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FROM

1 HON. R. S. ELLIS, C.B.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

The Madras Government propose, as stated in my letter, dated 30th November last, to reduce the salaries of the Consular Agents at Pondicherry and Karikal to Rupees 250 and 200, respectively, as soon as the retirement of the present incumbents takes place. As this opportunity has occurred in the case of Karikal, and will shortly occur as regards Pondicherry, I am directed to request the sanction of the Government of India to these offices for the future being filled by Officers of the Staff Corps possessing the necessary qualifications, and that the Consular Agents' salaries be drawn by these Officers in addition to their Staff Corps pay and allowances.

2. Considerable difficulty has hitherto been found in selecting persons with a knowledge of the French language for these appointments, and this obstacle will be removed if the present proposal is entertained by the Government of India.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council is also of opinion that there are many advantages in employing on the duties, which devolve on Consular Agents especially in regard to the protection of emigrants, Officers of Her Majesty's Army who will from their position necessarily possess greater influence than would be accorded to any other person whose services would be obtainable on the reduced salaries attached to these Consular Agencies.

I have the honour to be,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
5th April 1870.

Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary.

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I am to point out that
with ^{the} large number of
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time entail any increased
State expenditure.

For the Govt
5 April 1870.

W. H.

Home 1870. Dept.

From Government of

Fort St. George.

Dated April 5.

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Dated 5. 1870.