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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th June 1876.*

No. 188. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th May 1876, No. 1,417 :—

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

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(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2—Statement.

THE annual report of the British Consular Agent at Pondicherry on the operations of the Customs Department of his Office will be submitted for the information of Government.

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2. As regards the extension of the Consular Agent's powers to the passing of all goods indiscriminately, the Board observe that casks and cases containing Wines, &c., if properly sealed after being passed at Pondicherry, cannot easily be tampered with "en route" to the Sayer stations, whereas packages of other commodities offer much greater facilities for fraud by addition or the substitution of a different quality, &c. The Board are not, therefore, prepared to support the application, but they resolve to call upon the Collector to report, after consultation with the Superintendent of Police, whether the concession might not without risk be extended to some other descriptions of goods without making it generally applicable to all goods.

3. Some explanation should have been afforded of the reason why the new Tariff Act XVI of 1875 was not brought into operation at Pondicherry till September, seeing that it was communicated to all Collectors of Maritime Districts with Board's Proceedings, dated 6th August 1875, No. 2,191, with instructions to bring the new rates of duty into force at once. The fact that 920 gallons of Brandy were passed out on 11th, 12th, and 13th August 1875 indicates that its provisions were well known to the merchants in Pondicherry.

4. The sanction of Government is requested for the increase to the pay of the Consular Agent's Clerk, viz., Rupees 5 per mensem.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

ORDER THEREON, 17th June 1876, No. 815.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.

Customs.

THE Government sanction the increase of pay proposed to the Clerk attached to the Consular Agent's Office. They agree with the Board in the view expressed in paragraph 2.

(True Extract.)

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

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

D. L. E. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE.

To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated June, 17th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 17th June 1876, No. 815.

JUNE.

Nos. 188-189.

Clerk attached to the Consular Agent's Office at Pondicherry, South Arcot District.—Sanctioning the proposed increase of pay to the —; and agreeing with the view expressed by the Board regarding the extension of the Consular Agent's powers to pass all goods indiscriminately.

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Enclosure in the
orderings of the
Board of Revenue
to the Secretary
to Government N.O.
dated 30th May 1876
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No 2089/76.

Statement showing
the account of the
passed and the
amount of duty
extended therein
by the British
Consular agent
at Pondicherry
from April 1873
to March 1876

Enclosure in 26 17 June 76

Statement showing the account of goods received and the amount of duty collected thereon by the British Consulate at Pondicherry from April 1895 to March 1896

Number and Description of Packages.

Declared Duty Total Gross Total

1895

April 7 1 Case Brandy 48 Gallons 80 48 48

May 10 1 Case Brandy 12 27 12
1 Case Champagne 4 70 6 66

June 4 16 Cases Brandy 96 200 96

10 1 Case Portwine 1 7 1
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19 2 Cases Brandy 4 12 4
1 do - old Port 2 12 12

1 do - Rhine wine 1 12 12
25 1 do - Brandy 2 5 2

1 do - Brandy 2 12 12
1 do - Brandy 2 12 12

July 12 1 Case Brandy 2 18 18
1 do - Brandy 4 8 8
1 do - Champagne 2 35 35

1 do - Rhine wine 5 4 4
21 6 do - Brandy 36 126 126
6 do - Brandy 12 54 54

21 25 do - Brandy 50 310 310
17 do - Brandy 68 204 204
11 do - Champagne 21 383 383

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Carried over

A. B. Service Bay

Prep. L. L. L. L.

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1896

Brought over 4269 34

January 6	8 Cases Claret	48	gallon	156	48	Ref: Mottet & Co. N.Y.
.	8 9 do	50	do	162	80	do do
.	21 12 do	24	do	72	24	do do
.	1 do Champagne	6	do	90	15	Ref: Mottet & Co. N.Y.
.	24 1 Case Claret	48	do	125	48	do do

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February 2	8 Cases Claret	48	do	192	48	do do
.	6 do Vermouth	12	do	54	18	do do
.	4 1 Case Claret	48	do	40	48	do do
.	15 2 Case do	9	do	250	96	do do
.	16 8 Cases do	48	do	150	48	do do
.	23 16 do do	96	do	294	96	do do
.	25 15 do do	50	do	150	50	do do

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March 2	10 Cases Claret	do	gallon	210	60	Ref: Mottet & Co. N.Y.
.	1 Case Pin.	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	3	2	do do
.	Vermouth $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	2	12	do do
.	Brandy $\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	do	1	10	do do

.	13 5 Cases Claret	240	do	300	240	Ref: Mottet & Co. N.Y.
.	14 10 Cases do	52	do	92	52	do do
.	1 do Champagne	2	do	30	5	do do
.	16 do Claret	96	do	300	96	do do
.	17 24 do do	144	do	450	144	do do
.	18 2 do do	4	do	11	4	do do
.	28 8 do do	48	do	168	48	do do
.	29 1 Case Brandy	29	do	50	116	do do
.	3 Cases do	6	do	27	24	do do

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Comparative Statement from the
Period of the Establishment
of this Office.

1871-72.	481-0-0	
1872-73.	399-6-8	Deenacee
1873-74.	1361-2-8	Deenacee
1874-75.	628-0-0	Deenacee
1875-76.	5655-10-0	Deenacee

Deenacee since British Consul
agent has been empowered to
issue Permits.

British Consulate
Large Department
Pondicherry, 31st March 1876

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No. 3,356.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th August 1871.

Read the following letter from J. H. GARSTIN, Esq., Collector and Special Agent, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 11th July 1871, No. 87:—

In the Board's Proceedings of the 8th instant, No. 2,828, forwarding Government Order of the 5th July, No. 1,160, I am directed to arrange with the Consular Agent at Pondicherry, for the performance of the duties described in Government Order, dated 14th November 1870, No. 1,782.

2. In those Proceedings, the Government referred the Board's Proceedings of the 28th October 1870, No. 6,386, to the Public Department, for consideration, and in those Proceedings the Board state that they see no objection whatever to making it part of the Consular Agent's duty to examine "goods" destined for the English Frontier.

3. In M. Bontemp's letter however, of the 29th July 1870, (incorporated in Government Proceedings of the 2nd September 1870, Revenue Department) the question of appointing and English Agent at Pondicherry to examine "Wines and Spirits" only, is discussed, though in their Order on those Proceedings, the Government use the word "goods" to express apparently the same articles. I shall be glad to know whether Colonel Doveton is to confine his examination to Wines and Spirits or to pass all goods that may be brought to him. I have only instructed him to deal with wines and Spirits, and to enable him to do this efficiently, he will require a Syke's Hydrometer and a guaging rod, which I beg may be supplied him as soon as possible.

For the present at all events the Consular Agent should examine Wines and Spirits only.
2. A Syke's Hydrometer and a guaging rod will be sent to the Collector from this office.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot,
with one Syke's Hydrometer and Guaging rod.
Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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AUGUST.
No. 3,334.
British Consular Agent at Pondicherry, - to examine only Witnesses and Scribes, residing both Frontiers, at present, - A Scribe, Hindustani, a Gujarati, and, forwarded to Cell no. 43, and Arcot for use of Agent.

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