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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2892

596-597

Dated 26 – 10 – 1866.

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No. 596. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George; dated Simla, 29th September 1866, No. 2,559 :—

1. I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 8th instant, No. 2,423, and of its enclosed Returns of the Trade and Navigation of the Madras Presidency for the month of May last.

2. With regard to the points noticed in the letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, I am directed to communicate the following observations.

3. The Board have rightly understood that in Return No. 10-1 all goods landed and passed from the Custom House, including those sent into bond, are to be shewn under Quantity landed, and that all goods passed out for Home consumption, including those from bond, should be shewn under "Quantity entered for Home consumption."

4. With regard to Return No. 10-2, quantities only need be shewn in it; the indication of value in the Pattern form being a typographical error which escaped detection in this Department.

5. But in the case of Return No. 11, the quotation of the measure of quantities of certain exceptional articles is advisedly required. The necessity for this arises from the expediency of preserving the advantage of keeping separate the value of articles which, though of the same general description, are expressed under different denominational units of measurement. Thus, in the instance quoted in the margin,* all that is required is an aggregate of the values of the quantities of the articles marked A. distinct from the aggregate of the value of the articles marked B. and C., and to ensure this being done, the quotation of the unit of quantity should be made, *e. g.*

* Vide page 2 of Return No. 24.

Cotton Manufactures of Piece goods.

Turkey Red.		
Cambrics	Yards and value.	A
Shirtings	,,	
Twills and Spots... ...	,,	
Brocades	,,	
Jaconets	,,	
Do. printed	,,	
Mulls, striped	,,	
Do. printed	,,	
Lappets	,,	
Prints and Chintz ...	,,	
Sarnes...	Pairs and value.	B
Scarf	,,	
Handkerchiefs	Doz. and value.	
Velvets	Yards and value.	A
Do. printed	,,	
All other sorts.		
Thread in Balls	lbs. and value.	C
Do. Spools	,,	
Do. other forms ...	,,	

		Rs.
Turkey Red (A) Yards, value...		20,000
(B) Pairs, ,, ...		5,000
(C) lbs. ,, ...		2,000

without the actual details of quantity being specified.

6. The suggestion that Returns Nos. 10-1 and 10-2 might be altogether dispensed with, by Return No. 11 being made to shew quantities also, is inadmissible for two reasons, viz., that the amalgamated Return itself would be inconveniently unwieldy, and that the amalgamation would prevent a view being presented of the extent of the duty-paying import trade, distinct from the free import trade, which is important.

7. The Board have acted in conformity with the intentions of the Government of India, including in the Trade Returns those articles unenumerated in the Pattern forms, whose annual value exceed 5,000 Rupees.

8. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Board's letter I am to observe, that the Statement of duty collected in each District will not answer the purpose of this Department. What is required is a Return of the total amount of duty paid on each article of import or export at each port, and I am to request that such a Return may be forwarded as early as practicable for the month of May.

9. In conclusion, I am to add that the Returns under acknowledgment have, on the whole, been prepared satisfactorily.

No. 597. ORDER THEREON, 26th October 1866, No. 2,892.

Separate Revenue, No. 18.
Customs.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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observations on cer-
tain points connected
with the Trade and
Navigation Returns of
the Madras Presidy for
May last, and add-
ing that the Returns
in question have on
the whole been prepared
satisfactorily. — 2

No 596 & 597

To

Exd. J. Tulloch.