Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

5th May 1857

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(Gujarati)

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 5th May 1857.

No. 37. Read the following letter *from C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George; dated Fort William, the 3d April* 1857, *No.* 467.

SIR,

HOME DEPARTMENT. *Statistical.*

I am directed to transmit the accompanying copy of a Despatch No. 1 of 1857, dated the 28th January, from the Honorable the Court of Directors, relative to the delay in furnishing the Annual Commercial Returns of the three Presidencies, and with reference thereto, to request that there may be no unnecessary delay in forwarding the Returns of subsequent years.

2. I am further directed to request that with the permission of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the causes which have led to the delay in sending home the returns of 1855-56 may be particularly enquired into and reported to this department for the information of the Honorable Court.

STATISTICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 1 OF 1857.

OUR GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

1. In our Despatch in this Department, dated 18th January 1854, we called your attention to the long interval which was permitted to elapse between the close of the official year and the Despatch of the Annual Commercial Returns, and we pointed out how their utility was in a great measure lost by the delay in their transmission to this country.

2. Although some improvement has been manifested especially as regards Bombay, we have still great cause for repeating the complaint made in our former Despatch. The inconvenience resulting from the absence of these Returns is of frequent occurrence in the compilation of the various statements of the Trade of India which are now continually called for, and we have been thus compelled to make imperfect Returns to Parliament when a little more activity on the part of the Departmental officials in India would have obviated such necessity.

3. The annexed Statement exhibits the dates at which the Returns have been received for the last three official years. From Madras we receive only four copies of the Returns, we wish to have at least 30 copies. The delay in forwarding the Bengal Returns is the more remarkable as a series of Tables compiled by Mr. Bonnaud of the Calcutta Custom House, exhibiting the results of the External Commerce of Bengal for 1854-55 and 1855-56, appears to have been published in Calcutta immediately after the close of each official year, and as the same materials would have furnished the Statements required to be furnished to us, we are the more at a loss to account for their being so long withheld.

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4. We desire your immediate attention to this matter and trust that no unnecessary delay may be allowed either in making up the arrears or in forwarding the Returns of subsequent years.

We are &c.,

LONDON, 28th *January* 1857.

(Signed) W. H. SYKES,
(„) ROSS D. MANGLES,
AND OTHER DIRECTORS.

(A true Copy.)
(Signed) R. W. CHAPMAN,
Offg. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 38. ORDER THEREON, *No.* 412; *dated 4th May* 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, for the information of the Collector of Sea Customs.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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FROM

C. BEADON, ESQUIRE,

TO *Secretary to the Govt. of India.*

V. D. Bourdillon Esq
Secy to the Govt of Fort St George

Dated the 3rd April 1857.

HOME DEPT. Statistical.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

Fort William
The 3rd April 1857.

Secy to the Govt of India.

Revenue 1857 Dept.
Dt. to Cons. 5th May

No. 406

From the Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Dated 3rd April 1857
Rec'd 20th April 1857 No. 878
Forwarding copy of a Dispatch, No. 1 of 57 dated 28th Jany. from the Hon. Court, relative to the delay in furnishing the Annual Commercial Returns of the three Presidencies. With reference thereto, to request that there may be no unnecessary delay in forwarding the Returns of subsequent years.

Wellesley order
No. 412. 4th May

Cons. 28th Oct. 56 No. 546.

Ordered, That the Secretary to the Commissioners to the Board of Revenue for the Lower Provinces of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal, be requested to communicate to the Board of Revenue for the Upper Provinces of the Presidency of Fort William in Bengal, the Copy of the Dispatch from the Court of Directors, dated 28th January 1857, No. 1, which has been received with the Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 3rd April 1857, No. 406, and to request that the Board will furnish the Commissioners with such information as may enable them to reply to the Letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 3rd April 1857, No. 406.

No. 37 & 38

Cons. 24th April R 28th