

(1) Number of Pages.....6.
(2) Date of repair 26. 8. 67.
(3) Initials of the Referencer 7. 2. 68.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	196.	Press
B.P. No.		Mis.
Dated	(5) 2/8/75	196-

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 88. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st January 1875, No. 126 :—

Read the following letter from A. MacGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 2nd December 1874, No. 279 :—

With reference to your endorsement, dated 21st November 1874, Miscellaneous No. 8,155, on G. O., dated 13th idem, No. 84, I have the honor to report as follows on the remark of the Master-Attendant of Madras, that the old Custom-house, a mile south of the pier, usurps the large native trade, imposes extra supervision, and weakens the pier traffic.

2. On the occasion of the late visit of His Excellency, a deputation, representing the whole native mercantile community, waited on the Governor to protest against the hardship of having to land goods at the new Custom-house instead of at the old Custom-house, close to the warehouses in the Big Bazaar.

3. The latter would have been selected as the site for the new pier, had it not been that there was rock at the bottom, which would have prevented the screwing in of the piles. After careful examination, the present site was fixed on as the nearest point where rock was absent. The distance between the old and new Custom-houses is 1,200 yards, but there is not a very direct communication.

4. Since the opening of the new Custom-house in 1873, it has been usual to permit the shipment from the old Custom-house, not only of bulky articles such as grain, cocoanuts, coir and jaggery, but of all undutiable goods. Last year, several cases of smuggling came to notice; and, at the beginning of this season, a notice was issued to the merchants that the privilege would be withdrawn, except in the case of the bulky articles. I consider this measure necessary for the security of the revenue, and that, by excluding bulky articles, the measure does not bear unfairly on the native trade.

5. In the absence of a better means of communication than now exists, I think it would be hard to prohibit *all* shipment from the beach opposite the old Custom-house. Under the former system, such a work as a road to the new Custom-house would have been undertaken from Provincial Funds, but now it devolves on the municipality. The road is along the beach, through deep sand; and the municipality have no means of meeting the call for the expensive work necessary. The existing beach road admits only of hand-carts; wheeled traffic has to go by a more circuitous route, the distance along which is 1,660 yards.

6. The case is one in which it would be, I think, reasonable that a grant from Provincial Funds should be made.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Sketch.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 13th November 1874, No. 84, Revenue Department.

2. The question asked by Government is whether *two* Custom-houses need be maintained at Calicut?

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th February 1875.*

3. It appears that the new Custom-house is *the* Custom-house, but that traders are allowed to ship bulky articles from the old Custom-house, which is close to the Big Bazaar, to save them from the expense of carriage along 1,200 yards of deep sand.

4. The Board agree with the Collector that unless a road is made between the two places, it would be hard to compel traders to carry bulky articles so far, even though the present system "imposes extra supervision and weakens the pier traffic."

5. If Government wish, an approximate estimate of the cost of a road might be called for.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 89.

ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1875, No. 196.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED, together with the enclosure, to the Marine Department with reference to the latter part of paragraph 3

of G. O. in that Department, 20th October 1874, No. 385.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Marine Department.
.. the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. Franch.

1874/1/16

On and New Custom-houses of Calicut.
Firsted.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue
the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
concerning the Collector's opinion on the road
is made between the— it is to be noted that
the Board of Revenue.

FEBRUARY
Nos. 83-84.

G.O., 5th February 1874, No. 126.

Recd February 6th.

Recd.

Recd.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT,

Calicut, 22nd Feb.

REVENUE.

No. 126.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 21st January 1875.
Read the following letter from A. MacGREGOR, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to
J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut,
2nd December 1874, No. 279 :—

With reference to your endorsement, dated 21st November 1874, Miscellaneous No. 8,155, on G. O., dated 13th idem, No. 84, I have the honor to report as follows on the remark of the Master-Attendant of Madras, that the old Custom-house, a mile south of the pier, usurps the large native trade, imposes extra supervision, and weakens the pier traffic.

2. On the occasion of the late visit of His Excellency, a deputation, representing the whole native mercantile community, waited on the Governor to protest against the hardship of having to land goods at the new Custom-house instead of at the old Custom-house, close to the warehouses in the Big Bazaar.

3. The latter would have been selected as the site for the new pier, had it not been that there was rock at the bottom, which would have prevented the screwing in of the piles. After careful examination, the present site was fixed on as the nearest point where rock was absent. The distance between the old and new Custom-houses is 1,200 yards, but there is not a very direct communication.

4. Since the opening of the new Custom-house in 1873, it has been usual to permit the shipment from the old Custom-house, not only of bulky articles such as grain, cocoanuts, coir and jaggery, but of all undutiable goods. Last year, several cases of smuggling came to notice; and, at the beginning of this season, a notice was issued to the merchants that the privilege would be withdrawn, except in the case of the bulky articles. I consider this measure necessary for the security of the revenue, and that, by excluding bulky articles, the measure does not bear unfairly on the native trade.

5. In the absence of a better means of communication than now exists, I think it would be hard to prohibit all shipment from the beach opposite the old Custom-house. Under the former system, such a work as a road to the new Custom-house would have been undertaken from Provincial Funds, but now it devolves on the municipality. The road is along the beach, through deep sand; and the municipality have no means of meeting the call for the expensive work necessary. The existing beach road admits only of hand-carts; wheeled traffic has to go by a more circuitous route, the distance along which is 1,660 yards.

6. The case is one in which it would be, I think, reasonable, that a grant from Provincial Funds should be made.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Sketch.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 13th November 1874, No. 84, Revenue Department.

2. The question asked by Government is whether two Custom-houses need be maintained at Calicut?

126/3

1874/1/16

3. It appears that the new Custom-house is *the* Custom-house, but that traders are allowed to ship bulky articles from the old Custom-house, which is close to the Big Bazaar, to save them from the expense of carriage along 1,200 yards of deep sand.

4. The Board agree with the Collector that unless a road is made between the two places, it would be hard to compel traders to carry bulky articles so far, even though the present system "imposes extra supervision and weakens the pier traffic."

5. If Government wish, an approximate estimate of the cost of a road might be called for.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. H. M.
Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
Copy to the Collector of Malabar, with one sketch.

Mr. W. H. French.

Nº 196

*Communicated together
with the enclosure, to the Marine
Department with reference to
the latter part of para. 3 of G.O.
in that Department 20th October 1874 Nº 385.*

*To the Marine Dept
14th Dec 1875*

*C/LL
5th February 1876*

Resum 1875. de pte
BOARD OF REVENUE
MADRAS.

Nº 284

PROCEEDINGS, 21ST JANUARY 1875, No. 126.

Copy to Collector

Encl. 1

2nd 16

1st 16

2nd 16

Received 26th

JANUARY.

No. 126.

Custom-houses—at Calicut, in Malabar District.—Opinion of Collector that unless a road is made between the old and new Custom-houses, it would be necessary to maintain both of them, even though such a course imposes extra supervision and weakens pier traffic, concurred in, and submitted to Government.

In 196 5th February 1875

W. H. French