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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 226. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th September 1866.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellum, Tanjore Talook, 1st September 1866, No. 227:—

1. During the second half of last month, this District has received copious showers, which, though of incalculable value to the delta, have been still insufficient for agricultural purposes in the upland tracts, where, therefore, the state of things remains much the same, though, on the whole, better than that described in last report.

2. The rivers have generally fallen; but if only a moderate quantity of water continues to flow in them as at present, this, supplemented by occasional showers, will be amply sufficient to nourish and secure the rice plants throughout the greater part of the delta, until the setting in of the north-east monsoon.

3. The favoured part of the District last mentioned is free from disease; cattle are also in a pretty healthy state, with plenty of water and increasing pasturage.

4. Prices of grain have slightly fallen, and shew a downward tendency in consequence of the slackened demand upon us from other Provinces. Merchants at Negapatam have received telegrams from Colombo not to make further purchases, and this is reported to be the result of supplies from elsewhere having lately reached that island. The demand from Madura and other Districts inland has also somewhat diminished.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1866, No. 2,421.

Land Revenue.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Relief Committee.

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From

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Sir,

With reference to the Order of Government dated 1st March 1866 No. 534 Para 1, I have the honor by desire of the Board of Revenue to forward the new monthly returns of the Trade of the Madras Presidency for May 1868 for transmission to the Government of India.

2. The returns have been prepared in accordance with the forms furnished with the Proceedings of the Government of India dated 25th October 1865 No. 3138, with the exception of the Comparison prescribed between the figures for the current year and for the two preceding years. The District forms now prescribed are entirely different from those hitherto in use; for instance

instance the quantity of "Cotton Piece Goods" in the revised forms are required in dif-
-ferent denominations while that given in the old returns, is only in "Pieces," under the designation of "Dyed," "Printed" and "Plain". In the revised forms the descrip-
-tions of these Goods are also different-
Moreover, Manufactures of Flax were hi-
-therto classed under Cotton piece Goods; but they are now required to be shewn separately. In like manner, the quanti-
-ties of most of the articles Imported and Exported are required to be shewn in the new forms, but this information can-
-not be obtained for several of the arti-
-cles entered in the returns hitherto adopt-
-ed. Under these circumstances it will be impracticable to give the comparisons for the whole of this official year.

3. Referring to statement No. 10/2 it will be seen that the quantities entered in the Columns noted in the margin are precisely the same, except in the case of Wines and Spirits given under the Major head "Liquors," which differ-

Quantity Landed. Quantity entered for Home Con-
-sumption.

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4. It is not possible to ascertain the entire quantity and Value of goods landed at the several Ports in any one month, as the Ma-
-nifest and Landing account of a Vessel sim-
-ply give the marks and numbers of the Packa-
-ges, and sometimes the description, but not the Value, and the actual contents and Value of any package cannot be ascertained at the Custom Houses until an application is pre-
-sented to pass it out for home consumption or into Bond. Consequently the entries in the first column contain all goods landed and passed from the Custom House in-
-cluding those sent into Bond, and the se-
-cond exhibits those passed out for Home Consumption including goods from Bond.

5. From the headings in the returns No. 10/2 and 11 it is observed that the first form is intended to exhibit only the quan-
-tities of Foreign Merchandize and the se-
-cond the Value, but in the body of the for-
-mer the value of all the articles is also required to be shewn and in the latter the quantities of certain articles only. The Statements have been prepared accordingly.

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It must however be observed that all the free and dutiable articles entered in the Statements Nos 10/1 and 10/2 do again appear in Statement No 11. If this latter Statement is made to shew the quantities of all articles instead of only some of them, it would be complete in every respect and the Statements Nos 10/1 and 10/2 might be safely dispensed with to avoid mere repetition.

6. A few articles which are enumerated have been included in these Statements, as their Annual Values exceed Rupees 5,000 and an explanatory note has been appended to each entry in the returns.

7. Besides the returns above referred to those called for in Paras 36 and 37 of the resolution of Government of India dated 25th October 1865 are also forwarded. The Price Current alluded to in para 38 of the resolution has been already despatched.

8. With reference to Para 1 of the Order of Government dated 22d May 1866 No 1215, Separate returns shewing the Value and duty of the principal articles of Trade at

× Statement of duty collected on each article of Imports and Exports at each District of the Madras Presidency.

Nos of refunds and drawbacks paid monthly at each District of the Madras Presidency.

× Madras

Ganjam	Ganjam	at some of the important Ports in the Districts are herewith submitted.
	Munsoorcottah	
Vizagapatam	Vizagapatam	9. The delay in transmitting the returns for the first month is chiefly attributed to the revised forms not having been properly understood by the Sea Customs Superintendents and the Statements received from some Districts, having to be returned for revision. Moreover a portion of the account Department was engaged in compiling the Annual Trade returns of 1865-66 for the Home Government. The Establishment being short handed difficulty is felt in compiling the returns in proper time though no pains is spared to complete them as early as possible.
	Bimlipatam	
Godavery	Cocanada	
	Coringa	
Kistna	Masulipatam	
Tanjore	Negapatam	
Tinnevelly	Tuticorin	
Malabar	Cannanore	
	Cochin	
	Calicut	
	Beypoor	
	Tellicherry	
South Canara	Mangalore	

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

Revenue Board Office,
Madras,
22d August 1866.

Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
With 19 Statements.

Capt Campbell

Copied by C. Govindoo