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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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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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Enclosure No 1

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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 in error 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

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(True Copies and Extract)

(Signed) H E STOKES,
Acting Secretary

No 301 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 for the year 1875-76, and also with copies of the Board of Revenue's Proceedings noted in the margin, relating to the 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

No 3,356, dated 9th Aug 1871
„ 6,386, „ 28th Oct 1870
„ 101, „ 9th Jan 1871
„ 706, „ 15th Feb 1871

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 IIA
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 entertainment 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.

Govt. of Madras
REVENUE.
Rect. 15th January 1877.
To
The BOARD OF REVENUE
&c, &c, &c.
Encl.
G O, 15th January 1877, No 137
JANUARY
Nos 303—305
Levy of Goods by Customs Agent at Pondicherry
—Resolving not to press the question of levying a fee in cases where the Agent proposing the Board to repeat whether the Agent's proposition on the subject can be adopted without risk of fraud, and if not, to ascertain the necessary establishment

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(True Copy)

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Collector

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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, the 6th December 187

Customs
Sea

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Proceedings, 26th December 1876, No 3,290.

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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 package on all goods passed by that officer

GO 15th January 1877

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obt servant.
W. O'Conor
Assistant Secy to the Govt of India

G.O. 14 November 76 No 213–14.
1 Feby 77 — 5–6
2 March — 28–29
17 June — 76 — 185–89

Rev. 1576. Sept.
No 5629

From

The Govt. of India
Dept of Revenue
No. 18

Dated 6th } Dec 76
Rec'd 12th }

Applying for copy of Report of Consular Agent Pondicherry on the working of the Customs Dept. under his charge for 1875-76, and also copies of Custom Boards Orders &c &c.

G.O. 15th January 77 — No 137

Calcutta 11. 177

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Kandanapalam

Murder of a native

[illegible] one last night. They have kept me here and grown me the grain &c &c

There are posts at each village station and Nattans & Retteevadi & and I at the Shore with salaries from the Rajah. There are 4 boats, the latter heavy with goods, sailing daily the voyage of 4 days in transit.

Thomson

No 304

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

No. 5529 & 57

From Govt of India & Bd of Rev. Dated 6 & 26 Dec 1876

FOR ORDERS

In G.O. of the 16th Aug. No 1067 the Govt. approved certain proposals of the Board of Revenue relative to dispensing with Consular Certificates of articles exported from Burma & specified therein under certain rules & conditions which have not articles so passed should be conveyed to the frontier by steam. To avoid the cost of the passport & the necessity of the person taking out a license for his firearms to land on each passage, it is proposed that the Collectors in addition to the communication with the Consular Agent - The Collector of the district from which the Consular Agent acquainted - but the French merchant refuses to pay it - has the Govt

I think not. The person is undetermined about

LHP

No. 304.

sanction of the Board
proposals are to be
considered as undergoing
till the question of the
fee payable has been settled
the whole business is
at an end and that the
Board cannot of the
French merchants bound
pay the fee, they must
clear their goods at
the Frontier as heretofore.
I shall be observed that
Mr. Pleman in
his letter specifies in
the B.d's Rec.d of the
26th Dec.r 1823 N.o 3290
dispenses his passing
the goods & letting the
same remain then
and the Receipt of this
seal -
obtain the therefore
which I am by no means
altogether inclined to think
I shall therefore in
this letter which the
post will bear with
you to Paris the whole
matter under their
consideration

[illegible] respects are to be passed without
no doubt some fuss in the French
merchants' objection to paying on
all goods in future although at
present many respectable houses
pay any fee at all

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It would undoubtedly be a
convenience to the French
if the Consular Agents had
power over everything
from henceforth have
been, objection to paying the
fee on the present articles
& some guides to point out
how and such payments
should it be advisable
to put these articles and
fowling & trouble that
under the fee is paid in
future consider a grant
and be imposed by the
Consular Agents - the
only ask to the same
payment the agents
power with be taken
to passing the the
articles even more also
Board, only with
the restrictions
done by them.
4/1/27 H.P
other arrangements

Forward.

Lascelles Esq
Post Despatch
Expenses &c &c

Rec'd 15th January 1877
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No 107 dy 15 January 1877

G.O. for approval

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4 [illegible] connected with the
detached from the
Ex Peddy Circle and
Salem and
placed under the
Cuddalore Agency Division
for enforcing Pickages &
Frontier Duties

6/1/77

Read the Order of Govt
will appoint 4
Peons on Rs 5 P
a month to escort
the Coolies
Agent on the passing
goods free carriage
Frontier under the
Head quarters.
2 The Number of the Peons
Peons with to be applied
for for the entertainment
of the extra establishment

6/1/77

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Pt Despatch by
The Board of Revenue and General
Despatch by

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