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No. 109. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 11th May 1860, No. 2,294 :—

With reference to the Order of Government, dated 14th April 1860, No. 566, I am directed to state that the Board have carefully considered the Import and Export Tariffs therewith received, comparing each item with the Price Current and Books of the Collector of Sea Customs.

2. They have verbally discussed the subject with the Collector as well as the Deputy Collector, Mr. Atkinson, who has for several years held the Office of Appraiser, and is well acquainted with the market.

3. The Board have noted in the enclosed Memorandum the only variations which appear to them worthy of notice, between the Madras and Calcutta values of articles in the Tariff.

4. The Board quite concur as to the expediency of having an uniform Tariff of valuations for all India, and that proposed may, they think, be advantageously adopted, with the few alterations which the enclosed Memorandum will suggest.

IMPORT TARIFF.

Akurkura or Pellitory.—The value of this article has ranged from Rupees 52 to Rupees 85 per Indian maund ; but the Imports are too trifling to need alteration of value, if 15 Rupees suits Calcutta.

Aloes.—The market rate here is about Rupees 5½, but the Imports are very small.

Beads.—The rates here are as follow :—

	R.	A.	P.	
Common	0	6	0	per lb.
Seed	1	0	0	„
Red	1	0	0	„
China	50	0	0	per box.

Bottles.—For Wine Quarts, British, a Tariff valuation of Rupees 6 per 100 would be ample. For similar pints the Board propose Rupees 5. The Culcutta rates are Rupees 8 and 7½, respectively.

Cocoanuts.—The Calcutta valuation of Rupees 25 per Mille, is low according to Madras prices ; Rupees 35 would answer here.

Copperas.—The market value here is 3½ Rupees per Indian maund ; so that a Tariff of 2½ (instead of 1½) would not be too high.

Cordage Hemp.—Twenty Rupees per cwt. would not be too high here. The Calcutta valuation is 13 Rupees.

Corks, French.—The market rates here would admit of a valuation of 2 Rupees here, instead of 1½.

Flour.—Thirty Rupees per barrel of 200 lbs. per Cape and English, and 20 for American Flour would be more correct here.

Glass.—The Calcutta rate of 7 Rupees per 100 feet for Crown Glass is too high for Madras. Rupees 6 would be sufficient.

Oil wood.—Ten Rupees per Indian maund would be nearer the Madras value than the rate proposed, viz. 6.

Patent Fuel.—This article has hitherto been imported at Madras free. From a Tariff valuation being now affixed to it, the Board presume it is intended that it should hereafter be subject to duty, notwithstanding that Coal and Coke are free goods. The rate proposed is low.

Tea.—The Board would prefer a valuation of 1 Rupee on black and 1½ on green Tea per Catty, to the rates proposed.

Provisions, Beef and Pork.—The Madras market values would warrant a Tariff of Rupees 65 per Tierce and Rupees 40 per Barrel.

Hams in Canister.—The proposed rate (9 Annas per lb) is low, 12 Annas would not be too high.

Metals, Copper, &c.—It would be more convenient if "Indian" were substituted for "Factory" maunds.

Iron Swedish.—Seven Rupees per maund would be a more correct valuation at Madras.

Anchors, Cables.—For Anchors 9 Rupees and for Cables 7 Rupees would be the proper rates.

Steel.—The valuations proposed for Steel are low. The following would be better here, viz. :—

British	per maund.....	10 Rs.
Blistered	,, ...	12 ,,
Spring	,, ...	12 ,,
Swedish	,, ...	10 ,,

Piece Goods, Mulls and Mediums.—Rupees 2½ per piece of 45 yards would be a more correct valuation at Madras.

Printed Muslins.—Eight Annas per yard would be a fair valuation for French Muslins.

Flannel.—The same rate would answer for plain Flannel.

EXPORT TARIFF.

Red wood.—The valuation is too high for Madras. 14 Annas per Indian maund would be sufficient.

Tamarind.—Two Rupees and a half would be a fair valuation here.

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 110. From J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to W. GREY, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, dated 18th May 1860, No. 804.

Paragraph 1. With reference to your letter of the 7th April, No. 735, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to forward copy of one from the Board of Revenue dated 11th instant on the subject of the new Tariff valuation.

2. The Board agree in the expediency of having uniform Tariff of valuations for all India, and think that with the few alterations suggested by them, the proposed new Tariff may be advantageously adopted.

Revenue Dept

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Fort St. Geo. 18 May 1860.

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To the Secretary to the
Govt of India.
Dy 18th May 1860.

From the Chairman of
Chamber of Commerce dy
22d May 60. Ch. 1861.
From Govt of India dy 23 June 60
in Pro: 11th July Nos 124-125.

Forwarding copy of a
letter from the Board of
Revenue on the subject of
the new Tariff valuation
From Govt of India Nos 60
Cr 2577.

Copy to the Chamber of
Comce 26 May 1860.
Pro. 860.
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to the Mem. of the
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Legislative Council
for the Madras Presy
5th Sept 60
Pro. 1490

Special commissioner