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Government of Madras.

Public **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. <u>885-885 A</u>	Press ~~Mis.~~
Dated <u>10-7-</u>	<u>1875.</u>

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*Consular Agent at
Pondicherry and Karikal -
Inner Office of General*

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
10th July 1875.*

Emigration.

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No. 37. ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1875, No. 885.

Copy of this letter will be transmitted to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, with reference to endorsement, No. 1307, Political, dated 16th June 1874, transcript of which was furnished to the Protector of Emigrants, and the British Consular Agents at Pondicherry and Karikal, with G.O., dated 2nd July following, No. 736.

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(True Extract.)

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the British Consular Agent, Pondicherry

Mxd. J. Wright.

Emigration.

PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

No. 885-A.

FROM

THE HON. D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George,

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

SIR,

Adverting to the correspondence noted in the margin, relative to the proposal to invest the British Consular Agents at Pondicherry and Karikal with general Consular powers, I am directed by the Governor in Council to submit the annexed copy of a letter from the present Consular Agent at Pondicherry bearing upon this subject, and to state, with reference to paragraph 5 of the Government of India's Despatch of the 16th June 1874, No. 112, that the full name and designation of this officer are "Major Stephen William Barrow Sherman, of the Madras Staff Corps."

I have the honor to be,

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OOTACAMUND,
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10th July, 1875

Forwarded

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G. G. 10th July 1875, No. 885

JULY.

NO. 36-37-A

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1875.

REVENUE, AGRICULTURE, AND
COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

From

*The Offg. Chief Secretary to Govt.,
Fort St. George,*

To

*The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Revenue, Agriculture, and
Commerce Department.*

Dated 10th July 1875.

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W. in M.A.

Ed. J. Wright.

GALLOIS MONTEBRUN & FILS

PONDICHERY

COCANADA

Pondichery 18 June 1875

To Major S. W. B. Sherman,
British Consular Agent,
Pondichery

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, answering one of the day before.

We are very sorry that your powers of Counsel are limited to within the limits of your posts thus depriving us of the benefit of your valuable assistance in the matter alluded to.

We are very thankful for your kind remarks & your good dispositions towards our community, which must be thankful to you. We would beg to suggest to bring to the notice of your Government the advisability of conferring upon you the full powers of a Consul for matters concerning the trade & legal suits on the British Territory. We always found Mr. Garstin very kind & ready to give his assistance to every body at every time. But he being resident in Cuddalore & frequently away on circuits, applications in these matters must have been troublesome for him. Moreover the number of British vessels coming in our port to load is increasing & we dare say that

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Oct. of 1875

PUBLIC.

THE BRITISH CONSULAR AGENT,
Pondichery.

Dated July, 10th.

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Thanking you again,

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Yours faithfully,
James Montagu W.

The British Consulate
Pondicherry 30th June 1875

N^o 118

Public Department.

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British Consular Agent:

From
The British Consular
Agent,
Pondicherry

1873 DEPARTMENT.
(Emigration)

No. 118

Dated 30 June 1873
Recd. 5 July

No. 106
S. G.
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Requesting that
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Noted and 10 July 1875 No 8854
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to the British Agent Pondicherry 23/7

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Public Dept

No 885A

The Secretary to the Govt of India
At present of Sec. Agric. & Commerce.

Sir,

Advancing to the Govt.

Letter from this Dept. N^o 299
of 16 March 1874.

Endorsement of Foreign Dept.
(Political) of Fort William
16 June 1874; N^o 1307P.

reference is made in
the margin, relative to the
proposals to invest the
British Consular Agents
at Pondicherry & Karikal
with General Consular
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by the Govt. in Council
to submit the annexed

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Copy of a letter from
the present Comdant
At Fort at Pondicherry,
bearing upon this subject
And to state, in
ref. to para 5 of the
Order of India ~~Dispatch~~
of 1st June 1875,
that the name
and designation of the
Officer are "Major
Stephen William B. M.
Sherman, of the Madras
Staff Corps."

Obtained
10 July 1875

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