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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1637	~~Press~~ Mis.
Dated 15-12-1970	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th November 1870.

No. 213. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1870, No. 6,386:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1870, No. 957.

In reply to Board's Order, Miscellaneous No. 814, 12th September 1870, I have the honour to make the following suggestions, as Collector of Sea Customs and Protector of Emigrants, in regard to the duties and salary of the British Consular Agent, which office is now vacant.

2. At present, the whole cost of the salary and establishment is debited to the

	Per month.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Consular Agent's salary ...	250	0	0
1 English and French Writer...	40	0	0
2 Peons, at 5 Rupees each ...	10	0	0
Stationery allowance ...	5	0	0
	305	0	0

French Emigration Funds, and the Consular Agent performs no duties, except those of Protector of Emigrants.

3. I therefore beg to propose that, in future, the British Consular Agent should perform certain duties of a Consul as well as those of Protector of

Emigrants. In his capacity of Consul, he might send in to the Board of Revenue such Trade Returns and other documents as they may consider necessary regarding the trade of the Port of Pondicherry.

4. I conceive that such Returns will be found extremely useful to the Board in any future arrangements regarding the Land Customs of the South Arcot frontier.

5. At present, I believe, the Board receive no official returns of the trade of Pondicherry, but it seems clear, from the Paragraph 8 of letter, dated Pondicherry, 29th July 1870, in Board's Proceedings, 12th September 1870, Miscellaneous No. 814. letter of His Excellency the Governor, that the French Government and the Chamber of Commerce at Pondicherry

wish to give all the information in their power regarding trade, in order that any difficulties and obstacles to free passage and transmission of goods across the frontier may, in future, be obviated.

6. In regard to the examination of casks of liquors despatched from Pondicherry to British territory, I see no objection to the entertainment of the proposals contained in paragraph 3 of the letter of His Excellency the Governor of Pondicherry, and beg to suggest that the examination, etc., of casks should be performed by the British Consular Agent.

7. To assist in these duties, and those of Consul, an additional establishment will be required. Two additional Clerks, on Rupees 25 and 15, and a Gauger on Rupees 10, will, I think, be sufficient. An additional allowance for stationery should also be given, in accordance with the additional duties which will, in future, be required, if my proposals are agreed to.

8. As regards the salary and charges of the Consul and Establishment, I consider that half may be fairly debited to the French Emigration Fund and half to Imperial Funds, as the duties of the two offices will probably be about equal.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th November 1870.*

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 2nd September 1870, No. 1,382.

2. The Board observe that Government have appointed an officer of the Staff Corps to be Consular Agent at Pondicherry, and they see no objection whatever to making it part of his duty to examine goods destined for the English frontier in the manner proposed by the French Government.

3. It is very desirable, too, that he should send Trade Returns to the Board as suggested by the Collector of Madras.

4. The additional establishment, which will be required on account of these new duties, will be one Clerk on Rupees 20 and a Gauger on Rupees 10 a-month.

No. 214. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1870, No. 1,782.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.
Customs.

REFERRED to the Public Department for consideration as to whether there is any objection to the additional duties alluded to by the Board of

Revenue being assigned to the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry.

(True Extract.)

P. D. B. Jell

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

John William
Home Department,
(Public)
The 30 Novr 1870.

No. 5239 3✓

To *The Secretary to
the Govt. of Madras.*

SIR,

I AM directed to invite attention
to the communication marginally
noted,* and to request an early reply
thereto.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

Subject.
*Calling for opinion
on the proposal
to raise Immigration
tax with a view to
provide for all
charges &c. --*

* No. 1259 dated 20th Decr 1870.
subsequent reminder
No. _____ dated _____

W. S. Scott
Off. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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THE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,
&c. &c. &c.

Dated November, 14th.
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G. O., 14th November 1870, No. 1,782.

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NOVEMBER.
Nos. 213-214.

British Consular Agent at Pondicherry.
Proceedings Board of Revenue proposing certain
additional duties to this officer referred to the
Public Department for consideration.

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Prov. 15th Decr 70
Public 18th Decr 70

From
Offg. Under Secy. Govt. of India
Home Dept. No. 5239.

By 30 Nov 70.
Recd. 4 Dec 70.

No. 2100.

Requesting an early
reply to the communication
calling for opinion on the
proposal to raise emigra-
tion fees with a view
to provide for all charges,
etc.

C/A-12
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5/10/70
FROM

No. 4259.

E. C. BAYLEY, Esq., C.S.I.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India,

To

The Secy to the Govt. of Port of George.

Home Dept.
Public.

SIMLA, the 21st September 1870.

SIR,

REFERRING to the endorsement from this Department, No. 2071, dated the 27th April last, I am directed to request a re-consideration of the question of emigration fees. The point is one on which the Government of India cannot be called upon to incur any avoidable expense, for the Government of this country certainly has not at present any interest in promoting emigration. On the contrary, the public interest possibly lies in a contrary direction, and at any rate the Government of India seems to meet all reasonable claims upon it in the matter when it permits emigration without restriction, and allows those interested in its encouragement all proper facilities therefor.

2. The Governor General in Council does not think it right that any charge should be imposed upon the country merely for the prevention of evils which are the natural consequences of such emigration; and the Governor General in Council does not feel satisfied that the scale of fees recently passed will relieve the Imperial Revenues of all liabilities on this account.

3. His Excellency in Council accordingly desires to be favored with the opinion of the Government of Madras whether the scale of fees cannot be re-adjusted with a view, primarily, to provide for all charges, rather than with reference to the effect upon emigration which may be caused by any increase in the fees found necessary for that purpose.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

E. C. Bayley

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

regarding the trade of the Port of Pondicherry.

4 I conceive that such Returns will be found extremely useful to the Board in any future arrangements regarding the Land Customs of the South Arcot Frontier.

5 At present I believe the Board receive no official returns of the trade of Pondicherry, but it seems clear from the letter of H. E. the Governor, that the French Government, and the chamber of Commerce at Pondicherry wish to give all the information in their power regarding trade in order that any difficulties and obstacles to free passage and transmission of goods across the Frontier may in future be obviated.

6 In regard to the examination of Casks of Liquors despatched from Pondicherry to British Territory, I see no objection to the entertainment of the proposals contained in para 3 of the letter of H. E. the Governor of Pondicherry, and suggest that the examination &c of casks should be performed by the British Consular Agent.

7 To assist in these duties, and those of Consular, an additional Establishment will be required. Two additional Clerks on Rs 25 and 15 and a quango on Rs 10 will I think be sufficient. An additional allowance for Stationery

Para 8 of letter date Pondicherry 29th July 1870 in Bd. No of 12th Sept. 1870. Mis 4. 1874.

Stationery should also be given, in accordance with the additional duties which will in future be required if my proposals are agreed to.

As regards the salary and charges of the Consul and establishment I consider that half may be fairly debited to the French Immigration Fund and half to Imperial Funds, as the duties of the two offices will probably be about equal.

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Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant
/Signed/ J. H. Blair
Collector of Sea Customs.

True Copy

Wm. W. W. W.
Protector of Emigrants

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Collector of Sea Customs.

True Copy

Wm. W. Hall
Protector of Emigrants

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No 115.

Protector's Office

Madras 19th October 1870

From

J. Hunter Blair Esq.

Protector of Emigrants

To

The Honourable R. S. Ellis C.B.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from the Secretary to the Government of India Home Dept. of Sept. 21st - 1870, No. 4259, calling for the opinion of the Madras Government as to the readjustment of the scale of Emigration fees, with a view primarily to provide for all charges, with your endorsement request, and to send a summary report on the subject.

Before doing so, I thought it advisable to enquire into the amount collected under the notification of the Government of India, Home Dept. Public, of 27th April, 1870, No. 2070, in which the Governor General in Council increased the fees by 50 per cent.

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3 The Annexed statement shows the amount collected during the past 4 months at Madras, Pondicherry & Karikal. Since the increase of fees. During the same 4 months of 1869 the collections were as given in the margin. The result shows a difference of Rupees 1533 in 4 months or an increase of above 100 percent

Madras	1361-4
Pondicherry	1013-4
Karikal	505-8
	<u>2880-</u>
Madras	780-8
Pondicherry	443-
Karikal	123-8
	<u>1347-</u>

4 I reported very fully on the subject of Emigration Expenditure and reduction thereof in my letter of 23rd June 1869 & 5th Nov, and in Para 15 stated that I was of opinion an increase of 50 percent on the fees would be sufficient to cover the annual expenditure.

5 In Paras 16 to 20 I also showed that the Karikal Depot might be abolished altogether. I again referred to this subject in my letter of 27th July 1870 & 7th Nov. The reduction of Rupees 50 monthly or Rs 600 annually had meantime been made in the salary of the British Consular Agent at Karikal, and in para 5 I recommended a further reduction of Establishment to the amount of Rs 37 monthly or Rs 372 annually. If these reductions have been carried out the amount

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that the amount would now be saved by the abolition of the Karikal Depot; which I consider quite unnecessary, would amount to Rs 2868 6. Even if the Karikal Depot is abolished, the fees ^{now} collected, there will not be much, if at all reduced, as the Masters and Emigrants fees which are now paid there, will be paid at other places.

7 On the question of payment of the Protector of Emigrants at Pondicherry who is called British Consular Agent I would beg to refer you to my letter to the Acting Secretary Board of Revenue of 5th October 1870 & 957. in which I proposed that only half salary & charges of the British Consular Agent should be charged in future against Emigration, and the other half to Imperial Fund, if the Government of Madras decide that in future he shall perform Consular, and Customs duties, in addition to those of Protector of Emigrants.

8 I do not wish to commit myself to the opinion that the present scale

Scale of fees will be certain to meet the
expenditures, but if Karical is abolished
I think possibly it may do so, and after
a years trial of the present scale, a
report could be sent in on the whole
subject.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Yours Most Obedt Servt

Wm Wain

Protector of Emigrants

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Send Mr. Wain
a copy of your
letter to Govt of
India - about
the Immigration
Fund & charges

Public 1870 Sept

Home Secy to Govt

The Protector of Emigrants

Wm Wain Chief Clerk

to Govt.

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Report on the subject

of incorporation of

the question of Emigrants

immigration fees & charges

& also to the Honble

Secy to Govt

Wm Wain

a portrait of
Imperial Prince
of Hainan, Man-
chu, April
at Pondicherry

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Public Department.

No. 1037

To

The Secretary to the Government
of India.

Home Department.

Sir,

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter, dated the 27th
September last, No. 4257.
Home Dept., on the subject of
(Public) reconsideration of the question
of emigration fees and re-
questing the opinion of the
Government of Madras
whether the scale of fees
cannot be readjusted with
a view primarily to provide
for all charges & other expenses
with reference to the effect
on emigration which may
be caused by any increase
in the fees found necessary
for

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W. A. White

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for that purpose.

On a reference on this subject to the Protector of Emigrants, he reports that the reductions carried out, under the order of this Govt, contained in the Pro-
which were enclosed in my letter, dated 30th Nov 1869, No 1625 and the enhanced rate of fees, 50 per cent, sanctioned by the Govt of India in their Notification dated 27th April 1870 No 2070, have restored the equilibrium between receipts and expenditure, as regards the emigration fund British Colonies. As regards the Fund French Colonies, it appears that, after making the

the reduction in the salaries of the British Agents at Pondicherry & Karikal, and with the enhanced rate of fees, there will still probably be a deficit of Rupees 1961-12 - per annum, although, under the enhanced rate of fees, the receipts during four months have increased 80 per cent. The Protector of Emigrants, however, points out that the whole of the salary of the Consular Agent at Pondicherry is debited to the Emigration Fund, although it is in contemplation to impose on that officer other duties, which have no reference to the protection of emigration. It will be seen

From the correspondence marginally noted and of which copies are enclosed, that it is proposed that the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry should perform certain duties, as a Consul, in addition to those of Protector of Emigrants. In his capacity of Consul, he will be required to furnish to the Board of Revenue such trade returns and other documents as may be necessary regarding the Commerce of the Port of Pondicherry. These will, it is thought, very useful in any future arrangements regarding the Land Customs of the South Arcot Frontier.

From the Protector of Emigrants
19 October 1870 No. 115
Pres. Board of Rev. 28 Oct 70 No 6386

(only before in
work I think.)

! will be a great convenience to the Pondicherry merchants in not endangering our Customs Revenue.

frontier. 131
He would also, as Custom House Agent, examine and levy duties, deliver the receipts & affix the mark of the Custom House upon goods destined for British territory, so as to enable them to be easily & promptly verified on the Frontier. Such an agency as is proposed is considered very necessary for the protection of the Customs Revenue. An addition to the Consular Agent's establishment of one Clerk at Rs 20 and one Ganguly at Rs 10 per month will be necessary for this work. The Protector of Emigrants recommends that, under these altered circumstances, one half of the cost of the Consular Agent & his establishment should be debited to the French Emigration Fund and one half to Imperial Funds.

This amount is so small that H. E. the Governor in Council is of opinion that it is not necessary to make any further enhancement of the rate of emigration fees.

Dated

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Government of

Department

To

The Secretary to the

No.

Department.

Fort St George
15 Dec 70

Copy to the Protector of Emigrants dated 2/12

Statement shewing the cost of the
Consular Agencies at Pondicherry and
Karikal and the fees realized under
the new scale for four months in 1870.

Pondicherry.		Rs.	As.	Pais.	Total
Consular Agent	Rupess 250	"	"	"	
1 Writer	" 40	"	"	"	
Stationery	" 5	"	"	"	
2 Peons	" 10	"	"	"	305
<u>Karikal.</u>					
Consular Agent	Rupess 200	"	"	"	
English Writer	" 25	"	"	"	
2 Peons	" 9	"	"	"	
Stationery	" 5	"	"	"	239
Total					544
Total					6528
Receipts for four months in 1870 under the revised scale of fees.					
Pondicherry	Rupess 1013	4	"		
Karikal	" 505	8	"		
For 4 months		Rupess 1518	12	"	
" 12 months		4536	4	"	
Excess of Expenditure over Receipts		1961	12	"	

Memorandum for Orders

insert

I have been directed to
advise the Council
of India of the fact
that the Government
have decided to

In the letter from
the Govt of India now cir-
culated, the Govt of India
desire to be informed whether,
in the opinion of this Govt,
the scale of fees on account
of emigration, cannot be
readjusted with a view,
primarily to provide for
all charges, rather than
with reference to the effect
upon emigration which may
be caused by any increase
in the fees found ne-
cessary for that purpose.

I am to state that
Emigration to British
Colonies

The reduced
scale of fees
of Govt dated 30th

1869, and the enhanced rate (one hundred) of fees (50 per cent) sanctioned by the Govt of India vide Proceedings 18th May, 1870. Last, have restored the equilibrium as regards the Emigration to British Colonies. Emigration to French Colonies. After making certain reductions in the salaries of the Consular Agents at Pondicherry and Karikal, and with the enhanced rate of fees, it will be seen, vide Statement A, that there will probably be a deficit of Rs 1961-12-00, although, under enhanced rate, the receipts from fees have, during the last 4 months, increased 100 per cent. Mr. Blair reverts to his former proposals for the abolition of the depot at Karikal.

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which would effect a saving of Rs 2868 per annum and thus make the fund solvent. As shown in Mr. Bontemps' letter contained in the Proceedings of Govt dated 11th February 1870. The French authorities will not agree to any reduction in the number of their Emigration depots, which have been reduced from 5 to 2 - namely, Pondicherry and Karikal. Thus they consider indispensable. So that this suggestion of Mr. Blair cannot be adopted.

Mr. Blair also proposes that only one half of the salary and charges of the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry should in future be charged against Emigration - the other half being

being charged to Imperial
Funds. This proposal is
subject to the condition that
the Consular Agent shall
in future perform consular
and customs duties in addi-
tion to those of Protector
of Emigrants. These addi-
tional duties are more fully
detailed by Mr Blair in
his letter to the Board of
Revenue which is circu-
lated. Mr Blair proposes
that the British Official
at Pondicherry shall in
his capacity of Consul send
in to the Board of Revenue
such Trade Returns and
other documents as they
may consider necessary re-
garding the Trade of the
Port of Pondicherry. These
returns would prove valu-
able in future arrangements
regarding the Land Customs
of

The fees have been so
recently raised 50%.
It is I would not
advocate any further
alteration or increase
want just at present.

Mr Blair's scheme
mainly to save the money
from two pockets in-
stead of one. The Con-
sular Agent cannot, of
right, perform any of
the duties proposed to
be assigned - & the
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Consul's salary & establish-
ment per annum.
Special agent can do
what is proposed just
as well.

L. O. S.

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of the South Arcot frontier
the Consular Agent
would also give effect
to the arrangements regard-
ing the examination of
Casks of Nigam's despatches
from Pondicherry to British
Territory as proposed in
recent correspondence by
the Govt of Pondicherry.
He would, as he does now,
though the occasions rarely
occur, afford protection to
British subjects in Pondi-
cherry.

If Mr Blair's sug-
gestion is approved by
the Govt and sanctioned by
the Govt of India, there
would be a transfer of
Rs 1830 from the emigra-
tion charges - thus reduc-
ing the estimated de-
ficit on account of French
Emigration from Rs 1461 $\frac{3}{4}$

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Legislation would
it seems be necessary for
a further enhancement of ~~such as means contemplated~~
the fees, ~~as~~ They have
already reached the limit
fixed by Section 9. Act
II of 1869.

Support of Mr. Hunter Klein's scheme and
 would recommend it to the Gov. of India.
 The Emigration Agent at Pondicherry
 binds his Emigration duties with always
 have some quasi-consular duties to
 perform connected with the trade
 between the French Settlements and the
 Adjacent English Territory - such as
 the regulation of the Legitim Trade &c.
 I think it right that his salary
 should be taken out of two "Pockets". -
 It does not save the Gov. any money but
 it is a fairer distribution of charge
 for two sets of duties between two
 separate Depts.

has had better success than
have the Board's views on his Hunter Blair
proposals.

A.D.

Immigration fees
for 1st class
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Home 1870 Dept.

From Government of
Fort St. George.
Date 1870 No.
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Nos. 119/122

Making certain recommendations
in connection with the
question of emigration fees.