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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st May 1876.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 3. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th March 1876, No. 871.

From Captain J. H. TAYLOR, R.N.R., Acting Master Attendant, Administrative Department, Madras, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Marine Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 4th March 1876, No. 1,640.

I HAVE the honor to lay before the Government, for their consideration and orders, the correspondence marginally noted from the Revenue Board and the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, relative to the export and import of Government Stores, wherein it is proposed to

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Letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to the Master Attendant, Madras, No. 304, dated 17th February 1876.

detain all Government property with a view to collect information for certain trade statistics. The course adopted at present in this department for landing and shipping Government consignments is indicated in the rule laid down by Government for that purpose, copies of which are herewith enclosed for ready reference. The adoption of the measures proposed by the Collector of Sea Customs in his letter to my address will render it necessary to make very material alterations in the present system prove inconvenient to departments concerned in practice, and add considerably to the cost of landing goods from England, besides subjecting them to unnecessary wear and tear in moving them in and out of the Custom-house whenever required by the Customs officials, and opening them to ascertain contents and value. All shipments from Madras are made by steamers, whose stay in the roads is limited to a few hours, while nearly all consignments from England are brought out by Suez Canal Steamers, and consist principally of ammunition, clothing, and stationery stores requiring prompt removal from the beach. Such stores would invariably have to be handed over to the Custom-house authorities for safe custody in their premises, and this department would not be able to exercise any control or supervision over them until released by the Collector. This result would be the rule, as Bills of Lading, Invoices, Tonnage, and Packing Accounts are usually received some time after the arrival of the vessel at Madras. The clearance of Government Stores in accordance with Custom-house Rules and Regulations and tabulated forms requiring a certain classification of goods will entail a deal of extraneous work on this department, and cause serious detention to the delivery or shipment of Government Stores, particularly under emergencies.

2. I cannot, for the foregoing reasons, recommend any material change such as that contemplated by the Board of Revenue in the rules now in force for landing and shipping Government consignments; but as it is, however, imperative that the Revenue authorities should be in a position to obtain the required data for furnishing trade statistics, I beg to submit amended rules for the sanction of Government which, if approved of, will sufficiently meet all statistical requirements without causing either detention or damage to Government Stores.

3. With regard to the export of stores, I would propose that it be made compulsory on the part of departments shipping to furnish this office with duplicate tonnage requisitions, furnishing full particulars as to the nature, quantity, weight or measurement, and value of goods about to be exported. On receiving this requisi-

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tion this department will issue the necessary shipping order to the Second Assistant Master Attendant, handing him the duplicate tonnage statement, for transmission to the Collector of Sea Customs, after each shipment has been completed.

4. With regard to imports, as invoices of all stores from England are received by the various Audit offices, I propose that the Accountant-General, Controller of Military Accounts, the Examiners of Public Works, Medical, Clothing, Ordnance, and Commissariat Accounts be required to furnish the Collector of Sea Customs with a monthly or quarterly statistical statement of the nature, quantity, and value of all stores received by the various departments whose accounts are audited by them, respectively, while the statement relative to marine stores exported or imported will be duly furnished by this office.

5. With these remarks, I beg respectfully to submit amended rules for landing and shipping Government consignments, and to solicit the sanction of His Grace in Council to the same.

No. 396.

REFERRED to the Revenue Board, through the Revenue Department, for their opinion on the proposed arrangement.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
6th March 1876.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

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2. I request that, before you permit Government stores to be removed for shipment or entry inwards, you will direct the usual bills of entry and shipping bills to be collected and forwarded to this office. In cases where the bills are not produced, I beg you will prevent removal of the goods with reference to the provisions of the Government Order marginally noted, and report the same to me, when I shall have the goods examined and weighed, removing them, if necessary, into the Custom-house yard.

3. I beg that you will be pleased to give effect to this arrangement as early as practicable, and intimate to me when it will commence.

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The necessary printed forms will be supplied by the Collector and they must be adopted.

2. As for removing imported goods before the required information is given, the Board doubt whether it will be within the power of the officers named in the margin to furnish the information required punctually every month. If they can, however, undertake to furnish it within at least the 15th of the month following that in which the goods have been imported, the rules proposed may be sanctioned.

3. The rules should clearly specify the names of all officers responsible for sending the information to the Collector of Sea Customs. The Board observe that in the rules only the Accountant-General, Controller of Military Accounts, and Examiner, Department of Public Works Accounts, are mentioned, while the Examiners of Medical, Clothing, Ordnance and Commissariat Accounts are also to be held responsible according to the Master Attendant's letter. It is advisable that there should be no doubt as to the officers responsible for furnishing the returns to the Collector.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 4. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th April 1876, No. 1,083.

From R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 12th April 1876, No. 653.

WITH reference to the latter part of Board's Proceedings, dated 30th March 1876, No. 871, I have the honor to observe that the arrangement there proposed, *viz.*, that Government Officers receiving stores should furnish the information required for trade statistics within at least the 15th of the month following that in which the goods have been imported will retard the timely submission of the Monthly Trade Returns from this office.

2. The Monthly Returns are required to be despatched on the 5th or so as to reach the Board's office on the 14th at the latest of the month following that to which the accounts relate. If therefore fifteen days are allowed to Government Officers to furnish the requisite information as regards stores received by them,

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it will be impossible to send up the Monthly Returns on the prescribed dates, at any rate those relating to Government stores.

3. I beg therefore to suggest that the period allowed to Government Officers may be limited to one week from the expiry of the month in which the stores are received.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 30th March 1876, No. 871.

2. On further consideration the Board are of opinion that returns of Government Stores imported should be sent to the Collectors concerned not later than the 8th of the month following that in which they have been imported, as the returns are due at the Board's office on the 15th, and the Government of India attach great importance to their punctual submission.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 5.

ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1876, No. 560.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Marine Department with reference to the endorsement in that department on the letter from the

Master Attendant, dated 4th March 1876, No. 1,640, with copy of Board's Proceedings, 29th March 1876, No. 861, on which separate orders will issue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Marine Department
„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Government Stores.—Communicating to the Marine Department, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding the export and import of — and the returns relating to them.

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G.O., 1st May 1876, No. 500.

Dated May, 1st.
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT,

REVENUE.

Capt. of 1876 Madras.

R.D. in the room of the Secy.

No. 871.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 30th March 1876.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

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Shane & Co
Sea Customs House
Madras
12th April 1876

/Sd/ R. J. Melville
Agent Sea Customs

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings dated 30th March 1876 No. 871.

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[True Copy & Extract]

W. H. Cotton
Secretary

To
The Secretary to
Government Revenue
Department.

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