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10TH DECEMBER 1885, No. 535, MARINE.

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G.O., 10th December 1885, No. 535.

DECEMBER.

Indian Ports Act XII of 1875.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Letter—from

The ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
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APPENDIX.

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Administrative Department.

Madras,
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No. 9821

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J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R.,
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The Govt. accept the recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce as modified in para. of the preceding letter from the Master Attendant.

The Govt. of India will be addressed

(A.S.)

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27/11/85

The Master ~~attendant~~
Chamber of Commerce

Note for printer

The schedule sent with Curr: 902 to be printed as an appendix to the order. - p

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Marine (1885) DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT No. 870

From

THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT,
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. 9821

Dated 19 } Nov. 1885
Received 20 }

Sub do. Curr. No. 741 rote

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Subject.

Recommends for approval to a certain extent the proposals of the Madras Chamber of Commerce embodied in its letter herewith sent, to modify the first Schedule attached to the Indian Ports Act.

D.O.

NOTE FOR THE CHIEF SECRETARY.

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Approval & initials

24-11-5

Dom W
26-11-85

26th Nov 85

My dear Capt Taylor

Your No 9821 of 19 Nov will you kindly read the enclosed draft letter to the Govt of India & forward for submission to that Govt a schedule revised so as to exhibit the proposed changes –

Should the letter need amendment in any respect please kindly advise –

Yours sincerely

(Sd) J. D. Rees.

Marf. O. Nº 535/6 d/10/12/85

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Administrative Department.

MADRAS,
Marine Office,
1st December 1885.

No. 10231

From
J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R.,
Master Attendant,
Administrative Department,
Madras,

To
The Hon'ble W. Wilson
Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

With reference to demi official letter No. 615, dated 26th instant, Marine Department, I have the honor to submit the accompanying revised schedule called for. The draft letter needs no amendment, and is herewith returned.

Let it go with the revised schedule
W
2/12/85

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obedt Servant
J H Taylor
Master Attendant
Administrative Department

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Marine (1885) Department. CURRENT NO. 902

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MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. 10231

Dated 1 } Dec. 1885.
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Forwards Revised Schedule of Port Dues payable at Madras Ports.

MASTER ATTENDANT'S DEPARTMENT, MADRAS. 27 NOV. 85

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Marine DEPARTMENT.

No. 536 d/ 10/12/85

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
F.C. DEPARTMENT.

With two enclosures

Note This letter has been seen by Master Attdt. who says it needs no alteration see curr: no: 902.
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Sir,

In reply to your letter no: 3317 d/. 2nd October 1885, I am to say that the suggestions contained therein have been considered by the Master Attendant & the Chamber of Commerce with the following results.

In regard to proposal (a) of the Govt. of India that an uniform rate of port dues should be charged for each vessel for a single visit, the Chamber of Commerce suggests that the rate on all "foreign" vessels should not exceed 3 annas per ton. In regard to suggestion (b) that payment of that uniform rate in a port should clear the vessel in that port for such period as it may be desired to fix, the Chamber recommends that such payment should be made on each entry into the port, excepting in the case of vessels trading with the Straits Settl^ts. & Ceylon (which are designated foreign vessels) ~~when~~ in which payment of the dues prescribed ~~shall~~ should clear the vessel for 60 days.

In regard to suggestion (c) that the payment of the rate prescribed plus one half thereof should clear the vessel in all ports of the same group for a definite period, the Chamber considers that this question is one which must be regulated by the duration of the voyage & condition of the trade, & that power should be reserved to deal with it, in connection with any foreign trade routes other than those to the Straits Settl^ts. & Ceylon which may hereafter be developed,

It suggests however that the payment of the proposed dues 3 annas + half thereof 1½ annas or 4½ annas in all, shall clear foreign vessels once only in all ports of any one of the recognised groups of ports, excepting in the case of foreign vessels trading with the Straits Settl^ts. or Ceylon in the case of which the payment of 4½ annas should clear the vessel for 60 days.

Finally the Chamber considers that the proposals made on the suggestions contained in your letter should apply only to vessels described as "Foreign" in Act XII of 1875 (The Indian Ports Act) & should not affect "Coasting" vessels in the case of which the dues now levied under the annexed Notifn. of the 23 Feby. 1885 should continue to be levied

The Master Attendant Madras concurs in the suggestions made by the Chamber, on the understanding ~~it being understood~~ that the rates proposed with reference to suggestions (a) & (b) are applicable to Madras as well as to the outports while ~~that~~ the rate proposed with reference to suggestion (C) applies to outports only ~~Madras being separate~~ from the groups of which Madras is excluded.

The Master attendant further agrees with the Chamber in thinking that the dues now levied on coasting vessels should continue to be levied, it being understood that such vessels shall continue to pay 1½ annas per ton at Madras, exclusive of the payment made at the group port.

H.E. The G. in C. concurs in the recommendations made by the Master attendant & the Chamber of Commerce & I am to forward herewith a revised schedule (Part III) Act XII of 1875 ~~which sent exhibits the~~ in which the proposed changes are em-bodied for the approval of the Govt. of India, for consideration with reference to the ~~proposed~~ legislation action recommended by this Govt. & contemplated by the Govt. of India.

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DEPARTMENT.

No.

To

The Secretary to the

Government of

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Forwarding a revised schedule (Part III) in which the proposed changes regarding the levy of port dues are embodied for approval & consideration with reference to the legislative action recommended by this Govt. & contemplated by the Govt. of India —

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Accepting the recommendations of the Chamber of Commerce as modified by the Master Attendant, rega

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the Govt. of India on the subject

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