

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Marine Consultation, 8th January 1858.

No. 9. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Secretary Marine Board; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 2nd January 1858, No. 23.

SIR,

1. I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from Minutes of Consultation of the 23rd Ultimo, No. 535, on the subject of the proposed Act for the Levy of Dues at certain Ports in the Presidency of Fort Saint George.

2. The Government forward an original letter from the Honorable Mr. Elliott, pointing out that the Schedules containing the particulars for each Port are not sufficiently in detail, and desire that the omissions be supplied.

3. The Board regret that this further reference should have been considered necessary. In order to avoid such a contingency they copied the Schedules submitted for the Port of Calcutta as closely as it was possible for them to be copied. No details were entered into in those statements and as the Legislative Council were satisfied with the information therein supplied the Board could not, but suppose that if like data were furnished by them, they would have been equally prepared to pass the Act for Madras. To prove the correctness of what they assert the Board solicit a comparison between the Schedules to be found in the papers relative to the Dues, &c., for the Port of Calcutta, ordered to be printed by the Legislative Council, on the 14th June 1856, and those forwarded by them.

4. The Honorable Mr. Elliott likewise observes that these detailed expenses are required under Section 44 of the Harbour Act. They notice, however, that the Act is not yet passed; and that it is only on the 1st of May of each year after it has become Law, that the detailed statement of receipts and expenditure is to be published.

5. Again, with regard to the debit of only a portion of the Port expenses to the Port Fund the Board merely copied the system, which had been adopted at Calcutta. In Appendix to Schedule B, proportions of the expenses of certain Department are inserted as charges on the Port, leaving the remainder as a charge on Government. The Board looked upon this as sound in principle, and followed the example thus set before them; and they cannot see why the measure should be admitted without question at Calcutta and not at Madras. If it be unreasonable that the whole cost of an Establishment, more or less employed for Government purposes, should be chargeable to the Port Fund at Calcutta, it must be equally so here.

6. I am also to bring to notice that in the Schedule to the proposed Act the rate of Port Due is set down for every Ton of burthen instead of registered burthen.

7. With these observations which, if forwarded to the Honorable Mr. Elliott, might, the Board think, induce him to procure the passing of the Bill in question without waiting for the additional information called for, I am directed to state that endeavours will be made to furnish with dispatch the details required, and to bring up the particulars of the various Ports for another year.

(Signed) J. J. FRANKLIN,

Secretary.

No. 10. From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George; to D. ELIOTT, Esq., Member of the Legislative Council for the Madras Presidency, Calcutta, dated Fort Saint George, 4th January 1858, No. 3.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 8th Ultimo, relative to the Port Dues Bill for this Presidency, and in reply to forward the accompanying letter from the Marine Board. The Board state that endeavours will be made to furnish with despatch the details for which you have applied, but they point out that the Schedules already submitted for the Madras Port have been prepared on the same principle and in like fulness with those laid before the Legislative Council for the Port of Calcutta and deemed sufficient for that Port.

2. Your attention is requested to para: 6 of Mr. Franklin's letter. If, as is presumed, registered tonnage be intended, it would seem better so to specify in the Schedules.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Received Letter

No 3.

To *Clifford Esq^r*
Member of the Legislative
Council for the Madras
Presidency
Calcutta.

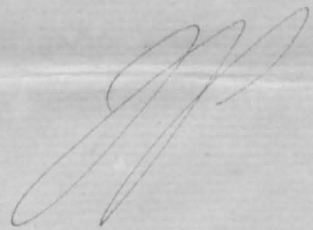
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Fort St. George
4th January 1858.

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No. 3.

To the Member
of the

Legislative Council

for the
Madras Presidency

Dated 4th June 1858.

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30th June 1858.

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