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Memorandum detailing duties of
Conocapillays of the Custom House,
referred to in letter dated ~~14~~ March 1876
No. 397.

Of the 20 Conocapillays, 19 are
employed on the beach, and one in
the Import Yard.

2. Of the 19 men, one is detailed
for duty at Rayapuram. He attends
to the landing of timber, gives
a daily account of the landing
and passes timber when orders
are given.

3. The remaining 18 men are
employed on the beach over a
space extending from Clive's
Battery to the building lately
occupied by Messrs Shand & Co.
Nine of them attend from 6 to
10 A.M., and they are then relieved
by the remaining 9 men. Those
relieved at 10 return to duty at
2. P.M., and from this hour
all

All the 18 men jointly conduct the duties till 6 P. M., and one among them remains till 8 o'clock, in the evening every day to attend to emergent work, and to enter goods that may be returned from vessels.

4. The duties of these ~~18~~ Comocapillays are briefly, as regards Imports, to receive the Boat notes, accompanying each Boat-load of cargo landed; to check and compare the cargo with the Boat-notes; to enter notes of short or over-landing, and of the condition of the packages, broken, repacked, etc., and return the Boat-notes with their signatures to the Import Department. They also check the landing of articles of a combustible nature with reference to the Memorandum of Special Permits furnished by the Import Department. Detain such goods on the beach, and report all cases of the landing

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landing of such goods without Special Permit. They also attend to the proper piling of grain bags &c on the beach, and pass combustible grain bags from the beach on orders given.

5. As regards Exports, their duties are, to receive the Boat-notes for Export goods issued in duplicate, enter date, and the number of the Boat engaged to convey the goods to the ship. The Boat-note is then delivered to the party concerned, who takes it to the Quinine Police Station, where a Police pass is granted. When the Boat-note is brought back, the Comocapillays compare the entries with the goods, see the goods put into the Boat, sign the Boat-notes, and hand them over to the Indal of the Boat. The Boat-notes are received by the Commander of the Vessel on which the goods are shipped and returned signed by him to

to the Export Department. The duplicates
are retained by the Conocapillays
and returned to the Export Department
the same evening or next morning.
The Conocapillays also superintend
the shipment of passenger's
baggage.

b. The one Conocapillay in
the Import yard calls out
the marks and numbers of all
packages passed through the
Import pass gate and generally
assists the pass gate-keeper.

Wm. J. Minner
Asst. Coll. Sea Customs

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2447.

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~~From~~ *Rev. W. J. Minner*

Dated *30: May* 187*6*

FOR ORDERS.

*Govt Support the Rev
Recommendation*

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*The duties are 5-
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In order to pay of Conicopillays. Madras for last year.

FOR ORDERS.

*Check up of Statement
of Conicopillays to Q.*

30/6/76

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No. 1,418.

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

Read again:—

MISCELLANEOUS No. 2,361.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1876.

From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 4th March 1876, No. 397:—

IN continuation of my letter to the Board, dated 2nd March 1876, No. 373, I beg to draw the Board's attention to the pay now allowed to the Tide-waiters or Conicopillays of the Custom-house.

2. Their pay is only 10 Rupees, and though during the revision of establishment Mr. Pelly proposed* to give them Rupees 12, the proposal was not adopted by the then Collector. The work of

*Vide paragraph 13 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 27th February 1862, No. 1,369.

these servants, which is always on the beach, has considerably increased of late years; and, considering the rate of pay allowed to Gumastahs in the Mofussil and the general increase in the rate of wages and prices, I am of opinion that they should at least be allowed to draw the salary recommended by Mr. Pelly fourteen years ago.

3. The total number of these Tide-waiters, who are employed in the place of the preventive officers in Calcutta and Bombay, is twenty; and the increased cost per month, at 2 Rupees each, is Rupees 40 or Rupees 480 per annum. I further beg that this increase of salary may be sanctioned.

THE Collector is requested to state the duties of these Conicopillays.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Read also the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 23rd March 1876, No. 515:—

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 16th March 1876, Miscellaneous No. 2,361, I have the honor to submit herewith a memorandum, detailing the duties of the twenty Conicopillays or Tide-waiters, referred to in this office letter, dated 4th March 1876, No. 397.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Memorandum detailing duties of Conicopillays.

IN his letter recorded in the Board's Proceedings quoted above, the Collector of Sea Customs drew the Board's attention to the inadequacy of the pay of the Tide-waiters or Conicopillays of the Custom House, and proposed that they should be allowed Rupees 12 per mensem instead of Rupees 10, as proposed by Mr. Pelly fourteen years ago. There are twenty servants of this class, and the additional

sum involved is Rupees 480 per annum. With his second letter, the Collector submits a Memorandum detailing the duties of these Conicopillays.

2. It appears that the work is of a continuous nature, entailing much exposure and a certain amount of responsibility. Mr. Pelly considered fourteen years ago that their pay should be raised to Rupees 12, since which time their duties are stated to have increased and the necessities of life have certainly risen in price. Under these circumstances, the Board support the Collector's proposal and resolve to submit it for the favorable consideration of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

W. H. French
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with one original enclosure, to be returned.
Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

Exd. W. H. French.

No 884

The increase proposed to be given to the pay of the Conicopillays is sanctioned, subject to his confirmation of the Govt of India, to whom it must be reported in his next monthly statement of fresh charges.

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BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 30TH MAY 1876, No. 1,418.

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Conicopillays—of Madras Sea Custom House.
Submitting for favorable consideration of Government Collector's proposal for increasing pay of—

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