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No. 393. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 3rd May 1866, No. 3,121 :—

1. Referring to the Order of the Supreme Government on the Trade Returns, printed in Proceedings of Government, dated 1st March 1866, No. 534, Revenue Department, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to point out that in paragraph 3 and elsewhere in the Order, Returns from "the *several Custom Houses* to the Chief Customs Authority in each Presidency" are spoken of, while hitherto the Trade Returns received in this Presidency have been *District* Returns, with additional particulars for the principal ports in each. The Board assume that *each District*, the whole of which is under one Collector of Sea Custom, is to be viewed as the *Customs House* mentioned in the Supreme Government Order, as any other construction will involve an immense amount of additional labor, and probably necessitate an increase of establishment, there being sixty-two separate Sea Customs Establishments in the Presidency, in addition to the chief port of Madras, and if separate monthly Returns are to be required from each, the work of abstracting them will be extremely heavy.

2. In the same manner, where in paragraph 36 the Supreme Government require a monthly Return of the duty collected on *each article* of Export or Import, at *each port* of the Presidency, the Board propose to send District Returns, which will indicate the importance of the trade with sufficient accuracy for Imperial purposes, and will correspond with the annual Trade Returns hitherto published. There are 136 ports in the authorized List of Ports in this Presidency for shipping and landing goods, and to send detailed lists of each article on which duty was levied in each month at each of these ports would be not more laborious than useless. The latter part of this paragraph, which states that the countries whence the articles are imported, or whither they are exported need not be specified, strengthens the Board in their opinion that the above arrangement will suffice for the purposes of the Supreme Government.

3. In regard to paragraph 2 of the Government Order of 1st March, I am directed to point out, with reference to paragraphs 32 to 35 of the Order of the Supreme Government, that a Committee has been appointed by the Supreme Government for the revision of the Tariff, and that until the result of their labor is published, it seems altogether useless for the Board to consider the classification of the list of goods into tariffed and untariffed, as desired in paragraph 34.

No. 394. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1866, No. 1,215.

Separate Revenue, No. 18.
Customs.

1. The Governor in Council is of opinion that District Returns will be generally sufficient to answer the purposes of the Government of India. Separate returns should, however, be submitted for the more important ports, such as Madras, Negapatam, Tuticorin, &c.

2. The Board will be communicated with on the subject of paragraph 3 of their Secretary's letter, when further instructions have been received from Calcutta.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Board will be communicated with on the subject of para 8 of their Secretary's letter when further instructions have been received from Calcutta.

22nd May 1866.

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No. 1311.

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To the Secretary to Government R. D.

From the Secretary to the Board of Rev^e 4 22 Aug^t 66 N^o 271

Dated 3rd May 1866.

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Submitting remarks on certain points contained in orders of Supreme Government on Trade Returns printed in Government Proceedings No 534 of 1st March 1866.

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