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No. 327. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue and Agriculture and Commerce, (Statistics,) dated Simla, 12th July 1875, No. 383—393 :—

RESOLUTION.

It is desirable that the Government of India should receive fuller and earlier information than is at present to be obtained of the condition and prospects of the cotton trade in the several provinces of India. Until the abolition of the appointment of the Commissioner of Cotton and Commerce with the Government of India, that officer was specially responsible for supplying to the Government the fullest information which was obtainable and for submitting periodical reports on the subject. Now that that appointment no longer exists, it becomes necessary to arrange for the collection and submission direct to the Government of India of the information which formerly went to the office of the Commissioner. What is wanted is a statement which will place the Government of India in a position to lay before Her Majesty's Government in England a complete account of the cultivation of cotton and the trade in the article in the whole Indian Empire. With this object in view, it is essential that the reports of local Governments should be framed in such a manner that they shall all embody the latest and most accurate information on certain specific points.

2. At present there is no uniformity in the reports of the various local Governments and Administrations. In some cases no attempt is made to estimate the area under cultivation and the yield of the crop, particulars of the import and export trade only being given, and even these imperfectly. In other cases, tolerably full reports on the cultivation and yield are furnished, but nothing is stated in regard to the trade. And in many cases no special reports at all are furnished.

3. The reports which the Government of India already receive are as follow :—

The Government of Madras submit no special report beyond the trade and navigation returns and the scanty information furnished in the general and revenue administration reports.

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ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Governments and Administrations noted in the margin for information and early attention.

(True Extract.)

Signed) A. O. HUME,  
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 10/333.

To the Government of Madras.

No. 323.

ORDER THEREON, 30th July 1875, No. 1,148.

Miscellaneous.

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(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,  
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Edw. F. R. Pantlemon.

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*R. S. S. S. S. S.*

Secretary to the Government of India.

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AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

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RESOLUTION.

<sup>10</sup>  
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*Rev. 23*

*14 Feb. 1876. Board of Directors.*

SUBJECT.

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