

## MISCELLANEOUS.

such circumstances, and in a small port like this, all those duties can be attended to, without any very great additional trouble, in connection with those of the Tide Surveyor.

So far I have detailed the principal duties of the Landing Surveyor, as they are now performed at this port in the Outer Department.

The duties required in the Inner Department are to give attendance at the Office at such times as the Collector may deem it necessary for the accommodation of the Trade, and to take care that the Landing Waiters give like attendance, and report should any be absent from their duties when the service requires them ; to see that the Collector is charged with all monies received by him on account of duties, or on any other branch of the Revenue ; am required to re-compute the duties on all entries passed, to ascertain that the correct sum has been paid, to charge the Collector with the amount in a receipt book as the same shall arise at the end of each day, and compare the same with that kept by the Collector, affixing my signature to the Collector's account in proof of my having done so ; at least once a week to ascertain that the whole of the money exhibited by the Collector in his cash book, as remaining in his hands, is actually deposited in the Queen's chest, and on finding the amount to correspond with the accounts, to write opposite the balance, *compared*, and to sign my name thereto in proof of the correctness of such comparison. But should the balance expressed in the Collector's accounts be not forthcoming, and in the Queen's chest, I am forthwith to report to the Colonial Secretary, for His Excellency the Governor's consideration ; am bound to sign the Collector's weekly abstract of receipts and payments, for the accuracy of which abstract, and that the balance is duly deposited in the Crown's chest, I am equally responsible with him. I give a Blue Book, with a manifest to every Landing-waiter employed in taking an account of goods landed or unshipped. After the books are made up I examine them, and that all post entries required are made, and that the over-entries are correct, I examine the values in the respective entries on the day after they are passed ; when any article appears to be undervalued, I point out the same for the information and government of the Landing-waiters—this is done to urge them to a strict examination of such entries themselves, so that no article can well escape the scrutiny of the whole department. I superintend the registering the ships reported inwards. (which is prepared for me) I then appoint the Landing-waiter, giving him a Blue Book with a manifest. (the Blue Book is also prepared for me) I then sign the book, and allot it to the proper officer to be appointed to the vessel. Jointly with the Collector, I see that all condemned goods are put up for sale, & attend thereat, and I examine the Warehouse-keeper's ledger, and all entries and papers connected therewith ; also the additions and balances brought forward. Finally, I examine all outport entries, manifests, and accounts, as they arrive, and see that they are all correct, in every particular, both as to value and duty in the entries passed, and that they are properly brought to account, pointing out any errors that may be found for amendment to the Collector, for his information.

Having detailed the principal duties as they are now performed by me, in the capacity of Landing and Tide-surveyor, I beg to observe, that, together, they are onerous ; although with great exertions they can be done by one individual, so far as I can judge from the nature of those duties already performed ; however, I must admit that the experience I have had is scarcely sufficient to enable me to form a decided opinion on the matter.

I am, &c., (Signed)

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