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<i>Public</i> <i>Educational</i> DEPARTMENT.
G.O., DATED <i>24.1.89</i>
No. <i>41.</i>

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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Petition from the inhabi-
tants of Negapatam
reg certain inconveniences
felt by passengers landing
there.*

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ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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Pub.

Complaint re the
landing of passengers
at Negapatam.

(From orders)

Public

Currency 2343, 2774 + 2924

Order. 24.1.89: no: 71.

The Government
see no reason to interfere.

It is understood
that there is nothing
to prevent a number of
passengers, ^{joining together to} hiring boats
for themselves at the
scheduled rates, if they
wish to do so.

(From orders)

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Alex. M. Jante, Nagapatam
S. Ahmed Jambay Markayar
and others thro' the Colli.
of Tanjore.
CCO

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Forwards.

Capt. Sturt's estate in 1874
was as complete as
has made by passengers in
to some extent reduced by 1874.
As he has known
passing to go into this
question of boat hire during
his inspection & to supply
definite proposals on the
subject, that it may
be desired of varying -

The President's Office
has intimated that
the present question of
revising the rates for
boat hire ~~is under consideration~~
the consideration of Govt
shally; his proposals
will be awaited.

Wm C.C.O.
185. Jante.

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Public Department.

From

S. Ahmed Jambay
mercay
and others.
Inhabitants of
Nagapatam Taluk
Tanjore.

No.

Dated 22/8

Received 27/8

Enclosures

SUBJECT

Ref. certain inconvenience
which passengers
landing at Nagapatam
are put -

50. 152. 1852
10. 1852

note

submitted that this petition
is not very intelligibly written.
Petitioners' complaint seems
to be that the steamer
Agents at Negapatam
Compel the Emigrants
landing at the said Port
to pay a boat hire from
Rs 5 to one Rupee
per head, that ~~the~~ ^{the passengers} are
thus put to great
inconvenience and
that their goods are
stolen away; that at
Negapatam, they cannot
make their own
arrangements ^{as in other ports} with
boatmen and that
the Port Officer pays
no attention to the
matter complained of.
Petitioners pray that
orders may issue
directing that passengers
be allowed to make
their own arrangements
with boatmen -

For petitioners

CHIEF SECRETARY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
FORT ST. GEORGE

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For orders.

The matter does not seem to call for interference on the part of Govt.
The schedule of charges laid down in G.O. 1048/80 452
lays down as certain rates for the hire of a whole boat. Apparently the steamer company hire boats at these rates other than retail rates in the boats at rates which are individually considerably below the schedule, though collectively they would exceed it. Submitted that there is no objection to this, since there is nothing to prevent a number of passengers hiring a boat for themselves at the schedule rate if they wish.

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Put up the boat rules. There is nothing to show what the rates in G.O. 1048/80 were.

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MARINE (1888) DEPARTMENT

From
THE PORT OFFICER,
Madras,
To
THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
Fort St. George.

No. 4/13

Dated 10th }
Received 13 } August 1888.

No.

CHIEF SECRETARY
MARINE DEPARTMENT
FORT ST. GEORGE

Subject.

Furnishing explanation in connection with the complaint made by one M. L. Fisher of Nagapattanam respecting the charges made by the Agents of the B. I. Co. there for landing passengers.

See (some rule)

work under their own control, I think it had
better be left in the hands of the Steamer
agents who have the necessary staff for
carrying out the work properly, though,
it may be, without very much respect
for the pocket of their customers.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

J. A. Thwait

Captain Hall's P.M.

Presidency Port Officer.

it paid them to do so, and as long as passengers are content to pay the amount charged by the Agents for landing them. I do not think that there is any necessity to interfere in the matter. Mr. Wickes states, in his letter to me, that the majority of passengers taking advantage of the landing arrangements in question are intelligent, sharp men of business, and that it is highly probable, that if they considered they were being overcharged, they would probably make other arrangements for being conveyed to the shore; he further remarks that so far as he has been able to ascertain, the Agents do not realise annas (8) eight from each passenger for his baggage, besides the sum of annas (4) four charged for the passenger himself.

5. It is very necessary, that passengers should be able to leave the ship, as soon as possible after her arrival at the port of disembarkation, and, to carry out the work expeditiously, it is necessary that it should be done in an orderly, and systematic manner, and unless Government are disposed to take the work

baggage from the steamer to the shore.

2. The local Port Officer Mr. Wickes further reports, that it is not in the least compulsory for passengers to use the company's boats, and that, if they prefer it, it is quite possible for them to hire a boat themselves, though doing so would certainly entail some little delay.

3. Mr. Wickes does not think that an individual passenger could land himself for a less sum than that charged by the Steam Agents for each person, viz annas (4) four plus the charge for baggage, and he points out that the arrangements in question have been found to work admirably, a many thousands of passengers are thus landed every year safely, expeditiously, and without any of the confusion, squabbling and fighting for places, alongside the steamer which ensues in ports among the boatmen, where no arrangement of the kind in force at Negapatam, exists.

4. Of course, it is not to be expected that the Steamer Agents would undertake the work of landing passengers and it

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Madras Port Office,
10th August 1888.

From

The Presidency Port Officer,
Madras.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Marine Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir, In compliance with the instructions contained in Marine Department Memorandum dated 21st July 1888, the complaint made by Alexander M. Foster of Negapatam, respecting the charge made by the Agents of the P. I. S. N. Co. for landing passengers at Negapatam from Steamers of that Company has been enquired into; and I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of Government, that, the Port Officer at Negapatam, reports, that no complaint has been made to him by passengers taking advantage of the arrangements made by the Agents of the P. I. S. N. Co. for landing passengers at that port, respecting the amount charged by the Steamer Agents for taking passengers and their baggage

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OUTGOING No. 2

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Public

DEPARTMENT.

at 423 of 1888

From

Negapatam

No.

Dated 9
Received 9 July 1888.
Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Regarding the excessive
boat hire collected from Native
Passengers &c.

9th July 1888

Referred to the Port Officer
Madras for enquiry &
report

(By order)

W. H. S. S.
Assistant Secretary

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
A. M. M. M.

Negapatam 7th July 88.

The
Chief Secretary,
Government of Madras
Cotacamund.

Sir

On behalf of Emigrants and
Native Passengers returning from the
Straits and Burmah, I respectfully
beg to submit the following for your
information, in the hope that it will
receive a due consideration from
Government.

According to the rules framed by
Government for the working of this Port,
it is enacted, that no Boat Owner or
Tindal under penalty of fine, and for-
feiture of license, is authorized to charge
and receive more than Rs 3 for boat,
per trip, to the shipping, while such is
the Legislature in the matter, Steamer
Agents

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Chief Secretary
Government of Madras
Fort St. George

the Legislature in the winter, for
trip, to the Spring water and
and receive more than \$3000 per
of license, is charged to the
which is a source of fine, and for-
it is enacted, that no person
government for the taxation
According to the rules framed by

have intervened, ² and are collecting a most
exorbitant fee from those landing here.
Their action is questionable whether they
are legally justified, in demanding and
collecting such an excessive boat hire, from
the Public than authorized by Government.

The boats in Nagpattam, which the Steamer Agents hire for Rs 3 per trip bring down 50 passengers each, besides luggage, and the passengers are charged 4 Annas per head, and from 8 Annas to 1 Rupee for their baggage, taking an average of 8 Annas for the latter, the amount realized on each boat amounts to Rs 12-8-0 for passengers, and Rs 25 for luggage, making in all a total of Rs 37-8-0 per boat. The luggage of native passengers, generally consists of a small box, very seldom, it exceeds that. After deducting the actual boat hire, the net profit in the hands of the Steamer Agents is Rs 34-8-0. the boat.

It is urged on the part of Steamer Agent

...as they Charter the boats from the
Owners, they have a right to put on what
charges they deem fit. On the other hand,
I beg to submit, that no Charter Party
could exist between Steamer Agents and
Boat Owners, as the latter are tied down by
Government rules, and are not allowed
that free action as Ship Owners, to demand
and what freight they think proper for
their Ships. On the contrary Boat Owners
hold a license to ply between Shore and
Shipping, under a legalized fee, and have
no business whatever, to Charter their
boats to any particular parties, to the
detriment of the Public good, provided
that such a Charter party exists, but I
believe such is not the case.

The Owners of boats, who have
laid out their Capital in Constructing
barges are tied down from enjoying more
than Rs 3, the boat, the Government, who
maintain an heavy Establishment here,
are not deriving any income from this

