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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 2d June 1857.

No. 54. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated Fort St. George, 19th May 1857, No. 1712.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 18th March 1857, R. D. No. 269, forwarding a printed Abstract of Exports and Imports for the four years ending 1852-53 to 1855-56, prepared from the Madras Commercial reports by Dr. Balfour, and requesting the Board's opinion on the utility of these Statements, on the suggestion of that gentleman for the preparation of further condensed Statements from the Commercial reports of this Presidency.

2. In reply, I am desired to observe that the paper compiled by Dr. Balfour will be a useful record for reference in the offices of the Board and the several Maritime Collectors, the Board would therefore recommend the purchase of about 50 copies for distribution by Government.

3. It would be desirable to publish annually similar abstracts of the Trade Returns of this Presidency; but if published by authority of Government as official documents, they should be compiled by the Reporter of External Commerce, who prepares the Statements from which they are drawn up and would be answerable for their correctness. The Board are not prepared to say how far Dr. Balfour's compilation is free from error, as they have not had his figures verified, they observe an inaccuracy in the rate of duty on the export of rice and paddy from Calcutta, which is 1 Anna and not 2 Annas per Bengal maund as entered in the duty column; but this may be a typographical error. The Statement of exports seems also to include articles re-exported, which are not the produce of the Presidency and are under certain circumstances entitled to drawback. The arrangement adopted by Dr. Balfour is clear and concise; but the Board would suggest that the amount of duty realized should also be shown, and that the work should be printed on smaller sized paper.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 55. Order thereon, No. 532; dated 2d June 1857.

The Board will be so good as to direct the Reporter of External Commerce to prepare abstracts of the trade of this Presidency as they propose, but considering the errors pointed out by the Board in the Statement prepared by Doctor Balfour, amounting in one instance to 100 per cent., they are not of opinion that it is desirable to circulate copies of the present Statement by authority of Government.

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

27/532 Revenue Bd Office,
Fort St George,
19th May 1857.

No 61 Dated the 19th May 1772

From

J. D. Sim Esq.

Offg Secretary to the Board of Revenue

To

A Forbes Esq.

Offg Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department

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In reply I am desired to observe that the paper compiled by Dr Balfour will be a useful record for reference in the offices of the Board and the several Revenue Collectors. The Board would therefore recommend the purchase of about Copies for distribution by Government.

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Revenue Board Office
Fort St George
May 1857

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
J. Lushington
Offg Secretary

From
J. Forbes Esq.
Offg Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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From Surgeon G. Balfour
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From
The Ag Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To The Ag Secretary to
Government
Revenue Department

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Stating the Board's opinion on the Abstract of Exports and Imports prepared by Dr Balfour for the four years 1852-1853 to 1855-1856 recommending the purchase of 50 Copies of the same for distribution and observing that it would be desirable to publish annually similar Abstracts of the Trade Returns of this Presidency.

With an Order

No 532

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J. W. St. George
2d June 1857

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