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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
for the month of April 1860.*

No. 58. Read the following letter from R. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, 3rd March 1860, No. 477:—

The President in Council desires me to request that you will with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, report in detail upon the system at present in force for collecting and furnishing Statistics of Trade at the several sea ports in the Presidency of Madras stating especially what are the means now at the disposal of the Government of Fort Saint George for collecting and publishing such Statistics,—to what extent such returns are now prepared,—and whether they are compiled and published on the authority and at the expense of the Government or of private individuals,—and in the latter case whether the authors are in the service of Government.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 59. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated 17th April 1860, No. 585.

Paragraph 1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd ultimo, calling for information as to the system in force for collecting and furnishing Statistics of Trade at the several ports of this Presidency, and on certain other points connected with the subject.

2. There are three descriptions of Returns referring to the Trade periodically published at this Presidency. These are

Statement of Imports and Exports for the Port of Madras,

The Madras Price Current, and

The Annual Trade Returns.

3. The Statement of Imports and Exports is ostensibly for the port of Madras alone, but it also includes the principal Exports from a few of the subordinate ports. It is published monthly by the Chamber of Commerce under the authority of Government, from materials obtained by two Clerks receiving 25 Rupees each, monthly, maintained by the Chamber at the Sea Custom House. These Clerks attend daily at the Custom House; and the whole of the applications to pass goods received each day being

3 Copies sent to Government of Bengal delivered to them, they make an abstract of them on the following day, and a general abstract at the close of the month. This is published about the

8th of the following month. The Government contribute 30 Rupees a month towards the publication and receive 25 copies.

4. The Madras Price Current is published bi-monthly under the patronage of Government, one hundred* copies being taken at a cost

* 2 Copies sent to Government of India, of 100 Rupees monthly. The materials for this publication are provided by the publisher, who is a private individual not in the service of Government. In January 13th March 1860.

of the current year the Chamber of Commerce commenced to publish a periodical of the same character on their own account called the "Price Current and Market Report." This is published twice a month by the Chamber, from materials collected by themselves and at their own expense.

5. The Annual Trade Returns are wholly a Government undertaking, and are prepared in conformity with Orders and Forms furnished by the late Court of Directors. These Returns are compiled in the Madras Sea Custom House by the Reporter of External Commerce from statements, furnished monthly by the Collectors of the several maritime ports, shewing the Imports, Exports, Re-Exports and Tonnage of each port. The compilation is very bulky and not very clear in the arrangement; but, as already said, the Forms were supplied by the Home Authorities. The Government maintain an Establishment at the Madras Sea Custom House for the completion of these Returns at a cost of

Statements for 1858-59, 12 copies sent to Government of India on the 19th December 1859.

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W Grey Esq.

Secretary, to the Government of
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[Signature]

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St. Louis, Mo. April 16th 1906
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