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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,

1st June 1869.

No. 7. Read the following letter from R. KNIGHT, Esq., Bombay, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bombay, 20th April 1869.

Will you do me the favour to read the accompanying prospectus of a Journal which I purpose starting in Calcutta on the 1st July next, and kindly tell me whether I may reckon upon the Government of Madras giving me assistance in my plans by directing its officers to supply me with such reasonable information concerning the districts under their charge as I may from time to time apply to them for.

2. I also venture to hope, from the special character and importance of my work, that the Government of Madras will be pleased to subscribe at the outset for 100 or 200 copies of the Journal for distribution throughout the departments of the public service.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1869, No. 731.

On application for information regarding particular districts of this Presidency being made from time to time to the Government of Madras, they will be prepared to consider the propriety of ordering the information to be supplied to Mr. Knight. They will subscribe for 100 copies of the "Indian Economist" for distribution throughout the departments of the public service in the Madras Presidency.

(True Extract).

R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To R. Knight, Esq., Bombay.

To the Accountant General.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Military „

„ Public Works „

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A Monthly Journal devoted to Economic and Statistical Enquiries concerning India.

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Mr. KNIGHT's retirement from the Daily Press of India will set him free on the 1st July next to establish a journal devoted exclusively to those economic and statistical enquiries which have been pursued by him for many years past in the columns of the *Times of India*. The *Indian Economist* will at the outset be published on the 1st of every month, and will be devoted almost exclusively to the discussion of economic questions concerning India. The *Statistical Reporter*, which will appear as a supplement to each number, with separate paging and index, will gather together such statistics as exist or are to be got concerning the agriculture and resources of the provinces, and the commerce, population, revenues, debt, and public works of the empire, and will present them in the simplest and most useful form the Editor can devise.

It is hoped that the publication of this journal will give a new impetus to statistical enquiries in India, and be the means of spreading exact information upon questions on which Indian publicists and statesmen are now constantly at fault from the want of it. The most manifest defect probably in our administrative system is the fact that there is not a district in the empire the exact position and resources of which are known to us. The very first condition of successful administration is thus wanting. In Orissa the other day, a narrow export of 30,000 Tons of rice from a province containing 3,000,000 of people growing nothing but rice, was held to be conclusive proof that large food reserves existed in the province, while a very brief statistical enquiry would have shown that so narrow an export in face of the high prices that had been ruling for years, proved that the province was normally treading on the verge of famine.

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To

R. KNIGHT, Esq.,

Bombay

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Dated June, 1st.

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G. O., 1st June 1869, No. 731.

JUNE.

Nos. 7-8.

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There are no satisfactory statistics at present in India upon any subject but its trade, while such as do exist are buried in the recesses of the Secretariats, or in the Appendices to Parliamentary Returns out of reach of the public. Long familiarity with the kind of information wanted, the sources from which it is to be obtained, and the shape in which it requires to be presented, furnishes Mr. Knight, as he himself believes, with special qualifications for the task he has undertaken. He proposes to meet a want which he has felt keenly himself, and believes that his new journal will be found to be indispensable by every merchant, journalist, and civilian in the country within a very few months of its publication.

In the *Times of India* he has dealt for many years imperfectly with the great questions to which the *Indian Economist* will now be specially devoted. Imperial and local taxation, the Indian debt, currency reforms, weights and measures, the land settlements of the country, our financial relations with England, railway extension and public works, banking, commerce and exchange, and the course of the Legislature and of the Executive Governments thereon will form the leading subjects of discussion in the new Journal. The Editor trusts he may rely upon the co-operation of the Services to make his new journal what he proposes it should become. He does not intend it to be a mere newspaper, but an authority upon questions affecting the material well-being of the country; and he will gladly receive suggestions for the improvement of his plans, and offers of assistance in the execution of them from any part of India. He will be glad also to know early the number of subscribers to the journal upon which he may count at the outset. The journal will probably become a weekly paper eventually.

Bombay, April 1869.

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SIR,

Be good enough to register my name as a Subscriber to the *Indian Economist*, and address the paper to _____

Your obedient Servant,

To MR. KNIGHT,

Bombay.

Times of India
Bombay, 20 April 1859.

Dear Sir,

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My object is to obtain information from any particular district which should be adapted to the purpose -

I also venture to hope, from the special character and importance of my work, that the Government of Madras will be pleased to subscribe at the outset for one or two hundred 100 copies of the Journal for distribution throughout the departments of the Public Service: and

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. Knight

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