

# Public (1896) Department.

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Dated 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. 1896

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[Despatch Abstract.]

CONSULAR AGENT, PONDICHERRY AND KARIKAL.

Intimating to ~~the~~ General McLeod that Government desires to await the reply of the Government of India to its letter No. 885, dated 24th October 1895, before making any representations on his application for changing the title of his office from "Consular Agent" to that of "Consul".

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Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate, Pondicherry,

7<sup>th</sup> March 1896.

No. ?

From

~~Lieut.~~ GENERAL H. McLEOD, R.A.,

H. B. M.'s CONSULAR AGENT,

PONDICHERRY AND KARICAL,

To

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

SIR,

I have the honor to request  
that you will lay before  
His Excellency the Governor  
this, my application that the  
title of the office I hold here  
may be recommended to  
Secretary of State for  
Foreign affairs to be changed  
from "Consular Agent"  
"Consul" for the following  
reasons

Reasons.

1. A Consular Agent appears by the "Instructions for Consular officers" to be an officer who acts for or represents some superior Consul. As there is no superior Consul to myself in the French Establishments in India it seems logical that I should be entitled "Consul".
2. A Consular Agent is by regulations forbidden to correspond direct with the Foreign office. I however have been ordered to do so in my letter of appointment so

So have already the power of a Consul without the title.

3. A Consular Agent is the lowest official in the Consular hierarchy and as a General Officer it would be more consistent with my rank that I should be granted something better than the lowest grade which assimilate to a Captain in the army only.

4. As I am in Consular Charge of 2 seaports Pondicherry and Karikal are 100 miles distant from each other I would, if appointed be able to give the Consul at Karikal the power

of a Proconsul and thereby  
avoid much inconvenience  
which now exists in historical acts  
at Karikal (having to be sent  
to me for execution).

I do not ask that any  
increase of pay be given  
to the office, but simply an  
increase of status which,  
as this is the Head Quarters  
of the French in India and  
the seat of Government &  
the place of residence  
of the French Governor, the  
grant of a higher title would  
give me more consideration  
in the eyes of the people  
to

to whom I am accredited,  
and would not entail  
any extra expense.

I have the honor to be  
Sir,  
Your most obdt. Servant

Th. L. J. J. J. J.  
H. B. J. J. J. J. J.  
Pondy & Karikal

DEPARTMENT.

From

~~Lt Col~~ GENERAL H. McLEOD, R.A.,

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S

CONSULAR AGENT,

PONDICHERRY AND KARAIKAL,

To

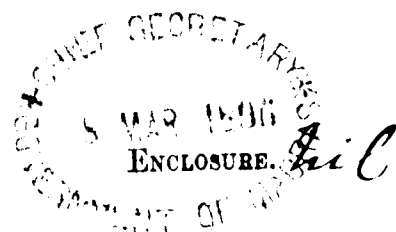
The Chief Secretary to the  
Government  
Fort St George

No. 36

Dated

7<sup>th</sup> March 1896.

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Subject.

Applying for the  
Change of the title  
of his office from

"Consular Agent" to  
"Consul" for

reasons stated

WITH ORDER

It is submitted that  
reply from India to  
letter No. 885 Pubd  
24.10.95 may be awaited  
before any further rep-  
resentations are made.

h.p. No. 393 d/19 March 96  
The Govt desires to  
wait a reply from  
the Govt of India to  
the letter No. 885 d/24/10/95  
which was written on  
the Consular Agent's  
letter No. 150 d/20.9.95, before  
making any further  
representations on  
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