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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd September 1867.

No. 377. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 24th August 1867, No. 5,489 :—

1. Imports of articles free of duty.
2. Do. do. subject to duty.
3. Do. dutiable and duty free.
4. Exports, Foreign Merchandize.
5. Do. to Foreign Ports of Indian Produce and Manufacture.
6. Vessels employed in the Foreign Trade showing nationality.
7. Do. do. shewing countries whence arrived. and whither bound.
8. Bonded Warehouse Account.
9. Imports and Exports of Treasure to Foreign Ports.
10. Imports, Coasting Trade.
11. Exports, do.
12. Imports and Exports of Treasure, coastwise.
13. Vessels employed in the Coasting Trade.
14. Import duty.
15. Export do.
16. Drawbacks and Refunds.

1. With reference to the Orders of Government, dated 17th July 1867, No. 1,590, I have the honor by desire of the Board of Revenue, to forward the Trade Returns of the Madras Presidency for the official year 1866-67, for transmission to the Home Government. The Tonnage Statement referred to in the Order of Government is included among the statements now forwarded.

2. The subjoined statement exhibits the value of the trade in 1866-67, compared with that of 1865-66 :—

	Items.	1865-65.	1866-67.	Increase.	Decrease.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Imports ...	Merchandize ...	4,79,87,412	4,16,74,201	.....	63,13,211
	Treasure	3,66,42,492	1,36,86,606	.....	2,29,55,886
	Total...	8,46,29,904	5,53,60,807	.....	2,92,69,097
Exports ...	Merchandize ...	9,00,15,155	4,45,86,571	.....	4,54,28,584
	Treasure	1,26,10,223	1,75,29,881	49,19,658	.....
	Total...	10,26,25,378	6,21,16,452	.....	4,05,08,926
Re-exports ...	Merchandize ...	14,61,719	4,86,237	.....	9,75,482
Total ...	Merchandize ...	13,94,64,286	8,67,47,009	.. ..	5,27,17,277
	Treasure	4,92,52,715	3,12,16,487	.....	1,80,36,228
	Grand Total...	18,87,17,001	11,79,63,496	.....	7,07,53,505

3. The trade of this year has fallen considerably. In Imports there is a decrease of Rupees 63,13,211 ; in Exports of Rupees 4,54,28,584 ; in Re-exports of Rupees 9,75,482; and in the Imports of Treasure Rupees 2,29,55,886. The Exports of Treasure have increased by Rupees 49,16,658. The comparison above instituted is for eleven months in 1866-67, with twelve of the preceding year. The large decrease in the Export trade is chiefly attributed to the falling off in the exports of raw cotton to the home market, the value of which in 1865-66 was Rupees 4,84,16,348, while in the succeeding year it amounted to only Rupees 94,37,789.

4. Orders are solicited to print the statements above referred to at the "Fort St. George Gazette Press" for distribution as usual.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 23rd September 1867.

No. 378. ORDER THEREON, 23rd September 1867, No. 2,226.

Separate Revenue, No. 25.
Customs.

1. In G. O. dated 17th July 1867, the Government authorized the Board to prepare their Trade Returns for the Home Government in the forms prescribed for the Monthly Returns to the Government of India, which, as well as the District Returns on which they are based, are essentially different from those hitherto in use.

2. The Board's original proposal to adopt these forms for the Returns to the Home Government was intended to obviate the great additional labor which would be involved in re-casting the District Returns, into two different sets of forms, one for the Supreme the other for the Home Government.

3. The essential difference between these forms is that District details are not given in the former as they are in the latter, but since the Board's proposal was sanctioned, this Government have received from the Government of India copy of the Secretary of State's Despatch, dated 23rd March 1867, No. 83, (communicated to the Board in G. O. dated 20th August 1867, No. 1,940,) from paragraph 10 of which Despatch it appears that the Home Government attach much importance to these District details, and desire to receive even more information regarding them than was afforded by the old forms.

4. Under these circumstances, there seems for the present to be no alternative but to re-cast the District Returns for 1866-67 into the old forms for submission to the Home Government, and the Board will accordingly take steps to have this done with as little delay as possible, applying for such temporary assistance to their establishment as may be necessary to prevent the accumulation of arrears of the current Trade Returns.

5. In forwarding these old form Returns to the Home Government, attention will be drawn to the great additional labor involved in the preparation of two different sets of Returns for the Supreme and Home Governments, and it will be requested that sanction may be given for the adoption of a uniform method of supplying the information they convey.

6. Copy of these Proceedings will be forwarded to the Supreme Government, with reference to the letter from this Department, No. 1,248, dated 3rd June 1867.

(Here enter No. 2,227, dated 23rd September 1867.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
23rd September 1867.

No. 2,227.

No. 379.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Separate Revenue, No. 26.
Customs.

With reference to my letter dated 3rd June 1867, No. 1,248, I am directed to forward, for submission to the Government of India, the Proceedings of this Government of this date, No. 2,226, as to the forms to be adopted in preparing the Trade Returns of this Presidency for 1866-67 for submission to the Home Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Present Accounts.

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No. 2313

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

Dated 24th August 1867.

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No. 5,489.

Submitting, for transmission to Home Government, Trade Returns of the Madras Presidency for 1866-67.

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Former Accounts.

Vol. I was an Abstract & No. 2 a Comparative Statement of the External Commerce by Sea in the Official Year.

2. showed the Trade of the several Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Year, giving Imports, Exports & Re-Exports under the Heads of Merchandize, Treasure & Duties.

Then followed a mass of Comparative Statements showing the Imports from and Exports to the various Ports both Home & Foreign for the last two Years.

The Imports, Exports, Re-Exports Ships & Tonnage of each of the 12 Maritime Districts was then given in separate Statements, followed by 4 general Statements of

Imports
Exports
Re-Exports
Ships & Tonnage.

In these accounts the Imports from Indian or Home Ports were entered along with Trade from the Foreign Ports.

If in these accounts you wished to find out the quantity or value of arms & ammunition imported into, say Malabar, you turned to that District & there found the quantity, value & duty levied in one place: but in Nos. 2 & 3 you can't tell if the arms & ammunition went to Malabar Tanjore or any where else.

Present Accounts.

There are no Comparative Statements

There are no accounts relating to Re-Exports.

The trade of each district cannot be ascertained from these accounts, e.g. if you wished to compare the amount of Cotton Wool exported from Port St. George & Tinnevelly during the year & to see where it was sent you could not ascertain these particulars as you could in the accounts formerly in use. An enquirer could not by these accounts find out how much coffee e.g. was exported to America how much to England as he could before.

No. 1.

Imports of Articles (Free)

There is no separate account for these in the former accounts but the word "Free" was entered opposite such articles in the column which showed the rates.

No 2.

Quantities of Imports & Consumption

This account shows from what Countries the articles were exported, but neither the Districts nor Ports to which they were imported. The values are shown in a separate account No. 3 whereas in the former accounts they were in parallel columns, thus

Quantity	Value	Rates of Duty

Nos.

Exports. Foreign merchandize.

This account does not show the Rates of duty leviable nor the gross amount of Duty levied as was shown in the former accounts.

From what districts or ports the articles were exported is not shown.

The same remarks apply to No. 5.

Ships & Tonnage Statement.

Shewed No & Tonnage of Square rigged Steamers or Ships & the colors under which they sailed—

And Native Craft & colours under which they sailed—

with the ports from which they arrived or to which they depart

No. 6 shows the Nationality of Ships entered & cleared, their no. & Tonnage

No. 7 shows Countries whence arrived & whither departed

The arrivals & departures from Indian or Home ports is not shown

Steamers & ships or square rigged & Native Craft are not discriminated

No. 8.

No account corresponding to this in the former ones.

No. 9.

This account was included with the general Statement of Imports & Exports.

No. 10.

Imports from Indian ports—

The individual ports are not entered but only Bengal, Bombay, Burmah.

Nos. 11. same remarks.

No. 12.

Imports & exports of Treasure.

Ports or districts are not specified only Presidencies & Provinces.

These accounts shewed the quantity & value of each articles exported or imported from each Home Port, & then gave the total with the rates levable & the amount of duty levied.

You could find out under this account the amount of private or Govt silver or gold sent from say Aujore to Bombay or Calcutta but not so under No. 12.

No 13.

Indian or Home Shipping entered or cleared.

No ports or Districts mentioned, nor the description of Vessels.

with the general Tonnage Statement.

No 14 & 15

Shows the Duty collected at each port on each Article of Import & Export

shown in these accounts; only the duty levied on articles of import at each was shown opposite the articles.

No. 16.

No such account before

Revenue Depart.

No. 2226.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 23d Sept. 1867.

Read the following letter from the Secy. to the Board of Revenue.

Submitting, for transmission to the Govt., Trade Returns of the Madras Presidency, for 1866/67.

(Here enter 24th Augt. 1867, No. 5469)

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labor which would be involved in recasting the district returns into two different sets of forms one for the Supreme Govt. the other for the Home Govt.

The essential difference between these forms is that District details are not given in the former as they are in the latter but since the Board's proposal was sanctioned, Government have received from the Govt of India copy of the Secretary of State's despatch, dated 23d March 1867, No 69- (communicated to the Board in G.O. dated 20th August 1867, No 1940) from para 10 of which despatch it appears that the Home Government attach much importance to these District details and desire to receive every more information, than was supplied by the old forms- Under

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In forwarding these old form Returns to the Home Govt attention will be drawn to the great additional labor involved in the preparation of two different sets of Returns for the Supreme and Home Govts - and it will be requested that sanction may

may be given for the adoption of a uniform method of supplying the information they convey-

Copy of these proceedings will be forwarded to the Supreme Government with reference to the letter from this Department No 1248 dated 3d June 1867-

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14th The Board of Revenue adjourned

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To The Secretary to the Govt of India
Financial Dept.

Sir,

With reference to my letter dated 3rd June 1867 No 1260, I am directed to forward for submission to the Govt of India, the Proceedings of this Govt of this date No and the Forms to be adopted in preparing the Trade Returns of this Presidency for 1866/67 for submission to the Home Govt

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Revenue 1867 Despatch
Pro of Govt for Septr

No 2226

Pro of the Madras Govt
Dy 23rd September 1867.

Pro Board of Revenue
dated 27th Septr 1867 C No 2574

Forms Rot Num C No 437 transmitting
Tanks returns for 1866/67

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Rec of Govt of an Septr

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To
The Govt of India F D
Dy 23rd September 67