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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th August 1865.

No. 224. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated th 1st August 1865, No. 4,534.

Read again Board's Proceedings under date 13th October 1864, No. 6,774.

Board's Proceedings under date 10th May 1865, No. 2,371.

Read also the following letter from J. H. BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 26th May 1865, No. 454:—

SIR,

In reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 2,371, dated 10th instant, I have the honor to state that there is no objection to the general pass for coasting steamers being renewed each year. The Bombay* rules, with the alterations I have made in red ink, may be adopted, Rules XI., XII., and XIII. of my proposed rules being added.

* Vide enclosure.

Rules for the entry and clearance of Coasting Steamers in the Madras Presidency, which may have obtained the general pass permitted by Section 156 *of Act VI. of* 1863.

I. The general pass shall be signed by the Collector of Customs only, and shall be for each steamer, and in the form herewith annexed.

It shall remain in charge of the commander or other competent officer on board the vessel concerned, and be shown whenever demanded by any Custom House Officer.

It shall be for a period not exceeding one year, and shall be renewable on application made to the Collector of Customs accordingly.

II. When the steamer carries goods for free ports only an export general manifest *before* port clearance will be dispensed with, but the local agents must put in the export manifest *in duplicate* within two days after the steamer leaves port.

III. Before a steamer for free or other ports sails, she must obtain port clearance from the Custom House, the port clearance must be applied for by the commander or agents in proper time, and must be sent on board before the steamer leaves port.

IV. When a coasting steamer sails for a foreign, and therefore dutiable port *only*, export manifest must be given in by the commander or agents before sailing, in the manner prescribed by Section 154 of Act VI. of 1863.

V. When a coasting steamer sails for *both* dutiable and free ports, an export manifest must be given in before port clearance is granted, for any goods which may be on board for the dutiable port or ports, a separate manifest of the goods for free ports can be given in the manner prescribed by Section 2.

VI. On arrival at free ports on the coast, the commanders of steamers or agents must, along with the cargo to be landed at such port, send a list in detail according to annexed form for the use of the Custom House Officer at the same. The Custom House Officer will receive this document, and *without* comparing it with the goods, shall forthwith grant port clearance to the vessel; without such list being put in, port clearance will not be granted.

VII. Subsequently, and as soon as possible, the Custom House Officer will compare the list with the goods, and deliver them to the consignees or agents on application, obtaining the steamer agent's delivery order where necessary.

VIII. When a coasting steamer arrives at a British port on the coast from Foreign port on the coast, a detailed Import manifest of the goods for delivery at such British port from the foreign port need not be separately put in, but the list described in Section 6 must specify in detail the goods to be landed from such Foreign port with the name of the port of export, the Custom House Officer will deliver the goods upon payment of duty where duty is leviable, and will frame his trade returns from the import application preferred according to the standard form No. III.

IX. When goods bonded for duty are imported at one free port from another free port, intimation of the same must immediately on arrival be made by the commander or agents to the Custom House Officer at the port of import.

X. The export manifests for free goods mentioned in Section 2 will be despatched upon receipt by post, from the port of original export to the port of destination. On arrival there the Custom House Officer will compare it with the list given in by the commander as per Section 6, and if the two correspond, he will record the documents. Should any material discrepancy, such as the absence of goods, be apparent, he will forward the list given in as per Section 6 to the Collector of Customs at the Presidency who, after communicating with the agents there, will dispose of the matter as may be necessary, and return the list to the port of destination. The Custom House Officer will prepare his registers and trade returns from the export general manifest received by him by post so far as these are applicable, or from tariff and market values as may be used.

XI. Goods and passengers arriving by coasting steamers may be landed under the above provisions at any hour day or night, and on Sundays or holidays.

XII. The agents at the various ports on the coast shall pay port dues, and enter the vessel inwards and outwards. A steamer may commence discharge of cargo immediately the anchor is dropped at each port, and at the coast ports the agent may send off boats to receive cargo before entry.

XIII. Applications may be made by the agents or private individuals at the coast ports to export goods previous to the arrival of a steamer, and passes will be granted accordingly.

XIV. All dutiable goods must be brought to the Custom House. The Steamer Conocopolies will land the goods, and bring them into the steamer godown in the Custom House, where they will be compared with the manifests.

XV. Export boat notes will be granted for dutiable goods; but not Import boat notes.

XVI. Free goods may be passed from the beach by the agents' Conocopolies, the Custom House returns being compiled from the manifests and applications.

XVII. Such agents of Steam Navigation Companies, or owners as may desire a general pass upon the above terms, must lodge with the Collector of Customs a deposit in cash of say Rupees one thousand, (more or less according to the number of vessels of the same Company obtaining a general pass,) out of which sum the Collector of Customs shall have a general authority from them to credit to Government, at his discretion, any duties short levied, and such penalties as he may see reason to inflict for contravention of any of the preceding rules, or for erroneous manifest lists, or other documents being put in by agents or commanders of steamers; appeal to Government being open to the parties should they consider themselves aggrieved by the Collector's proceedings in any case.

XVIII. The Collector of Customs has authority to revoke the general pass for negligence, or other causes on the part of agents or commanders as prescribed by Section 156 of Act VI. of 1863.

GENERAL PASS. No. of 186 .

This General Pass is granted to the Steam Ship

Tonnage belonging to

under the provisions of Section 156 of the Consolidated Customs Act VI. of 1863, and on the conditions prescribed by the Collector of Customs for the Madras Presidency under date the 28th September 1864.

This Pass holds good for the period of one year from

throughout the ports and coasts of the Madras Presidency

Dated at Madras this

the

List of Cargo per Steamer discharged at the Port of on the 186 .

Marks, number, and kind of Packages.	Description of goods when known.	To whom addressed or consigned.	Remarks.
	From the Port of Bombay sailed, the 15th September 1864.		
B. B. and F ...	10 Bales.	Silk goods	Messrs. Burjorjee Byramjee.
F F L L ...	15 Cases.	Wine, Sherry	A. Campbell, Esq.
Total...	25 ,,		
	From Ratnagherry, sailed the 16th September 1864.		
None ... ... A. F. & Co.	100 bags. 50 Pieces.	Linseed ... ... Timber	Keshow Laljee. W. Nicol & Co.
Total...	150 ,,		
	From Goa, sailed the 18th September 1864.		
M	50 Boxes.	Wine	Manockjee Linjee.
L. M	10 Bags.	Rice	Unknown.
Total...	60 ,,		
Grand Total...	235 ,,		

And so on as the case may be.

(Signed) A. B.,
Commander,
Steam Ship Penang.

Dated

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th August 1865.

Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the sanction of Government may be accorded under Section IV. of the Customs Act to the new Rules for the entry and clearance of Coasting Steamers, in lieu of the Rules approved in the Order of Government, dated 28th July 1864, No. 1,351.

No. 225. ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1865, No. 1,885.

Separate Revenue, No. 9.
Customs.

Under Section 4 of Act VI. of 1863, the new Rules for the entry and clearance of Coasting Steamers in the Madras Presidency, forwarded with the Board's Proceedings above recorded, are sanctioned, in lieu of the Rules approved in Government Order, 28th July 1864, No. 1,351.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 6,774.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 13th October 1864.

Read the following letter from G. INVERARITY, Esq., Commissioner of Customs, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Bombay, 28th September 1864, No. 2,416 :—

1. I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Board, the accompanying copy of Rules which have been issued in this Presidency for the guidance of Coasting Steamers which may have obtained the general pass prescribed by Section 156 of the Consolidated Customs Act VI of 1863, and which rules have met with the approval of the various Steam Navigation Companies at this Port.

2. As most of the vessels of the British India Steam Navigation Company which ply between Bombay and Calcutta, touch en route at numerous ports of the Madras Presidency, it would be a matter of great convenience to such vessels did the same rules pertain at all the coast ports of the two Presidencies, and in view to this question being considered, I have taken the liberty of addressing you this communication.

3. The rules lately applied to the coast ports of the Madras Presidency under date the 28th July 1864, have been kindly placed at my disposal by the Collector of Customs, Madras, but as they do not in some respects meet all the peculiarities of this Presidency, I have been unable to adopt them in full.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Rules for the entry and clearance of Coasting Steamers in the Bombay Presidency, which may have obtained the general pass permitted by Section 156 of Act VI of 1863.

I. The general pass shall be signed by the Commissioner of Customs only, and shall be for each steamer, and in the form herewith annexed.

It shall remain in charge of the commander or other competent officer on board the vessel concerned, and be shown whenever demanded by any Custom House officer.

It shall be for a period not exceeding one year, and shall be renewable on application made to the Commissioner of Customs accordingly.

II. When the steamer carries goods for free ports only an export general manifest *before* port clearance will be dispensed with, but the local agents must put in the export manifest *in duplicate* within two days after the steamer leaves port.

III. Before a steamer for free or other ports sails, she must obtain port clearance from the Custom House, the port clearance must be applied for by the commander or agents in proper time, and must be sent on board before the steamer leaves port.

IV. When a coasting steamer sails for a foreign, and therefore dutiable port *only*, export manifest must be given in by the commander or agents before sailing, in the manner prescribed by Section 154 of Act VI of 1863.

V. When a coasting steamer sails for *both* dutiable and free ports, an export manifest must be given in before port clearance is granted, for any goods which may be on board for the dutiable port or ports, a separate manifest of the goods for free ports can be given in in the manner prescribed by Section 2.

VI. On arrival at free ports on the coast, the commanders of steamers or agents must, along with the cargo to be landed at such port, send a list in detail according to annexed form for the use of the Custom House Officer at the same. The Custom House Officer will receive this document, and *without* comparing it with the goods, shall forthwith grant port clearance to the vessel, without such list being put in, port clearance will not be granted. At the port of Bombay coasting steamers may break bulk and discharge cargo along side before entry has been completed, but such cargo shall be landed after entry only.

VII. Subsequently and as soon as possible, the Custom House officer will compare the list with the goods and deliver them to the consignees or agents on application, obtaining the steamer agent's delivery order where necessary.

VIII. When a coasting steamer arrives at a British port on the coast from Foreign port on the coast, a detailed Import manifest of the goods for delivery at such British port from the foreign port need not be separately put in, but the list described in Section 6 must specify in detail the goods to be landed from such Foreign port with the name of the port of export, the Custom House officer will deliver the goods upon payment of duty where duty is leviable, and will frame his trade returns from the import application preferred according to the standard form No. III.

IX. When goods bonded for duty are imported at one free port from another free port, intimation of the same must immediately on arrival be made by the commander or agents to the Custom House Officer at the port of import.

X. The export manifests for free goods mentioned in Section 2 will be despatched upon receipt by post, from the port of original export to the port of destination. On arrival there the Custom House Officer will compare it with the list given in by the commander as per Section 6 and if the two correspond, he will record the documents. Should any material discrepancy, such as the absence of goods, be apparent, he will forward the list given in as per Section 6 to the Commissioner of Customs at the Presidency who, after communicating with the agents there, will dispose of the matter as may be necessary, and return the list to the port of destination. The Custom House Officer will prepare his registers and trade returns from the export general manifest received by him by post so far as these are applicable or from tariff and market values as may be usual.

XI. Goods and passengers arriving by coasting steamers may be landed under the above provisions at any hour day or night, and on Sundays or holidays except at the port of Bombay in respect to goods exclusive of passenger's baggage, which, as per Section 6, may be discharged alongside only before entry.

XII. The agents at the various ports on the coast shall pay port dues, and enter the vessel inwards and outwards. At Bombay the agents or commanders may do so as convenient. A steamer may commence discharge of cargo immediately the anchor is dropped at each port, and at the coast ports the agent may send off boats to receive cargo before entry.

XIII. Applications may be made by the agents or private individuals at the coast ports to export goods previous to the arrival of a steamer, and passes will be granted accordingly.

XIV. Custom House working hours at the coast ports for coasting steamers will be counted from sun-rise to sun-set, vessels discharging cargo, or clearing out before or after such hours, and requiring therefore the attendance of the Custom House officials, and the opening of the office will pay a lump fee of 3 Rupees as remuneration to the Custom House Officers for extra work, and the Head Custom House Officer on the spot will recover the same from the agent by presenting a bill, and passing his receipt for the amount.

XV. Such agents of Steam Navigation Companies, or owners as may desire a general pass upon the above terms, must lodge with the Commissioner of Customs a deposit in cash of say Rupees one thousand (more or less according to the number of vessels of the same Company obtaining a general pass), out of which sum the Commissioner of Customs shall have a general authority from them to credit to Government, at his discretion, any duties short levied, and such penalties as he may see reason to inflict for contravention of any of the preceding rules, or for erroneous manifests lists, or other documents being put in by agents or commanders of steamers; appeal to Government being open to the parties should they consider themselves aggrieved by the Commissioner's proceedings in any case.

XVI. The Commissioner of Customs has authority to revoke the general pass for negligence, or other causes on the part of agents or commanders as prescribed by Section 156 of Act VI of 1863.

BOMBAY,
28th September 1864.

(Signed) G. INVERARITY,
Commissioner of Customs.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

General Pass. No. of 1864.

This General Pass is granted to the Steam Ship
Tonnage belonging to
under the provisions of Section 156 of the Consolidated Customs Act VI of 1863, and on the conditions prescribed by the Commissioner of Customs for the Bombay Presidency under date the 28th September 1864.

This Pass holds good for the period of one year from
throughout the ports and coasts of the Bombay Presidency exclusive of Sinde.

Dated at Bombay this
the

(Signed) G. INVERARITY,
Commissioner of Customs.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

List of Cargo per Steamer discharged at the Port
of on the 186 .

Marks, number, and kind of Packages.	Description of goods when known.	To whom addressed or consigned.	Remarks.
	From the Port of Bombay, sailed the 15th September 1864.		
B. B. and F ...	10 Bales. Silk goods...	Messrs. Burjorjee Byramjee.	
F F / L L ...	15 Cases. Wine Sherry	A. Campbell, Esq.	
Total...	25 „		
	From Ratnagherry, sailed the 16th September 1864.		
None	100 bags. Linseed	Keshow Laljee.	
A F and Co. ...	50 Pieces. Timber	W. Nicol and Co.	
Total...	150 „		
	From Goa, sailed the 18th September 1864.		
M	50 Boxes. Wine...	Manockjee Linjee.	
L. M...	10 Bags. Rice	Unknown.	
Total...	60 „		
Grand Total...	235 „		

And so on as the case may be.

(Signed) A. B.,
Commander,
Steam Ship Penang.
Dated the 19th September 1864.

(Signed) G. INVERARITY,
Commissioner of Customs, Bombay.

1. Forwarded to the Collector of Sea Customs for consideration and report after communication with the Agents of the several Steamer Companies.

2. He will be good enough to obtain and submit at the same time, copy of the rules on the subject in force at Calcutta.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. H. Blair, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Copy to G. Inverarity, Esq., Commissioner of Customs, Bombay.

Enclosure the Board of Trade's letter to Govt. dated 24th May 1865 Rec'd 24/7/65

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 13th October 1864.

No. 6,774.

Forwarding for report letter from the Commissioner of Customs Bombay, transmitting copy of Rules for the entry and clearance of Coasting Steamers which may have obtained the general pass permitted by Section 156 of Act VI of 1863.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 2,371.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th May 1865.

Read the following letter from J. H. BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 30th March 1865, No. 299:—

1. Adverting to Board's Proceedings, No. 6,774, dated 13th October last, I have the honor to forward, for approval, draft* copy of rules for entry and clearance of Coasting Steamers which I propose to adopt in substitution of those sanctioned in August† last, and which I have entered opposite‡ to the Bombay rules. The general pass, (vide Section 156 of the Consolidated Customs Act,) I have required, but I do not think it should be in force for any definite period. I have accordingly altered the Bombay rule. The pass holds good "*until cancelled* by the Collector."

* Vide Enclosure A.

† Board's Standing Circular, No. XLI., dated 17th August 1864, Board No. 5,277.

‡ Vide Enclosure A.

2. I have marked in the margin of enclosure A., where the Bombay rules appear unnecessary, or similar in effect to our rules, or inconvenient to the working of Coasting Steamers.

3. The proposed rules have been circulated to the Agents of the various Coasting Steamers, and have met with their approval.

4. I enclose copy§ of the Calcutta rules on the subject, which appear to have been drawn up when I wrote by an Assistant in the Custom House.

§ Vide Enclosure B.

5. The delay in submitting this report is owing to the late receipt of reply¶ from the Agents of the Columbo and Madras Steam Navigation Company.

¶ Dated 17th March 1865.

ENCLOSURE No. 1, A.

ABSTRACT.—Draft Rules for the entry and clearance of Coasting Steamers.

ENCLOSURE No. 2, B.—Calcutta Rules.

1. The Board are of opinion that the General Pass should be renewed each year. Though the Bombay rules contain a few clauses and provisions which may not be absolutely necessary, they appear to the Board to be more comprehensive and complete than those proposed for adoption by the Collector. Mr. Blair will accordingly be requested to report whether he sees any objection to the Bombay rules being brought into force with such alterations only as are requisite to make them applicable to Madras. If necessary, Rules XI., XII., and XIII. of the Collector's proposed rules might be added to the Bombay rules.

2. It is very desirable that the practice of the Customs authorities in the three Presidencies should be assimilated in every respect possible, even though such a course should involve some departure from local practice.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To J. H. Blair, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

Received 24th May 1865.
R. O. Letter to Madras, No. 4934.

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No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 10*th May* 1865.

No. 2,371.

Stating that it would be advisable to renew the General Pass for Coasting Steamers once a year and requesting to report whether there is any objection to the Bombay rules for the entry and clearance of these vessels being brought into force with such alterations only as are requisite to make them applicable to Madras.

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And so on as the case may be.

(Signed) A. B.,
Commander,
Steam Ship Penang.

Dated

Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the sanction of Government may be accorded under Section IV. of the Customs Act to the new Rules for the entry and clearance of Coasting Steamers, in lieu of the Rules approved in the Order of Government, dated 28th July 1864, No. 1,351.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 13th October 1864, and 10th May 1865,
Nos. 6,774 and 2,371.

Copy to J. H. Blair, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

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No. 2171.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 1st August 1865.
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No. 4,534.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Sea Customs and recommending that sanction be granted to the proposed new Rules for the entry and clearance of Coasting Steamers.

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William Arden.

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C.G. Aug 1865 Ans.

Under Sec: IV of Act VI of 1863 the new rules for the entry and clearance of coasting Steamers in the Madras Presidency forwarded with the Board's Proceedings above recorded are sanctioned in lieu of the rules approved in G.O. 28th July 1864 No. 1351.

14th Augt. 1865

To The Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

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