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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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17th February 1868.*

No. 348. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 6th February 1868, No. 906:—

* 12 Detailed Statements of Imports.
12 Do. do. Exports.
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1 General do. Imports.
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48 Statements.

1. With reference to the Orders of Government, dated 23rd September 1867, No. 2,226, I have the honor, by the 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. They are now in the form desired by Government.

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

	Items.	1865-66.	1866-67.	Increase.	Decrease.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Imports ... {	Merchandise ...	4,79,87,412	4,10,64,042	...	69,23,370
	Treasure ...	3,66,42,492	1,36,86,606	...	2,29,55,886
	Total...	8,46,29,904	5,47,50,648	...	2,98,79,256
Exports ... {	Merchandise ...	9,00,15,155	4,31,60,384	...	4,68,54,771
	Treasure...	1,26,10,223	1,75,29,881	49,19,658	...
	Total...	10,26,25,378	6,06,90,265	...	4,19,35,113
Re-Exports ...	Merchandise ...	14,61,719	19,12,424	4,50,705	...
Total... {	Merchandise ...	13,94,64,286	8,61,36,850	...	5,33,27,436
	Treasure ...	4,92,52,715	3,12,16,487	...	1,80,36,228
	Grand Total ..	18,87,17,001	11,73,53,337	...	7,13,63,664

3. The trade of the year has fallen considerably. In Merchandise there was a decrease of Rupees 69,23,370 in Imports, and in Exports of Rupees 4,68,54,771. In the Imports of Treasure there was a decrease of Rupees 2,29,55,886, while in the Exports of it there was an increase of Rupees 49,19,638. The Re-Exports increased by Rupees 4,50,705. The comparison above instituted is for *eleven* months in 1866-67, with *twelve* of the preceding year, and this accounts for some of the diminution in the value of the trade in 1867. 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 nearly five crores of Rupees, while in the succeeding year it amounted to only ninety-four lacs.

4. The figures in the above abstract will be found to differ from those given in the statement appended to the Board's letter to Government, dated 24th August 1867, No. 5,489, which was prepared from the Monthly Returns furnished to the Government of India. These Monthly Returns are quite different from the old forms, and shew the Import transactions including goods sent into bond, whereas the statements now submitted exhibit only the quantity and value of goods actually passed out for Home consumption, on which duty is levied. Moreover,

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the monthly Re-Export Returns for the Government of India are confined to Foreign ports only, while the statements now submitted contain the Re-Export to Indian or Home ports also. This latter transaction is, however, included in the Export Return No. 11, Coasting Trade furnished monthly to Calcutta.

5. The Board request the sanction of Government to print the statements now submitted, at the Fort St. George Gazette Press, for distribution as usual.

No. 349.

ORDER THEREON, 17th February 1868, No. 446.

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Customs.

1. Ordered to be forwarded, together with the Returns, to the Home Government.

2. Sanction is granted for printing the Returns at the Fort St. George Gazette Press, for distribution as usual.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Superintendent of the Gazette Press

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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

Dated 6th February 1868.

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No. 906.

Forwarding to Government Trade Returns
of Madras Presidency for 1866-67, and request-
ing sanction to print them at Fort Saint George
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.