1. Number of repairs 8
2. Date of repair 1-3-37
3. Initials of Assistant
M.R.O. 1—39,000—15-11-35.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 980 Press Mis.

Dated 5-8-1937

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No. 34. Read the following letter from Mr. B. T. NORFOR, Consular Agent at Pondicherry, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Ootacamund, dated Pondicherry, 1st July 1870:—

I have the honour to request you will be so good as to lay this humble application and remonstrance before His Lordship the Governor in Council.

2. I have just learnt with much pain, and the information both explains and confirms rumours which have lately reached me from various quarters, that I am supposed to have neglected some duties which I voluntarily undertook at the request of the Collector of South Arcot, the duty, namely, of certifying the actual arrival at Pondicherry town of goods entitled to drawback.

3. I enclose the whole correspondence which led to my undertaking this duty, and I leave it to Government fairly to consider what it was that I undertook to do. The carts conveying the goods were ordered to come to my office, and what I understood that I was to do, and what I actually did, was simply to see that the bales or cases corresponded with the description and peculiar marks and numbers assigned. The Sayer Ameen having previously passed and examined the goods as correct, I conceived, and still conceive, that, after ascertaining what I have stated, I had nothing to do but countersign his pass, the said goods having previously been examined and passed by the Collector's Custom-house Officers at the Frontier Custom-house of Mortondy Choultry, distance from the town of Pondichery six miles only.

4. I have been told that information has been laid before Government leading them to believe that I have passed empty cases and sham bales without such scrutiny as I undertook to perform, but the Collector's reports have not been communicated to me, and beyond the above vague rumour, with which I have only just been made acquainted, I have no notion what they contain.

5. If the rumour which has reached me should be true even in part, I humbly request that the Government will do me the justice to let me know of what I am accused, and give me an opportunity of defending myself; and that until I have had that opportunity, they will refuse to allow any calumnious and cruel insinuations, to prejudice the fair contour of the plain and I think reasonable consideration I now crave at their hands.

No. 35. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1870, No. 980.

Mr. Norfor is entirely mistaken in supposing that any accusations have been made regarding him, to which he has had no opportunity of replying. The matter regarding which Mr. Norfor appears to refer in the letter above recorded was finally disposed of in the G.O., Revenue Department, dated 17th September 1869, No. 2595, addressed to the Board of Revenue, of which Mr. Norfor has doubtless received a copy.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt.

To Mr. B. T. Norfor, Consular Agent at Pondicherry.

Exd. J. Wright.

Pondicherry, 1st July 1870.

To

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Public Department
Ootacamund.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will be so good as to lay this humble application and remonstrance before His Lordship the Governor in Council.

2. I have just learnt with much pain, and the information is both explicit and confirmatory, that a certain Tahsildar of Tindivanam has received a petition from the Ryots of Vellacherry, complaining that the Collector of South Arcot has ordered the Tahsildar to send the Ryots of Vellacherry to attend the Court at Pondicherry in order to give evidence in a case instituted by Mr Crawbach.

3. I enclose the article in the Courrier de Pondicherry, which has many remarks touching this matter, and I beg to call the attention of Government to the article. The Courrier remarks that the Ryots were ordered to come to my office, and that I have declined to do so. I am sorry to say that I actually did not think it necessary to see

Yours

Public.

To

H. E. F. Nolan,
Collector, South Arcot.

Dated August 1870.
Recd.

G. O. No. 1480, Dated 4th August 1870.

Public.
Nos. 1480.

Translation of the article in the Courrier de Pondicherry, referred to in the above letter.

Mark the Boats or Cases corresponded with the discription and peculiar marks and Numbers assigned. The Sayer Ameen having previously passed and examined the Goods as correct - Seal-ed and still correct & Mark after ascertaining what Mark started, I had nothing to do but Countersign his pass. The said goods having previously been examined and passed by the Collector's Custom House Officers at the Frontier Custom House of Mottandy Chaukhoji distance from the Town of Pondicherry six Miles only - I have been told the Government depending the said Pondicherry and Cuddalore Proceeds empty Cases, and return Boats, in that Case Scrutiny as I understood to perform but the Collectors Peperates from not been communicated to me, and beyond the above reasons I am with much Esteem

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

W Westwood

and I think reasonable consideration I now crave at their hands.

I remain Sir to be

Your most obedient Servant

W Westwood

If the Business which I have touched upon, should be done in part, I humbly request that the Government will do me the favour, to let me know of such Claim, as I owned and joined the Poor Family of dependents myself, and that until I have had the opportunity, they will not Jesse to Collect any Calumniated and Cruel Insinuations, to prejudice the favourable Intentions of the Person and

Ordd. Office Amarawati. 5. August/70. No. 986

Mr. Nasser is entirely mistaken
in supposing that any accusations
have been made regarding him - to which
he has had no opportunity of replying - The matter
regarding which Mr. Nasser appears to think

Rec'd. 17th September 1869. No. 2647
Guntur 1869 Vol. 2. 7-8
23rd Nov. " 253-267.

1870.
Collector's Office
Guntur Agency
Rajahmundry

From B. J. Nasser Esqr.
Asst. Collr. Guntur

Dated 1st July.
Rec'd 5th July.

No. 1086.

Collector's Office Guntur Agency
Rajahmundry 1st July 1870.

Sir,

With reference to certain remarks
in which I considered that I was personally
aspersed in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
of 17th June 1869 No. 1295 addressed to the
Collector of Guntur, I have the honor to request
that you will be pleased to move the Board of Revenue
to cause me to be furnished with a copy of
any charges which may have been made against me
in connection with the Cotton Frauds.

I have &c.

B. J. Nasser
Asst. Collr.

upon in the letter above recorded was finally
disposed of in the G.O. Revenue Dept. of
17th Sept. 1869. No. 2695 addressed to the
Board of Revenue - of which Mr. Nasser
has doubtless received a copy - Pte.

Mr. B. J. Nasser.
Asst. Collr. Rajahmundry

Govt. of 1870 Madras.

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To

W. B. L. Norfer

Consular Agent

Pondicherry

Dated Augt. 5.

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 5 Augt. 1870, No 980.

Nos. 34. 35.

Certifying that he is not aware of anything that has occurred which by the Rules gives opportunity of preferring complaints have been made against him regarding the duty of Certifying to the actual arrival in Pondicherry of goods entitled to drawback, ~~to which he has not had an opportunity of certifying~~.