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10th August 1875.*

No. 88. Read the following letter from A. O. HUMPHREY Esq., (C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, (Statistics), to A. MACGREGOR, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 22nd July 1875, No. 401:—

In continuation of my telegraphic message of the 28th ultimo, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 858, of the 1st ultimo, transmitting certain objections made by the Board of Revenue to the preparation, for the year 1874-75, of the fourteen annual returns of trade prescribed by the Secretary of State, and requesting permission to postpone their introduction until 1875-76.

2. In reply, I am to state that the Governor-General in Council regrets extremely the very great delay which has been allowed to occur in making this reference. It was clear from the Circular of this department, No. 82, of the 22nd January last, that the matter was one of urgency, and that the returns were required as soon as possible after the close of the year. Yet four months were allowed to pass before even pointing out to the Government of India that any difficulty was felt in regard to their preparation, and while the Governor-General in Council was informed of the silence of the Government of Madras that the returns were in active preparation, as they were in all the other provinces, it would seem that no attempt was being made to furnish them. His Excellency in Council considers that, if on receipt of the Circular abovementioned, immediate instructions had been issued for the compilation of the returns, the statistics required might have been obtained from the local officers, and the returns have been ready as soon as those required from the other provinces. The whole fourteen returns for Sindh and Bombay and twelve of those for Bengal, I am to observe, have already been received and the two remaining ones for Berar are expected immediately.

3. The objection urged against the submission of these returns for the past year is that as they must be filled up for ports, and not for districts, fresh returns must be called for from districts involving considerable delay. The Governor-General in Council feels compelled to say that this seems a scarcely tenable objection. The statistics must have been obtained in the first instance for each port, in view to the compilation of the district returns, and as to pick them out would seem to be a mere matter of copying, it is difficult to understand that, if any really earnest effort had been insisted on, there could have been any such delay as is contemplated. So much time, however, has already been lost that His Excellency in Council cannot now press for the execution of the directions given by Her Majesty's Secretary of State, and is compelled to sanction, as you have already been informed in my telegram of the 28th ultimo, the returns being furnished, as an exceptional case, for the past year for districts. It is hoped that, with the removal of this difficulty, there will remain nothing to prevent the submission of the returns at a very early date. I am to add that for the current and future years the figures of trade will be required for ports separately.

4. With reference to the remark in paragraph 2 of your letter, that the Government of India seems to have foreseen the delay in the submission of these returns. I am directed to point out that the purport of the paragraph quoted has been misapprehended by the Government of Madras. In the Resolution of this department

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No. 89. On the 9th April, paragraph 22, reference is obviously made to the new forms prescribed for future annual volumes, and not to the fourteen forms required by the Secretary of State. These latter are required separately from, and in addition to all other forms, and they only take the place of the "anticipation statement" which has hitherto been prepared for Her Majesty's Government before the issue of the regular annual volume.

ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1875, No. 1,200.

Separate Revenue, No. 6.

Customs.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue.

2. It will be explained to the Government of India that the Board's remarks had special reference to the preparation of the annual volume for 1874-75 and not to the fourteen Statements prescribed by the Secretary of State. The difficulties experienced in the preparation of the latter will now be reported.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Mrs. F. R. Bantleman.

Trade Returns.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue letters from the Government of India, sanctioning the—being furnished, in the annual case, for the past year, for districts, ordering explanation to be made to the Government of India and the Board's remarks, and special reference to the preparation of the annual returns for 1874-75 and not to the previous statements prescribed by the Secretary.

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G. O., 10th August 1875, No. 1000.

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10th August, 1875.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

Govt. of 1875. Simla.

FROM

A. C. HUME, Esquire, B. B.

Secretary to

Department of

Revenue,

Agriculture and Commerce,

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.
Revenue Department.

Simla, dated 14th July, 1875.

Statistics.

SIR,

In continuation of my telegraphic message of the 10th ultimo, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th of the 1st ultimo, transmitting certain objections made by the Board of Revenue to the preparation for the year 1874-75, of the fourteen annual returns of trade prescribed by the Secretary of State, and requesting permission to postpone their introduction until 10/5-76.

2. In reply, I am to state that the Governor General in Council regrets extremely the very great delay which has been allowed to occur in making this reference. It was clear from the Circular of this Department of the 22nd January last that the matter was one of urgency and that the returns were required as soon as possible after the close of the year.

Yet four months were allowed to pass before even pointing out to the Government of India that no attempt was being made to furnish them. The Excellency in Council considers that if a receipt of the Circular above mentioned, immediate instructions had been issued for the compilation of the returns, the Statistics required might have been obtained from the local Officers and the returns have been ready as soon as those required from the other provinces. The whole fourteen returns for Sind and Bombay and twelve of those for Bengal, ~~to observe~~ having already been received and the two remaining ones for Bengal are expected immediately.

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