Revenue Department

G.O. No 832

Dated 24th June 1857

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No. 54. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., dated 16th June 1859, No. 2309.

In Con. 28th December 1858, *No.* 4544.

With reference to Extract Minues Consultation, dated 8th October 1858, R. D., No. 1361, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the accompanying revised Statement of Collections on Imports into all the Ports in the Madras Presidency for three years, or from 1853-54 to 1855-56, and to furnish the following explanations on the several points noticed by the Government of India regarding the higher rates of duty exhibited in the Statement previously submitted as levied on certain articles.

Items 3, 4, 5, 6. 2. With regard to the items noted in the margin, I am directed to explain that the trade Statement of this Presidency do not show articles of British separately from those of Foreign origin, and hence the entry in the Board's abstract of the higher rate of duty to which the latter are subject in consequence of their origin and not of their import on foreign bottoms. Thus the item "Marine or Naval Stores" includes Stockholm Tar, liable to a duty of 10 per cent. and British coal tar liable only to 5 per cent.

Item 24. 3. Cocoanuts.—The correct duty is 3½ per cent. but in 1853-54 and the two following years 5 per cent. was erroneously levied in Malabar and 5 and 10 per cent. in Tanjore in 1853-54.

Item 27. 4. "Drugs."—The 10 per cent. duty was charged on Camphor which is considered a Drug.

Item 28. 5. "Dykes."—The rate of 10 per cent. was erroneously charged in Tanjore in 1853-54.

Item 30. 6. "Lac Stick" was erroneously charged 5 per cent. in Tanjore in 1853-54.

Item 31. 7. "Gums."—The 3½ rate was charged correctly on Benjamin.

Item 35. 8. "Provisions."—Onions are considered fresh Provisions and a duty of 3½ per cent. was accordingly levied at the Port of Madras.

Item 36. 9. "Seeds."—In Malabar and Tinnevelly duty at 5 per cent. wrongly charged.

Item 37. 10. "Silk,"—The levy of 7 per cent. was a mistake of the Tanjore Custom officers.

Item 38. 11. "Spices."—Duty was improperly charged at 5 per cent. in Malabar and Tinnevelly. Chillies and Ginger are classed under the head of Spices and rated at 3½ per cent.

Item 40. 12. The levy of 5 per cent. on "timber and planks" was a mistake and occurred in Malabar and Madura.

Item 41. 13. "Woods."—5 and 7 per cent. were erroneously charged on Sandalwood in Tanjore, Madura and Malabar.

Item 46. 14. "Tobacco."—The correct duty is 5 per cent. while in Tanjore 10 and 20 per cent. were erroneously levied.

Items 47-48. 15. The entry of 3 per cent. was a misprint.

16. With reference to para. 5 of Mr. Beadon's letter the Board beg to state that the erroneously levy of the duty occurred in Tinnevelly and Masulipatam.

17. The insertion of the word "unmanufactured" noticed in para. 6 of Mr. Beadon's letter was a clerical error.

18. In the revised Statement now submitted all the articles alluded to in para. 4 of the letter from Mr. Beadon are classed under their proper heads.

19. With reference to the numerous instances of erroneous levy of duty in the Provinces above noted, the Board desire me to explain that no returns of the trade of the different districts now reach them until the annual printed Statements are received, and consequently they have no means, in the absence of complaint or appeal from the parties affected, of detecting such mistakes. One cause of such errors being made at all, is no doubt, the inefficiency of the establishments allowed. At many of the petty ports, Gomastahs, &c., are employed on salaries insufficient to secure intelligent servants. The Board are now preparing lists of dutiable articles in a form which they hope will ensure greater accuracy hereafter.

Statement of Collections on Imports into all the Ports in the Madras Presidency for three years from 1853-54 *to* 1855-56.

	Articles.	Rate of Duty.	1853–54.	1854–55.	1855–56.	Average of three years.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Rice and Paddy...	2 As. per bag not exceeding 2 Maunds of 80 Tolas to the Seer or if imported otherwise than in bags 1 Anna per Maund.	277 13 3	61 6 6	222 2 0	187 1 11
2	Foreign Books...	3 per cent.....	160 13 4	59 1 7	96 15 3	105 10 1
3	Marine Stores, the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or of any British possession...	5 per cent.....	4,337 6 1	5,353 13 4	7,899 10 3	5,863 9 10
	Do. the produce or manufacture of any other place or country...	10 per cent.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Metals, wrought or unwrought, the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or of any British possession...	5, 10, & 20 per cent	43,645 11 10	79,513 14 3	1,38,214 13 0	87,124 13 1
	Do. do. do. the produce or manufacture of any other place.					
5	Tin, the produce of any other place than the United Kingdom or of any British possession...	10 per cent.....	1,752 15 2	3,715 12 11	2,455 10 0	2,641 7 4
6	Woollens, the produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or of any British possession...	5 and 10 per cent.	5,273 12 2	8,887 5 2	5,523 1 3	6,561 6 3
	Do. the produce of any other place or country.....					
7	Cotton Wool, not covered by certificate of the payment of Export duty at any other Port of Fort Saint George...	Free.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Cotton and Silk Piece Goods, and all manufactures of Cotton or Silk mixed with any other material produce of the United Kingdom or of any British possession...	5 per cent.....	80,688 1 4	71,272 12 0	64,518 7 8	72,159 12 4
	Do. the produce of any other place...	10 per cent.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	Cotton thread, twist and yarn, the produce of the United Kingdom or of any British possession...	3½ per cent.....	48,120 0 1	49,410 7 4	55,199 1 8	50,909 13 8
10	Do. do. of any other place...	7 „ „	819 14 7	1,592 6 1	4,576 0 5	2,329 7 0
11	Opium...	Free.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	Salt...	12 & 14 As. per I. M.	1,563 7 6	49,933 2 5	31,326 12 10	27,607 12 11
13	Alum...	10 per cent.....	113 9 5	1 15 1	674 5 0	263 4 6
14	Betel Nut, raw...	5 do.	19,934 0 11	10,751 0 9	6,077 9 9	12,254 3 10
15	Do. boiled...	10 do.	30,369 5 8	14,732 4 2	26,023 13 4	23,708 7 11
16	Camphor...	10 per cent...	5,565 5 9	2,093 4 6	6,065 13 10	4,574 13 4
17	Cassia...	10 do...	.....	283 2 9	173 7 0	152 3 3
18	Cloves...	10 do...	456 2 4	494 10 6	401 0 8	450 9 10
19	Coffee...	7½ do...	.....	150 15 11	66 12 10	72 9 7
20	Boral...	10 do...	11,864 6 6	7,535 2 7	11,096 3 3	10,165 4 1
21	Nutmegs and Mace...	10 do...	462 7 11	305 2 11	242 8 0	336 11 7
22	Pepper...	10 do...	1,324 9 6	1,070 14 4	967 15 4	1,121 2 5
23	Rattans...	7½ do...	1,299 10 2	661 15 0	493 5 9	818 4 10
24	Tea...	10 do...	811 0 10	7,061 10 5	8,822 2 1	5,564 15 1
25	Vermillion...	10 do...	.....	15 9 7	.....	5 3 2
26	Porter, Ale, Beer, Cyder, and other similar fermented Liquors...	5 do...	12,442 6 6	11,909 6 11	17,356 15 11	13,902 15 1
27	Wines and Liqueurs...	1 Rupee per gallon.		59,318 4 5	56,037 12 3	54,657 7 9
28	Spirits...	1½ do...	48,616 6 8	51,774 11 0	56,647 4 5	52,069 3 11
29	Tobacco..	5,10, & 20 per cent.	47,785 12 1	9,456 7 7	8,194 9 5	8,375 2 7
30	All manufactured articles not included in the above enumeration ...	3½,5 & 10 per cent.	7,474 6 10	1,35,820 1 6	1,38,329 3 0	1,34,859 10 9
31	All articles not included in the above enumeration...		1,30,429 11 10			
		Total...	5,05,589 6 3	5,83,236 13 6	6,47,703 8 2	5,78,843 3 11

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort Saint George,
16*th June* 1859.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 18th to 24th June 1859.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 55. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue, Department; to C. BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; dated 24th June 1859, No. 832.

I am directed to forward a letter from the Board of Revenue, dated 16th instant, No. 2309, submitting revised Statements of Imports into all the ports of the Madras Presidency for the three years ending with 1855-56, and furnishing explanation on the several points noticed in your letter dated 6th September 1858, No. 1345.

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Secy to the Govt of India

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Fort St. Geo: 24th June 1859.

I have the hon to be
Sir
Your most obt Servant

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To the Secretary to the
Government of India.
Dated 24 June 1859.

Revised Statements
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years ending 1855-56
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tion forwarded.

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