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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th April 1861.

No. 325. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th March 1861, No. 1,593 :—

Read the following letter from A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Alamur, 14th February 1861, No. 18.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Extract from the Board's Proceedings of the 24th ultimo, requiring me to report on a letter from certain merchants of Cocanada to the Honorable the Governor, complaining of the inconvenience they are put to owing to the insufficiency of the Custom Houses of Cocanada and Coringa.

2. I conclude it is to the insufficiency of the Establishments that the parties to the address intend to refer, for the new Custom House at Cocanada affords ample accommodation, and that at Coringa is as yet sufficiently spacious for the purpose for which it is employed.

3. As regards Establishments, I do not think there is much ground for complaint at Coringa, but at Cocanada the existing Establishment is certainly unequal to the work now required of it. I brought this to notice in my letter of the 19th December 1859, and recommended, for reasons which I detailed, that the Establishment might be placed on an improved footing. I was informed in reply that my letter had been referred to Mr. Pelly.

From Board to Collector, dated 19th January 1860, *No.* 294.

4. Mr. Pelly, when subsequently revising the Sea Custom Establishments, proposed that Cocanada and Coringa should each have one of the second grade. I concurred with him in this view, except in regard to peons ; the number proposed by him I did not think sufficient.

5. I beg to submit the statement called for in the Board's Proceedings under reply. It will be seen how greatly the trade has increased at Cocanada within the last few years.

Official years.	Cocanada.				Coringa.			
	Imports.	Duty on.	Exports.	Duty on.	Imports.	Duty on.	Exports.	Duty on.
1855-56.....	1,05,184	2,795	9,64,212	24,827	3,77,129	2,323	7,99,900	13,644
1856-57.....	1,71,328	2,487	8,51,694	17,340	4,68,627	973	8,19,726	5,689
1857-58.....	2,39,256	3,371	15,54,893	29,057	1,76,406	257	11,63,548	17,048
1858-59.....	2,43,742	3,894	19,93,353	29,252	3,10,900	204	13,39,679	16,603
1859-60.....	1,88,715	2,539	18,17,766	61,850	1,81,482	209	7,70,486	16,811

6. On the question of the Sea Custom Department being under the immediate charge of a Deputy Collector, I have also already recorded my opinion. In my letter to you of the 30th April last, and in communications to Mr. Pelly, I suggested that the Salt of the single division in this District, and the Sea Customs of Cocanada and Coringa, should be placed under charge of a Deputy Collector, and in reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 1st December last, I repeated my suggestion, with the addition that the magisterial work of the Coringa division, and the supervision of the Land Customs on the French frontier, should also be entrusted to the same Officer.

7. I still continue of opinion that an arrangement, such as I have proposed, is very desirable, both as tending to secure constant and careful supervision of the Departments under notice, and to remove the impediments and delays which, notwithstanding the care taken to avoid as far as possible all such, will occasionally arise in the Sea Custom Department, especially when both my Head Assistant and myself are absent from Cocanada.

expressed the opinion that

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th April 1861.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order in the Revenue Department, No. 145, dated 21st January 1861, on a petition from the merchants of Cocanada, complaining of the "insufficiency of the Custom Houses of Cocanada and Coringa."

In Cons. 22nd January 1861, *No.* 427.

2. From the Collector's report it appears that the Custom Houses at the above Ports are sufficiently spacious, but that the Establishments attached to them may be revised with advantage.

3. As the subject will, however, soon be before Government in Mr. Pelly's report on the Sea Customs Establishments of the several Districts, the Board deem it unnecessary to anticipate that communication, and will only observe that Coringa and Cocanada, from their increasing importance, require an efficient superintendence.

4. As the Salt charge of the Godavery District is not large, the Board see no objection to the Deputy Collector in charge of it at once undertaking also the general supervision of the Customs Department, but an efficient Superintendent in executive charge will not be the less necessary.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 326. ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1861, No. 884.

1. These papers will be communicated to Mr. Pelly, with reference to paragraph 6 of the Order of June 16th 1860, No. 1,000. The Government then expressed the opinion that the classification which assigned to Cocanada a Sea Customs establishment of only the second class, needed to be reconsidered. Mr. Pelly will report more fully on the subject in his detailed report hereafter to be submitted.

2. Adverting to paragraph 6 of the Collector's letter, and to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, the Government observe that as there is only a single Salt Division in the Godavery District, a Deputy Collector for that charge appears unnecessary. It will rarely be the case probably that the Collector and his Head Assistant will be both away from Cocanada; but on such occasions the Deputy Collector in charge of the Treasury will be competent to act in any emergent matter connected with the Sea Custom Department.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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No 884.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 19th April 1861.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of

Revenue.

Submitting with reference to the Order of Government of 21st January 1861 No 145 Revenue Department a letter from the Collector of the Godavery District furnishing the Report called for on a Petition from certain merchants complaining of the inconvenience they are put to owing to the insufficiency of the Custom House of Cocanada and Coringa.

Revenue enter 26th March 1861 No 1593

I should like to have a report on the state of Cocanada harbour

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Sea Customs Houses at Cocanada

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Mr Petty to report in full, in his report hereafter to be submitted, on the Sea Customs establishment of Cocanada.

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