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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st February 1871.*

No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th January 1871, No. 101 :—

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5. If Mr. Blair's proposal be approved, I may mention that the additional establishment required can be easily obtained at the respective salaries I have named, and two, not three, extra hands would be ample for the additional work.

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From the Governor of Pondicherry, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Pondicherry, 19th November 1870.

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2. Agreeably to your proposal an authorized Agent can proceed to the said locality for the purpose of watching the re-packing of the goods and affixing the Custom-house Seal.

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SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Orders, 2nd September 1870, No. 1,382, and 14th November 1870, No. 1,782.

2. The Board do not see how the duty of examining and passing goods can be thought derogatory to the dignity of a Consular Agent.

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1871, No. 209.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.

Customs.

ORDERED to lie over pending the receipt of the reply of the Government of India to the letter from this Government (Public Department), dated 15th December 1870, No. 1,637.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Department.

No. 101.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated February 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 1st February 1871, No. 209.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 5-6.

Custom-house Agency at Pondicherry.—
Proceedings Board of Revenue on letter from
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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

J. G. Gode
Acting Secretary.

Custom-house Agency—for examining goods destined for exportation by land into British territory.—Letter from Collector of South Arcot, stating that proposal for establishment of, in Pondicherry, may be readily carried out, submitted to Government.

JANUARY.
No. 101.

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PROCEEDINGS, 17th JANUARY 1871, No. 101.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 1st January 1871.

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*Submitting to Government
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for examining goods destined for
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H.C. 9th January 1871 N° 101

*Ordered to lie over
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of India to the letter from
this Government (Public
Department) dated 15th
December 1870 N° 1634.*

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