

Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 305 was

DATED 22 April 1898.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Pier at Calicut, Declining to sanction
any reduction of dues ^{for the use of the} at present in favour
of the firms whose members constituted the
late Pier and Warehouse Company, Calicut.

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G.O., No. 305, 22nd April 1898.

APRIL.

Pier at Calicut

Declining to sanction any reduction of dues for the use of the —, at present in favour of the firms whose members constituted the late Pier and Warehouse Company, Calicut.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Liquidators of the Calicut Pier and Warehouse Company (Limited), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Marine Department, dated Calicut, 17th January 1898.

We have the honour to approach you on behalf of the firms whose members constituted the shareholders of the above company regarding the rates which are now being charged them for the use of the pier.

In pursuance of G.O., No. 755, Marine, dated 25th August 1897, the pier was handed over to Government at the beginning of December last, and is now being managed by them. When it was agreed to hand back the pier to Government it was not contemplated by the shareholders that they would be put on any worse footing as regards the rates paid for using the pier than they were on formerly; but, as a matter of fact, they are now being charged considerably more than under the company's management as the following will explain.

The firms represented by the shareholders are the large shipping firms of this port, who are regular users of the pier in all weathers, whilst the native shippers usually shipped from the beach, and only use the pier when the state of the weather renders shipment from the beach impracticable. About two years ago it was felt by the shareholders that these casual shippers should not be placed on the same terms as the regular users of the pier, and it was decided to increase the rates for the use of the pier all round, and to return the difference between the old rates and the new rates on shareholder's own cargo at the end of each season. We enclose, for your information, a schedule of the rates then decided on, with a note of the returns on these rates made to shareholders on their shipments. The Government continues to charge the rates quoted in the schedule, but without giving the return to the regular users of the pier. We have furnished the Port Officer with a copy of the schedule showing the returns made, but he has told us that he cannot move in the matter, and we therefore have the honour to petition Government through you that rates should be reduced to the regular users of the pier, either by the granting of a return as was done in the company's time, or by reverting generally to the old rates charged prior to two years ago, which were the rates shown in the schedule, less the return shown as made to the shareholders. We may mention that this lower range of rates was that in force when Government originally handed over the management of the pier to the company.

ENCLOSURE.

SCHEDULE of Pier Dues collected by the Calicut Pier and Warehouse Company (Limited).

	RS.	A.	P.
Ordinary cargo, such as coffee, pepper, ginger, &c., per ton, Cochin scale	0	4	0
Packages weighing from cwt. 5/9 per ton of 20 cwt.	0	10	0
" " " 10 and upwards per ton of 20 cwt.	3	0	0
Steam boilers, each	12	0	0
Four-wheeled carriages, each	3	0	0
Two-wheeled	1	8	0
Ponies, each	2	0	0
Horses, each	3	0	0
Piano-forte	0	1	0
Dogs, sheep			

Return made to shareholders—

1 anna per ton on the	4-anna rate.
2 annas " "	10 " "
1 rupee " "	3-rupee rate.

No. 78 E.

The undersigned is directed to request that the Presidency Port Officer will be so good as to submit a statement showing the annual collections at the Calicut pier under each of the schedule rates during the past two years.

(Signed) W. B. DEWINTON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

5th February 1898.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated Madras, 23rd March 1898, No. 206/115 G.

With reference to Marine Department memo. No. 78 E., dated 5th February 1898, I have the honour to forward herewith a statement showing the annual collections at the Calicut pier under each of the scheduled rates during the years 1895-96 and 1896-97.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the collections of Pier Dues at Calicut during the years 1895-96 and 1896-97.

Year.	Description of goods, &c.	Number or quantity.	Rate.	Per.	Amount.	Total each year.
			RS. A. P.		RS. A. P.	
1895-96	Goods and baggage	11,677.99 tons.	0 4 0	Ton.	2,919 8 0	
	Horses	2	2 0 0	Each.	4 0 0	
	Pianos	2	3 0 0	"	6 0 0	2,929 8 0
1896-97	Goods and baggage	13,003.35 tons.	0 4 0	Ton.	3,250 13 5	
	Ponies	6	1 8 0	Each.	9 0 0	
	Bullocks	6	0 1 0	"	0 6 0	3,260 3 5

ORDER—No. 305, Marine, dated 22nd April 1898.

In their letter read above the firms whose members constituted the late Pier and Warehouse Company, Calicut, request a reduction, in their own favour, of the dues payable for the use of the pier. It is observed that the pier has been handed back to Government by the company in such bad order that it will cost about Rs. 15,000 to put it into repair. Having this in view, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not prepared to sanction any reduction of dues at present.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
Messrs. Peirce Leslie & Co.
the Public Works Department.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

Superseded
[500-14-10-97.]

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

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Again G.O., dated

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189 , No.

Current No.

of 1898, dated 20th January 1898, from the Liquidators of the Calicut
Pier and Warehouse Co. L^d.
" 1898, " 25th March 1898, " the Treas. Port Officer.
" 189 , "

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at present.

To

The P. & O.
Messrs Peirce Leslie & Co
The P. W. Deptt

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C. No. 85 of 1898.

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~~HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.~~

THE HON'BLE SIR HENRY BLISS, K.C.I.E. ✓

~~THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

SUBJECT.

Calicut Pier - Application for re-
duction of tolls levied on the-

FOR ORDERS.

A brief history of the Calicut Pier prior to its recent resumption by Government is given in the Note for Orders attached to G.O. 648 Marine dated 23rd September 1896.

2. Since taking over the structure the Government has sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rs. 7,360 for its renovation, and has allowed the defunct Pier Company to retain a sum of Rs. 5,000 which might properly have been spent on its repair while it was in the hands of that Company.

2. The European merchants alias the old Company now ask for the concession of special rates. It would seem that while they managed the Pier, they allowed themselves a refund of 1 anna per ton on the 4 annas rate

2 - do -	10 - do -
1 Rupee - do -	3 Rupee rate.

The native shippers paid full rates without

* (Flag - H)

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G.O. 3571 W. dated 20th Decr. 1897
(Flag - K)

G.O. 755 Marine dated 25th
Aug. 1897. (Flag - U)

The rates seem to me high, but of course if they are reduced they must be reduced all round. What has the annual revenue of the pier been at the rates charged during the last two years. It is necessary to ascertain this in order to see if a reduction can be afforded

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without any abatement.

4. It is submitted that had the ~~Company~~ European merchants allowed all the fees collected to be used for the maintenance of the Pier, the structure would not have fallen into the state of great disrepair on which a claim was afterwards based for its surrender.

5. There thus seems no ground for the concession asked for.

6. The native merchants would no doubt be glad to use the pier in all weathers if it was conveniently situated ~~near~~ for their shipping operations, but it is placed at a distance from their godowns, ~~and~~ ^{and} is convenient ^{only} to the warehouses of the English merchants; notwithstanding which convenience the latter are unwilling to pay equal rates with the former.

7. The lower rate of 3^{rs} per ton was, evidently, just entered in ^{M.} the Schedule, but has been amended to 4^{rs} in the recommendation of the Port Office, vide Para 2 of P. O. letter printed with G.O. 926 M. 13. Nov. 87.

8. Seeing that the higher rates were imposed by the merchants themselves, it might seem fair to let them revert to the original rates sanctioned by Govt; but it is in contemplation to build a new pier, if funds permit, which will

* certainly require the higher rates. so it is best to leave things as they are - a statement showing rates at other piers is attached.

H. Beal

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Marine (189⁸) Department.

CURRENT No. 365

From

The Presidency Post Office,
Madras

Order

No. $\frac{206}{115} 4$

Dated 23rd March 1898

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding a statement showing the annual collections at the Calicut Pier during 1895-96 and 1896-97.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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Statement Showing the Collections of Pir Dues at Lahent during the years
1895-96 and 1896-97.

Year	Description of Goods &c	No. or Quantity	Rate.	Per. Amount.	Total each year	Remarks
1895-96.	Goods and Baggage	11,677.99 tons	"	Don 2919 8 "		
	Horses.	2	2	" each 4 "		
	Pianos.	2	3	" each 6 "	2929.8 "	
1896-97.	Goods and Baggage	13,003.35 tons	"	Don 3250 13 5		
	Ponies	6	1	8 " each 9 "		
	Buildings	6	"	1 " each 6 "	3260 3 5	

Presidency Port Office
Madras 23rd March 1898

Commander R. L. M.
Presidency Port Office

W. J.

No. 206.4
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Heading.....

Presidency Port Office,

Madras, 23rd March 1898.

From

Commander H. A. Sicut, R. I. M.,
Presidency Port Officer,
Madras, 8 P

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
CHERPAK.

Sir,

With reference to Marine
Department Memorandum No. 788
dated 5 February 1898, I have the honor to
forward herewith a Statement showing
the Annual Collections at the Calicut
Pier under each of the Scheduled
Rates during the years 1895-96 and 1896-97.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

As the

Commander H. A. Sicut,
Presidency Port Officer.

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Memo

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The U.S. is decided to request that the Presidency Port officer will be so good as to furnish a statement showing the annual collections at the Calicut Pier under each ~~part~~ of the schedule rates during the past two years.

1st Reminder issued 18-3-98

Sh. P. O. 18/5/98

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W. H. R.

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There is no information in this office on the subject.

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Comparative Statement of Tier dues under Madras Acts V of 1863 and VII of 1871.

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Marine (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 85

From The Liquidators of
The Calicut Dist & Warehouse
Company Ltd.

No.

Dated 17th January 1898

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SUBJECT.

Requesting to revert to the old
rates charged prior to two years
ago for using the Calicut
Dist.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	185	Marine	10-1-98 ✓
	35715	V.W.	20-12-97 ✓
	1091	Marine	15-11-97 ✓
	928	Marine	13-11-97 ✓
	648	"	23-9-96 ✓
	2202 W	R.W.	28-8-87 ✓

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: PEIRCE.

PEIRCE, LESLIE & CO
14, BILLITER STREET, LONDON, E.C.
COCHIN, CAL CUT TELlicherry,
MANGALORE & COIMBATORE,
SOUTHERN INDIA.

THE CALICUT PIER AND WAREHOUSE COMPANY Ltd
(In Liquidation)

CALICUT 17th JANUARY 1898

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To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Marine Department.

Sir,

We have the honor to approach you on behalf of the firms whose members constituted the shareholders of the above Company regarding the rates which are now being charged them for the use of the Pier.

In pursuance of G.O.No.755,Marine,dated 25th August,1897, the Pier was handed over to Government at the beginning of December last,and is now being managed by them. When it was agreed to hand ~~off~~ back the Pier to Government it was not contemplated by the Shareholders that they ~~should~~ would be put on any worse footing as regards the rates paid for using the Pier than they were on formerly,but as a matter of fact they are now being charged considerably more than under the Company's management as the following will explain.

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CALCUTTA 17th JANUARY 1898

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Your most Obedient Servants,

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Liquidators

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Liquidators

Schedule of Pier Dues collected by the Calcutt Pier and Warehouse Company, Limited.

Ordinary Cargo, such as Coffee, Pepper, Ginger, &c. &c. per ton Cochin Scale	Rs. 0.4 .0.
Packages weighing from Cwts. 5 / 9 per ton of 20 Cwts.	0.01.0.
per upwards & 10 Cwts. 10 & upwards	3. 0.0.
ton of 20 Cwts.	3. 0.0.
Steam Boilers each	12. 0.0.
Four Wheeled Carriages each	3. 0.0.
Two	1. 8.0.
Horses each	1. 8.0.
Horses	2. 0.0.
Piano-forte	3. 0.0.
Dogs, Sheep	0. 1.0.

Return made to Shareholders:-

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These rates were not mentioned in the notification of 22nd March 1884