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Government of Madras.

Marine DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
17th April 1862.*

No. 43. Read the following letter from J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine; to the Honorable T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George, dated 12th April 1862, No. 1,205.

8th March 1862, No. 399. I have the honor to forward the accompanying letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, representing that a Port due of three Annas ton has been erroneously levied at Tuticorin since the 1st May 1858, instead of that laid down in the Notification of Government of the 9th April of that year, by which it was fixed at one Anna.

2. Mr. Silver explains that this Notification was unaccountably overlooked by the Acting Collector and the Master Attendant for the time being, both of whom are since dead; and that the authorities who succeeded, continued the levy under the natural impression that due care had been taken when it was first imposed.

3. To explain how the error was not discovered in my Office, I have to state that the monthly return of the Port Fund accounts exhibits, as Mr. Silver observes in the 8th paragraph of his letter, the gross tonnage and the gross amount levied; and these are not susceptible of check, as the rate varies according as the vessel is in ballast or not, and is moreover proportioned to her stay in Port. The due is in all cases levied by the subordinate Officer vested with the collection of the Sea Customs, and is merely credited to the Port Fund; the Master Attendant at the end of each month receiving a Memorandum of the sum raised. The last named Officer was not therefore the originator of the mistake, which arose from the Collector of the district having on the 1st May 1858 directed the Sea Custom Chokedar to levy the due in accordance with the Schedule appended to Act VII of 1858, and overlooking the Notification of the 9th April, which reduced the rate from three Annas to one Anna.

4. Mr. Silver on discovering the error at once rectified it; but he points out that the lower rate of one Anna will be insufficient for the discharge of the claims on the fund, and recommends that it be raised to three Annas which during the last official year only realized Rs. 4,017-3-9, while the debits were Rupees 3,564. I beg to support this proposition and to suggest that it be imposed from the 1st proximo.

5. In reply to the last paragraph of the letter under consideration, the Collector will be informed that whatever may be fixed as the full rate, Dhonies and country craft, employed solely in the coasting trade, are to be charged only one half.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely; to J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, Madras, dated Tuticorin, 28th March 1862, No. 399.

I have the honor to bring to your notice, that in the Schedule annexed to Act VII of 1858, the Port dues at Tuticorin were set down at the rate of three Annas per every ton of burden, and this rate was reduced to one Anna by a subsequent Notification of Government published in the Fort Saint George Gazette Extraordinary of the 9th April 1858. But as this Notification was overlooked from some unaccountable cause by Mr. Mayne who was Acting Collector at the time, during my absence in England, as well as by the late Master Attendant Captain Robertson, and after him by his successor Captain Phipps the present Conservator of the Port, it was not brought into operation, and the old rate of three Annas has been continued to be levied. The collections of Port dues at Tuticorin are made by the Sea Custom Choukidar, and the same communicated monthly to the Conservator of the Port for the preparation of the monthly statement.

2. This was brought to my notice by Captain Phipps after my arrival here, the error having been discovered in discussing the Port Fund with Captain Pascal, Master Attendant of Negapatam, and now employed here in the Pearl Fishery; a copy of Captain Phipp's letter on the subject is enclosed for your information.

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3. I then ordered the records of my own and those of the Master Attendant's Office for the year 1858 to be examined, and having ascertained that orders were omitted to be sent by the late Acting Collector Mr. Mayne since deceased, on the Notification of Government above referred to, I issued an order to the Sea Custom Choukidar of Tuticorin on the 20th instant, directing him to levy Port Dues on all vessels of the burden of 20 tons and upwards, at the rate of one Anna per ton.

4. It appears from the records that on the receipt of a letter from your Office, dated 22nd April 1858, No. 1,775, stating that by Act VII of 1858 the collection of Port dues from and after 1st May 1858, was forbidden at all Ports save Tuticorin and other Ports indicated in the margin of the letter, orders were sent to the Sea Custom Choukidar of Tuticorin by Mr. Mayne under date the 1st May 1858, directing him to levy Port dues at the rates exhibited in the Schedule annexed to Act VII of 1858, which gave a rate of three Annas per ton in respect of every Sea going vessel of the burden of 20 tons and upwards, and 1½ Anna per ton in respect of Dhonies and country vessels employed in the coasting trade, according to Section I of the Act; the subsequent Notification in the Fort Saint George Gazette having been overlooked by Mr. Mayne.

5. On the 3rd May 1858, Mr. Mayne addressed a letter to the then Master Attendant Captain Robertson, forwarding a copy of the late Marine Board's Circular Order No. 1 of 1858, published at page 687 of the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 16th April 1858, and requesting him to keep an account current according to the form thereunto annexed of the receipts and expenditure of the Port of Tuticorin, and to forward a copy to the Marine Board after the expiration of each month, furnishing the Collector with a duplicate copy. Captain Robertson was further informed that the Sea Custom Choukidar of Tuticorin had received orders, to furnish him montly, with a statement shewing the receipts of the Port.

6. The Notification of Government published in the Fort Saint George Gazette Extraordinary of the 9th April 1858, and in the Pamphlet containing Acts and Regulations applicable to the Ports in the Madras Presidency (a copy of which Pamphlet was furnished to the Collector's Office with your letter of the 25th September 1858), which directs that Port dues should be collected at Tuticorin at the rate of one Anna per registered ton, was as I have stated above overlooked by Mr. Mayne, and hence the error has arisen.

7. On the 11th May 1858 the late Marine Board addressed a letter to the late Master Attendant Captain Robertson, forwarding for his information and guidance copies of Act VII of 1858, Notification of Government dated 9th April 1858, and Marine Board's Circular Order No. 1 of 1858, and requesting him to attend to the instructions therein contained, but through some oversight they were not attended to by Captain Robertson who is now dead.

8. The Port Fund account or the account current shewing the receipts and charges of each month, is prepared in duplicate by the Conservator of the Port from the information furnished to him by the Sea Custom Choukidar. The original is forwarded to your Office through the Collector, and the duplicate is placed on the records of the Collector, agreeably to the late Marine Board's Circular Order No. 1 of 1858. In this account the rate at which the Port dues are collected is not given; the tonnage of vessels and gross collections alone are exhibited; had the rates been entered, it would doubtless have attracted attention in your Office.

9. All Sea going vessels including Dhonies and country craft under 20 tons burden, were pronounced by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings of 8th October 1859, on a question put by the then Acting Collector Mr. Levinge, to be exempted from payment of Port dues according to Section I, Act VII of 1858, but as no order was issued by the then Acting Collector Mr. Levinge who succeeded Mr. Mayne, on the Board's Proceedings through some oversight, Port dues have been continued to be collected on such vessels at the rate of 1½ Anna per ton. I found out this error some days ago, when examining the records of the year 1859, and immediately rectified it.

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10. The amount collected on account of Port dues in the past official year 1860-61, according to the old rate of 3 Annas on all Sea going vessels of the burden of 20 tons and upwards (other than Dhonies and country craft), and 1½ Anna on all Dhonies and country craft without reference to tonnage, was Rupees 4,017-3-5, and the amount disbursed out of it being ⅓rds of the Marine charges* debited to the head of "Port Fund" was Rupees 3,564, leaving only a small balance of Rupees 453-3-5.

* ⅓rds of the Salary of the Master Attendant at 200 Rupees per mensem.
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Full pay of the Light House Establishment.

11. The amount of Port dues that will be realized at the reduced rate of one Anna for every ton of burden, I beg to state, will greatly fall short of the sum required to meet ⅓rds of the Marine charges debitable to the head of "Port Fund," agreeably to the instructions contained in the Marine Board's Circular Order, No. 1 of 1858.

12. Captain Phipps suggests that at least 2 Annas per ton should be levied at Tuticorin, but in my opinion the collection even at this rate, will not be sufficient to meet ⅓rds of the Marine charges, which amounted in the past official year to Rupees 3,564 as above mentioned.

Under these circumstances I request you will have the goodness to furnish me with your instructions on this subject at an early date.

13. I further request to be informed whether the reduced rate of one Anna per ton is intended to apply to all Sea going vessels including Dhonies and country craft of the burden of 20 tons and upwards, or whether six Pice only should be levied on Dhonies and country craft?

From G. A. PHIPPS, Esq., Master Attendant; to J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tuticorin, 19th March 1862, No. 25.

I have the honor to report for your information, that it has come to my knowledge that the rate at which Port dues are now collected at Tuticorin at three Annas per ton, is wrong, the proper rate being one Anna per ton, according to the Notification, dated Fort Saint George, April 9th, 1858.

On referring the records of this Office I find that a copy of this Notification with the Marine Board's Circular Order on the subject were received on the 18th May 1858, but from some most unaccountable error, the rate mentioned in the Schedule of Act VII of 1858, was levied, and no attention paid to the subsequent Notification and Order, this rate has therefore been continued to be levied up to this date.

As the Act, under which these dues are levied, came into force prior to my taking charge of this Office, and as no real objection was even made by parties paying, it never occurred to me that the rate was irregular; but as there is now no doubt that it is so, I beg you will be good enough to issue an order to the Sea Custom Choukidar to levy the rate of one Anna per ton only.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. SILVER,
Collector.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1862, No. 110.

Under Section XLII, Act XXII, 1855, the rate of Port dues leviable at Tuticorin under the Notification of the 9th April 1858, is raised to three Annas per ton. The increased scale will take effect from the 1st proximo.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F Cartledge.

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No. 25 Master Attendants Office
Tutacorin 19th March 1862

From, G. A. Phipps Esq^r
Master Attendant

To, J. Silver Esq^r
Collector of Tinnevely

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On referring to the Records of this Office I find that a copy of this Notification with the Marine Board's Circular Order on the subject were received on the 18th May 1858, but from some most unaccountable error, the rate mentioned in the Schedule of Act ~~VIII~~ of 1858, was levied, and no attention paid to the subsequent Notification

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I have Vca.

/ Signed / G. A. Phipps
Master & Attendant

/ True Copy /

J. K. R.
Collector

Compd. P. B.

No. 399

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Tinnevely Collector's
Circuit Cutcherry

Tutacurin 28th March 1862

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S. Silver Esq^{re}

Collector

To,

S. P. Franklin Esq^{re}

Superintendent of Marine

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Tinnevely dated 28th
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the records of the year 1859, and immediately rectified it.

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J. Khan
Collector

Camp^d A.B.

N^o: 110-17 April 1862

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The Suptt. of Marine,
" Collector of Pinnerelly,
" Act. Genl.
— Garret.

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13th 1265 of 1862
The Collector
of Pinnerelly
has the honor to
acknowledge the
receipt of the
Notification of the
9th April 1862
and to inform
you that the
same has been
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Your most obedient servant.

Amos B. Allen

Superintendent of Commerce