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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1867.

No. 382. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating to Revenue Department copy of letter from Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, with a G. O. of October 1866, regarding the bridging of the Comaradavy and Naitravutty rivers in South Canara. } (Here enter 12th August 1867, No. 2,456.)

No. 383. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1867, No. 1,937.

Miscellaneous.

1. Communicated to the Board of Revenue with copy of the G. O. of 30th October 1866, from which the Board will perceive that the Superintending Engineer is in favor of bridging the Comaradavi at Oopinungadi when funds are available.

2. It seems very desirable that the project should be carried out, so as to give uninterrupted communication between the Munjerabad and Charmudi made ghauts with the head of the water-carriage to the coast at Pani Mangalore.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
With Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,456, and its enclosure.
,, the Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
12th August 1867.

No. 292. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 6th August 1867, No. 80:—

I have the honor to state, for the information of Government, that the Report called for in paragraph 2 of their Order No. 2,321, of 1st August, has already been made in paragraph 2 of my letter printed with G. O. No. 3,447, of 30th October 1866, and the papers marginally noted in its first paragraph.

No. 293. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1867, No. 2,156.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41.

Communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to paragraph 3 of the Orders in that Department of the 26th July 1867, No. 1,708.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department, with G. O. No. 3,447 of 1866.
,, Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

S. F. Augustin

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No. 498. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 2nd September 1863, No. 5,464.

Sir,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit their reply to the Government Order, dated 24th June 1863, No. 1,120, Revenue Department, forwarding for report the suggestions of the Statistical Committee, and more particularly those on the forms of Trade and Navigation Returns.

2. The monthly Trade Returns which are now received from the Subordinate Ports are as follow:

I. Imports, Goods) From Foreign Ports and from External Ports, or British and Specie... ...} Indian Ports beyond this Presidency.

This Return exhibits the

Quantity,
Weight,
Value,
Rate of duty,
Amount of duty for each description of goods, and also the Port whence received.

II. Exports... ...} Corresponding in form and particulars with the Return of
III. Re-Exports ...} Imports.

IV. Ships and Tonnage—relating to Foreign and External Trade.

Gives particulars of

Nationality.
Number.
Tonnage.
Whence arrived or whither bound.

3. These monthly District Returns are posted as received in general forms, in the Department of External Commerce in the Board's Office, and from them are compiled and submitted to Government the Annual Returns of External Commerce, which comprise,

I. Comparative Statement for two years of the entire Trade of the Presidency with each Foreign and External Port, giving particulars of

Goods,
Quantity,
Value,
Increase or
Decrease,

of the Import, Export, and Re-export Trade.

II. Detailed Statement for one year for each District shewing

Description of goods,
Quantity,
Value,
Rate of duty, and
Gross amount of duty

levied on the Import, Export, and Re-export Trade, with *each* Foreign or External Port.

III. General Statement for one year for the whole Presidency in same form with same details.

IV. Detailed Statement for one year of Ships and Tonnage arrived at and departed from the ports of each District, shewing

Nationality,
Number,
Tonnage,
Whence arrived or whither bound.

V. General Statement for one year of Ships and Tonnage, giving the same particulars for the whole Presidency.

The form of these Returns is such that the total quantity and value of the Trade in any one article, or with any one Port, and the total amount of revenue dependant upon it, are ascertainable at a glance.

4. In lieu of the above Monthly Returns it is now proposed that there shall be submitted from each District Monthly Returns of

Imports, Goods and Specie.

1. Foreign Imports of Free goods shewing
   Quantity,
   Value,
   Port whence shipped.
2. Do. do. of Dutiable goods shewing
   Quantity,
   Tariff value,
   Declared real value,
   Quantity entered for Home consumption,
   including goods from Bond and particulars of Ports.
3. Coasting Free Import Trade with particulars of
   Quantity,
   Value,
   Ports.

Exports do.

4. Foreign Exports of Free goods shewing
   Quantity,
   Value,
   Ports.
5. Do. do. of Dutiable goods shewing
   Quantity,
   Tariff value,
   Declared value,
   and intended, it is presumed to include Re-exports.
6. Coasting Free Export Trade shewing
   Quantity, and
   Value,
   With particulars of Ports.

Shipping ... Foreign Trade.

7. Nationality of Shipping, with particulars of number and tonnage,
8. Arrivals and departures, with particulars of whence come and whither bound, number and tonnage.
9. Coasting Trade, arrivals and departures as in No. 8, distinguishing British and Foreign Ships and Dhonies.

It would also appear, although not distinctly so stated, that a Monthly Return of Goods in Bond will be required from each Warehousing Port, but there is none such in this Presidency except Madras itself.

5. From these District Returns are to be compiled by the Chief Customs authority, (*i. e.*, the Board of Revenue in Madras) *Monthly* General Returns for the whole Presidency in eleven forms, of which ten will correspond with the District Returns above described, excluding Bullion and Specie, and the eleventh is a Statement of the value of Bullion and Specie imported and exported, from and to various countries.

6. These General Statements which are to be sent to Calcutta are to exhibit the returns for three years in comparison, and from *these* will be *excluded* the Trade between Ports of the Presidency to which they refer.

7. It will be observed that the chief points of difference between the present and proposed systems irrespective of the increase in number, are that the proposed forms altogether omit the items relating to the rate and amount of duty, and for the first time provide for obtaining the statistics of the interport Trade between Ports of the same Presidency.

8. The Board are of opinion that the omission of the items relating to the duty is a defect in the proposed Returns; for although these Monthly Returns are to be compiled by the Financial Department into a General Annual Return for the whole of British India, it is evident that the amount of revenue actually depending on any one item cannot be with safety estimated and entered by calculation from the legal rate, at least so long as the system of Drawback is maintained, and the Board consider that exact information on the above point is a very highly important item of the Statistics of Trade.

9. With this slight addition, the Board consider that the proposed Returns are calculated to afford all the information supplied by the present Returns, with the addition of much which the present Returns do not afford. For facility of reference, the proposed Presidency Returns are in some respects inferior to the existing Annual Returns, but it is probable that the Imperial Annual Returns would be different in form from the Monthly Returns, and would at least retain all existing conveniences of arrangement.

10. Assuming, as the Board do, that the proposed Returns are to be *in substitution for*, and not in addition to, the existing Monthly and Annual Returns of External Trade, the Board are in favor of their adoption with the addition of the particulars of duty, and consider that the Returns can probably be made punctually with very slight addition to the existing Establishment, although, as will be seen from the above analysis, they are more numerous and detailed than those now in use. But if they are to be required *in addition* to the present Returns, then a very considerable increase to the Establishment will be indispensably necessary.

11. One point, however, needs to be noticed. The Statistical Committee in paragraph 19 of their Report, calculate on the Returns from each Presidency being furnished to the Financial Department of the Supreme Government (as the Board understand) within a month of the expiration of each monthly period. It appears to the Board that this is not possible.

12. The Statements at the several minor Ports in each District cannot be closed till the end of the month to which they refer, and these have then to be transferred to the chief Port of the District to be there embodied in the District Return, which has to be transmitted to the Presidency when the General Monthly Report has to be compiled. It seems scarcely possible that under the most favorable circumstances, the General Monthly Returns could be ready for despatch much before the close of the month following that to which the Returns will refer, and unless opportunity for despatching them by Steamer to Calcutta should offer at the particular time they could not reach the Financial Department until about the middle of the second month.

Note.—In paragraph 15, the Statistical Committee propose that the subsidiary Returns shall be rendered by each Subordinate Customs House direct to the Chief Customs authority. It is presumed that this is intended to apply only to the District Customs Houses and not to the numerous petty ports subordinate to the main port of each District. Any other course will probably be found altogether impracticable with the existing Establishments and excessively expensive to carry out.

13. The other forms referred for the opinion of the Board are intended for the Appendices to the Annual Administration Report, and would not, it is presumed, affect the departmental returns submitted to the local Government.

14. These forms omit some minor details for which the forms now in use in the Revenue Department provide, and which the Board consider it desirable to retain in their departmental returns to the Local Government. The new forms also include many details, which it is probable cannot be furnished for some years to come.

15. But every attempt to increase our detailed information, and to reduce it to accuracy should be made, and the Board do not doubt that very valuable results may ultimately be obtained by efforts in the direction indicated in the forms. The Board would advocate their adoption.

No. 499. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1865, No. 1,412.

Separate Revenue, No. 72.
Customs.

1. The Government agree with the Board that the Trade Returns should show the rate of duty and the amount of duty actually levied, in respect to all dutiable articles. This information of course exists in the books of every Customs House, and its entry in these returns will involve very trifling labor, while it will render them more complete, and adapt them to revenual as well as statistical purposes.

2. The Government do not see the advantage of consolidated monthly returns for all India being published by the Financial Department of the Supreme Government. They are sure to be too late for any practical purpose, and will probably involve considerable expense for extra establishments. The better plan would be for each Presidency to publish its own monthly Statements and for the Finance Department to issue an annual consolidated return for all India.

3. The preparation of an Annual Return for each Presidency from these proposed monthly returns, will of course be required by each Government for statistical and revenue purposes. Copy might be furnished to the Supreme Government in lieu of the present Trade Statements, and it would be a very simple matter to embody them in a single set of Statements for all India.

4. It will be brought to the notice of the Supreme Government that the monthly returns cannot be expected to reach Calcutta earlier than the middle of the second month after that to which they relate.

5. The Government have no doubt that the new forms are intended to be in substitution of those now rendered, otherwise the same information would be twice furnished and large additional establishments would be necessary.

6. The navigation returns need no remark.

7. As to the statements styled "Statistics of Physical, Political, and Fiscal Geography" the Government will remark briefly seriatim.

A. Physical Geography.

8. The Government would prefer the following classification :—

Total area,—Square miles.

1	2		3		4	5
Total culturable area.	Area cultivated or occupied.		Culturable waste.		Per-centage of cultivation.	Per-centage of waste.
	1862-63.	1863-64.	1862-63.	1863-64.	1863-64.	1863-64.

N. B.—In this Presidency, this Statement could not be accurately rendered. Zemindary accounts are untrustworthy and in Malabar and Canara cultivation Statements are not kept.

Character of the Surface.—Columns 5 and 6 would necessitate surveys.

Climate.—Arrangements would be necessary to procure information as to temperature.

Soils and Crops.—This statement is much too brief to be of any practical use; column 2 could not be supplied without a survey; column 3 is inapplicable.

Taxes other than land.—This table seems misplaced. No distinction between Judicial and Commercial Stamps is practicable.

B. Political relations, Native States, Native Chiefs, Character of Native rule.—No remark.

C. Political Divisions.—No remark.

D. Population.—No remark.

E. Land Revenue.—The term Revenue should be understood to mean actual collections, current and arrear, within the year.

Varieties of Tenure.—The column headed "personal income" could not be filled up except by mere guess.

Litigation.—No remark.

Survey and Settlement.—Too brief to be of any use.

A. Agricultural.—The area under each crop may be given, though with difficulty. The number of cattle could not.

Rent and Wages.—Private rents cannot be ascertained. Produce varies too much for entry in such form.

B. Mines and Quarries.—No remark.

C. Manufactures.—Needs an annual census.

Other manufactures.— Do. do.

E. Public Works.—No remark.

F. Railways.— Do.

G. Prices of Produce.—Do.

Prices of Manufactured goods.—Do.

Prices of Labor.—Do.

Coinage.—Do.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th August 1867.

No. 384. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th July 1867, No. 4,180 :—

With advertence to the Order of Government, under date 22nd November 1866, No. 3187, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to notice the several forms proposed by the Statistical Committee, with the difficulties which occur in this Presidency in the preparation of each.

1. STATEMENT A No. I.—The area cultivated and waste, of all *Ryotwary* lands except in two districts, can be given with particulars of the proportion of the waste which is culturable and unculturable. In respect, however, to Zemindary lands and Inams of all descriptions, no particulars of cultivation and waste or of the culturable and unculturable area are available. The gross area of these lands might be given approximately but no more. Thus the statement can be properly filled up in respect only to about three-fifths of the Presidency. The column headed "Unappropriated culturable waste," appears to be intended to shew the extent of land "available to settlers." There are such lands in the hill tracts and in several districts, but the area of them is unknown. In the plains the ryots have the preferential right to all waste in their village, and such waste, therefore, is not "available to settlers" in the ordinary acceptation of the phrase.

2. A No. 2.—Much of the information required is not to be had. The mountains and forests of this Presidency have not been surveyed, and within the compass of any statement that could be conveniently handled, it would be impossible to give the required particulars except in so general and cursory a way as to be practically useless. A good Map, shaded so as to shew the geological and other features of the country, and a descriptive memoir, would alone meet the object in view; and inasmuch as no changes are likely to occur in these physical features, this would be a more suitable method of supplying the information than an annual return.

3. A No. 3.—The fall of rain is registered at all Tahsildary stations, and can be given in any form desired. The proposed division of the year into thirds is unsuited to this Presidency. No observations of the temperature are taken in the Revenue Department. The establishment recently sanctioned for meteorological observations will hereafter be in a position to supply the details required in this statement, but a diagram would be a better method of furnishing the information.

4. *B.—Political relations.*—The only Native States in this Presidency are Travancore and Cochin; Poodoocotta, Bunganapilly, Sundoor, and Jeypore are petty Chief-ships rather than Native States. The Administration Reports of Travancore and Cochin contain ample information regarding those States.

5. *C.*—The details required in this Return can doubtless be obtained; but inasmuch as the Executive and Judicial ranges materially differ, the columns in the Return would require re-arrangement.

6. *D.*—The Census taken during the present year does not admit of all these details being supplied. There would, however, be no difficulty in obtaining them at the next Census in 1872.

7. *E.—Nos.* 1 *and* 2.—These Returns can be filled up by the Survey and Settlement Departments.

8. *No.* 3.—This Return might be[illegible] prepared by the District Officers, but inasmuch as the cultivated area of the [illegible]emindary estates cannot be given with accuracy, the revenue per acre could not [illegible]e given, nor would there be any probability of obtaining the information requ[illegible]isite to fill up the last column of the Return.

9. *No.* 4.—The information necessar[illegible]y for the preparation of this Return is not obtainable in this Presidency.

10. *Nos.* 5 *and* 6.— These Returns c[illegible]n only be partially filled up.

11. *Class II—Statistics of Protection.*—The Returns under this class have no connection with the Revenue Department.

12. *Class III—Letter A.*—These Re[illegible]turns can be prepared by the departments concerned.

13. *Letters B. and C.*—The Public W[illegible]orks Department of the Government Office might perhaps obtain these statement[illegible]s.

14. *Letter D.*—Some only of the deta[illegible]ls requisite for the preparation of these Returns are at present available. They mi[illegible]ght, however, be obtained by the District Officers.

The Quinquennial Returns prepared in [illegible]this Presidency give some of the information required for the preparation of stat[illegible]ement No. 2. Any attempt [illegible] No. 3 would be fruitless.

15. *Letter E—Nos.* 1 *and* 2.—The [illegible]rmation required in these statements can be roughly furnished; but to carry [illegible] price list down to articles of daily consumption varying in every village, seems [illegible] quite useless.

16. *Letter F.*—This Return might be[illegible] prepared without difficulty by the District Officers.

17. *Letter G.*—The information neces[illegible]sary for the preparation of this statement might also be collected.

18. *Letter I.*—This Return might be p[illegible]repared at the Mint.

19. *Letter K.*—This statement could [illegible]without difficulty be prepared in each district.

20. The remaining statements do not a[illegible]pply to the Revenue Department.

21. It will be observed from the fore[illegible]going remarks that it will be quite impossible to append Returns in the forms des[illegible]ired to the quinquennial Report of the present year, and that there will be considera[illegible]ble difficulty in supplying much of the information required until the next quinquen[illegible]*nial* Returns are received. It will also be necessary to incur some additional expense[illegible], as the existing Revenue Establishments are quite unequal to carrying out such e[illegible]laborate and extensive inquiries as will be needed.

22. The Board would also suggest for[illegible] consideration whether a descriptive memoir of each district, such as those now b[illegible]ing prepared, would not be a better means of giving the public the information wh[illegible]ich it is the object of these statements to supply. They are unable to understand [illegible]ow such varied and extensive and minute details can, for an Empire so extensive a[illegible]s British India, be usefully condensed and tabulated as proposed.

[illegible]GICE.

No. 385. ORDER THEREON, 20th August 1867, No. 1,938.

Miscellaneous.

1. Ordered that copy of the above letter be forwarded for the information of the Government of India, with reference to Mr. Secretary Bayley's letter, dated 31st October 1866, No. 450, Home Department, and that the Board of Revenue be requested to furnish every Collector with a set of the forms relating to their Department, with instructions to put in hand at once the work of filling in the details so far as the information is available on record, or easily procurable.

2. The Board will cause the District Returns to be posted up in the general forms as received, and will forward the Statements to Government in as complete form as they may be able to attain, for transmission to the Government of India.

3. When progress to this extent has been made, a more accurate idea may be formed how far the design of the Statistical Committee can be carried out, and whether it will be worthwhile to re-print the information annually to accompany the Administration Report.

4. The Board will also furnish the Survey and Settlement Departments with the forms relating to those subjects, which will be filled up as far as possible, and similarly forwarded to Government.

5. The other Statements which relate to the Statistics of Protection, including the working of the Legislature, the Courts, Prisons, Police, Military, and Marine Departments, to the Financial and Mint De[illegible]tments, the Ecclesiastical, Educational, and Medical Departments, and the P[illegible]blic Works, will be considered in the Departments of the Secretariat to which they refer.

(True Ext[illegible])

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Department.
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