

Revenue Department

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Minutes of Consultations

19<sup>th</sup> May 1857

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Order no. 463 dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 1857

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*Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 19th May 1857.*

No. 38. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Marine Department, dated 2d May 1857, No. 171.

Read the following letter from the Marine Board.

(Here enter 6th April 1857, No. 1405.)

Para. 3. The proposition submitted in the Acting Collector's and his Assistant Mr. Davidson's letters for the improvement of the Sea Custom House Establishments in Ganjam, will be referred to the Revenue Department for consideration.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

Extract from a letter from the Acting Collector of Ganjam, dated 10th January 1857, No. 6.

In reply to your letter of the 3d Ultimo, I have the honor to report that I have called on all the principal European Firms in the District for their opinion on the working of the present boat rules. The general impression is that the rules themselves are satisfactory, but that they cannot be fully carried out as the Goomastahs of Sea Customs have not sufficient weight with the boatmen, this I have already pointed out to the Board

\*Dated 22d July 1856, No. 148, in my letter\* proposing a better establishment for the Sea Customs, and you will see it also noticed in Colonel F. Cotton's able report on this District. Messrs. Linares, Vally and Co.,

complain of thefts committed by the boatmen, and I know this to be a constant source of annoyance and loss to Merchants, but I am almost powerless to check it. The Goomastah has not, as the Honorable Court apparently suppose he has, undefined control. I fully agree he could not be trusted with the power of punishing thefts or breach of the boat rules, this is done by the Assistant Collector. The numerous other duties of myself and Assistants prevent our visits to the outports being very frequent, and Merchants will rather put up with the loss, than lose one or two days in having their complaints investigated. I submit herewith copy of a letter from my Assistant,

Mr. Davidson, who has given much attention to the subject, and  
Dated 15th December 1856. I agree with him that the rules do not act injuriously to the boatmen.

Extract from a letter from the Acting Principal Assistant Collector of Ganjam, dated 15th December 1856.

The pay of the Sea Customs Peons ought to be increased, as Rupees 2 is insufficient for their actual requirements, and they consequently connive at the irregularities of the boatmen, with whom they are frequently in league and are therefore afraid to bring their misconduct to the immediate notice of their superiors; Rupees 3-8-0 ought in my opinion to be the amount of their salary. The Sea Custom Goomastah's pay is also on too low a scale, Rupees 10 to Rupees 12 being the average, and temptations are great and opportunities frequent.

(True Extracts.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

No. 39. ORDER THEREON, No. 463; dated 16th May 1857.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report in communication with the Collector of Ganjam. The Board will submit after full consideration a Statement in the prescribed form of the additional expenditure that may be necessary to improve the Sea Custom Establishments of that District.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Dated 22<sup>nd</sup> July 56  
No 148 to the Board  
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W. L. Wilson  
Chief Secretary

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Extract from the Minutes of the Council of the Marine Department  
No. 177

Read the following  
Extract from the Minutes of Consultation  
in the Marine Dept Dated 2<sup>d</sup> May 1857  
Read the following letter  
from the Marine Board.

There entered 6<sup>th</sup> April 1857 N. 1405.

Para 3. The proposition sub-  
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Para 1 of letter from Acting  
Collector of Gonyam dated 10<sup>th</sup>  
January 1857 N. 6 with the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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(True Extract)

/s/ J. H. M.  
Chief Secretary

To The Revenue Department  
with copy of the correspondence referred to.  
L. H. M.

