

22ND MARCH 1887, No. 125, MARINE.

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READ—the following papers:—

From the Hon. S. R. TURNBULL, Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 7th March 1887.

The Chamber, having received with much satisfaction the Proceedings of Government, 28th ultimo, No. 85, has promptly met to comply with the request of the Government to proceed to elect, under section 6 of the Madras Act No. II of 1886, four of its members to serve as members of the new Harbour Trust Board, and I have now the honor to inform you that the choice of the Chamber has fallen upon—

Mr. J. McLintock, of Messrs. Best and Co.;
Mr. G. L. Chambers, of Messrs. Binny and Co.;
Mr. J. R. Hunter, of Messrs. Dymes and Co.; and
Myself, of Messrs. Wilson and Co.

2. In communicating these names, I am desired to convey an expression of the Chamber's acknowledgments of the consideration that prompted the Government to seize the earliest opportunity to correct an anomalous state of things which arose from a misunderstanding, and thus to secure for the mercantile community a representation at the Board consonant with the wishes of the Governor-General in Council, and consistent with the best interests of the port.

3. The Chamber is relieved by the Order of Government under acknowledgment of any anxiety which it may have been caused regarding the formation of the new Board, and it is sanguine that the remodelled organization will meet the requirements of the Government and of those who are most interested in the port. The occasion to recall the incidents which led to the constitution of the first Board may, therefore, not arise, but in view to the remote possibility of such a contingency, I have the honor to hand, for facility of reference, two copies of the correspondence that passed between the Chamber and the Madras and Supreme Governments from the 2nd February to the 20th August of last year.

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With reference to G.O., dated 28th February 1887, No. 85, Marine, I have the honor to inform the Government of Madras that, in accordance with the terms of a

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From the Hon. R. W. BARLOW, Collector of Sea Customs, and Chairman, Harbour Trust Board, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 18th March 1887, No. 741.

Adverting to recent demi-official correspondence ending with my letter to you of the 16th instant, I have the honor to forward, after careful further scrutiny, revised figures in the forms desired. You will observe that they are substantially the same as before.

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ENCLOSURE.

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	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Chamber of Commerce.	50,817 6 4	35,443 7 7	1,584 13 7	..	87,845 11 6	Exclusive of Banks.
Trades' Association.	1,972 11 8	375 12 2	532 7 10	..	2,880 15 8	
Government ..	18,742 1 11	7,169 13 0	..	..	25,911 14 11	Including State Railways.
Railways ..	27,013 5 7	36 4 8	8,386 0 0	..	35,435 10 3	
Others ..	85,748 7 0	41,643 6 7	9,567 12 11	1,667 8 4	1,38,927 2 10	This item includes the whole of the general native trade of the port, foreign and coastwise; and represents chiefly the business done by natives with the Banks, who do not themselves clear the goods they finance.
Grand Total ..	1,84,294 0 6	84,668 12 0	20,371 2 4	1,667 8 4	2,91,001 7 2	

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STATEMENT showing the relative value of Foreign trade for twelve months from March 1886 to February 1887.

	Imports.	Exports.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Chamber of Commerce ..	2,44,28,543	1,71,22,412	4,15,50,955
Others	1,81,42,025	2,14,40,487	3,95,82,512
Government	27,43,024	13,70,176	41,13,200
Railways	18,49,488	..	18,49,488
Trades Association	10,68,185	53,283	11,21,468
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