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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th August 1876.*

No. 148. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th July 1876, No. 1,917:—

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 22nd June 1876, No. 272.

In reply to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings of the 30th May last, No. 1,417, I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Police, in which he says that, in his opinion, the concession alluded to in the Proceedings relative to the passing of all goods by the Consular Agent may be extended to passing provisions, oilman's stores, and confectionery of all kinds.

2. In my letter of the 7th April last, No. 148, I expressed myself averse to granting the power to the Consular Agent to pass all sorts of goods, my chief reason for doing so being that it would be opening a door to frauds; but on carefully reconsidering the matter, I think it is possible to arrange so that the risk of fraud shall be reduced to a minimum, and as I see no reason why any one article should be passed by the said officer more than another, I am disposed to recommend that the power to pass all be given him, as it will be a matter of convenience to merchants and others in Pondicherry.

3. The passing of such goods should, however, be subject to the following rules:—

(1.) That the contents of every package be invariably carefully examined by the Consular Agent himself.

(2.) That all packages are sent direct from the Consular Agent's Office (which will be, to all intents and purposes, a Custom-house) to the frontier in charge of a peon once a day.

4. In addition to the above rules, it will be necessary to announce that goods will only be passed between certain hours, say from 12 to 3 P.M.; that on all goods passed the duty must be paid at once; and that a receipt for the duty paid will be then given and the goods sent off, with all other goods passed the same day (say at 4 P.M.), in charge of peons to the frontier chowkees. Duplicates of the receipts given, showing the duty paid and the articles passed, would then have to be sent along with the peons to the frontier chowkees and handed over to the Superintendents there.

5. As all articles from Pondicherry, as a rule, go along the road to Madras, or the road to Cuddalore, two peons will suffice for the purpose of conveying them to the chowkees at Mortandi and Madalapett.

6. The Consular Agent will require to have a supply of receipts in triplicate showing the articles passed, their quantities and values and the duty paid. One copy would be given to the importer, one sent with the conveying peon, and the third filed in the office for record.

7. Four peons and a tripod with a set of scales and weights will then have to be supplied to Major Sherman. The peons would require belts and badges and should be paid 7 Rupees a-month each.

8. To simplify matters, I think the power of passing goods should be limited to goods intended to be passed through the Mortandi and Madalapett gates only.

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9. With reference to the Board's remarks in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings under reply, I have the honor to refer them to their Proceedings of the 8th January last, No. 49, from which they will see that explanation was afforded by me why the new Tariff Act was not brought into operation at the frontier sooner than the 14th August 1875, and that the Board then were of opinion that the delays in bringing the Act into operation were unavoidable.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain R. G. JENKINS, Superintendent of Police, South Arcot, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 17th June 1876, No. 122

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

1876, No. 815.

2. The Collector, in reply to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings disposed of in the order above quoted, states that on reconsideration he is inclined to recommend that the Consular Agent at Pondicherry be empowered to pass all goods without restriction, and proposes certain regulations for adoption. The Board approve the proposed rules, but consider that the Consular Agent's authority should be extended only to passing such goods as provisions, oilman's stores, and confectionery which are usually packed in secure cases. He should be prohibited from passing any goods not so secured; baskets, mat packages, &c., must be examined as usual at the Sayer Stations.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th August 1876.*

No. 149. ORDER THEREON, 16th August 1876, No. 1,107.

Separate Revenue, No. 17.

Customs.

THE Government sanction the Board's proposals in paragraphs 2 and 3, and await report as to the fee proposed to be levied on each package. The consent of the merchants should be secured to the rates that may be fixed, and it seems desirable, on the whole, to postpone the changes sanctioned till the question of fee is settled.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1,917.

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To THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated August, 1876.

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Encl.

G.O., 16th August 1876, No. 1,107.

AUGUST.

Nos. 148-149.

Consular Agent at Pondicherry in South Arcot District.—Sanctioning proposals of the Board of Revenue with respect to the power of the Consular Agent to pass certain goods without restriction, and authorizing report as to the fee proposed to be levied on each package. Considering it desirable to postpone the changes sanctioned till the question of fee is settled.

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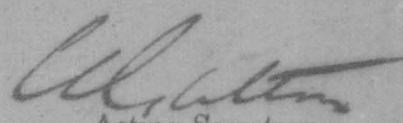
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Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Exd. W. J. Lewis.

No 1107

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16 August 1876

11a To the Board of Agents, Secy, 20th July
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Board of Revenue
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PROCEEDINGS, 26th July 1876, No. 1,917.

Dated 25 Aug 1876

Received 11 Aug 1876

JULY.
 No. 1,917.

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 Arcot District.—Stating that — should be
 empowered to pass certain goods without
 restriction, and that other articles should be
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With order

Dated 16 Aug 1876

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