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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th October 1866.*

No. 112. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Marine Department :—

Passing orders on papers relating to the intro-
duction of the New Boat Rules into all out- } (Here enter 21st September 1866, No. 228.)
ports.

No. 113. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1866, No. 2,677.

Separate Revenue, No. 2.
Customs.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
21st September 1866.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 28. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th September 1866, No. 6294.

Read again the following letters on the subject of the introduction of the New Boat Rules into all Out-ports :—

From Ganjam,	dated 14th March	1866, No. 225.
„ Vizagapatam,	„ 1st December	1865, „ 991.
„ Godavery District,	„ 28th February	1866, „ 46.
„ Kistna District,	„ 14th January	„ „ 17.
„ Nellore,	„ 1st March	„ „ 51.

Read also the following letters on the same subject :—

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue ; dated Chetterpore, 2nd June 1866, No. 1105.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Revised Boat Rules, and to request the attention of the Board to the necessity of appending a clause to the rules, to define how the term “engaged,” as applied to a boat’s crew, is to be understood.

2. It is the practice, at the principal port in this District, for merchants to keep a certain number of licensed boats under advances, in consideration of which, the crews hold themselves under engagement to the giver of the advances, in preference to all others, and refuse to ply if there is a chance of having to work for the former.

3. It would be advisable to state, positively, whether this system is allowable or not.

From D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue ; dated 29th May 1866, No. 120.

In acknowledging Board’s Proceedings, No. 3555, dated 21st May, instant, I beg to state that the amended Boat Rules may be applied to Vizagapatam and Bimlipatam only ; the remaining sea ports not being under the control of officials, who, from their position, (as measured by their salary,) can be entrusted with the summary powers given by these rules.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue ; dated Cocanada, 20th June 1866, No. 138.

I beg to enclose copy of a letter from the Master Attendant here, and of the subsidiary rules to be added to the proposed new Boat Rules. I agree with him in proposing these subsidiary rules ; experience has shewn them to be necessary.

2. I also beg to concur in Captain Thomson’s remarks, regarding the application of Rule No. 6 to the ports in this District.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. THOMSON, Esq., Master Attendant, to the Collector of the Godavery District ; dated Cocanada, 16th June 1866, No. 862.

I have the honor to return you the copy of the Boat Rules proposed for all ports in this Presidency, and to enclose a copy of subsidiary rules, which I consider applicable to this port, for your consideration and approval.

2. Section 6 of the new rules I consider arbitrary, and should not be put in force at this port for the following reason :—

3. The greater number of men working in the boats of this port are not residents of this place, but come here from the various small villages along the coast in this, Vizagapatam, and Ganjam Districts, to seek employment, and when they make a little money, return home to their families. The resident boatmen of this place very often ship as lascars in vessels, and at certain

seasons emigrate to Moulmein, Rangoon, and other ports on the eastern side of the bay, where they readily obtain very remunerative employment. If this section is carried into effect, it will impede in fact, I may almost say, put a stop to the trade of the port entirely. When Mr. Purvis was here, I had to ask his permission to allow this section not to be carried into effect at this port for the above reasons, in which he coincided with me.

(True Copy).

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Subsidiary Boat Rules for the Boats in the Rajahmundry District.

1. All licensed boats to have their numbers cut, as laid down in Section 4 of the foregoing rules, in the English character on the starboard bow and port-quarter, and in the Native character on the port-bow and starboard quarter.

2. All boats plying for hire to carry their license and copy of the Boat Rules in English and Telugu in their boats, for inspection of parties employing them. The tindal of any boat, who will not comply with this rule, will subject the boat-owner and himself, on conviction before a Magistrate or Justice of the Peace, to a fine of Rupees (10) ten each and forfeit hire of the boat, and for a second offence, the license will be cancelled, and not renewed for this boat for twelve months from date of offence.

3. All open boats to have tarpaulins to protect cargo and passengers' baggage from getting damaged either by sea-water or rain.

4. Licensed cargo boats leaving the port to make sea voyages, or to work in the canals for a longer period than seven days, to have their licenses cancelled and number cut off.

5. The fees alluded to in Section 2 of the Boat Rule are as follow :—

6. The hire of each description and class of boat to be as follow :—

		RS.	A.	P.
<i>Cargo Boats of European build, both open, decked, and country dhonies.</i>				
From Cocanada to a vessel in the roads, rice, sugar, salt, gram, wheat and such similar produce, per 100 bags...	...	3	0	0
Paddy, gingely-seed, lamp-oil seed, linseed, jaggery, betel nut and similar produce, per 100 bags...	...	3	4	0
Boot-gram, tamarinds, natchnee, turmeric, fenny-greek, mustard seeds, and such light produce, per 100 bags...	...	3	6	0
All other produce per 100 bags of the boat's burthen...	...	3	4	0
To or from Coringa, Tallaravoo or Neelapally, Rupees 4-8 and 12 Annas, respectively, in excess of the above charges per 100 bags.	...	1	6	0
From Coringa to Tallaravoo or Neelapally, per every 100 bags, and vice versa, respectively...	...	1	12	0
From Neelapally, Tallaravoo or Coringa to a vessel on the Coringa bar or above it, and vice versa for 100 bags, respectively...	...	2	12	0
From a godown to a vessel opposite to or near it, per 100 bags...	...	1	8	0
From a godown to a vessel opposite to or near it, per 100 bags...	...	1	4	0
Daily demurrage for the detention of a cargo boat alongside of a vessel in the roads, or in any of the rivers, for any number of days beyond three, per 100 bags, the boat is licensed to carry per diem...	...	0	12	0
Return trips half the above charges, if from the same vessel.	...	0	12	0
If from another, full hire.	...	0	12	0
N. B.—The bag is calculated at two Bengal maunds.				

Accommodation Boats.

First class with cabin per trip, from Cocanada to the roads	...	5	0	0
First class without cabin	...	4	0	0
Second do.	do.	3	0	0
Third do.	do.	2	0	0
If detained alongside of the vessel above three hours, for every hour extra	...	0	12	0
First class accommodation boats to or from Neelapally to Cocanada, or a vessel in the roads, if not exceeding one day	...	7	0	0
Do. do. do. Tallaravoo	...	6	0	0
Do. do. do. Coringa	...	5	0	0

In excess of one day per diem, half of the above charges extra to be made.

7. All boats plying to carry passengers to be at all times well and sufficiently ballasted. The tindal of any boat not complying with this rule, and endangering life and property, will be fined Rupees 50 for the first offence, or three months' imprisonment with hard labor, and for a second offence, the license of the boat will be cancelled and not renewed for twelve months, and the tindal of the boat will be punished under Section 280 of the Penal Code.

8. All boats, canoes, catamarans, licensed or registered under the Boat Rules, dated 23rd April 1847, and now cancelled, must either conform to these rules, or have the licenses of their boats cancelled.

9. The provisions contained in Section 6 of the Boat Rules are not to be applied to ports in this District.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Cocanada, 14th July 1866, No. 159.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter* from the Master Attendant of Cocanada, requesting certain additions to be made to the subsidiary rules, forwarded to the Board with my letter of the 20th ultimo, No. 138.

* 13th July 1866.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From H. THOMSON, Esq., Master Attendant, to the Collector of the Godavery District; dated Cocanada, 13th July 1866, No. 972.

Referring to the Subsidiary Boat Rules, forwarded with my letter, No. 862, I have the honor to bring to your notice a slight omission, which I solicit the favor may be rectified as follows :— To follow after line, in excess of one day, &c., &c., canoes with two men and one boy, or catamarans with two men to, or from the shipping, the former twelve Annas, and the latter eight Annas per trip. Extra hire to all vessels in more than five fathoms water in south west monsoon, or six fathoms in the north-east monsoon, one-third the above hire for all classes of boats, and in foul weather two-thirds extra to all vessels in the usual anchorage, and beyond it double hire for all classes of boats.

(True Copy).

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Masulipatam, 12th July 1866, No. 242.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 21st May last, No. 3555, I have the honor to report that, as recommended by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Sea Customs, and the

Master Attendant at this station, the amended Boat Rules may be made applicable to the ports of Masulipatam, Nizampatam, Kottapollem, Epurpollem, and Motupully, in this District.

2. Copies of the subsidiary regulations proposed by the said officers are herewith forwarded, and, I think, they might be advantageously adopted for the better management of the boats.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. W. MAIDEN, Esq., Master Attendant, to the Acting Collector of the Kistna District; dated Masulipatam, 28th June 1866, No. 97.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 518, giving cover to a spare copy of the Board's Proceedings, No. 3555, dated the 21st May, together with a copy of rules for the better management and control of cargo boats, &c.

2. After giving the matter my best consideration, it appears to me that Masulipatam and Nizampatam are the only ports in this district to which the said rules might be applied with advantage.

3. With reference to subsidiary rules, it appears to me the rules before me meet every case likely to occur in way of complaint with the exception of one—*theft*: crime of this nature in boats is decidedly on the increase. All cases of this nature must, I presume, be dealt with under Section 407 of the Indian Penal Code.

4. I believe it will be necessary to place the fees to be charged for the survey of boats, also the rates of boat-hire as subsidiary rules. These may be tabulated, and stand as Subsidiary Rules at present. But as a better prevention to the crews of cargo boats taking a less cargo than they should do, I have put in the heading to each column of hire, the measured tonnage and number of bags each boat should carry, and the N. B., if enforced, will make a boat liable to forfeit a portion of her hire when found to have taken less goods than she ought to have done. The shallowness of the bar since the cyclone, is constantly made an excuse for the boats taking far less than they should; this I wish to prevent.

5. I beg to submit a rough draft of the two subsidiary rules for your approval, or for any alteration you may think necessary.

(True Copy).

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,

Acting Collector.

No. 1.

Subsidiary Rule.

Boats may be had at the following rates except in very bad weather at the port of Masulipatam:—

	Centre board boats, burthen 19 tons, or 220 bags rice.	First size boats, burthen 12 tons, or 150 bags.	Second size boats, burthen 8 tons, or 100 bags.	Hire of catamarans.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
To or from a vessel in or under 3½ fathoms to the pier-head in the Fort.	7 8 0	5 4 0	3 12 0	0 8 0
„ do. do. in 4 and over 3½ do. do.	8 9 0	6 0 0	4 4 0	0 10 0
„ do. do. in 5 and over 4 do. do.	11 4 0	7 14 0	5 10 0	1 0 0
„ do. do. over 5 fathoms.	15 0 0	10 8 0	7 8 0	1 0 0

N. B.—Boats taking less cargo than the weight or quantity specified, will be paid for quantity not taken in accordance with size.

MASULIPATAM,
28th June 1866.

(Signed) J. W. MAIDEN,

Master Attendant.

No. 2.

SUBSIDIARY RULE.

Scale of Fees for measuring Vessels.

	RS.
Under 50 tons	7
50 tons and under 100 tons	11
100 tons and under 150 tons	15
150 tons and under 200 tons	19
200 tons and under 250 tons	23
250 tons and under 300 tons	27
300 tons and upwards	30

(Signed) J. W. MAIDEN,

Master Attendant.

MASULIPATAM,

28th June 1866.

From J. A. MARJORIBANKS, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Salt and Sea Customs, to the Acting Collector of the Kistna District; dated Masulipatam, 9th June 1866, No. 70.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 21st ultimo, No. 3555, I have the honor to state that the Government Rules for the better management of boats and catamarans may be applied to all the out-ports under my charge in this District, viz., Nizampatam, Kottapollem, Epurpollem, and Motupully.

2. The subsidiary regulations which I would propose are the same* that have already been submitted by me in my letter to you, dated 8th

*Copy herewith sent for ready reference.

January last, No. 4, with one exception, that is, that the hire for boats at Epurpollem and Motupully may be fixed at Rupees 1-8-0, instead of Rupee 1, per trip, as the boatmen at those places complain of the insufficiency of the latter rate in these times of scarcity.

(True Copy).

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,

Acting Collector.

Subsidiary Rules for the better management and control of Boats and Catamarans at the Ports of Nizampatam, Kottapollem, Epurpollem, and Motupully, in the Kistna District.

The boats and catamarans at Nizampatam and Kottapollem, and Epurpollem, and Motupully, shall be under the direction of the Sea Custom Assistant Superintendents of Nizampatam and Epurpollem respectively, and to whom will be entrusted the duty of carrying into effect the rules for their better management and control.

2. The license fee to be levied on boats and catamarans shall be as follows:—

	RS. A. P.
Boats carrying 8 to 10 tons and upwards	5 0 0
Do. 6 to 8 do.	4 0 0
Do. 4 to 6 do.	3 0 0
Do. 2 to 4 do.	2 0 0
Do. 1 to 2 do.	1 8 0
Do. 1 do.	1 0 0
Catamaran	0 8 0

3. All boats and catamarans shall be submitted once in three months (or oftener, if necessary,) to the inspection of the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs on such day as he may appoint; notice of such intended inspection being given a fortnight previous.

4. If, on inspection, any boat or catamaran be found in want of repairs or stores, the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs shall detain the license till it shall have been again put into fit and proper order, and shall refuse to allow boat or catamaran to ply until he shall have returned the license endorsed, to the effect that such repairs have been completed.

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5. Boats carrying (180) one hundred and eighty bags of two Bengal maunds each at Nizampatam and Kottapollem shall be manned by one tindal and nine lascars, and boats carrying (40) forty bags of similar weight at Epurpollem and Motupully shall be manned by one tindal and nine rowers.

6. No boat or catamaran shall be allowed to ply before 5 A. M. or after 6 P. M., without the permission of the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs, nor shall any boat or catamaran remain alongside any vessel after dark, except in particular cases, the emergency of which shall be determined by the Assistant Superintendent.

7. All goods shall be shipped off from, and landed in front of, the Custom-house, or as near thereto as circumstances will conveniently admit.

8. The rates of hire exhibited in the table annexed shall be considered the authorized ordinary charges, but in case of extraordinary service not therein specified, such as proceeding to a vessel in distress under circumstances of peril, the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs shall adjudge to be paid such additional hire as the service may seem to warrant, reporting the same to the Collector for his confirmation :—

SCHEDULE OF BOAT HIRE.

Nizampatam and Kottapollem.

Boat carrying 180 bags of two Bengal maunds per trip... RS. A. P. 7 8 0

Epurpollem and Motupully.

Boat carrying 40 bags of two Bengal maunds ... 1 0 0

(Signed) J. A. MAJORIBANKS.

Ordered that the foregoing letters be submitted to Government, with reference to their Orders dated 7th October and 14th December 1865, Nos. 212 and 268.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government,
with two plans and two enclosures, and copies of Collectors' letters.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Chatterpore, 14th March 1866, No. 225.

Adverting to paragraph 6 of the Order of Government, No. 212, dated 7th October 1865, communicated with Board's Proceedings, No. 6881, dated 26th October 1865, I have the honor to submit a table showing the amount of license fee; charge for boat hire; limits of port; amount of cargo; and extra charge for working in stormy weather (when a trip often occupies double the average time).

2. These particulars are submitted for the approval of Government. The rates have been fixed with reference to the capacity of the boats and the facilities or otherwise of the ports.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Memorandum showing the amount of License fee ; charge for Boat-hire ; limits of Port, amount of Cargo, &c., in the District of Ganjam.

Ports.	License fee.	Capacity of Boats.	Boat and Catamaran hire.				Limits of Port.	Remarks.		
			Per trip.		Per 10 bags.					
			Fair weather.	Foul weather.	Fair weather.	Foul weather.				
Ganjam.....	RS. A. P. As laid down in the Boat Rules of 1847.	About 2½ Tons	RS. A. 1 4	RS. A. 1 4	RS. A. 4 0	RS. A. 5 0	South.—A boundary pillar on the sea-shore about half a mile S. by W. of the Custom House. North.—Do. within the river about quarter a mile E. N. E. of the Custom House, or three-quarters a mile. From the Aska Godowns to the Godowns North of the Custom House.			
Munsurcottah.....	Do.	1 Ton.	{ 1 to 1 8 Catamarans. 0 4 to 10 Boats.	{ 1 8 0 8 1 0						
Sonapore.....	Do.	1 Ton.	Catamarans. 0 4 Boats. 1 0	1 0 4	4 0	5 0	Abreast the Custom's House when the depth of the river admits.			
Barwa.....	Do.	1 Ton.	0 12	0 14	3 12	4 6				
Poondy.....	Per Ton. 1 0 0	From 1½ to 3 Tons.	{ 1 4 to 2 8	1 8 to 3 0			About 400 yards, and defined.			
Calingapatam.....	On each Boat. 1 8 0	1 to 1½ Tons.	0 12	...			About a mile, and defined by boundary pillars.			
Bavanapadu.....	Per Ton. 1 0 0	1½ to 3 Tons.	{ 1 4 to 2 8	1 8 to 3 0			About 800 yards.			

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Collector.

CHATTERPORY
14th March 1866.

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From D. F. CHARMICHAEL, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated 1st December 1865, No. 991.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Miscellaneous Circular, No. CXLVI, (Board No. 6881,) dated 26th October last, and in reply to state that the minor Outports of this District are—

1. Pentacota.
2. Pudimadaka, and
3. Konada.

2. No. 3 is subordinate to Bimlipatam, and requires no special rules. Shipments seldom or ever take place there now. For Nos. 1 and 2, I submitted a set of rules on the 16th April 1864, No. 195, to which I would only add the following to Rule VII.

“The amount of cargo and passengers each boat will take will be as follows” :—

	In fair weather.			In foul weather.		
	Cargo bags of two Bengal Maunds, each.	Passengers with luggage.		Cargo bags of two Bengal Maunds, each.	Passengers with luggage.	
		Euro-peans.	Natives.		Euro-peans.	Natives.
Pentacota.....	30	16	20	25	12	16
Pudimadaka.....	20	12	16	15	10	12

3. At the instance of the late Marine Board, plans of the limits of these ports were prepared, these I have obtained from the Superintendent of Marine, and beg to forward them herewith. The limits of the landing places are therein defined in red lines, and they may be described in any notification as follows :—

For Pentacota—limits of landing place, from the southern margin of the mouth of the river to 500 yards to the north-eastward of the same.

“Pudimadaka—limits of landing place, 500 yards abreast of the town, i. e., 250 yards north and 250 yards south of the town.”

From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Amlapur, 28th February 1866, No. 46.

I have the honor to submit the draft of Subsidiary Regulations called for in the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. CXLVI of this year.

2. The draft has been prepared by the Master Attendant at Cocanada, and as he knows the requirements of the port much better than I do, I beg to say that I concur in his recommendations. I submit also copy of his letter to my address.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Copy of a letter from the Master Attendant at Cocanada, dated 24th instant, No. 296.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Draft of Subsidiary Regulations called for in the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. CXLVI of 1866.

From T. A. N. CHASE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Gudivada, 14th January 1866, No. 17.

In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. CXLVI, dated 26th October 1865, I have the honor to forward a set of rules for the better management and control of boats and catamarans at the out-ports of this District where there is no Master Attendant.

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2. When employment is not found at Nizampatam, the boats make coasting trips as far as Madras and Balasore. At present out of the nineteen cargo boats seven have gone to Madras, two to Barwah, and seven are undergoing repairs, and three only are plying at that out-port.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Subsidiary Rules for the better management and control of Boats and Catamarans at the Ports of Nizampatam, Kottapollem, Epurpollem, and Motupully in the Kistna District.

The boats and catamarans at Nizampatam, Kottapollem, Epurpollem and Motupully shall be under the direction of the Sea Custom Assistant Superintendents of Nizampatam and Epurpollem respectively, and to whom will be entrusted the duty of carrying into effect the rules for their better management and control.

2. The license fee to be levied on boats and catamarans shall be as follows :—

			RS.	A.	P.
Boats carrying 8 to 10 tons and upwards...			5	0	0
Do. 6 to 8	do.		4	0	0
Do. 4 to 6	do.		3	0	0
Do. 2 to 4	do.		2	0	0
Do. 1 to 2	do.		1	8	0
Do. 1	do.		1	0	0
Catamaran...			0	8	0

3. All boats and catamarans shall be submitted once in three months (or oftener if necessary) to the inspection of the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs on such day as he may appoint; notice of such intended inspection being given a fortnight previous.

4. If, on inspection, any boat or catamaran be found in want of repairs or stores, the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs shall detain the license till it shall have been again put into fit and proper order, and shall refuse to allow such boat or catamaran to ply until he shall have returned the license endorsed, to the effect that such repairs have been completed.

5. Boats carrying (180) one hundred and eighty bags of two Bengal maunds each at Nizampatam and Kottapollem shall be manned by one tindal and nine lascars, and boats carrying (40) forty bags of similar weight at Epurpollem and Motupully shall be manned by one tindal and nine rowers.

6. No boat or catamaran shall be allowed to ply before 5 A. M. or after 6 P. M. without the permission of the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs, nor shall any boat or catamaran remain alongside any vessel after dark, except in particular cases, the emergency of which shall be determined by the Assistant Superintendent.

7. All goods shall be shipped off from, and landed in front, of the Custom House, or as near thereto as circumstances will conveniently admit.

8. The rates of hire exhibited in the table annexed shall be considered the authorized ordinary charges; but in case of extraordinary service not therein specified, such as proceeding to a vessel in distress under circumstances of peril, &c., the Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs shall adjudge to be paid such additional hire as the service may seem to warrant, reporting the same to the Collector for his confirmation.

SCHEDULE OF BOAT HIRE.

Nizampatam and Kottapollem.

	RS.	A.	P.
Boat carrying 180 bags of two Bengal maunds, per trip.	7	8	0

Epurpollem and Motupully.

	RS.	A.	P.
Boat carrying 40 bags of two Bengal maunds, per trip.	1	0	0

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE.

Acting Collector of Sea Customs.

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From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue ; dated Viruru, Atmakur Taluq, 1st March 1866, No. 51.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Circular, No. CXLVI of 1865, calling for reports on paragraph 6 of the Order of Government of the 7th October last.

2. We are only just developing our trade by sea ; and from the report of the Acting Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, I find that the boats employed for landing cargo differ greatly, and any rules we might impose as to license fee, charge for boat-hire, &c., might press unfairly on those concerned.

3. I, therefore, beg respectfully to recommend that the framing of subsidiary regulations on such subjects be allowed to lie over for the present for this District.

No. 29. From J. J. FRANKLIN, Esq., Superintendent of Marine, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort Saint George ; dated Madras, 10th September 1866, No. 3510.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Proceedings of Government of 6th ultimo, No. 189, forwarding for remark the amended Boat Rules to be introduced at the out-ports, and to state that there is only one addition I would propose.

2. It is the practice at one port, if not at more, for a Firm to engage boats permanently for their service by making advances to their owners, the result being that one or two individuals monopolize the boats, and only allow them to be engaged by others when not required by themselves. This system is not in accordance with the spirit of the rules which were framed for the convenience and advantage of the public generally. The 14th Rule provides that every owner, &c., under penalty shall let on hire his boat when applied for. I would add a second clause to this Section to the following effect :—"No boat can be hired more than one day in advance, and every boat being on the beach unemployed for half an hour is to be considered disengaged."

3. In a port where there are many boats this rule will probably be disregarded, but the Government will perceive that where there are few it may be very necessary to prevent the command of boats falling into the hands of a leading Firm to the exclusion of those having smaller transactions.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1866, No. 228.

Considerable misapprehension appears to exist as to the character of the Subsidiary Regulations for out-ports called for in G. O. 14th December 1865, No. 268, Marine Department.

2. No Collector has submitted for any out-port a complete set of the regulations which are necessary to supplement the Amended Boat Rules, and the Board of Revenue have not attempted to revise the proposals which have been submitted through them.

3. All Collectors are, therefore, instructed to submit direct to Government, and as soon as possible, a report in the following form :—

- 1.—Names of out-ports in the District to which the Rules are to be made applicable by Government.
 - 2.—Designation of the employé who is to be appointed Registering Officer at each out-port.
 - 3.—Rules as to the amount of license fees, number of crew, number of passengers, and amount of cargo for the several descriptions of boats.
 - 4.—Rules as to the hours between which boats are to be permitted to ply.
 - 5.—Rules as to amount of boat hire.
 - 6.—Any further miscellaneous regulations such as are required under Rule XII of the Amended Boat Rules.
4. These reports must be complete in themselves, and no reference is to be made to previous reports.

5. The Master Attendant at Madras has proposed that a rule should be everywhere passed, to the effect that "no boat can be hired more than one day beforehand, and every boat being on the beach unemployed for half an hour is to be considered disengaged." The Collector of Ganjam

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considers that the word "engaged" should be defined. In every case in which regulations of this kind are considered desirable they should be entered in the report under heading No. 6. It seems from the letters above recorded that it is quite necessary to remind the local authorities in some Districts that they cannot impose new penalties which are not sanctioned by the Amended Boat Rules. The penalty for ~~making~~ the "miscellaneous regulations" will be withdrawal of license.

6. The Governor in Council is of opinion that the Amended Boat Rules should be introduced from the 1st November next. Collectors will accordingly send in their reports immediately, or if there be any good reason for delay with respect to any parts of the subsidiary regulations, they will at all events submit the list of out-ports and of Registering Officers before the 15th proximo.

(True Extract).

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