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DATED 16<sup>th</sup> March 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

CONSULAR AGENT AT PONDICHERY AND KARIKAL.

Recommending that early steps may be taken by the Government of India in view to the ---- being recognised by the Foreign Office.

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Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate : Pondicherry.

11<sup>th</sup> March 1895

No. 44

From

Lieutenant General H. Mc LEOD, R.A.

H. B. M's Consular Agent, Pondicherry & Karikal.

To

The Honorable J. F. Price  
C. S. I.  
Chief Secretary to Govt  
Madras

Sir,

With reference to my D.O. dated 5<sup>th</sup> instant I have the honor to quote two instances in which Consular services have just been demanded.

1. The master of the British Barque "Cureem Bux" lying in the Pondicherry Roads reported to me that the engagements of his lascars were over and he consequently wanted to get them discharged and take on a fresh crew. As however, I could not

do, under present orders, anything;  
the old crew refuse to work  
and the master can neither  
discharge them nor engage  
others in this port, and without  
the aid of a crew, it is obvious,  
he cannot go elsewhere.

ii The B. I. S. & V. Company's  
steam ship "Wardha" loading  
here for Mauritius has sent  
her papers and bill of health  
for Visa. I have declined to  
affix my signature and seal  
and the probable result will  
be that the "Wardha" will be  
put in quarantine on arrival  
at Mauritius.

2. I would earnestly represent  
the urgent need of some measures  
being at once taken to render  
it possible for British ships  
to

to receive the aid of Consular services  
at this port.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

Wm. H. H. H.  
H. B. H.'s Consular Agent  
Hon. Dickson &  
Kari Kal

Department.

From Lieutenant General H. Mc LEOD, R.A.  
Her Britannic Majesty's Consular Agent,  
Pondicherry & Karikal.

To  
The Chief Secretary  
to Government  
Fort St George

No. 44  
Dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 1895  
Received 12<sup>th</sup> March 1895

Enclosure nil

Subject.

Mentioning two instances  
in which Consular  
services have been  
demanded and  
representing the  
urgent need of  
some measures being  
taken to render it  
possible for British ships  
to receive the aid  
of Consular services  
at Pondicherry.

Report to go to India where Genl.  
His formal report comes  
in. Write to Genl. In that  
the order referred to  
in G.O. dated 21 September  
pending a reference which  
will be made to the  
Govt.

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Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate : Pondicherry.

12<sup>th</sup> March 1895

No. 45

From

Lieutenant General H. Mc LEOD, R.A.  
H. B. M's Consular Agent, Pondicherry & Karikal.

To

The Honorable J. J. Price,  
C.S.I.  
Chief Secretary to Govt.  
Fort St George.

Sir,

In Compliance with  
instructions received in  
your telegram No 125 of the  
11<sup>th</sup> Instant I have the honor  
to report with reference  
to list of Consular duties  
performed, already submitted.  
2. I think if the duties of  
the Consular Agent be  
restricted to Emigration  
only that great inconvenience  
will be caused to British trade  
in

in Pondicherry. Although  
the Consular Agent was  
primarily posted here  
for those duties only, yet  
since then, a large trade  
in groundnuts has arisen  
in Pondicherry, nearly the  
whole of these groundnuts  
are exported hence in  
British steamers to Marseilles,  
about 30, arrive here yearly  
for that purpose and lie at  
anchor in the roads generally  
15 days each; All these steamers  
require Consular services  
performed, and if I and my  
predecessors had not done  
it, grave inconvenience would  
have been caused — say for  
instance

instance as has occurred twice  
in my time; Seamen being  
sent ashore to the French  
Hospital, being unfit to continue  
their service on board the  
steamer leaving without them  
and the men dying here —  
Subsequently; had I not rendered  
the service of guaranteeing  
the cost of their treatment  
in Hospital, of receiving and  
disbursing the money needed  
from the master, of settling  
the seamen's accounts and  
their discharge before the  
steamer left, and of finally  
burying them and despatching  
the balance of their accounts  
to the Board of Trade, there

there is no question, that the local authorities without my guarantee, would not have taken the men into Hospital. Under the orders now conveyed I must of course decline to do anything for the shipping and as the groundnut season is imminent, steamers being expected daily, I would recommend that either I may be recognized by the Foreign office as a Consular Agent or that I be replaced by a regular man. There will be endless complaints if British ships are not served here as they have hitherto been by myself and my predecessors. In this Connection I think it right to report that all Consular services have been invariably

invariably rendered without fee or the use of fee bearing stamps or remuneration of any kind.

3. Again on the question of affidavits, legalizing signatures and performing other notarial acts. — These are of daily occurrence here, Summons Citations from the High Court Small Cause Court, Madras & local Courts are all sent to me for service through the French legal authorities. If I decline to carry these out the Course of justice will be paralysed as there is here no one else.

4. Again the signatures of Certificates of origin of British

British Indian goods on transit through Pondicherry to Calcutta and Rangoon have been directed to be verified by me. If I do not do this I have 8 or 10 every week. Submitted - this trade will cease as the Customs refuse documents with French signatures only.

5. The payment of British Civil + military Pensioners is undertaken by me gratis, the cessation of this will cause great distress to over 30 poor pensioners who reside here.

6. There are about 150 English speaking British subjects resident in Pondicherry. I have always acted as intermediary and protector of these against the vagaries of French Laws and injustice that might occur

to them from their ignorance on the one hand and from the tyranny of subordinate functionaries on the other.

7. There is a Protestant Church (St John) in Pondicherry and over 100 British Protestants, I have been placed in charge of this Church by the Lord Bishop and conduct services in the absence of the Chaplain. I also take charge of the Protestant Cemetery and bury Protestants in the absence of the Chaplain. I have buried 9 individuals since I came here.

8. I have also kept an eye upon local actions and have reported such Circumstances

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By Circumstances as manufacture  
to C and sale of salt in the Colony,  
bes the unauthorized presence of  
by a British recruiting parties  
I h here; movements of suspected  
Sus persons, supposed Russian spies.  
Ce. 9. There are 3 British  
doc Institutions in the Colony, the  
on Postal Department, the Telegraph  
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pe also in Cases of friction.  
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th Come here on visits - such  
as the Maharajah of Mysore,  
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a Coasting brig flying the  
British flag, the master of  
which is sick and the owner  
wishes to change him. Under  
present order I cannot carry  
this out, and the brig cannot  
leave the port without a  
master. This is a specimen  
of the "impasse" that is certain  
to occur if Consular Service  
are not to be rendered. I  
have reported two instances  
of a similar nature in my  
letter

B letter no. 44 dated 11<sup>th</sup> March  
1895 which, perhaps, are  
unnecessary to repeat here.  
12. I may finally say that  
an Emigration Agent simply  
is of little use now as he has  
only to deal with returned  
Emigrants who are naturally  
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on the other hand if there  
not be some one to discharge  
the functions that I and  
my predecessors have done  
British existence and trade  
in the Colony will become  
impossible, it will be a  
peculiarly painful position  
for me to have to refuse  
the services I have hitherto  
rendered and if it be absolutely  
necessary I do so I would  
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Suggest that I be relieved  
as early as possible. I may  
further say that an official  
from the Consular Service  
will not have the status  
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I have the honor to be  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant

Wm Lord Muntz  
H.B.'s Consular Agent  
Pondicherry & Karikal

Department.

Public Department

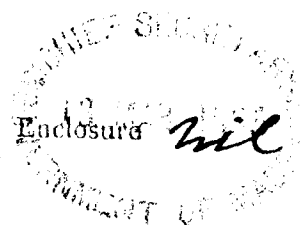
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To

*The Chief Secretary  
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Fort St George*

No. 45

Dated *12<sup>th</sup> March* 1895  
Received *13<sup>th</sup>*



Subject.

*Reporting on the  
Consular duties  
performed and  
representing the  
"impasse" that is  
certain to occur  
if Consular services  
are not to be  
rendered.*

*The following telegram  
will be despatched to General  
the Lord, British Consular  
Agent, Pondicherry:*

*No 130. Pending a reference  
to the Government of India  
hold in abeyance G.O. No.  
146 of 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo.*

# NOTES.

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D.O.

Pondicherry  
5<sup>th</sup> March 1875.

My dear Sir,

As directed in your D.O.  
of 28<sup>th</sup> ultimo I submit a complete  
list of duties I have performed  
as Consular Agent here.

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the Consular Agent be  
restricted to Emigration  
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Yours faithfully

J. H. Linn Lafuerre

A Complete list of duties  
which are done by the  
Consular Agent.

1. The functions of the Protector  
of Emigrants with regard  
to Returned Emigrants.
2. Administration of  
deceased Emigrants'  
Estates.
3. Witnessing signatures
4. Legalizing French  
documents
5. Issue of Passports  
to British Subjects emba-  
-ring from this Port
6. Getting "Permis de  
chasse" of the French  
inhabitants duly counter-  
signed by the Lt. Magistrate  
of South Arcot
7. Drawing the attention  
of the French Police

to the Madras Police  
Gazette.

8. Verification of  
ammunition licenses  
granted by the Commissioner  
of Police Madras in  
favor of the Citizens  
of Pondicherry on their  
delivery at this station.

9. Procefs. Service  
through the French  
legal authorities.

10. Doing the duties of  
an officer in charge  
of Prisoners. Payment  
of military & Civil Pensions.

11. British Police when  
coming here on execution  
of Warrants, require  
my assistance such as  
giving them advance for  
expenses &c; and I render  
them the necessary help.

12. Military Reports &  
who come here on leave  
report themselves to me  
on arrival & departure,  
and I make the necessary  
endorsements on their  
passports besides assisting  
them pecuniarily when  
required and recouping  
the same from the  
Commanding officers.

13. Miscellaneous Corres-  
pondence

14. Watching the move-  
ments of suspected  
persons &c

15. Consular Service

Under this head

- i. Receiving the ship's Articles  
as soon as they arrive
- ii. Attending to any Complaints  
from the Master & Seamen.
- iii. Master's signing protest
- iv. Entertainment and  
discharge of Seamen.

It is ~~entirely~~ <sup>entirely</sup> for medical  
aid, if required  
and settling the account  
of ~~charges~~ of discharged  
seamen

Despatching them  
to Madras or Bombay,  
or finding them any  
employment with  
a view to send them  
home.

1891 In fact attending  
to all the requisitions  
in the Board of Trade's  
Instructions to Consuls.

1881  
 H. B. Harris  
 Consul General  
 Port of Spain  
 Trinidad

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Circulated with  
reference to the notes  
in G.O. of 28.2.95, No.  
146. The Revenue  
dept. has been request-  
ed to furnish particu-  
lars in regard to the  
Customs & Abkari  
duties carried out  
at Karikal.

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Very likely - but I cannot  
see the use of taking  
up my time by the cir-  
culation of a paper, on  
which the info is not com-  
plete, without any suggestion  
whatever of what should be  
done - ~~It is not necessary to~~  
~~take any further action~~

I don't see any use in  
addressing the S. of S. by wire -  
The case could not be properly  
explained by telegraph -

The proper course would be  
to tell Genl Meade to  
report officially - when he  
does so we may order the  
S.O. of the 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 1895, No 146  
to be held in abeyance  
until the S. of S. for  
answer.

MS  
9/3/95

It is respectfully  
submitted that Genl  
Meade states that con-  
siderable inconve-  
nience will be caused  
to the shipping if he  
abstains (as he now  
must) from those duties  
connected with it that  
he has hitherto per-  
formed. He intimates  
that the ground rub  
season is imminent  
and that steamers  
are daily expected.  
He asks that either  
he may be recognised  
by the Foreign Office  
or a regular Consul  
be appointed. ~~But~~ In  
either case the cir-  
cumstances seem  
to call for telegraphic  
comm. with the Secy  
of State and hence.  
The file was marked

Public Department

The following telegram  
will be despatched to General  
H. M. Choud. Pondicherry.

No. 125. Your semi-official  
5<sup>th</sup> Consular duties. Please  
report officially for orders.

*[Signature]*

Private & Confidential  
G. 251

16. 10. 1895 27th March 1895

To

The Secretary to the  
Govt. of India,  
Foreign Dept.

Desks 18/3/95  
min. con. list

Sir,

The papers received  
with your endorsement  
No. 463.I. of the 6<sup>th</sup>  
February were duly  
communicated to the  
British Consular Agent,  
Pondicherry and Karikal  
for guidance <sup>with reference</sup> ~~respectfully~~,  
Genl. McLeod has forwarded  
a list of the Consular duties  
performed by him and  
has reported the following  
<sup>cases</sup> instances in which

18/3/95 (Pondicherry)

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\*copy attached.

inconvenience <sup>already</sup> has resulted  
from his refusal to  
perform duties in connection  
with shipping:-

(a) The master of the  
British barque Careem  
Bux lying <sup>in</sup> the  
Pondicherry roads reported  
that the engagements  
of his lascars had expired  
and he therefore wished  
to discharge them and  
take on fresh men.

As the Consular Agent  
was unable, under the  
present orders, to assist  
in the matter the result  
was that the old crew  
refused to work and  
the master neither  
could discharge them  
nor engage others at

the port

(b) The B. I. S. M. Co.  
S. S. Wardha, <sup>bound</sup> ~~bound~~ at  
Pondicherry ~~from~~ Mauritius,  
sent her papers and bill  
of health to the Consular  
Agent for <sup>visa</sup> ~~entry~~.  
He was, however, compelled  
to decline to affix his  
signature and seal and  
the probable result will  
be that the vessel will  
be quarantined at

(c) A coasting brig, flying ~~in~~  
the British flag, arrived with  
the master on the sick list.  
The owner desired to change  
him but the Consular Agent  
was precluded from taking  
the necessary action and  
the brig could not leave the  
port without ~~the~~ master.

Mauritius.

2. In view of the strong  
representation made by  
the Consular Agent of the  
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being at once taken to  
render it possible for  
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the recent orders in  
obeyance pending <sup>a</sup>reference  
~~from~~ <sup>to</sup> the Government  
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3. Genl McCleod has  
brought to notice that  
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services, the withdrawal  
of which could not but  
result in very <sup>grave</sup> great  
inconvenience.

4. It is not necessary  
to enumerate here instances  
of <sup>such</sup> ~~these~~ services <sup>rendered in the past</sup> which  
Genl McCleod has furnished  
and the inconvenience now  
complained of is sufficiently  
demonstrated by the three  
cases <sup>instanced</sup> ~~quoted~~ <sup>above</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>the</sup>  
Emigration <sup>duties</sup> ~~duties~~ performed  
by the Consular Agent.

Which have occurred within  
a few days.

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a Emigrants, of whom there  
are very few.

5. In these circumstances,  
I am to convey the strong  
recommendation of this  
Government that early  
steps may be taken in  
view to the Consular Agents  
at Pondicherry and Karikal  
being recognised by the  
Foreign Office, failing  
<sup>this</sup> which, the only alternative  
appears to be the appt.  
of an officer of the  
regular Consular Service.

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List of Consular Services.

- i Receiving the ships' articles  
as soon as they arrive
- ii Attending to any complaints  
from the Master and  
Seamen.
- iii Masters signing protest
- iv Entertainment and  
discharge of seamen.
- v Arranging for medical  
help if required.
- vi Settling the account  
of wages of discharged  
seamen.
- vii Despatching them to  
Madras or Bombay,  
or finding them any  
employment with a  
view to send them home.

VIII. ~~Is~~ <sup>Is</sup> attending to  
all the requisitions in the  
Board of Trade's Instructions  
to Consuls.

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signed \_\_\_\_\_

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| 9/12/39                                        | MRB               | 13139  | 39    | W. A. B.                                           | 23/1/40        |
| 21/10/47                                       | MRB               | 4151   | 47    | W. A. B.                                           | 10/2/48        |
| 29 7                                           | MRB               | 1066   | 10    | W. A. B.                                           | 10/2/48        |
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