

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th November 1870.

No. 213. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th October 1870, No. 6,386 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1870, No. 957.

In reply to Board's Order, Miscellaneous No. 814, 12th September 1870, I have the honour to make the following suggestions, as Collector of Sea Customs and Protector of Emigrants, in regard to the duties and salary of the British Consular Agent, which office is now vacant.

2. At present, the whole cost of the salary and establishment is debited to the

	Per month.		
	RS.	A.	P.
Consular Agent's salary ...	250	0	0
1 English and French Writer...	40	0	0
2 Peons, at 5 Rupees each ...	10	0	0
Stationery allowance ...	5	0	0
	305	0	0

French Emigration Funds, and the Consular Agent performs no duties, except those of Protector of Emigrants.

3. I therefore beg to propose that, in future, the British Consular Agent should perform certain duties of a Consul as well as those of Protector of Emigrants. In his capacity of Consul, he might send in to the Board of Revenue such Trade Returns and other documents as they may consider necessary regarding the trade of the Port of Pondicherry.

4. I conceive that such Returns will be found extremely useful to the Board in any future arrangements regarding the Land Customs of the South Arcot frontier.

5. At present, I believe, the Board receive no official returns of the trade of Pondicherry, but it seems clear, from the letter of His Excellency the Governor, that the French Government and the Chamber of Commerce at Pondicherry wish to give all the information in their power regarding trade, in order that any difficulties and obstacles to free passage and transmission of goods across the frontier may, in future, be obviated.

6. In regard to the examination of casks of liquors despatched from Pondicherry to British territory, I see no objection to the entertainment of the proposals contained in paragraph 3 of the letter of His Excellency the Governor of Pondicherry, and beg to suggest that the examination, etc., of casks should be performed by the British Consular Agent.

7. To assist in these duties, and those of Consul, an additional establishment will be required. Two additional Clerks, on Rupees 25 and 15, and a Gauger on Rupees 10, will, I think, be sufficient. An additional allowance for stationery should also be given, in accordance with the additional duties which will, in future, be required, if my proposals are agreed to.

8. As regards the salary and charges of the Consul and Establishment, I consider that half may be fairly debited to the French Emigration Fund and half to Imperial Funds, as the duties of the two offices will probably be about equal.

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SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 2nd September 1870, No. 1,382.

2. The Board observe that Government have appointed an officer of the Staff Corps to be Consular Agent at Pondicherry, and they see no objection whatever to making it part of his duty to examine goods destined for the English frontier in the manner proposed by the French Government.

3. It is very desirable, too, that he should send Trade Returns to the Board as suggested by the Collector of Madras.

4. The additional establishment, which will be required on account of these new duties, will be one Clerk on Rupees 20 and a Gauger on Rupees 10 a-month.

No. 214.

ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1870, No. 1,782.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.
Customs.

REFERRED to the Public Department for consideration as to whether there is any objection to the additional duties alluded to by the Board of Revenue being assigned to the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Department.
the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 14th Novr 1870

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Pro. of the Board of Revenue

A.S. 28th Oct. 1870, No. 6386

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Dept: for consideration as to
whether there is any objection
to the additional duties al-
luded to by the Board of
Revenue being assigned to the
British Consular Agent at
Pondicherry.

Subj: Letter from M^r. de la
Pastor, Madras, proposing that
certain additional duties be
imposed on British Consular
Agent at French Settlement of
Pondicherry that his staff be
increased.

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To

THE PUBLIC DEPARTMENT,

Kc. &c. &c.

Dated November, 14th.

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G. O. 14th November 1870, No. 1782.

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NOVEMBER.
Nos. 213-214.

British Consular Agent at Pondicherry.
Proceedings Board of Revenue proposing certain
additional duties to this officer referred to the
Public Department for consideration.