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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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4th June 1863.*

No. 54. Read the following letter from R. W. LODWICK, Esq., Acting Accountant General, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 3rd June 1863, No. 52:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the accompanying copy of a call on my Office from the Government of India, No. 306 A, dated 10th September last, I have the honor respectfully to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council will permit me to be placed in communication with the Board of Revenue, in order that I may be able to submit a really satisfactory report to Calcutta.
2. To an Officer of more experience than myself perhaps the preparation of a report on the course of trade might be easier, but I must confess that it presents to me insuperable difficulties, and I presume those who preceded me in this Department found themselves equally at a loss to carry out the wishes of the Government of India or the letter would not have been left so long undisposed of.

3. The steps taken by Mr. Mangles to collect information were good so far as they go.
4. He called on Collectors to fill up certain Statements, copies of which are appended, and they did so, but I cannot feel sure that much of what is entered in those Statements is not to a great extent guess work, and therefore before preparing any report thereon I consider it would be of great use to avail myself of the experience and practical knowledge of the subject possessed by such a body as the Revenue Board, and have accordingly the honor to solicit their opinion through Government.

From Honorable E. DRUMMOND, Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General, Madras, dated Fort William, Council Chamber, the 10th September 1862, Circular No. 306A.

SIR,

1. I am directed to request that without interfering with more urgent work, you will be good enough to prepare and submit for the information of Government, a report on the course of Trade in your Presidency or Province, together with tables showing the rates and amounts of Bills drawn and discharged, respectively, in each Treasury under your control, during the last two years 1860-61 and 1861-62.

2. A point of special importance in this enquiry is the course of trade from places within your jurisdiction to other Presidencies and Provinces. A table showing the rates of premium or discount on Hoondies or Bills of Exchange drawn by first class firms at the principal marts, on various parts of India, and the usance of such Hoondies, &c., would be of great value.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. MACKEY,

Acting 1st Assistant Accountant General.

No. 55. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1863, No. 956.

The Board of Revenue are requested to afford the Accountant General the assistance he requires. The Government wish to have a copy of the report when prepared, as the information it will contain cannot fail of being interesting.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

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Dated 3rd June 1863
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