

Marine (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 772 *Mar*

DATED 10th November 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Nagore Port. Pro: Revenue Dept directing the publication of a Notification ordering the closure of the Port Office to Foreign Trade, Contd to the Reg. Port Office.

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Marine DEPARTMENT.

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Read—also endorsement of the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated 17th September 1896, No. 465-E.

ABSTRACT.—Transferring a telegram received from the Government of India, communicating copy of a telegram from Sena Vavana Mathu Eburahi Maricar and others, Kilakarai, requesting that the Madras Government may be directed not to decide upon the closure of the port to foreign trade with Ceylon, &c.

ORDER—No. 475, Revenue, dated 18th September 1896.

Separate Revenue No. 76.

Nizampatam.
Ammápatnam.
Kóttapatnam.

Kilakarai.
Tondi.

The Government does not concur with the views expressed in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings first read above and is therefore unable to sanction the recommendation therein made for the closure of the marginally-noted ports to foreign trade. Nizampatam affords a very convenient outlet for the produce of the Kistna district, while in the Madura district, Tondi is an important port and Kilakarai and Devipatnam are, the Government believes, complementary ports, used alternately according to the monsoon which prevails. Of the ports in the Tanjore district, the Government considers that Nagore is the only one which can, without inconvenience to the public, be closed. All the other ports in question will accordingly be kept open to foreign trade and a notification closing Nagore alone to such trade will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

2. As already observed in paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 776, dated 28th November 1895, the scale of pay allowed to the Superintendents or the Assistant Superintendents of these ports is in some cases low and needs revision with reference to the increased responsibility which now devolves upon them. It will be fixed as under:—

Name of Port.	Pay of Sea Customs Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent.	
	Existing scale.	Scale now sanctioned.
Nizampatam	Rs. 20	Rs. 30
Tirumulávasal	30	40
Tranquebar	35	30
Vélanganni	15	30
Tóppatturai	15	30
Adirámpatnam	30	50
Ammápatnam	15	30
Kóttapatnam	15	30
Kilakarai	20	30
Devipatnam	20	30
Tondi	30	30
Total	245	360
Net increase	115	

The Board of Revenue is requested to submit a revised proposition statement accordingly. It is also requested to report whether in all the cases in which the pay of the Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents is Rs. 30 or over, it may not be desirable to grade them with the Sub-Inspectors of Salt, Abkari and Customs Department and increase the number of Sub-Inspectors accordingly, so as to render it practicable to appoint Sub-Inspectors of higher grade also if necessary as Superintendents of the ports.

3. With reference to the remarks in paragraph 3 of its Proceedings regarding the manner in which the work of the Superintendents of certain ports may be supervised, the Board of Revenue is requested to submit more definite proposals as to how this

supervision can be carried out. The report should deal with all the ports now ordered to be kept open to foreign trade.

4. The petitioners will be informed that it has been decided not to close Tondi to foreign trade.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), with enclosures.
the Marine Department.
Endorsement to the petitioners (paragraph 4 only), through the Board.

NOTIFICATION.

In modification of the notification published on pages 821 to 823 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 11th December 1883, under section 11 of the Sea Customs Act (VIII of 1878), declaring certain places to be ports for the shipment and landing of goods, His Excellency the Governor in Council hereby declares that Nagore in the Tanjore district shall be a port for the carrying on of coasting trade with Customs ports only, and for no other purpose.

Exd. C. M. Brisson.

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SUBJECT,

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Ragore Port

Ordering the publication
of a notification directing the
closure of the ——— to foreign trade;
revising the scale of pay allowed
to the Supts of certain ports, and calling
for a report on the feasibility of
grading with Sub-Inspectors of
Salt, Abkari & Customs Dept.
such of the Supts as draw
salaries of Rs 30 or over.

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The Collector of Madura states that the three ports of Tondi, Kilakarai and Devipatnam should remain open to foreign trade as there is much traffic between these ports and Ceylon. The Board however considers that Kilakarai and Tondi should be closed to foreign trade for the reasons stated above.

3. With reference to the remarks of Government regarding the supervision of the work of the Superintendents, the Board begs to state that, Tranquebar and Adirampatnam being also Salt factory stations, the Inspector or the Assistant Inspector of Salt, Abkari and Customs Revenue at these stations will be able to exercise supervision over the work of the Superintendents at these ports. Tópputturai may now and then be visited by the Inspector of the Védaranniyam Circle. The other ports—Tirumulavásal, Vélánganni and Devipatnam—can be visited, respectively, by the Inspector or Assistant Inspector at the Salt factories of Neidavasal, Negapatam and Vattanam.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 2824, dated 8th July 1896:—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 1833 (Separate Revenue), dated 2nd May 1896, recording, pending the receipt of reports from other districts, letter from the Collector of Madura submitting the report called for regarding the supervision of low-paid Superintendents of certain ports open to foreign trade.

Read—again also Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2342 (Separate Revenue), dated 4th June 1896, recording, pending receipt of report from the Collector of Kistna, letter from the Collector of Tanjore reporting that certain ports in the Tanjore district should be open to foreign trade.

Read—endorsement of the Collector of Kistna, dated 16th June 1896, Reference C. No. 2199-Ver. of 1896, submitting report regarding the reorganization of the Customs establishment.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2824, dated 8th July 1896.

In approving the proposals regarding the reorganization of the Customs establishment in its Order, No. 776, Revenue, dated 28th November 1895, the Government remarked in paragraph 8 (1) of the order that the salaries of the Superintendents at the ports given in the margin range from Rs. 15 to Rs. 35 and requested the Board to report whether it is safe to allow

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Nagore.	Devipatnam.
Tópputturai.	Tondi.

foreign trade at these ports unless the work of these low-paid Superintendents is properly supervised.

2. The reports of the Collectors of Kistna, Tanjore and Madura on the question are submitted herewith.

The Sub-Collector of the Kistna district is of opinion that the Nizampatam port should be kept open to foreign trade in order to admit of exports of paddy to Colombo, but the Collector considers that the port may be closed to foreign trade. The Board supports the Collector's recommendation.

The Collector of Tanjore reports that all the eight ports referred to in his district should be open to foreign trade, but from a statement furnished by him, showing the extent of their foreign trade, it is observed that the foreign exports at the ports of Nagore, Ammápatnam and Kóttaiapatnam are trifling, and the Board does not think that imports need be taken into account in considering the question as the consumption

of foreign produce by natives is so small per head that no great hardship will be entailed on individuals by making them get their requirements through other ports. These three ports should, in the Board's opinion, be closed to foreign trade.

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4. As regards the salaries of the Superintendents, the Board recommends that the pay of the Superintendents at Tópputturai and Vélánganni may be raised from Rs. 15 to Rs. 30 as they collect nearly Rs. 10,000 each. Inasmuch as little supervision can be exercised over the work of the Superintendent at Devipatnam, Vattanam, which is the nearest Salt factory, being nearly 28 miles from it, the pay of the Superintendent of that port may be raised from Rs. 20 to Rs. 40.

5. With reference to the foregoing proposals a proposition statement is submitted for approval and sanction, and a notification restricting the trade of the ports noted in the margin to coasting trade with customs ports only for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

Nizampatam.	Kóttaiapatnam.
Nagore.	Kilakarai.
Ammápatnam.	Tondi.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with proposition statement in duplicate, notification
and Collectors' reports in original (to be returned),
through the Accountant-General.

" Collector of Kistna.
" of Tanjore.
" of Madura.

Read—again Official Memorandum, No. 118, dated 10th August 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting the Board of Revenue to furnish a statement showing the extent of trade and the amount of duty collected at certain ports in the Madura district.

Read—also Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Routine No. 2487, dated 15th August 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government a statement showing the extent of trade—foreign and coasting—and the amount of duty collected on imports and exports at each of the ports of Tondi, Kilakarai and Devipatnam for the years 1893-94, 1894-95 and 1895-96.

Read—also telegrams from M. R. MOHOMED IBRAHIM SAHIB, R. E. IBRAHIM SAHIB, Tondi, and VENA THENA ANNAMALAI CHETTIAR, Devakota, and petition from the residents and traders in Tondi.

ABSTRACT.—Praying that Tondi may not be closed to foreign trades.