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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following papers:—

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 19th September 1896, No. 953/319 G.

With reference to G.O., No. 630, Marine, dated 15th September 1896, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that the office hours of the Port and Customs officials, Tuticorin, are from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. (*vide* G.O., No. 1, Marine, dated 2nd January 1895). As it is proposed that the mail train shall leave Tuticorin at 9-45 A.M., no alteration in the office hours of the Port officer appears necessary, for passengers will not ordinarily, I presume, land before 9 A.M.

From the Agent, South Indian Railway, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Trichinopoly, 3rd October 1896, No. 921.

In reply to your endorsement on letter, No. 953/319 G., dated 19th September 1896, from the Presidency Port Officer, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, I have the honour to inform you that it would much facilitate the new service between Madras and Ceylon if the Port and Sea Customs office could be opened by 7-30 A.M. Passengers landing in the morning from the Colombo boat will find three-quarters of an hour insufficient to get their baggage through the Customs and booked for the train, and to get something to eat before starting on the journey. It has also to be remembered that, in order to establish the improved passenger and mail service on a permanent basis, it is necessary to make the running of the larger steamers a financial success. To do this it is essential that all possible facilities should be afforded for the cheap and convenient shipping of cargo. We are arranging to assist in this by booking rice through to Colombo with the British India Steam Navigation Company, and it would be a decided advantage to the shippers if the launch which has to leave empty in the morning on its journey to the larger steamer, could convey cargo without having to pay the heavy additional fees now imposed for boats cleared out of regulation hours. The early loading of the larger steamer is, I understand, a matter to which the British India Steam Navigation Company's agents at Tuticorin attach great importance in connection with a punctual mail and passenger service. I can safely say that the earlier opening of the Port and Customs offices advocated will be a great advantage to the trading community of Tuticorin and will indirectly lead to the increased commercial activity of the port. I am aware that hours of business from 7-30 A.M. to 5 P.M. are very long, but at Tuticorin where the Government officials reside so close to their offices, the hardship will be considerably lessened. I also understand that even under present arrangements offices have to be opened if the extra fee is paid, so that the question really resolves itself into one of reduction of charges rather than of extra hours of work for Government officials. I may mention the earlier opening of the offices would probably be a great convenience to the Postal Department, as it has been necessary to curtail by 25 minutes the sorting time for the mails leaving Tuticorin by the afternoon train.

No. 1559 D.

Returned with copy of letter from Agent, South Indian Railway, No. 921, dated 3rd October 1896.

It is noted that the Port officer at Tuticorin was prepared in 1894 to recommend office hours from 8—16; but hours from 7-30 or 8 to 17 hours with a break in the middle of the day, say from 1 to 2-30, are suggested, as the steamer will, under the new timing, arrive at 16-05, and the Port office cannot close till 17 hours.

10th October 1896.

(Signed) F. D. FOWLER,
Offg. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

From Commander H. A. STREET, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Marine Department, dated 22nd October 1896, No. 953/342 G.

With reference to G.O., No. 703, Marine, dated 14th October 1896, I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of Government, that should the office hours of the Port office at Tuticorin be extended as proposed by the Agent, South Indian Railway, I think the Port officer should be permitted to close his office for an hour and a half at 10 A.M. I cannot agree with the view of the Agent, South Indian Railway, that because the Port officer resides so close to his office, the hardship connected with long office hours will be considerably lessened. I presume what the Agent means is that the Port officer could leave his office when work is slack, and go home to rest; but such a practice, for obvious reasons, is not to be recommended, and therefore I consider the Port officer should be authorized to close his office at 10 A.M. for 1½ hours.

G.O., No. 200, Revenue, dated 25th March 1897.

Read—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 818, Revenue, dated 11th February 1897:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 5029, dated 4th December 1896:—

Read—G.O., No. 724, Financial, dated 30th October 1896.

Resolution—Mis. No. 5029, dated 4th December 1896.

The Board begs leave to request with reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1589, Revenue, dated 27th April 1896, that, pending the submission of draft instructions for the guidance of Salt and Abkari officers in regard to Customs matters, Government will be pleased to authorize the Board and the Salt and Abkari officers to exercise the powers of appointment proposed for them in paragraph 7 of Board's Proceedings, No. 33, dated 27th January 1896, as transfers of supervising officers between the Customs and Salt and Abkari Departments will have to be made in some cases before allowing the increased salaries sanctioned in the scheme of revised Customs establishments (printed in G.O., No. 180, Financial, dated 18th March 1896), as proposed in paragraph 20 of the Board's Proceedings, No. 259, dated 13th January 1895, and approved in G.O., No. 776, Revenue, dated 28th November 1895.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

Order—Mis. No. 818, Revenue, dated 11th February 1897.

The Government is not prepared to disturb the existing system and arrangements until the proposed instructions have been fully considered and approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 762, dated 22nd February 1897:—

Read—G.O., No. 33, Revenue, dated 18th January 1897.

Read—G.O., Mis. No. 818, Revenue, dated 11th February 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 762, dated 22nd February 1897.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the first Government Order read above, the Board considers that the Sea Customs Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent may attend office during the hours mentioned below:—

Superintendent ... 7 A.M. to 9 A.M., and 12 noon to 5 P.M.
Assistant Superintendent ... 7 A.M. to 12 noon, and 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.

2. The Board presumes, with reference to G.O., No. 818, Revenue, dated 11th February 1897, that the Assistant Superintendent's appointment should not be filled up at present. It proposes to send a man who has been trained in the Madras Customs House and is now the Superintendent of the Miscellaneous department there on Rs. 125 as Superintendent as soon as it is permitted to exercise the power of making appointments, and thinks it desirable that the Assistant Superintendent should, if possible, be obtained from the same source.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

Order—No. 200, Revenue, dated 25th March 1897.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.

The alteration proposed by the Board of Revenue in the office hours of the Sea Customs office at Tuticorin is approved.

2. The appointment of the Assistant Superintendent sanctioned in G.O., No. 33, dated 18th January 1897, may be filled up at once. In this connection the Government, on reconsideration, is of opinion that the orders contained in G.O., No. 818, dated 11th February 1897, require to be modified. The Board of Revenue will accordingly be authorized to make such appointments as it thinks fit to vacancies in Customs Houses, pending the re-organization of the Customs establishments. This power should, for the present, be exercised by the Board of Revenue and should not be delegated to Deputy and Assistant Commissioners of Salt and Abkari Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—No. 396, Marine, dated 29th April 1897.

In order to facilitate the improved steamer service between Colombo and Tuticorin, it has been arranged to afford an accelerated and more convenient train service between Tuticorin and Madras. To admit of passengers landed at Tuticorin being sent on by the 9-45 train, it will, it is pointed out, be necessary to open the Port and Sea Customs offices at an earlier hour.

2. It has been decided in the order in the Revenue Department read above that the Customs office shall, in future, open at 7 A.M. and close at 5 P.M. with intervals between. The hours of the Port office will be made to correspond. This office will accordingly be kept open from 7 A.M. to 9 A.M. * and from 12 noon to 5 P.M.

* NOTE.—These are the hours prescribed for the Superintendent of Customs. The Assistant Superintendent's hours differ somewhat.

(True Extract.)

W. H. W. H. W. H.
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Presidency Port Officer.
" Revenue Department.
" Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

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