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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 59. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th October 1864, No. 6,902.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain H. THOMSON, Master Attendant, to J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, dated Cocanada, 4th October 1864, No. 1,187.

1. In acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. 16, dated 6th of August 1864, enclosing a copy (herewith returned) of Boat Rules drawn up by the late Deputy Collector and proposed to be applied to the ports of Narsapore, Bendamurlunka, and Oopadu, minor ports in this District for my consideration and remarks thereon, I have now the honor to inform you that I visited Narsapore on the 22nd of August, the principal of the above alluded two ports, and now enclose my report thereon, which would have been submitted earlier had it not been that my time has been so much taken up in despatching the native vessels which leave this port with emigrants at this season of the year, and various other office duties.

2. I perfectly coincide with you that the copy of Boat Rules submitted by the late Deputy Collector are much too intricate and severe for the ports above alluded to, and would, in my opinion, be only a drawback to the trade of these ports in their present state.

3. The first thing to be considered is, "Is the trade of these ports of sufficient importance at present to require Boat Rules." I am of opinion that it is not. The trade of Narsapore is in the hands of a few natives and owners of the few vessels that belong to the port; I am not aware of any European vessels calling at Narsapore to take cargo. The owners of the few vessels belonging to the port partially load their vessels in the river, and then take advantage of the spring tides and freshes from the Godavery, and take their vessels over the bar into the roads, and take in the remainder of their cargo. The owners of the vessels and cargo take good care that the decked Dhonies that they employ for this work are seaworthy and adapted for the service required. I am also of opinion that the owners of Dhonies would not come forward to have their Dhonies licensed, as their Dhonies would be so seldom required for this service, more especially when they get constant employment in the canals. The only months in the year when these licensed Dhonies would be employed are September, December, January, March, and April, and then only for a few trips in each month. In fact I am of opinion that any Boat Rules, however simple and concise they might be framed, would tend more as a drawback to the trade of this port than any benefit that it would derive therefrom, and until the trade is extended, and European vessels call at this port to load, it would, in my opinion, be advisable to let the native ship-owners and shippers look after their own interests, and make their own arrangements relative to the Dhonies they employ.

4. Referring to Bendamurlunka it can scarcely be called a port. The trade of this place is so very limited, and only carried on by a small class of Dhonies that run into the river, and discharge alongside of the bank, and require no cargo boats to assist them. Therefore Boat Rules are not required.

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N. B.—As I presume I am entitled to travelling allowance proceeding to Narsapore and back, I beg to enclose a bill for the same that it may be passed for payment.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER, *Officiating Collector.*

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ABSTRACT.—Boat Rules framed by late Deputy Collector Mr. B. C. Leggatt.

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.

No. 60.

ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1864, No. 2,034.

Separate Revenue, No. 6.
Customs.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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A Chastenay
Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with enclosure.

Copy to J. Fraser, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 19th October 1864.

Desp 22 Dec
Rec'd 24th
Cited in Rd

No. 6,902.

No 2034
4 Nov/64

Submitting for information letter from the Officiating Collector of the Godavery District agreeing with the Master Attendant that Boat Rules are unnecessary for the minor ports of Narsapur, Bendamurlunka and Neppada.

RECORDED.