

India Office

London 8th March 1888

Statistics and Commerce.

No 19.

To

His Excellency the Right Honourable
the Governor General of India in Council.

My Lord,

With reference to your despatch dated 29th November 1887 No 314 (Finance and Commerce), and the subsequent letters from the Assistant Secretary to your Government in the Finance and Commerce Department, forwarding papers for incorporation in the Board of Trade of Journal, I forward herewith a copy of correspondence with the Board of Trade as to the nature of the information required, for the above purpose.

I have the honour to be

My Lord

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble
servant
(Signed) Cross.

Dated 13 January 1883

From

J. A. Godley Esq^r,

Under Secretary of State for India.

To

The Assistant Secretary,

Commercial Department,

Board of Trade.

With reference to your letter dated 23rd August 1886, and to the reply from this office of 9 September, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council to forward here, with a copy of four letters from the Gov^t of India, enclosing papers for incorporation in the Board of Trade Journal.

If, as Lord Cross apprehends, these papers are too bulky and too detailed for the purpose for which they are designed, His Lordship will be obliged if the Board of Trade will define precisely, for the guidance of the Gov^t of India, the kind of information required and the form in which it should be supplied.

Dated 10 February 1888.

From

J. A. Godley Esq^r,

Under Secretary of State for India.

To

The Assistant Secretary,

Commercial Department, Board of Trade.

In continuation of the letter from this Office, of 13 January, I am directed by the Secretary of State for India to forward herewith a copy of a letter from the Gov^t of India, enclosing a notice for publication in the Board of Trade Journal; and I am to call your attention to the request made in that letter, for information, whether it is the desire of the Board of Trade that particulars of this nature should continue to be supplied by the Gov^t of India for the purpose in question.

No 649C, dated 15 February 1888.

From

R. Giffen Esq^r,

Assistant Secretary,

Commercial Department,

Board of Trade

To

The Under Secretary of State for India.

I am directed by the Board of Trade to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10 instant; transmitting, by direction of the Secretary of State for India, a copy of a communication from the Gov^t of India, enclosing a notice for publication in the Board of Trade Journal; and calling attention to the request made in your letter of the 13 ultimo that this Dept^t should define precisely the

the kind of information required for incorporation in the publication in question, and the form in which it should be supplied.

With reference to the desire of His Count^y Cross to be informed as to the precise nature of the data required, and the form in which it should be sent, I am to request that you will be good enough to inform his Lordship that it would so hardly be possible for this Dept^t to precisely define the kind of data required, as the nature and description of the information supplied must necessarily depend, in great measure, upon the requirements and condition of the various districts of India.

It must therefore be left in great measure to the discretion of the Departmental authorities to report upon such subjects as may be calculated to advance the commercial and industrial interests of the United Kingdom and British India. At the same time, I am to point out that, as copies of the Board of Trade Journal have probably been sent by the heads of the various Dept^s of the Indian Gov^t, these gentlemen would be able to see for themselves the nature of the information relating to foreign countries which has been considered most suitable for publication, and this might, to some extent, assist them in their choice

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of subjects upon which reports might be prepared for insertion in the Journal.

Subject to these observations, I am to suggest that the following are, in the opinion of this Dept^y, a few of the more important subjects to which enquiries might from time to time be directed, with a view to the preparation of reports, which this Board would be glad to receive as frequently as possible—

1. All Customs Tariff changes, both actual and projected.
2. Notices of new processes of manufacture.
3. Establishment of new Industries
4. Notice of condition of crops
5. Increase or decrease of employment of labour.
6. Notices of exceptional state of manufactures.

As regards the form in which the data should be supplied, I am to suggest, for the consideration of Viscount Cross, that representations should be made to the various Dept^{ys} to the effect that copies of any official reports on commercial and financial

financial subjects should, without waiting to be edited, be at once sent to this Dept^y, where they will be prepared for publication in the Journal, as it is essential that the information which is contained in this publication should appear as soon as possible after the period to which it refers.

I am to add that extracts from certain of the communications enclosed in your letter of the 13th ultimo have been inserted in the Board of Trade Journal for the present month which has been issued today.

(True Copy)

W. O. Boulderson, Captain R.E.
Under Secretary P.W.D.
for Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read

the following Resolution of the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, dated Simla the 25th April 1888 No 2164 on despatch from the Secretary of State No 19 Statistics and Commerce, dated the 8th March 1888, and enclosures.

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	Central Provinces

various local Governments and Administrations noted in the margin # in continuation of No 2834 dated the 10th September, 1887.

Order thereon, 11th May 1888, No 2793

Communicated to the Commissioners of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture and the Commissioner of Separate Revenue in continuation of G.O. 4th November 1887, No 6709.

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For The Public Works Department
A.H.

(True Extract)
W.C. Bardsley, Captain R.
Under Secretary P.W.D.
Secretary to Govt.

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