Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd May 1872.

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th May 1872, No. 760 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 26th April 1872, No. 681, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Trade and Navigation Return of the Madras Presidency.*—Despatch from Home Government requesting the submission of those for 1870-71 with as little delay as possible, communicated to the Board of Revenue.

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3. Those for 1868-69 were sent to the Press only in April 1870 and were not despatched before September 1870, 18 months after the year.

4. The returns of 1868-69 were in fact thrown back by one year, and this was owing to the staff of Accountants having been engaged, in addition to their routine duties, in the preparation of some elaborate statistics illustrating the trade in each article of each port for 20 years. The time spent on this work told prejudicially on the annual returns which were consequently retarded for the next two years as already stated.

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G. O., 11th June 1868, No. 1,639.

6. The delay in the annual returns may be said to have commenced in 1866-67, when monthly statements had to be sent to the Government of India. These monthly statements were further multiplied in 1868. They caused much additional work, necessitating the employment of six extra Accountants, each year, till a permanent addition of two was made to the department in 1869.

G. O., 1st March 1866, No. 534.

Proceedings of Government of India, dated 31st January 1868, No. 176.
In Board's Circular Memorandum, dated 25th March 1868, No. 325.

7. Up to the year 1865-66 the Annual Trade Returns were much fewer and simpler in form and were punctually despatched to the Home Government about July of each year. Then there were no monthly returns submitted to higher authorities, and the Accountants were engaged solely in posting up those received monthly from the districts.

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G. O., 8th January 1869, No. 44.
,, 12th August ,, ,, 2,315.
,, 12th September 1871, ,, 1,581.

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10. There then remains the delay in the Press to be considered. This at present ranges from four to six months, and can be entirely avoided if the annual returns are sent to the Secretary of State in manuscript, that is, in printed forms filled up in manuscript. Whether the delay in the Government Press can be shortened is a question which the Board cannot decide.

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No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1872, No. 818.

Separate Revenue, No. 12.
Customs.

THE Board's suggestion is approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Secretary

To, The Offg Chief Secretary to Government
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W. Lecker
C B Ramasamy Setty

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated 22nd May.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 22nd May 1872, No. 818.

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Nos. 232-233.

Trade and Navigation Returns.—Suggestion of the Board of Revenue to grant extra remuneration to the employés working overtime in the completion of annual tables, approved.