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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th January 1877.*

No. 303. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th December 1876, No. 3,290 :—

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 2nd November 1876, No. 513.

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From Major S. W. B. SHERMAN, British Consular Agent, to J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Pondicherry, 25th October 1876, No. 12.

IN continuation of my letter, No. 11, dated 20th September last, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Revenue Board, after having a conversation with Mr. Bayol, the President of the Chamber of Commerce, that the merchants of Pondicherry raise a decided objection to the proposed fee of 1 Anna being levied on all goods passed by me, as hitherto wines have been free from any charge.

2. I think in order to facilitate the matter, so as to meet the wishes of all, my powers might very well be extended to the passing of oilmanstores of every description, conserves, confectionary, gloves, perfumery, &c., only, as these articles are occasionally ordered by constituents in the interior through some of the merchants at the same time as they order wines and spirits, and as they are invariably packed in cases, there would be no chance of any fraud being committed. I should examine the cases in the same way as I do the wines and spirits, and place my seal after I have passed the same. Further, the necessity of entertaining an extra staff of peons as proposed would not be required, nor would the "State" be put to any extra expenses.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 16th August 1876, No. 1,107.

2. The arrangements were proposed for the convenience of the French mercantile community, and if they object to pay the trifling fee proposed, their goods must be cleared at the Sayer stations as hitherto.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 304. From J. E. O'CONOR, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Statistical Branch—Customs, Sea,) to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Calcutta, 6th December 1876, No. 18.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Government of Madras in the Revenue Department, Separate Revenue—Customs, No. 22, for June 1876, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Grace the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to furnish this department with a copy of the report of the Consular

Agent at Pondicherry on the working of the Customs Department under his charge
No. 3,356, dated 9th Aug. 1871. for the year 1875-76, and also with copies
" 6,386, " 28th Oct. 1870. of the Board of Revenue's Proceedings
" 101, " 9th Jan. 1871. noted in the margin, relating to the
" 706, " 15th Feb. 1871. authority invested in the Consular Agent
to pass wines and spirits intended for export into British territory, and the fixing of
the pay allowed to the clerk attached to the Consular Agent's Office.

2. I am further to request that the results of the inquiry proposed to be made
by the Board of Revenue as to the advisability of extending the Consular Agent's
powers in respect to passing other descriptions of goods as well as wines and spirits,
may be communicated to the Government of India when known.

No. 305. ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1877, No. 137.

Separate Revenue, No. 11A.
Customs.

THE Governor in Council is not
disposed to press the question of levying
fees on all packages passed by the Consular
Agent, as it appears to be the custom to

pass casks and cases of wines and spirits without payment of such fees. The Board
will report whether Major Sherman's proposition contained in paragraph 2 of his letter
of the 25th October 1876, No. 12, can be adopted without risk of fraud, and if not,
will direct the Collector of South Arcot to appoint four peons on 8 Rupees a-month each,
to assist the Consular Agent in the passing of goods and in conveying them to
the frontier.

2. The sanction of the Government of India will be applied for for the entertain-
ment of this extra establishment, if found necessary.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Passing of Goods by Consular Agent at Pondicherry.
—Resolving not to press the question of levying
fees in connection with the —; requesting the Board
to report whether the Agent's proposition on the
subject can be adopted without risk of fraud, and
if not, to entertain the necessary establishment.

JANUARY.
No. 303—305.

G.O., 15th January 1877, No. 137.

Recd.
Dated 15th Jan., 1877.

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BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

Col. of 1877

No. 3,290.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th December 1876.

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(True Copy.)

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. W. H. French.

No 18.

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From

The Assistant Secretary to the
Government of India,
Department of Revenue, Agriculture & Commerce
(Statistical Branch)

To

The Secretary to the Govt of Madras,
Revenue Department,
Madras.

Calcutta, 5th December 1876

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of
the Government of Madras, in the Revenue De-
partment, Separate Revenue Customs, No 22,
June 1876. I am directed to request that, with
the permission of His Grace the Governor in
Council, you will be good enough to furnish
this Department with a copy of the Report of
the Consular Agent at Pondicherry on the work
of the Customs Department under his charge.

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Agent to pass Wines and Spirits intended for
export in

Customs
sea

Rev: 1876. Septh

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

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PROCEEDINGS, 26TH DECEMBER 1876, No. 3,290.

Copy to Consular Agent

Encl.

Received 4 Jan^y

DECEMBER.

No. 3,290.

Consular Agent at Pondicherry, South Arcot
District.—Submitting to Government letter
from Collector forwarding one from — stating
that merchants at that Settlement object to
proposed levy of a fee of 1 Anna per pack-
age on all goods passed by that officer.

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as well as Wines and Spirits, may be com-
municated to the Government of India when
known.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obt. servant.

W. O'Connor

Assistant Secy to the Govt of India

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G.O. 14 November 70 A^o 213-14.
 1 July 71 - 5-6
 2 Aug 71 - 28-29
 17 Dec 76 - 188-89

Rw: 1876: Dept.
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From

The Govt. of India
 Dept. of Revenue
 N. 18.

Date 6th } Dept
 Recd 12th }

Applying for copy of report
 of Comptroller of Accounts on the working of the
 Customs Dept. under his charge for 1875-76, and
 also copies of custom Board's Decs: &c. &c.

G.O. 15th January 77 N-137

Order with the papers
 required by the Govt. of India
 forwarded to the Comptroller of Accounts
 for his consideration and furnished with copies of
 Govt. 16 Aug 1876 No. 1107, 22 Sept 77
 No 1212 with an intimation
 that the information called for
 in the last named order has
 been furnished.

No 304-

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Calcutta 11. 1877

My dear Sir,

The same is only last night. They
 have kept me here and given me
 the grain which I am to dispose of.

There are persons at each sugar
 station at Mutabadi & Bithur and
 Khandanapole and 1 at the others with salaries
 of from 9 to 100 Rs. There are
 besides the latter persons with
 no fixed salary, paid by the owners
 of goods in transit.

Yours sincerely
 Thomson

No. 5629757

From *Govt. of India*
B^d of Rev.Dated 6th 26th Decr. 1876.

FOR ORDERS.

In G.O. of the 16th Aug⁶
No. 1167 the Govt. approved
certain proposals of the
Board of Revenue relating
to the passing by the Consular
Agent at Pond^{icherry} of articles
other than wines & spirits
under certain rules - one
of which was that articles so
passed sh^d. be conveyed to
the frontier by ap^{er}.

To meet the cost of the pay
of the persons necessary to make
the system a sh^d be paid
has proposed to be levied on
each package passed, the
amount of which was 8th
ad^d by the Collector in
communication with the
Consular Agent. The Col^l
suggested 1 anna to which the
Cons. Agent agreed - but the
French merchants refuse to
pay it - & as the Govt.

I think not. The force
is un^dermined already
L.H.P.

No 304

Sanction to the Board
proposals has to be

considered as in abeyance

till the question of the
fee payable was settled.

The whole ^{business} ~~negotiation~~ is
at an end and the

Board submit if the
French merchants won't

pay the fee they must
clear their goods at

the Frontier as heretofore.

It will be observed that
Major Sherman in

his letter printed in
the B? & Pro? of the

26th Dec. 1873 No 3290
supports his passing

the goods & letting the
owners remove them

and the security of his
feet - It is

submitted that this
would hardly be safe.

He favors India in
their letter which is
put up here with
some to have the whole
matter under their
consideration.

is no doubt some force in the French
merchants' objection to paying on
all goods in future whereas at
present wines & spirits do not
pay any fee at all.

It would no doubt be a
convenience to the French
if the Consular Agent
saw everything & as the
French merchants have
their objection to paying the
~~fee~~ on the ground that wines
& spirits are
passed without such payment
I submit it is advisable
to put these ^{articles} on the same
footing & to intimate that
unless the fee is paid in
future no wines or spirits
will be passed by the
Consular Agents - & that
subject to the same
payment the Agents
promise will be content
to passing all the
articles now marketed of the
Board, & subject to
the restrictions laid
down by them.

4/1/74 J.H.R.
order as requested

James
M.R.

Your order

Consular Agent at
P.O. - His power
of passing goods
etc.

At 20 15th January 1877

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Ans

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L.O. for approval

The Governor in
Council is not disposed
to press the question of
levying a fee on all
packages passed by
the Consular Agent.
as it appears to be
the intention to pass
cases & cases of
liquor & spirits without
payment of such fees.
The Board will
report whether Major
Sherman's proposition
& contained in para
2 of his letter of the
25th Oct^r 1876 N^o 12
can be adopted without
risk of fraud - & if
not ~~to be considered~~

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