

No. 147. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1873, No. 551 :—

Read again G. O., dated 24th July 1872, No. 121, communicating the Resolution of the Government of India asking for reports relating to the trade of each port in the Presidency, and desiring that the Import and Export Trade Returns for 1871-72 may be accompanied by such detailed explanations as will place before the Government of India the general results affecting the external trade of the country.

Read also the replies of Collectors of Maritime Districts to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1505, dated 6th August 1872, calling for a statement explanatory of the causes of fluctuation in the more important articles of trade in their respective districts.

THE Trade Returns for 1871-72 were forwarded to Government on the 21st January 1873.

2. The following statement shows the value of exports and imports at each port, and the value of the exports and imports to and from foreign ports and other Presidencies of each District and of Madras, the chief port. The reports of the Collectors do not show the latter information for each subordinate port. With regard to the obstacles which exist to the extension of trade, it is impossible to enter into details in this report. Some ports are susceptible of engineering improvements, like the proposed breakwater at Madras, and these are discussed in the reports of the Harbour Engineer, Mr. Robertson, who lately inspected them. Others want more roads to connect them with markets in the interior, but such roads must be provided gradually by the Local Fund Boards of the districts in which they are situated :—

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Neillore.

Tanjore.

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Districts.	Ports.	VALUE OF TRADE INCLUDING TRADE FROM AND TO PORT-TO-PORT IN THIS PRESIDENCY.				VALUE OF TRADE EXCLUDING TRADE FROM AND TO PORT-TO-PORT IN THIS PRESIDENCY.			
		Exports.		Imports.		Exports.		Imports.	
		Merchandise.	Rs.	Merchandise.	Rs.	Merchandise.	Rs.	Merchandise.	Rs.
Tanjore. - (Concluded.)	Muttupettai	...	10,88,588	...	20,652	...	...	...	...
	Adrampatam	...	2,83,860	...	21,427	...	...	...	...
	Ammapatam	...	63,883	...	4,720	...	...	...	...
	Kattumavadi	...	6,538	...	439	...	...	...	...
	Krishnajeppatam	...	13,224	...	...	...	...	...	...
Madura.	Kottaiapatam	...	21,027	...	1,143	...	...	...	...
	Gopalapatam	...	14,233	...	254	...	...	...	...
	Tundrapandiampatam	...	2,667	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total...	72,44,050	21,85,416	72,60,567	13,240	72,73,807	21,86,722	14,07,302	35,94,024
	Keelacarry	...	2,99,531	...	1,78,088	...	...	...	...
Tinnevely.	Devipatam	...	1,29,327	...	87,313	...	...	...	...
	Paumben	...	2,87,527	...	3,40,527	...	...	...	...
	Tondy	...	62,078	...	67,214	...	...	...	...
	Total...	7,78,463	6,73,142	6,83,583	...	6,38,583	3,49,756	...	3,49,756
	Tuticorin	...	84,44,869	...	24,13,545	...	...	...	...
Tamil-nadu.	Coolassagarapatam	...	4,47,085	...	3,26,105	...	...	...	...
	Colipatam	...	28,424	...	95,310	...	...	...	...
	Total...	89,20,378	28,34,960	86,86,057	3,04,250	89,90,307	23,11,601	5,96,386	29,07,987
	Cannanore	...	15,04,536	...	23,03,903	...	...	...	...
	Tellicherry	...	47,29,598	...	43,93,425	...	...	...	...
Bar.	Kalai	...	1,82,602	...	2,64,009	...	...	...	...
	Badagara	...	25,22,967	...	7,08,996	...	...	...	...
	Quilandy	...	2,83,456	...	1,69,540	...	...	...	...
	Total...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Districts.	Ports.	VALUE OF TRADE INCLUDING TRADE FROM AND TO PORT-TO-PORT IN THIS PRESIDENCY.				VALUE OF TRADE EXCLUDING TRADE FROM AND TO PORT-TO-PORT IN THIS PRESIDENCY.			
		Exports.		Imports.		Exports.		Imports.	
		Merchandise.	Rs.	Merchandise.	Rs.	Merchandise.	Rs.	Merchandise.	Rs.
Malabar.	Calicut	...	72,11,052	...	33,97,048	...	...	...	...
	Beylore	...	24,79,233	...	2,64,042	...	...	...	...
	Tenur	...	3,17,839	...	6,416	...	...	...	...
	Ponany	...	6,15,657	...	1,27,648	...	...	...	...
	Choughaut	...	53,942	...	5,437	...	...	...	...
South Canara.	Cochin	...	110,33,888	...	71,25,839	...	...	...	...
	Total...	309,34,770	187,66,303	248,86,245	28,376	249,14,621	83,57,973	26,29,107	109,87,080
	Mangalore	...	53,65,806	...	20,33,360	...	...	...	...
	Mulki	...	1,85,108	...	54,550	...	...	...	...
	Manjeshwar	...	1,05,135	...	35,811	...	...	...	...
Tamil-nadu.	Kumbia	...	1,39,582	...	33,980	...	...	...	...
	Kassergode	...	70,576	...	65,576	...	...	...	...
	Udipi	...	2,60,985	...	2,23,801	...	...	...	...
	Barcar	...	5,87,568	...	1,31,710	...	...	...	...
	Kudapur	...	4,38,368	...	1,69,738	...	...	...	...
Tamil-nadu.	Bander	...	73,885	...	17,195	...	...	...	...
	Naikenkottah	...	13,001	...	207	...	...	...	...
	Total...	72,40,014	27,65,928	46,46,988	13,705	46,60,693	14,49,623	2,28,131	16,77,754
	Grand Total...	1,043,38,379	680,77,718	901,30,450	68,99,824	970,30,274	504,11,216	104,92,486	609,03,702

Foot-note.—The figures in the first two columns have been taken from the Government Administration Report for 1871-72, the information not being available in the Board's Office, in order to show the relative importance of subordinate ports. The figures against Madras and Tanjore do not include trade from Port-to-Port, while those against the other districts do, and they also differ from those given in the Board's Trade Returns though not materially.

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3. The reports of Collectors, herewith submitted, account for the fluctuations of trade at the chief port and in each district. The Board's review will deal with the whole trade of the Presidency.

4. The declared real values of imports and exports, during the past and previous years, are compared in the subjoined abstract, from which it will be observed that the imports of merchandise decreased by 8.3 per cent., while the exports, consisting chiefly of raw produce, increased by 38.4 per cent. Including treasure the imports fell 3.7 per cent., and the exports rose 17.8 per cent.:

		1870-71.	1871-72.
		RS.	RS.
Imports.	{Merchandise	549,83,064	504,11,216
	{Treasure	82,68,321	104,92,486
	Total	632,51,385	609,03,702
Exports.	{Merchandise	651,05,793	901,30,450
	{Treasure	172,12,961	68,99,824
	Total	823,18,754	970,30,274

5. The net decrease of 45 lakhs of Rupees, or more than 8 per cent. in the value of merchandise, is the result of a decrease of upwards of 49 lakhs of Rupees in the value of imports from foreign ports, and an increase of 3,36,000 Rupees in the imports from home ports, i. e., from other Presidencies and from foreign ports situated on the coast of the Madras Presidency. More than half of the former and the whole of the latter occur at the chief port, Madras:

		1870-71.	1871-72.
		RS.	RS.
Imports from	{Foreign Ports	367,96,598	318,88,543
	{Home Ports	181,86,466	185,22,673
	Total	549,83,064	504,11,216

6. *Imports from Foreign Ports.*—The principal articles of merchandise imported from foreign ports into the chief and subordinate ports of the Presidency are indicated below:—

Imports from Foreign Ports.	AT CHIEF PORT.		AT SUBORDINATE PORTS.		TOTAL.	
	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.
	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.
Piece-goods	83,69,937	81,03,570	26,61,152	27,39,644	110,31,089	108,43,214
Twist	83,99,145	67,95,796	2,79,625	3,74,833	86,78,770	71,70,629
Government Stores	27,89,031	22,39,702	2,02,676	1,15,817	29,91,707	23,55,519
Wines and Liquors	20,85,660	18,16,271	2,39,066	1,78,887	23,24,726	19,95,158
Metals	24,05,364	16,44,249	2,68,111	2,00,869	26,73,475	18,45,118
Apparel	9,52,548	12,27,412	13,041	19,668	9,65,589	12,47,080
Railway materials	3,80,248	3,23,093	16,05,057	2,79,226	19,85,305	6,02,319
Spices	38,972	29,633	6,46,543	5,71,239	6,85,515	5,94,872
Provisions and Oilmanstores	3,23,386	3,05,283	87,547	96,563	4,10,933	4,01,846
Fruits and vegetables	1,07,432	92,974	2,79,538	2,91,045	3,86,970	3,84,020
Paper	3,56,329	2,52,697	11,570	6,379	3,67,899	2,58,976
Woollen-goods	3,64,125	2,14,734	7,442	23,305	3,71,567	2,37,040
Drugs and Medicines	2,35,650	2,14,656	26,153	23,215	2,61,803	2,37,865
Timber and manufacture of ...	70,253	74,427	1,72,615	1,54,062	2,42,867	1,88,090
Tea	1,23,121	1,82,205	1,065	815	1,24,186	1,68,234
Corals, real	90,365	1,68,216	...	18	90,365	1,67,925
Fuel—Coke and Coal	55,359	95,781	1,08,182	72,144	1,63,541	1,67,222
Machines and Machinery	1,44,666	82,750	5,87,806	81,463	7,32,472	1,62,286
Books	1,81,851	1,53,963	10,537	8,323	1,92,388	1,62,286
Naval Stores	3,33,600	1,17,000	400	400	3,33,600	1,17,400
Leather and manufacture of ...	34,549	46,300	98,986	99,329	1,33,535	1,45,629
Silk and manufacture of	1,11,598	1,07,998	8,380	10,332	1,19,978	1,18,330
Tobacco	1,37,404	1,03,278	442	1,553	1,37,846	1,04,831
Glass and glassware	22,007	28,333	96,144	53,285	1,18,151	81,618
Oils	79,334	68,224	8,905	7,686	88,239	75,910
Stationery other than paper ...	23,092	55,174	63,601	5,576	86,693	60,750
All other articles below 50,000 Rs.	75,039	56,034	3,870	4,380	78,909	60,414
Total	13,25,616	15,57,021	2,92,864	2,77,319	16,18,480	18,34,340

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Of the 319 lakhs of Rupees worth of merchandise imported into the whole Presidency, 251 lakhs was from the United Kingdom, 42 lakhs from Ceylon, 3 lakhs from France, and 8 lakhs from the Straits Settlements. The rest came from other countries.

7. Cotton-goods contribute more than half of the value of the imports, and under this item alone there is a decrease of nearly 17 lakhs of Rupees. This decrease is due chiefly to the market having been overstocked at the commencement of the year with the large imports of the previous year, and partly to the development of country manufactures and to increased imports from home ports.

8. The next item in which the decrease is large is railway materials. In this there has been a decrease of more than 13½ lakhs of Rupees, owing to the diminished requirements of the Madras and Great Southern of India Railways in consequence of the large imports of the previous year.

9. The other articles in which the decrease is conspicuous are metals and liquors, and it is due in this case to the existence of a sufficient stock in the market.

10. The principal articles of merchandise imported at the chief and subordinate ports of the Presidency from home ports are given below for 1871-72 and the previous year:—

Imports from Home Ports.	At Chief Port.		At Subordinate Ports.		Total.	
	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.
	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.
Piece-goods	13,40,158	19,58,341	26,03,393	24,31,345	39,43,551	43,89,686
Grain and Pulse	13,45,994	6,16,663	30,87,843	30,34,001	44,33,837	36,50,664
Twist	7,73,164	12,78,310	9,76,014	10,29,927	17,49,178	23,08,237
Metals	1,58,992	1,49,607	11,77,412	12,25,669	13,36,404	13,78,276
Silk and manufacture of	9,58,568	10,31,317	1,92,349	1,19,643	11,50,917	11,50,960
Timber and do.	7,77,457	5,64,992	2,28,693	2,53,925	10,06,150	8,18,917
Salt	...	...	3,78,587	4,00,796	3,78,587	4,00,796
Dyeing and colouring materials	3,05,236	3,03,526	31,988	55,085	3,37,224	3,58,611
Drugs and Medicines	1,42,131	1,75,845	1,34,938	1,34,382	2,77,069	3,10,227
Apparel	85,953	1,26,349	1,24,739	1,64,353	2,10,692	2,90,702
Precious stones	85,906	2,22,851	6,000	250	91,906	2,23,101
Woollen-goods	67,123	86,653	1,04,278	1,19,104	1,71,400	2,05,667
Horses	950	2,500	4,57,850	1,60,000	4,58,800	1,62,500
Spices	71,186	76,618	1,05,301	79,543	1,76,487	1,56,201
Sugar and saccharine matter ...	58,466	23,399	1,71,165	1,25,715	2,29,631	1,49,114
Wines and Liquors	51,941	10,149	1,66,371	1,71,085	2,18,312	1,90,234
Fruits and vegetables	22,877	38,356	1,11,979	88,574	1,44,856	1,26,930
Naval Stores	22,351	14,138	76,155	75,075	98,506	89,213
Corals	73,775	71,728	6,065	2,485	79,841	74,213
Tea	6,832	59,274	9,856	14,139	16,738	73,413
Provisions and Oilmanstores ...	13,247	9,795	67,576	56,845	80,823	66,640
All other articles below 50,000 Rs.	4,30,361	6,19,809	11,65,697	13,28,562	15,95,058	19,48,371
Total	68,02,717	74,49,220	113,83,749	110,73,453	181,86,466	185,22,673

11. Of the foregoing articles, piece-goods, drugs and medicines, metals, woollen-goods, and corals were imported almost entirely from the Bengal and Bombay Presidencies; grain and pulse chiefly from Bengal and from British Burmah, and to some extent from the French Settlement of Karikal; precious

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stones and pearls chiefly from Bombay and Burmah, and to some extent from Bengal; silk and tea chiefly from Bengal; apparel, sugar, and sugar-candy from Bombay; timber and manufactures of it chiefly from British Burmah and Bombay, and to some extent from the Native State of Travancore; horses from Bombay and Scinde, dyeing and colouring materials almost entirely from Pondicherry, and spices from Bombay, Bengal, and Burmah.

12. Below are mentioned the values of imports from each of the other Presidencies and from foreign ports in this Presidency:—

	RS.
From the Bombay Presidency... ..	84,39,480
„ Bengal do.	77,98,501
„ British Burmah	13,23,570
„ Scinde	1,35,147
„ French Ports in this Presidency ...	5,67,980
„ Travancore	2,57,995

13. EXPORTS.—The export trade was brisker than in the previous year and resumed its normal proportions after the check it received during the Franco-Prussian war. The following abstract separates the exports of country articles and foreign merchandise:—

Exports of Merchandise.

		RS.	RS.
Country articles ...	{ To Foreign Ports	481,52,382	694,68,568
	{ „ Home Ports... ..	142,77,427	184,36,658
Total ...		924,29,809	879,05,226
Foreign Merchandise. {	To Foreign Ports	5,20,241	5,94,205
	„ Home Ports... ..	21,55,743	15,78,457
Total ...		26,75,984	21,72,662
Total	{ To Foreign Ports	486,72,623	700,62,773
	{ „ Home Ports	164,33,170	200,15,115
	{ Government Stores do. ...		52,562
Total ...		651,05,793	901,30,450

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14. The principal articles exported from the chief and subordinate ports of the Presidency to foreign ports are detailed below for the past and previous years:—

Exports to Foreign Ports.	FROM CHIEF PORT.		FROM SUBORDINATE PORTS.		TOTAL.	
	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.
Cotton, raw	32,75,250	58,65,360	68,87,400	109,84,059	101,62,650	168,49,419
Coffee	14,11,285	20,07,733	60,88,668	107,80,162	74,99,953	127,87,895
Indigo	82,04,687	115,47,905	2,20,048	3,89,246	84,24,735	119,37,151
Grain and Pulse ...	1,89,138	4,17,802	68,37,750	78,52,369	70,26,888	82,70,171
Seeds	1,77,956	4,40,214	45,43,495	39,50,397	47,21,451	43,90,611
Hides and Skins ...	29,73,446	36,51,069	1,71,356	3,48,495	31,44,802	39,99,564
Oils	28,598	1,25,261	6,53,550	24,31,349	6,82,148	25,56,610
Cotton Piece-goods...	4,98,421	6,33,184	12,90,532	14,06,762	17,88,953	20,39,946
Spices	88,264	3,45,753	8,38,981	13,09,837	9,27,245	16,55,590
Sugar and saccharine matter	5,866	5,61,779	7,76,718	6,97,828	7,82,584	12,59,607
Naval Stores	...	8,018	7,32,948	9,29,699	7,32,948	9,37,717
Living animals ...	...	1,980	4,65,130	5,61,563	4,65,130	5,63,543
Dyeing and colouring materials	2,35,181	1,67,910	1,12,184	3,69,444	3,47,365	5,37,354
Provisions and Oil-manstores	38,531	29,721	1,97,418	2,33,506	2,35,949	2,63,227
Drugs and Medicines.	21,879	40,204	1,17,020	1,90,248	1,38,899	2,30,452
Fruits and vegetables.	27,577	37,325	1,51,567	1,64,327	1,79,144	2,01,652
Wax	18,707	1,74,382	1,670	3,738	20,377	1,78,120
Horn	35,576	54,897	1,33,543	1,16,404	1,69,119	1,71,301
Apparel	69,599	1,26,065	12,556	14,972	82,155	1,41,037
Silk and manufacture of	94,655	37,400	85,882	91,005	1,80,537	1,28,405
Tobacco and articles used in the consumption of ...	1,833	4,130	67,768	1,03,884	69,601	1,08,014
Soap	75	...	78,224	83,835	78,299	83,835
Timber and manufacture of	4,302	5,551	96,039	61,342	1,00,341	66,893
Other articles below 50 Rupees	3,23,476	3,92,770	3,87,874	3,11,889	7,11,350	7,04,659
Total...	177,24,302	266,76,413	309,48,321	433,86,360	486,72,623	700,62,773

15. It will be observed that the main items of export are cotton, coffee, indigo, grain and pulse, seeds, hides, and skins, and oils. The increase is due chiefly to the renewal of trade in Europe where it had been dull in the previous year in consequence of the war. The value of merchandise exported to each foreign country is shown below:—

	RS.
To the United Kingdom... ..	466,98,289
„ France	81,64,274
„ Germany	1,38,986
„ Other European countries	5,17,186
„ America	2,37,786
„ Ceylon	106,84,836
„ Straits Settlements	12,15,559
Other countries... ..	24,05,863
Total...	700,62,773

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16. The export trade of the Presidency with home ports consists of the following articles. The greatest increase occurs in oils, seeds, and fruits and vegetables:—

Exports to Home Ports.	FROM CHIEF PORT.		FROM SUBORDINATE PORTS.		TOTAL.	
	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.
Fruits and Vegetables.	1,02,550	96,783	22,50,672	38,30,491	23,53,222	39,27,274
Oils	27,251	2,864	20,93,505	30,26,094	21,20,756	30,28,958
Spices	72,019	70,173	16,25,574	18,11,380	16,97,593	18,81,553
Cotton Piece-goods ...	9,55,991	12,34,594	4,02,121	3,66,076	13,58,112	16,00,670
Seeds... ..	10,116	41,539	2,04,933	13,54,559	2,15,049	13,96,098
Sugar and other sac- charine matter ...	27,163	61,539	5,65,838	6,92,923	5,93,001	7,54,462
Grain and Pulse ...	12,744	9,069	12,05,198	12,35,316	12,17,942	12,44,385
Coffee	31,690	34,527	7,55,945	10,11,826	7,87,635	10,46,353
Timber and manufac- ture of	85,184	56,027	8,40,390	9,05,758	9,25,574	9,61,785
Hides and Skins ...	4,83,674	5,15,488	4,64,819	2,10,627	9,48,493	7,26,115
Naval Stores	566	2,865	6,65,322	6,12,048	6,65,888	6,14,913
Twist... ..	10,22,973	3,94,448	1,962	257	10,24,935	3,94,705
Cotton, raw	1,64,970	1,25,880	2,76,512	2,29,796	4,41,482	3,55,676
Tobacco	14,543	23,144	3,10,076	4,22,010	3,24,619	4,45,154
Provisions and Oil- manstores	11,968	10,330	3,97,776	3,34,724	4,09,744	3,45,054
Dyeing and colouring materials	11,384	10,725	2,65,698	1,40,296	2,77,082	1,51,021
Indigo	97,487	1,04,749	8,786	40,488	1,06,273	1,45,237
Shells and Cowries ...	44,426	56,724	14,040	21,750	58,466	78,474
Other articles	3,93,806	3,16,886	5,13,498	6,52,904	9,07,304	9,69,790
Total...	35,70,505	31,68,354	128,62,665	168,99,323	164,33,170	200,67,677

17. The total value of articles destined for each of the sister Presidencies, British Burmah, and foreign ports in this Presidency is given below:—

	ES.
Exports to Bengal Presidency	39,78,396
Do. Bombay do.	132,01,654
Do. British Burmah	15,18,005
Do. Scinde	73,439
Do. French Ports in this Presidency and Tra- vancore	12,96,183
Total ...	200,67,677

18. *Treasure.*—The following is an abstract shewing the imports and exports of treasure during 1871-72 and the previous year:—

	IMPORTS.		EXPORTS.	
	1870-71.	1871-72.	1870-71.	1871-72.
Foreign Ports	54,69,545	66,26,543	28,31,985	29,10,965
Home Ports	27,98,776	38,65,943	143,80,976	39,88,859
Total ...	82,68,321	104,92,486	172,12,961	68,99,824

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19. The subjoined abstract shows the amount of duty collected on imports and exports during the same years:—

	1870-71.	1871-72.
	RS.	RS.
Imports... ..	17,92,481	16,28,068
Exports	10,36,887	12,86,623
Total ...	28,29,368	29,14,691

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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