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13th September 1865.*

No. 278. Read the following letter from the Honorable C. PELLY, Member of the Board of Revenue, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 30th August 1865; No. 1,833 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the sanction of Government, a Tabular Statement in the prescribed form shewing certain small additions required to the Sea Custom and Land Custom Departments, in the Godavery District, regarding which the correspondence noted in the margin has passed between the Collector and the Board of Revenue.

From Collector, dated 17th February 1865.
Board's Procs., " 30th March, No. 1,765.
From Collector, " 2nd May, 1865.
Board's Procs., " 29th May, No. 2,799.
From Collector, " 6th June 1865.
Board's Procs., " 25th July, No. 4,342.

2. In March 1864, Mr. Leggatt, the Deputy Collector of the Godavery District in charge of the Customs, applied for three boats for the use of the Constabulary attached to the Land Custom Department, the previous practice of boatmen supplying their own boats, having been discontinued after the Police had taken charge of the frontier. On the recommendation of the Collector, the Government, in their Proceedings, dated the 15th June 1864, authorized the construction of these boats and the Department of Public Works has supplied them, but the boats were found to be too large for the purpose, for which they were originally constructed; it was stated that a small shoe boat, managed by one man, was most suited for the Constabulary. The Collector subsequently reported that it would not be necessary to purchase any such small boats, as the Constabulary, who are generally the inhabitants of the place, either possess boats of their own, or are nearly related to those who possess them, and that they will invariably be able to supply themselves, or be supplied with boats as occasion may require.

3. The requirements in respect of boats for the Land Custom Department having thus been disposed of, the Collector, on the representation of his Assistant in charge of Customs, has applied for the transfer of the three boats already constructed for the use of the Sea Customs, one at Cocanada, one at Coringa, and the other at Soonkaravoo, to ply in the river at these points to prevent smuggling. As it appeared, however, to the Board that this expedient was recommended by Mr. Horsfall, simply to prevent the boats lying idle, they called upon the Collector to explain whether any actual necessity existed for the use of the boats in the manner suggested.

4. The Collector has finally reported that it is very necessary that the Officers at the Sea Customs should be provided each with a boat, as smuggling is carried on to a very large extent, without any chance of prevention or detection. He stated that when French vessels anchor in the roads with cargo, either for Cocanada, or Yanam, portions of their cargo, such as, Brandy, Claret, and other dutiable goods are often landed in fast sailing passengers' boats, and that these boats when hailed from the Custom House wharf to stop and submit to search, often pay no attention to the hail, particularly if they have any passengers on board too. The Collector has accordingly recommended the employment of twelve Lascars at 6 Rupees each

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per monsem, for manning the boats. The Board, on the representation of the Collector, admit the necessity, and request me to obtain the sanction of Government for the Establishment.

5. In giving his opinion on the subject of the legal right to search boats suspected of smuggling on the narrow branch of the Godavery, which bounds Yanam, the Advocate General suggested the establishment of a Custom Chowkey at a proper point, and the Collector, to whom a reference was made, recommended one to be built on the river edge at Soonkaravoo, and he was directed by the Board to take the necessary steps for the same. The Collector has now brought to the notice of the Board that an estimate of 40 Rupees was prepared for the Chowkey, but that it had not been constructed, because no one had been appointed to take charge of it, and that without a fit person in charge to levy duty and grant passes, it would be perfectly useless. He accordingly recommended the entertainment of a Gumashita on 12 Rupees a month. The Board have approved of the erection of the Chowkey at the cost mentioned, and referred the question of the Gumashita to me. I consider that, under the circumstances stated, the entertainment of an Ameen on 15 Rupees, and a Peon on 6 Rupees per month, is necessary, which is in accordance with the scale of Establishment, sanctioned for such Chowkeys in other Districts, and I have accordingly included it in the Tabular Statement. The Chowkey above-mentioned borders on one of the three rivers mentioned above, for which one of the three boats above alluded to has been allowed.

6. The total cost of the twelve Lascars, both for the Sea Custom and Land Custom Departments, and the Collecting Establishment for Soonkaravoo Chowkey,

12 Lascars at 4 for each of the three boats, at 6 Rupees a month	72	Rs. amounts to Rupees 93 per month, or 1,116 Rupees per annum, for which I request the early sanction of the Government of India may be obtained. It is probable, that in consequence of the recent removal of the fiscal restrictions of the trade between the British territories and the Native States of Travancore and Cochin, some of the frontier Chowkeys in the Districts of Madura and Tinnevely may be found unnecessary, by which some saving may be effected in the cost of Land Custom Establishment. I have called for information from the Collectors of those Districts.
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No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1865, No. 2,194.

estimate revenue, No. 18.
Customs.

1. The Government doubt whether the amount of duty lost by smuggling would pay the cost of the proposed boats' crews, viz., Rupees 804 yearly, and desire that the point may receive further consideration. A Tabular Statement in the prescribed form should be submitted of the additional establishment that may ultimately be considered absolutely necessary.

2. The Government see no reason to doubt that all the British frontier Chowkeys between Tinnevely, Madura, Coimbatore, and Malabar, and the territories of the Travancore and Cochin Sircars may at once be abolished.

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3. The Board of Revenue will ascertain from the Collectors of those Districts and report whether, and why, it is necessary to retain any portion of the former Establishments.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Honorable Mr. Pelly,
the Board of Revenue.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

No. 1,765.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 30th March 1865.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 27th February 1865, No. 28:—

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter to myself from my Assistant, Mr. Horsfall, and with reference to it beg to propose that sanction be obtained for a crew of five Lascars for each of the boats therein referred to, at a monthly cost of Rupees 90. One boat should be stationed at Sunkarevoo, one at the Coringa, and one at the Cocanada Sea Custom House, to ply in the river at these points, in order to prevent smuggling. The boats will not be efficiently manned with a smaller crew than five men for each.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. G. HORSFALL, Esq., Assistant Collector, in charge of Customs, to J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, dated Cocanada, 16th January 1865, No. 3.

1. I have the honor to inform you that three boats, with masts, sails, oars and tackle complete were, on the 19th ultimo, handed over for custody by the Executive Engineer, 1st Range, to the Superintendent of Sea Customs, Cocanada.

2. I learn from the letter* written by Mr. Leggatt, late Deputy Collector in charge of Customs, to Mr. Newill, late Collector of Godavery District, and from the order of Government, dated 15th June 1864, No. 1,025, that these boats are intended for the use of the Land Customs Department only.

3. Mr. Leggatt, however, appears to have been labouring under some misapprehension when he stated that the boats formerly available under the old system would no longer be so, now that the Police have taken charge of the frontier, the fact being that the individuals formerly employed as boatmen have been enrolled into the Police force, and still continue, though perhaps irregularly so, to supply their own boats as before. Under the present arrangements they cannot be compelled to keep their boats in repair, and this charge should properly be incurred by the Customs Department.

4. During my late visit to Coringa, I availed myself of the opportunity to visit all the Ghaties (with the exception of Guttendivi) on the Frontier under my charge, and am of opinion that the style of boat at present in use, being the small shoe boat managed by one man, is not only suitable to, but is the only kind adapted for the service required. Such boats, supposing the present ones to be wrongfully employed, are procurable at a cost of about 20 Rupees each, and can be managed effectively by the Police establishment employed on the frontier.

5. The boats at present lying at the Custom House are four oared, and to be properly manned, require a crew of five persons, and for this reason alone, if for no other, are utterly unfit for their intended use. They would, however, be extremely useful at the ports of Cocanada and Coringa, in the Sea Customs Department. The Superintendents of these places have already applied to me, showing clearly the great need there is for boats in order to enable them to examine vessels entering or leaving the above ports, and I would have referred the matter ere this for your favorable consideration had not I all along been under the impression that the boats now furnished were intended for the use of customs generally, and not restricted to the Land Customs only.

6. One of the boats might, as recommended in your letter to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th October 1864, No. 267, be stationed at Soonkaravoo, as this point commands the water communication between Yanam and the sea.

7. Will you be good enough, if you approve of my proposal, to obtain the sanction of Government for the proposed change, as also for the employment of two Lascars for each boat, since, with the present establishment only, it will be utterly impossible to manage them properly, or effect the end for which they were intended, namely, the suppression of smuggling.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER, Officiating Collector.

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Dated 23rd May 1865.

No. 2,790.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No.

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Department.

Requesting to forward the explanation called for regarding the necessity of supplying the Sea-Custom Superintendents at Cocanada and Cocanada with a boat each, improving of the erection of a Chowkey at Sankhara at a cost of 40 Rupees and referring to the Honorable Pelly the question of a Grant for that Chowkey.

No. 4,342.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 25th July 1865.

Read again letters from the Collector and Sub-Collector in charge of the Godavery District, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 30th March and 29th May 1865, Nos. 1,765 and 2,769.

Read also the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 6th June 1865, No. 91 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,799, dated 29th May 1865.

2. The proper manning of the boats referred to is necessary in order to keep down smuggling both here, and from Yanam, into British Territory. When French vessels anchor in the roads here, with cargo either for Cocanada or Yanam, portions of their cargo, such as Brandy, Claret, and other dutiable goods, are often landed in fast sailing passenger boats. These, when hailed from the Custom House wharf to stop and submit to search, often pay no attention to the hail, particularly if they have any passengers on board too. Unless there be a properly manned and fast pulling or sailing boat to arrest these breakers of the law in mid-stream, it will be impossible to prevent the smuggling that openly and frequently happens.

3. For the above purpose, therefore, the manning of the boats, as already proposed, is a necessity. If the Board do not concur in this, the boats had better be sold at once, as they will be useless.

Under the opinion expressed by the Collector, that, in order to prevent smuggling, it is most desirable that the three boats referred to in the correspondence should be manned, the Board admit the necessity for the employment of twelve Lascars, at 6 Rupees per mensem, involving an annual outlay of Rupees 864, and request Mr. Pelly to obtain the sanction of Government for this establishment.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Honorable C. Pelly.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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Madras
30th August 1865
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No 1833
From

The Honble C. Pelly
Member of the Board of Revenue
W. Huddleston Esqr.
Ag Secretary to Govt. Revenue Dept.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the sanction of Government a Tabular Statement in the prescribed form showing certain small additions, ^{Feb. 1865} required to the Sea Customs and Land Customs Department. ^{March 21/1865} ^{May 1865} ^{June 1865} ^{July 20/1865} ^{Sept 2/1865} ^{Oct 2/1865} ^{Nov 2/1865} ^{Dec 2/1865} ^{Jan 2/1866} ^{Feb 2/1866} ^{March 2/1866} ^{April 2/1866} ^{May 2/1866} ^{June 2/1866} ^{July 2/1866} ^{Aug 2/1866} ^{Sept 2/1866} ^{Oct 2/1866} ^{Nov 2/1866} ^{Dec 2/1866} ^{Jan 2/1867} ^{Feb 2/1867} ^{March 2/1867} ^{April 2/1867} ^{May 2/1867} ^{June 2/1867} ^{July 2/1867} ^{Aug 2/1867} ^{Sept 2/1867} ^{Oct 2/1867} ^{Nov 2/1867} ^{Dec 2/1867} ^{Jan 2/1868} ^{Feb 2/1868} ^{March 2/1868} ^{April 2/1868} ^{May 2/1868} ^{June 2/1868} ^{July 2/1868} ^{Aug 2/1868} ^{Sept 2/1868} ^{Oct 2/1868} ^{Nov 2/1868} ^{Dec 2/1868} ^{Jan 2/1869} ^{Feb 2/1869} ^{March 2/1869} ^{April 2/1869} ^{May 2/1869} ^{June 2/1869} ^{July 2/1869} ^{Aug 2/1869} ^{Sept 2/1869} ^{Oct 2/1869} ^{Nov 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Revenue Board Office
Madras
30th August 1865
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No 1833
From

Rev. 2415/60

The Honble C. Pelly
Member of the Board of Revenue
To
W. H. Huddleston Esq.
As Secretary to Govt. Revenue Dept.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the sanction of Government a Tabular Statement in the prescribed form showing certain small additions required to the Sea Customs and Land Customs Department in the Godavary District, regarding which the correspondence noted in the margin has passed between the Collector and the Board of Revenue.

From Collec. of 17th Feb 1865
Board's Res. of 30th March 1865
From Collec. of 2nd Aug 1865
Board's Res. of 29th Dec 1865
From Collec. of 6th June 1865
Board's Res. of 25th July 1865

2. In March 1864 Mr. Leggatt the Deputy Collector of the Godavary District in charge of the Customs, applied for 3 Boats for the use of the constabulary attached to the Land Customs Department, the previous practice of Boatmen supplying their own boats having been discontinued after the Police had taken charge of the frontier. On the recommendation of the Collector the Government in their Proceedings dated the 15th June 1864, authorized the construction of these Boats and the Department of Public Works has supplied them, but the Boats were

very much above the amount of money which was expended -

No.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 30th July 1865.

No 4842

Requesting Mr. Pelly to obtain sanction of Government for employment of twelve Lacuars on 6 Rupees per mensem for boats required by Superintendents of Cocanada and Coringa Godavary District.

were found to be too large for the purpose, in which they were originally constructed; it was stated that a small shoe boat managed by one man was most suited for the Constabulary. The Collector subsequently reported that it would not be necessary to purchase any ^{such} small boats, as the Constabulary, who are generally the inhabitants of the place either possess boats of their own, or are nearly related to those who possess them; and that they will invariably be able to supply themselves, or be supplied with boats as occasion may require.

3. The requirements in respect of boats for the Land Customs Department having thus been disposed of, the Collector on the representation of his Assistant in charge of Customs has applied for the transfer of the 3 Boats already constructed for the use of the Sea Customs, one at Cocanada, one at Coringa and the other at Sankarav to ply on the river at these points to prevent smuggling. As it appeared, however, to the Board that this expedient was recommended by Mr. Horsfall, simply to prevent the boats lying idle, they called upon the Collector to explain whether any actual necessity existed for the use of the boats in the manner suggested.

4. The Collector has finally reported that it is very necessary that the Officers at the Sea Customs should

should be provided each with a Boat, as smuggling is carried on to a very large extent without any chance of prevention or detection. He stated that when French vessels anchor in the roads with cargo, either for Cocanada, Ganam, portions of their cargo, such as Brandy, Claret, and other dutiable goods are often landed in fast sailing passenger Boats, and that these Boats when hailed from the Custom house wharf to stop and submit to search, often pay no attention to the hail, particularly if they have any passengers on Board too. The Collector has accordingly recommended the employment of twelve Lascars at Rs. each per mensem for manning the boats. The Board on the representation of the Collector admit the necessity and request me to obtain the sanction of Government for the establishment.

5. In giving his opinion on the subject of the legal right to search boats suspected of smuggling on the narrow branch of the Godavari, which bounds Ganam, the Advocate General suggested the establishment of a Custom Chowkey at a proper point, and the Collector, to whom a reference was made, recommended one to be built on the river edge at Sankarav and he was directed by the Board to take the necessary steps for the same. The Collector has now brought to the notice of the Board that an estimate of Rs. 2000 was prepared for the Chowkey but that it had not been constructed because no one had been appointed to take charge of it and that ^{without} a fit person in charge to levy

duty and grant: ^{if} ~~if~~ it would be perfectly useless. He, accordingly, recommended the entertainment of a Gumatiah on 12 R. a month. The Board have approved of the erection of the Chowky, at the cost mentioned, and referred the question of the Gumatiah to me. I consider that under the circumstances stated the entertainment of an Amin on 15 R. and a Peon on 6 R. per month is necessary, which is in accordance with the scale of Establishment sanctioned for such Chowkees in other Districts and I have accordingly included it in the Tabular Statement. The Chowky, above mentioned borders on one of the three rivers mentioned above for which one of the three boats above alluded to has been allowed.

6. The total cost of the twelve Lascars both for the ~~the~~ Custom and ~~Land~~ Customs departments, and the collecting Establishment for Sunkaravoo Chowky amounts to 93 R. per month or 1116 R. per annum, for which I request the early sanction of the Government of India may be obtained. It is probable that in consequence of the recent removal of the fiscal restrictions of the trade between the British territories and the native states of Travancore and Cochin some of the Frontier Chowkees in the Districts of Madurai and Tinnevely may be found unnecessary by which some saving

12 Lascars at 4 Rs. for each of the 3 Boats = 96
at 6 R. a month } 72
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a Peon at 6 R. per month } 21
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Extrait from
Some Department
of Govt. of India

Nature of charge.

Proposition

Permanent

Temporary.

Basal or
Extraordinary.

Grounds of

Proposition.

Local Government

Recommendation

Order of the
Govt. of India

Financial

Depart-
ment.

Remarks Orders

Vide letter to
Government dated
the 30th August 1865
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	Sea Customs Department	Land Customs Dept.
Godavary District		
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Narsapur	105	105
Total Godavary	494	542
Melapully	42	42
Ingram	26	26
Punkaravoo		
	1. Amem 15 1. Peon 6 4. Lascars at 6 24 45	45
Total Godavary	68	113
Grand Total including Sea & Land Customs	562	655

N. B. The additional charge now applied for can be met from the savings in the establishment of these Departments.

Miss
Maurice

Rev: 24/10/85

In a letter to the Acting
Secretary to Government dated
the 30th August 1865 &c 1863.

1/13/85

Subsidiary statement showing
the increase proposed to the
Establishment of both the sea
and Land Customs Departments
in the Godavary District.

may be effected in the port of Land Customs
Establishment. I have called for information
from the Collectors of those Districts.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedt. Servant

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From

The Honble C. Pelly
Member of the Board
of Revenue

To

W. Audleston Esq.
As Secretary to
Govt. Rev. D.

Dated 30th August 1865
Received 31st
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N. 1833

S. Rev. 2194-12 Sept 1865

Submitting for the
Sanction of Government a
Tabular statement showing
certain small additions
required to the Sea and Land
Customs Departments in the
Godavary District.

With Orders

Revenue Dept
9. 2194-

Proceedings of the Madras Govt
under date the 13th Sept 1865

Read the following
letter from the Honorable
C. Pelly, Member of
the Bd. of Rev.

Submitting for
the sanction of Govt a
Tabular statement showing
certain small additions
required to the Sea
and Land Customs Dept in
the Godavary Dist.

(Here enters 30th Aug
1865)

The Govt doubt
whether the amount of
duty lost by smuggling
would pay the cost of
the proposed boats, crews
viz. Rs. 562 78 p. and de-
sire that the point may
receive further consider-
ation. A tabular state-
ment in the prescribed
form should be submitted
of the additional cost
that

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that may ultimately be
considered absolutely
necessary.

The Govt see no
reason to doubt that all
the British frontier chow-
kees between Simmerly
Mazra, Coimbatore and
Malabar and the territo-
ries of the Travancore
and Poonjar States may
at once be abolished.

The Board of
Revenue will ascertain from
the Collectors of these districts
and report whether, and
why, it is necessary to re-
tain any portion of the
former establishments.

11/11/11

To The Hon: Mr. Pelly, Secy. to Govt.
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Revenue 1865 Sept 10
No. 100 for Sept.

2102/94.

Pro. of the Undersecretary
Sept 13 Sept 14/65

From the day to the end
of Nov. 10. Nov. 10. 1865. 1865

From Nov. 10. 1865
22 Aug/65 or 24/66

Dearest Sir,
I beg to return the O.R.
to report whether the amount
of duty has been accepted
and pay the cost of the
retail and for boat
and car and 1000 by
the month in 1865
Yours truly,
Wm. H. H. H.

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