when too drunk to do so, are liable to ill-treatment in return, this would be prevented by a European Constable.

(Signed) W. KNOX,
Acting Collector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,
Secretary.

No. 24.

ORDER THEREON, No. 272; dated 14th July 1857.

1. With the foregoing letter the Marine Board submit, for transmission to the Government of India, a Tabular application for the appointment of a Master Attendant at Calingapatam and Conservators at the Ports of Ganjam and Munsoorcottah, but they remark that the Acting Collector has included in it a revised Statement of the Sea Customs Establishment which, they understand, was called for by Government under date 16th May last. It is observed that in the Order just quoted, passed in the Revenue Department, the Board of Revenue were directed, after full consideration, to forward a Statement of the additional expenditure that might be necessary to improve the Sea Customs Establishment of the Ganjam District; and the Collector should not therefore have sent the Statement through the Marine Board, which authority moreover has no control over that Department. The Tabular application submitted by the Marine Board will be returned to them for revision; and they will be instructed to exclude from it all those servants that do not belong to the Marine Department.

2. The Board also submit for consideration Mr. Knox's proposal to appoint Signal Serjeants at Calingapatam and Munsoorcottah, who are also to act as Constables when necessary. No mention is made of the rate at which these Officers are to be paid; but it is apparent, though not definitely stated, that the Acting Collector contemplates dispensing with the services of a Lascar on Rupees 7 per Mensem at Munsoorcottah, and a Peon at Rupees 2 at Geddalapaundoo, on the appointment of the Serjeants. The Marine Board should ascertain whether this is the case; and bring the proposition before Government in a more complete form.

Exd J. A. Wilson.

Marine Department

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated 14 July 1857.

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(Here enter 1st July 1857 No 2263).

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Marine Board 2 Sept 1857
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Further from Marine Board of 25th August 1857 c^o 329.
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The tabular
statement submitted
by the Marine Board
for the above period
of a quarter although
not containing a statement
of the services for
the period.

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