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19th August 1868.

No. 305. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1868, No. 5,614:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Circuit Cutcherry at Bapatla, in Bapatla Talook, 26th March 1868, No. 96.

1. I lately called for information regarding the trade carried on from the different villages on the right and left banks of the Kistna river, and have the honor to forward copy of the reply of the Deputy Collector and its enclosures.

2. From these the Board will see that a very considerable trade is carried on between these villages and different ports on the coast.

3. There is at present no authorized port on the river Kistna, the villages on either bank being considered, for all Sea Custom purposes, subordinate either to the port of Masulipatam or Kottapollem.

4. It would be very undesirable to check the existing trade, or to put any restriction on the free use of the navigable portions of the Kistna, by prohibiting exports from these villages, and I, therefore, agree with Mr. Marjoribanks in thinking that the "Kistna river" should be added to the list of Ports, and that an Assistant Superintendent of Sea Customs, with two Peons, should be appointed for the duties of the Port, and should be stationed at Nagayalanka, a village on the left bank, near Avanegadda, which is the principal place of trade.

5. The services of the Assistant Superintendent would also be very valuable in supervising the Mangrove jungles at the mouths of the river, for the conservancy of which two Pygusties are already allowed.

From J. A. MARJORIBANKS, Esq., Deputy Collector, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Chinna Ganjam, 20th March 1868, No. 19.

1. I have the honor to inform you that it has long been the practice to allow exports and imports from and to the ports on the banks of the Kistna river, Port Clearances being granted to vessels clearing out from the ports on the left bank by the Sea Custom Superintendent at Masulipatam, (twenty-four miles distant,) and to those from the right bank by the Sea Custom Assistant Superintendent at Nizampatam (eighteen miles distant). The only check exercised by the Custom-house officials is to send on each occasion a hired Gumastah or Peon to take an account of the goods shipped or landed, the hire of these servants being defrayed by the party on whose account they may be employed.

2. As the practice of allowing shipments from the Kistna, however desirable it may be for encouraging trade or the convenience of individuals, is contrary to the provisions of the new Customs Act, under which exports and imports can only be permitted at authorized places, and as it appears to me that the check now exercised is insufficient to prevent irregularities, I beg to submit the matter to you, in the hope that you will be pleased to refer it to the Board and obtain sanction through them for the employment of a separate Customs Establishment on the Kistna, consisting of an Assistant Superintendent and two Peons, at the monthly cost noted in the margin, and further, that the Kistna be declared an authorized port for the shipment and landing of goods.

	Rs.
One Assistant Superintendent	20
Two Peons at 6 Rupees each	12
Total...	32

3. The annexed abstract shews the value of exports and imports on the Kistna during the last two Calendar years, condensed from the accompanying three Statements received from the Sea Custom Offices of Masulipatam and Nizampatam.

Abstract.

Years.	Names of Ports from whence Port Clearances were granted.	Places of Export and Import on the banks of the Kistna.	Exports. No of Dhonies.	Exports. Tonnage.	Exports. Value of Exportation.	Imports. No. of Dhonies.	Imports. Tonnage.	Imports. Value of Importation.
					Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.
1866	Masulipatam.	Nagayalanka, &c.	13	272	20,232 0 0	4	88	7,122 8 0
	Nizampatam.	Gangadipolem	1	20	1,268 7 0	...	...	... ...
		Total ...	14	292	21,500 7 0	4	88	7,122 8 0
1867	Masulipatam.	Nagayalanka, &c.	25	648½	33,003 8 0	4	98	10,495 0 0
	Nizampatam.	Penoomoodi..	1	20	1,542 4 0	...	...	... ...
		Morutota	3	92	4,116 6 6	...	...	... ...
		Boddoovanipolem ...	1	27	1,299 3 2	...	...	... ...
		Total ...	5	139	6,957 13 8	...	...	... ...
		Total ...	30	777½	39,961 5 8	4	98	10,495 0 0

Statement shewing the exportation of goods from the several places on right bank of Kistna, under charge of Nizampatam Sea Custom Assistant Superintendent, during the Calendar years 1866 and 1867.

Year	Where exported.	To what port.	Of Dhonies. No.	Of Dhonies. Tonnage	Of Goods. Names.	Of Goods. Quantity.	Of Goods. Value.	Total of value.
						Mds.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1866	Gangadipalem.	Madras ...	1	20	Paddy	720	1,152 0 0	
					Coriander seeds.	39¾	116 7 0	1,268 7 0
1867	Penoomoodi.	Madras ...	1	20	Natchiny... ...	690	1,150 0 0	
					Indian Corn ...	150	300 0 0	
					Chillies	21	92 4 0	1,542 4 0
	Morutota...	Kottapatam in the Nellore District.	3	92	Paddy	2,536¼	4,116 6 6	4,116 6 6
	Boddoovanipolem.	Do. do.	1	27	Paddy	913	1,299 3 2	1,299 3 2
							Total ...	6,957 13 8

Chinna Ganjam,
20th March 1868.

(Signed) J. A. MARJORIBANKS,
Deputy Collector.

1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. From the foregoing communication, it appears that there are at present five villages, four situated on the right bank and one on the left bank of the river Kistna, at which it has been the practice for a long time to allow exports and imports to and from Madras.

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Under Section X Act
VI of 1863 the Governor in Council
is pleased to declare the under-
= mentioned places to be ports
subordinate to those of Masuli-
= patam & Nizampatam in the Kistna
District for the shipping and
landing of goods -

Chief ports - Subordinate ports -

Masulipatam - Nagayalanka -
Gangadipolem -

Nizampatam - { Penoomoodi -
Morutota -
Boddoovanipolem -

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