

Revenue (1898) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 122

Dated 1st March

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the Board's recommendation
for the re-opening of the Ponnani Port to foreign
export trade & req^d the Board to watch whether
the port is resorted to for the export of rice.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURNISH PAPERS.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 1411.

G. 6 122 / 1-3-98

To Secy

for Orders

From
The Secretary to the Commissioner
of Salt Affairs and Separate
Revenue Department.

His No. 468.

Whether the proposal to ^{re-}open Ponnani to foreign
trade ~~is~~ so far as shipping of goods to foreign
ports ~~is~~ concerned may be approved. The only
objection in making the proposal is to help the
Basel Mission tile industry to export its tiles to
Colombo.

Dated 8th February 1898.

Received 11/11

Registered 18/11

Enclosures 4.

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Put up the originals of
the Order closing it

Vide pp flagged B+C in G.O. 4455 A and
D in G.O. 776 B 28-11-95. 16-11-94
SUBJECT.

At - 18

Submitting to Government, with
approval, the proposal of the
Collector of Malabar that the port
of Ponnani may be reopened to foreign
export trade.

Please see para 2 (1) of G.O. no 4455 A dated 16-11-94
(Flag C) and para 14 of G.O. on page 12 of G.O. no
776 dated 20-11-95. The reason for closing
Ponnani ^{to foreign trade} was that there ~~was~~ ^{were} no imports from
foreign countries during 1893-94 and that this was likely
to be the case in future years also. The closing was suggested

by Govt, and accepted by the Comr of Malabar & the Board

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What was the cost of opening?

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BACK PAPERS.

To Secy

Please see para 3 of the Current at the place marked in red pencil. The Board does not anticipate that the reopening of the port to foreign trade will result in additional expenditure.

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The Port may be reopened to Foreign export trade - Import trade w^d be a different matter. The Bd. should take care to note whether the Port is resorted to for the export of rice - This is unlikely. But the springing up of such an export trade would be suggestive.

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Please see draft G.O. submitted below for approval.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
10	776	8	28-11-95.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Statement showing the Imports from foreign Countries into the Port of Ponnani for the years 1894-95, 1895-96 and 1896-97. 4.

Articles	Countries whence imported	1894-95		1895-96		1896-97	
		Quantity bwt	Value Rs	Quantity cwt	Value Rs	Quantity Cwt	Value Rs
<u>Provisions</u>							
Fruits & Vegetables etc	Turkey in Asia						
Dates	Bussorah	662	2647	964	3856		Nil

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A Birtanum Munj
Ag. Assistant Secretary

Statement showing the value of the Foreign and Coasting trade and the Import and Export duty at Ponam for the last
three years

years	Value of Foreign Trade		Total Trade Foreign and Coasting	Import Duty	Export Duty	
	Imports	Exports				
1894-95	Rs 2647	Rs ..	Rs 1608.288	Rs x 533	Rs ..	
1895-96	3856	8018	1743.404	x 388	..	
1896-97	..	3520	1604.868	⊙ 532	..	
						x Includes duty on salt imported Coastwise ⊙ Duty on salt imported Coastwise

A. K. M. M. M. M. M.
Ag. Assistant Secretary

Statement showing the Exports to Foreign Countries from the
Port of Ponani for the years 1894-95, 1895-96 and 1896-97.

Articles	Countries to which exported	1894-95		1895-96		1896-97.	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Building and Engineering Materials—			Rs		Rs		Rs
Bricks and Tiles. No.	Ceylon	.	.	191,140	7981	82,000	3520
Spices—							
Pepper Hs	Ceylon	.	.	300	37	.	.
	Total	.	.	.	8018	.	3520

⑩ Note - Though the port was closed to foreign trade by a Notification published on page 11 of the Fort Saint George Gazette Part I dated 7th January 1896, the exportation of these tiles to Ceylon was allowed by the Collector as a special case as they had already been conveyed to the port under the impression that it was open to foreign trade.

A. B. Buchanan Esq.
Ag. Assistant Secretary

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Draft Notification

In modification of Notification
No. 12 dated 28th November 1895 published
on page 11, Part I of the Fort Saint
George Gazette, dated 7th January 1896,
under Section 12 of the Sea Customs
Act VIII of 1878, declaring certain
places to be ports for the carrying on
of Coasting trade with Customs ports
only, His Excellency the Governor in
Council hereby declares Ponnani in
the Malabar District to be a port
for the shipment of goods under
Section 11 and for the landing of goods
from Customs ports under Section 12.

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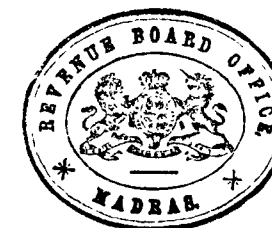
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Ag. Assistant Secretary

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 8th February 1898

1898.

No. 468.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Malabar No. 721 dated 5th December 1897.

"I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of petition presented to me by the Manager of the Basel Mission tile works at Kodakkal praying that permission may be granted to allow the export of tiles to Colombo and other foreign ports from Ponnani.

2. The petition speaks for itself. The Tile Factory at Kodakkal is a most useful industry and gives employment to many of the poor of the neighbourhood, I therefore consider that it deserves every encouragement.

3. The port of Ponnani is closed to foreign trade. But I would recommend that a notification be published under section 11 of the Sea Customs Act, reopening it for the export of tiles to Colombo and other foreign ports."

RESOLUTION :-----

Government will be moved to sanction the reopening of the port of Ponnani for foreign export trade.

2. In view of the insignificant character of the imports from foreign countries, Government in its order No. 776. Revenue, dated 28th November 1895, sanctioned the closure of the port of Ponnani for foreign trade along with several others and declared them ports for the carrying on of coasting trade with Customs ports only. With the letter read above the Collector forwards a petition from the Manager, Basel

Basel Mission Tile works, Kodakkal, requesting that this port may be reopened for foreign trade. It is represented therein that the establishment of the tile manufactory has entailed a large outlay of capital, that the closing of the port, with which the factory is connected by canal must involve great hardship and loss in this connection, that there is no port --- between Calicut and Cochin open to foreign trade and ^{that} there are other ports in the district open to foreign trade closer to one another than Ponnani is to either Calicut or Cochin. In these circumstances the Manager requests that the port may be --- reopened for foreign trade at least with Colombo with which his chief business lies.

3. The Collector supports the request of the Manager stating that the tile factory at Kodakkal is a most useful industry, affording as it ⁵ does employment to many of the poor of the --- neighbourhood and that it deserves every encouragement, and -- recommends that the port may be re-opened for the export of tiles to Colombo and other foreign ports. The Board agrees with the Collector, but sees no object in restricting the export to --- foreign countries to tiles. It accordingly requests that Government will be pleased to sanction the re-opening of the port for foreign export trade generally. Such a measure will not --- necessitate the employment of any additional establishment as no reduction was made in the establishment of the port when it was closed to foreign trade. Three statements, one showing the foreign trade, total trade and the import and export duty and the others showing the articles imported from and exported to foreign countries into and from Ponnani for the last three --- years are herewith submitted for the information of Government.

4. A draft Notification declaring Ponnani to be reopened for foreign export trade is submitted for approval and for --- publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

/True Copy & Extract/

W. B. Muthuram
As: Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department with draft notification
and 3 statements
Copy to the Collector of Malabar

Print
Sent with
Gazette
2/3/98

Dep. Secy. No. 18.

C. No 1411

G.O. No 1228/1st March 1898.

The Board's recommendation is approved and the draft notification will be published in the Fort Saint George Gazette.

2. The Board of Revenue will be requested to watch and report whether the Ponnani port is resorted to for the export of rice.

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To
The S^d. of Revue (S. R.)
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REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 122, 1st March 1898.

MARCH.

Re-opening of the Ponnani Port.

Approving the Board's recommendation for the — to foreign export trade, and requesting the Board to watch whether the port is resorted to for the export of rice.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 468, dated 8th February 1898:—

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Malabar, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue, dated 5th December 1897, No. 721:—

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2. The petition speaks for itself. The tile factory at Kodakkal is a most useful industry and gives employment to many of the poor of the neighbourhood. I therefore consider that it deserves every encouragement.

3. The port of Ponnani is closed to foreign trade. But I would recommend that a notification be published under section 11 of the Sea Customs Act re-opening it for the export of tiles to Colombo and other foreign ports.

Resolution—Mis. No. 468, dated 8th February 1898.

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4. A draft notification declaring Ponnani to be re-opened for foreign export trade is submitted for approval and for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) A. KISTNASAMI IYENGAR,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with draft notification and three statements.

Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the exports to Foreign countries from the Port of Ponnani for the years 1894-95, 1895-96 and 1896-97.

Articles.	Countries to which exported.	1894-95.		1895-96.		1896-97.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Building and Engineering materials—					RS.		RS.
Bricks and Tiles No.	Ceylon.	..	..	191,140	7,981	* 82,000	3,520
Spices—							
Pepper lb.	Do.	..	..	300	37	..	..
Total ..	..	..	..	..	8,018	..	8,520

* Though the port was closed to foreign trade by a notification published on page 11 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, Part I, dated 7th January 1896, the exportation of these tiles to Ceylon was allowed by the Collector as a special case as they had already been conveyed to the port under the impression that it was open to foreign trade.

STATEMENT showing the value of the foreign and coasting trade and the Import and Export duty at Ponnani for the last three years.

Years.	Value of foreign trade.		Total trade, foreign and coasting.	Import duty.	Export duty.
	Imports.	Exports.			
1894-95	RS. 2,647	RS. ..	RS. 16,08,289	RS. 533	..
1895-96	3,856	6,018	17,43,404	388	..
1896-97	..	3,520	16,04,868	† 532	..

* Includes duty on salt imported coastwise. † Duty on salt imported coastwise.

STATEMENT showing the Imports from Foreign countries into the Port of Ponnani for the years 1894-95, 1895-96 and 1896-97.

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		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Provisions.		CWT.	RS.	CWT.	RS.		
Fruits and vegetables, &c. ..	Turkey in Asia.	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dates	Bussorah ..	662	2,647	964	3,856	Nil.	..

ORDER—No. 122, Revenue, dated 1st March 1898.

Separate Revenue, No. 18.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
„ the Superintendent, Government Press, with notification.

DRAFT NOTIFICATION.

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Exd. Shaik Karim.

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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DRAFT.

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