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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th October 1875.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 65. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th July 1875, No. 2,004.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 2nd July 1875, No. 997, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Pointing out to the Board that the Madras Trade Returns are received later than those of Bombay, as well as other Maritime Provinces, and urging that steps be taken to correct this, and passing orders on certain points connected with the subject.

THE Board are not in favor of getting unclassified accounts from the districts, because (1) it would greatly increase the work in the Board's Office, while no establishments can be reduced in the districts; (2) the Collectors' offices are more competent to test the accuracy of the figures regarding valuation, &c.; and (3) reference from the Board to the Superintendents for the correction of errors in the statements would cause enormous delay. The object in view, however, may be secured by the Collectors receiving from their Customs Superintendents unclassified accounts daily, and posting the figures in their offices as the accounts are received. This would enable Collectors to close their accounts immediately on the receipt of the last day's account, and to despatch the tabulated statements to the Board's Office before the 5th at the latest, in which case the Board hope to be able to send the statements to the Government of India before the end of the month.

2. Collectors will accordingly be requested to obtain unclassified accounts daily from their Superintendents when their offices are situated at a distance from their head-quarters, and to arrange for the tabulation of the figures as the accounts are received. It will not be necessary to obtain from the Superintendents daily all the twenty-six statements prescribed in the Board's Proceedings,

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site, except that required for filling up forms Nos. 2-1, 9, 14 and 16. Of these, Nos. 2-1 and 9 relate to bonded transactions which do not take place in any port except at Madras, and the other two statements relate to transhipment of goods and building of new vessels, which occur but rarely. Regarding these, information may be obtained on the last day of the month.

3. Where Custom offices are situated at Collectors' head-quarters, arrangements should be made for the figures being posted daily in the Superintendents' offices, so that the accounts may be despatched to the Collectors on the 1st of each month.

4. Collectors will observe that the Government of India attach the greatest importance to the punctual submission and accuracy of the Trade Returns, and that the Madras administration is said to compare unfavorably with those of other

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provinces. The Board, therefore, request Collectors to give special attention to the matter, and see that the prescribed statements are despatched to the Board on the 5th of each month at the latest.

5. The Board do not think that there is any necessity for deputing an Accountant to Bombay to observe the system of compilation in that Presidency. They are satisfied that the delay in the submission of accounts in this Presidency is the result, not of any defective system of compilation, but of the large number of ports from which accounts have to be received and compiled, and of their scattered situation, and the consequent delay in obtaining accounts and answers to references. Many of them are several days by post from Collectors' headquarters, and the post from Ganjam to Madras takes eight and often ten days. The quantity of work cannot be judged by the value of the trade, and the Board are decidedly of opinion that the establishments must be increased in this Presidency if accounts are required to be despatched in proper time. On this subject, however, the Board will address Government again after the forms of the annual accounts referred to in G. O., dated 3rd May 1875, No. 681, are received.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

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Articles.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Refunds.		Remarks.	15
													Value on which Refund was paid.	Amount of Refunds.		
		Countries whence imported.	Whether via Suez or otherwise.	Whether Foreign Merchandise or Indian Produce.	Whether Dutiable or Free.	Whether Government or Private, or for others allowed free under special orders.	Quantity actually imported.	Value at the Market rate.	Quantity on which Duty was collected.	Value on which Duty was collected.	Rate of Duty.	Amount of Duty.	Value on which Refund was paid.	Amount of Refunds.		
Art, Works of	No.	United Kingdom	Via Suez	Foreign Merchandise.	Free	Private	50	Rs. 25								
Cabinet-ware		Havre	Otherwise	Do.	Dutiable	Government.	100	50								
		United Kingdom	Do.	Do.	Free	Private		100								
		Calcutta	Do.	Indian Produce.	Free	Do.		200			7 1/2 per cent	11 4 0				
Silk, Raw	lbs.	Bombay	Do.	Foreign Merchandise.	Do.	Do.	400	2,000								
Silk, Piece Goods	Yds.	Pondicherry	Do.	Do.	Dutiable	Do.	192	300								
Spices, Other sorts	lbs.	Coringa	Do.	Do.	Free	Do.	5,000	3,000				12 4 0				
Total																
Treasure—Gold		United Kingdom	Via Suez	Foreign Merchandise.	Free	Private		1,000								
Silver		Calcutta	Otherwise	Indian Produce.	Do.	Government.		10,500								
Total Merchandise and Treasure																

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													14	15	16	17	
1																	
Books and printed matter	United Kingdom.	Via Suez.	Exports	L. Produce.	Free	Private	5	200									
Cabinet-ware ... Value.	Ceylon	Otherwise.	Do	Do	Do	Do		2,000									
Coffee	Trieste	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do		12,540									
Grain and Pulse —																	
Rice	Ceylon	Do	Do	Do	Dutiable ..	Do	330 108	1,000				100 0					
Hides—																	
Dressed or {Cwt} Tanned	United Kingdom.	Via Suez.	Do	Do	Do	Do	{ 1,000 } { 21,195 }	40,000		52,989	at 3 per cent.	1,589 10 7					
Indigo	Ceylon	Otherwise.	Do	Do	Do	Do	2,300 13	4,00,000				9,015 2 3					
Cocunut	Calcutta.	Do	Do	Do	Free	Do	15,585	15,000									
Do	Calcutta.	Do	Do	Do	Dutiable ..	Do	59 17	75		83	Do.	2 7 7					
Do. Gingly	Calcutta.	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	184 104	200		258	Do.	7 11 11					
Sugar and Sugar-Candy	Ceylon	Do	Do	Do	Free	Do	1 38	40									
Tea	Singapore	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	498	498									
Wool, Manufactures of—																	
Piece Goods ... Yds.	Rangoon	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	20	25									
Do	Pondicherry, ...	Do	Do	Do	Do	Do	50	25									
Total																	
Treasure—																	
Silver	United Kingdom.	Via Suez.	Do	Do	Do	Do		5,000									
Do.	Ceylon	Otherwise.	Do	Do	Do	Govt.		40,000									
Total Treasure																	
Total Merchandise and Treasure																	

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Name of Vessels.	Whether sailing or steam.	Nationality.	Port whence entered.	Whether <i>via</i> Suez or otherwise.	Whether with Cargoes or in Ballast.	Tons	Number of Crew employed.
"Almora"	Steam	British	London	Suez	Cargoes	850	50
"Baghdad"	Do.	French	Marseilles	Otherwise	Ballast	939	75
"Patna"	Do.	British	Rangoon	Do.	Cargoes	111	22
"Barque Cheviot"	Sailing	Do.	Pondicherry	Do.	Do.	321	10
"Caderbux"	Do.	Native Craft	Calcutta	Do.	Do.	45	10
"Barque Pembrokehire"	Do.	British Indian	Negapatam	Do.	Ballast	219	17

Tonnage Statement for Vessels cleared.

Name of Vessels.	Whether sailing or steam.	Nationality.	Port whither cleared.	Whether <i>via</i> Suez or otherwise.	Whether with Cargoes or in Ballast.	Tons	Number of Crew employed.
"Darset"	Sailing	British	London	Otherwise	Cargoes	1,088	24
"India"	Do.	Do.	Calcutta	Do.	In Ballast	810	20
"Bengal"	Do.	British Indian	Cocanada	Do.	Cargoes	760	18
"Lakshmi"	Do.	Native Craft	Coringa	Do.	In Ballast	150	10
"Assyria"	Steam	British	London	Suez	Cargoes	1,230	40
"Napoleon"	Do.	French	Marseilles	Do.	Do.	560	14
"Grant"	Do.	American	United States, America	Otherwise	Do.	1,150	50

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No. 66. From H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 6th September 1875, No. 2,498.

WITH reference to G. O., dated 4th August 1875, No. 1,176, I am directed by the Board to submit the following proposals for the sanction of Government.

2. The existing establishment in the Board's Office for the compilation of trade statistics is inadequate for the work it has hitherto had to perform, and it will be the more so in future in consequence of the revision of the forms of the monthly and annual statements.

Volume of	Sent to Govern- ment, on
1867-68...	27th January 1869.
1868-69...	September 1870.
1869-70...	July 1871.
1870-71...	May 1872.
1871-72...	January 1873.
1872-73...	April 1874.
1873-74...	March 1875.

been always found impossible to submit the monthly accounts on the due date, and the annual volume was seldom published before twelve months after the expiry of the year to which it related. In 1872 the Board, in explaining the causes of delay in the preparation of the annual volume, suggested the grant of extra remuneration to the clerks working over time, and the proposal was sanctioned. The sanction was, however, shortly afterwards withdrawn,* and it

was directed that the volume should be printed in a private instead of in the Government Press with the hope that this would obviate much of the delay, but nevertheless it was not possible to submit the annual volumes for 1872-73 and 1873-74 before April 1874 and March 1875.

3. Those accounts for 1874-75 have not yet been taken up, the establishment having been fully occupied with the monthly returns in the new forms.

	Number of old forms.	Number of new forms.
† Monthly	20	26
Annual	96	131

4. The following is the additional work thrown upon the clerks by the introduction of the new monthly and annual forms†:—

- (1.) Instead of the countries from and to which articles are imported or exported, the ports have to be shown under each article.
- (2.) Quantities have to be shown for many articles for which values alone were hitherto shown.
- (3.) The details of the articles now to be shown in the statements are more numerous than before.
- (4.) The trade within the Presidency has now to be shown in the returns, which was not exhibited before.
- (5.) The old denomination of quantities have to be given in addition to the new.
- (6.) In the annual volume the transactions of each port have to be shown in almost all the statements, while previously only the aggregate results of the Presidency or a District were alone shown.
- (7.) Statements have now to be sent in duplicate every month, while only a single copy was forwarded before.
- (8.) Some of the statements are required to be forwarded monthly for corresponding periods in the preceding two years.

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5. From the above it will be observed that it is simply impossible for the Board to secure punctuality in the transmission of the monthly accounts, and to prepare the annual volumes in proper time unless the establishment is strengthened, and I am, therefore, directed to request that the following establishment may be sanctioned subject to modification after the experience of one year:—

As sanctioned by G. O., dated 11th April 1862, No. 812, and G. O., dated 22nd July 1869, No. 2,143.		As now proposed.	
Designation.	Monthly Salary.	Designation.	Monthly Salary.
	RS.		RS.
1 Accountant	150	1 Chief Accountant	150
1 Do.	70	1 Accountant	100
1 Do.	50	1 Do.	70
1 Do.	40	1 Do.	50
1 Do.	35	1 Do.	45
1 Do.	30	1 Do.	40
1 Do.	75	1 Do.	35
3 Accountants, at Rs. 25 each. ...	75	3 Accountants, at Rs. 30 each ...	90
1 Accountant	20	7 Do. at „ 25 „	175
10	470	17	755
1 Muchi	10	1 Muchi	12
1 Peon	7	1 Attender	10
		1 Peon	7
Total...	487	Total...	784

6. In addition to the above establishment, I am also directed to request the sanction of Government for the entertainment of four clerks on Rupees 25 each for three months every year to assist the permanent establishment in the preparation of the annual accounts. The total cost thus proposed amounts to Rupees 9,708 per annum against Rupees 5,844 now

	RS.
Bombay	11,800
Bengal... ..	12,180
Madras	9,708

allowed. This, it will be observed, is less than the cost of the establishment allowed to the sister Presidency of

	Number of Ports.	RS.
Madras	81*	5
Bengal	5	30
Bombay	30	

Bombay or Bengal. It is hardly necessary to point out that the cost of establishment for purposes of tabulation cannot be judged with reference to the aggregate value of trade or the number of transactions, but the number of statements and of entries to be posted and tabulated. So far as the Central Office is concerned, where the monthly transactions of each district and port are to be tabulated, the quantity of work depends mainly, if not entirely, upon the number of ports and districts from which the accounts are received. The number of ports in Madras is considerably larger than that in the other two Presidencies, and if the chief port in each of the three Presidencies is excluded, the trade of Madras is the largest as will be seen below:—

	Number of Ports.	RS.
* Of these, there was trade in 79 ports in 1873-74 as shown below:—		
Ports where the trade was below 5,000 Rupees in each	8	
Ports where the trade was above 5,000 Rupees but below 50,000 Rupees ...	10	
Ports where the trade was above 50,000 Rupees but below 1,00,000 Rupees.	8	
Ports where the trade was above 1,00,000 Rs. but below 5,00,000 Rs.	25	
Above 5,00,000 Rupees	28	
Total...	79	

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	Imports, 1873-74.	Exports, 1873-74.	Total, 1873-74.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Madras	255,00,000	610,00,000	865,00,000
Bengal	20,00,000	48,00,000	68,00,000
Bombay	20,00,000	61,00,000	81,00,000

There can never be any difficulty as regards the chief port when returns are received within a few days from the close of the month, and information and explanation can be obtained.

7. Under these circumstances, the Board trust that the Government will accord their sanction for the immediate revision of the establishment and the entertainment of the temporary hands for assisting in the preparation of the annual volume. The cost for the current year can be met from general savings under "Administration." The Board will pay every attention to the due division and distribution of work, and, if any reduction be possible, it will be at once effected and reported.

8. The delays which have been so much complained of are due in great part to difficulties experienced in the districts, and some increase of establishment appears necessary in them also. The imperfections in the returns are greatly due to the inadequate and under-paid staff at the subordinate ports. The Board request that they may be permitted to undertake a revision of these establishments and to submit proposals for strengthening them.

No. 67.

ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1875, No. 1,479.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.
Customs.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council notes with satisfaction that, by the simple measures proposed in paragraph 1 of the earlier of the foregoing Proceedings, the Board hope to be able to despatch the trade returns within the time specified by the Government of India, to whom the Proceedings will be communicated. The deputation of an accountant to Bombay may be deferred.

2. The Government are satisfied of the necessity of the increase proposed to the existing establishment in the Board's Office, and its immediate entertainment as a temporary measure, subject to the orders of the Government of India, is sanctioned.

3. The Board are at liberty to undertake the revision of the establishments at the subordinate ports, and their proposals should be submitted at as early a date as possible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. W. H. French.

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Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

No. 65-67.

Dated October, 9th.

Recd.

For.

O. O. 28 October 1875, No. 1479.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 65-67.

Trade Returns of the Madras Presidency.—
Ordering to communicate to the Government of India copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue relative to the despatch of the — within the time specified by the Government of India; deferring the deputation of an Accountant to Bombay; sanctioning the immediate entertainment of the proposed increase to the existing establishment in the Board's Office for the compilation of trade statistics subject to the orders of the Government of India; and requesting submission of proposals for the revision of the establishments at the subordinate ports.

(A true Extract.)

To all Collectors of Maritime Districts, with four Forms and copy of G. O.
 „ the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with do.

Exd. W. H. French.

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PROCEEDINGS, 17th JULY 1875, No. 2,004.

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JULY.

No. 2,004.

Trade Returns—of Marine Prescriptions issued to Collectors of Marine Districts with a view to secure early and prompt submission of — to Board. Explanation given as to why submission of these returns to Government of India is so much delayed at present.

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Almora ...	Steam ...	British ...	London ...	Suez ...	Cargoes ...	830	50
Baghdad ...	Do. ...	French ...	Marseilles ...	Otherwise ...	Ballast ...	939	75
Patna ...	Do. ...	British ...	Rangoon ...	Do. ...	Cargoes ...	111	22
Barque Cheviot ...	Sailing ...	Do. ...	Pondicherry ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	321	10
Caderoux ...	Do. ...	Native Craft ...	Calcutta ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	45	10
Barque Lendroshire ...	Do. ...	British Indian ...	Negapatam ...	Do. ...	Ballast ...	219	17

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Books, and printed matter ...	United Kingdom.	Via Suez.	Exports.	I. Produce.	Free ...	Private ...	5	200	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cabinetware ...	Ceylon.	Otherwise.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	...	2,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coffee ...	Trieste.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	...	12,540	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Green and Palse—	Ceylon.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Dutiable.	Do.	...	1,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rice ...	United Kingdom.	Via Suez.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	...	40,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hides—	United Kingdom.	Otherwise.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	...	4,000,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tanned ...	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Free ...	Do.	...	15,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indigo ...	Ceylon.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Dutiable.	Do.	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oil—	Calcutta.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	...	300	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cocconut ...	Catch.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Free ...	Do.	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Do, Ginglym ...	Ceylon.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Free ...	Do.	...	408	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sugar and Sugar Candy ...	Singapore.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tea ...	Rangoon.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wool Manufactures ...	Pondicherry.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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REFUNDS AND DRAWBACKS.

Recd 30/7/75
1887/5/15

No. 2,498.

FROM H. E. STOKES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
To A. MACGREGOR, Esq.,
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1872-73...	April 1874.
1873-74...	March 1875.

monthly and annual statements. It has been always found impossible to submit the monthly accounts on the due date, and the annual volume was seldom published before twelve months after the expiry of the year to which it related. In 1872 the Board, in explaining the

causes of delay in the preparation of the annual volume, suggested the grant of

G.O., 22nd May 1872, No. 818.
G.O., 28th June 1872, No. 138.

* G.O., 10th January 1873, No. 33.

extra remuneration to the clerks working over time, and the proposal was sanctioned. The sanction was, however, shortly afterwards withdrawn,* and it

was directed that the volume should be printed in a private instead of in the Government Press with the hope that this would obviate much of the delay, but nevertheless it was not possible to submit the annual volumes for 1872-73 and 1873-74 before April 1874 and March 1875.

3. Those accounts for 1874-75 have not yet been taken up, the establishment having been fully occupied with the monthly returns in the new forms.

	Number of old forms.	Number of new forms.
† Monthly ...	20	26
Annual ...	96	131

4. The following is the additional work thrown upon the clerks by the introduction of the new monthly and annual forms†:—

(1.) Instead of the countries from and to which articles are imported or exported, the *ports* have to be shown under each article.

(2.) Quantities have to be shown for many articles for which values alone were hitherto shown.

(3.) The details of the articles now to be shown in the statements are more numerous than before.

(4.) The trade within the Presidency has now to be shown in the returns, which was not exhibited before.

(5.) The old denomination of quantities have to be given in addition to the new.

(6.) In the annual volume the transactions of each port have to be shown in almost all the statements, while previously only the aggregate results of the Presidency or a District were alone shown.

(7.) Statements have now to be sent in duplicate every month, while only a single copy was forwarded before.

(8.) Some of the statements are required to be forwarded monthly for corresponding periods in the preceding two years.

5. From the above it will be observed that it is simply impossible for the Board to secure punctuality in the transmission of the monthly accounts, and to prepare the annual volumes in proper time unless the establishment is strengthened, and I am, therefore, directed to request that the following establishment may be sanctioned subject to modification after the experience of one year:—

As sanctioned in G. O., dated 11th April 1862,
No. 812, and G. O., dated 22nd July 1869,
No. 2,143.

		As now proposed.	
Designation.	Monthly Salary.	Designation.	Monthly Salary.
	RS.		RS.
1 Accountant	150	1 Chief Accountant	150
1 Do.	70	1 Accountant	100
1 Do.	50	1 Do.	70
1 Do.	40	1 Do.	50
1 Do.	35	1 Do.	45
1 Do.	30	1 Do.	40
1 Do.	30	1 Do.	35
1 Do.	75	1 Do.	90
3 Accountants, at Rs. 25 each. ...	75	3 Accountants, at Rs. 30 each ...	90
		7 Do. at „ 25 „	175
1 Accountant	20		755
	470	17	
10			12
1 Muchi	10	1 Muchi	10
1 Peon	7	1 Attender	7
		1 Peon	7
Total...	487	Total...	784

6. In addition to the above establishment, I am also directed to request the sanction of Government for the entertainment of four clerks on Rupees 25 each for three months every year to assist the permanent establishment in the preparation

of the annual accounts. The total cost thus proposed amounts to Rupees 9,708 per annum against Rupees 5,844 now allowed. This, it will be observed, is less than the cost of the establishment allowed to the sister Presidency of Bombay or Bengal. It is hardly necessary to point out that the cost of establishment for purposes of tabulation cannot be judged with reference to the aggregate value of trade or the number of transactions, but the number of statements and of entries to be posted and tabulated. So far as the Central Office is concerned where the monthly transactions of each district and port are to be tabulated, the quantity of work depends mainly, if not entirely, upon the number of ports and districts from which the accounts are received. The number of ports in Madras is considerably larger than that in the other two Presidencies, and if the chief port in each of the three Presidencies is excluded, the trade of Madras is the largest as will be seen below:—

	RS.
Bombay	11,800
Bengal	12,180
Madras	9,708

	Number of Ports.
	RS.
Madras	81*
Bengal	5
Bombay	30

*Of these, there was trade on 79 ports in 1873-74 as shown below:—	
Ports where the trade was below 5,000 Rupees in each	8
Ports where the trade was above 5,000 Rupees but below 50,000 Rupees ...	10
Ports where the trade was above 50,000 Rupees but below 1,00,000 Rupees.	8
Ports where trade was above 1,00,000 Rupees but below 500,000 Rupees.	25
Above 500,000 Rupees	28
Total...	79

	Imports, 1873-74.	Exports, 1873-74.	Total, 1873-74.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Madras	2,55,00,000	610,00,000	865,00,000
Bengal	20,00,000	48,00,000	68,00,000
Bombay	20,00,000	61,00,000	81,00,000

There can never be any difficulty as regards the chief port whence returns are received within a few days from the close of the month, and information and explanation can be obtained.

7. Under these circumstances, the Board trust that the Government will accord their sanction for the immediate revision of the establishment and the entertainment of the temporary hands for assisting in the preparation of the annual volume. The cost for the current year can be met from general savings under "Administration." The Board will pay every attention to the due division and distribution of work, and, if any reduction be possible, it will be at once effected and reported.

8. The delays which have been so much complained of are due in great part to difficulties experienced in the districts, and some increase of establishment appears necessary in them also. The imperfections in the returns are greatly due to the inadequate and underpaid staff at the subordinate ports. The Board request

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that they may be permitted to undertake a revision of these establishments and to submit proposals for strengthening them

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Madras,
6th September 1875.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H. W. Fischer
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Ed. J. W. Fischer.

Establishment—in Board's Office for the compilation of trade statistics.—Sanction of Government solicited to certain increase to—subject to modification after one year's experience and to the entertainment of four clerks on Rupees 25 each for three months every year. Permission requested to revise the establishments at the subordinate ports and to submit proposals for strengthening them.

Received

Dated 6th September 1875.

FROM THE AG. SECT. TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
TO THE AG. SECT. TO GOVT., REV. DEPT.

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No. 2,498.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

1875.

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Revenue Board Office

Madras

6th September 1875.

From,

The Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To,

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Sir,

With reference to G. O. dated
4th August 1875. No. 1176, I am directed by the Board
to submit the following proposals for the
sanction of Government.

1. The existing Establishment in the
Board's Office for the compilation of trade
statistics is inadequate for the work it has
hitherto had to perform, and it will be the
more so in future in consequence of the re-

vision of the forms of the monthly and annual
Statements. It has been always found in-

Volume of -ary 1869 - possible to submit the monthly accounts on
1867-68 - Sept. 1870.
1868-69 - July 1871
1869-70 - May 1872
1870-71 - January 1873
1871-72 - April 1874
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1873-74 -
The due date, and the annual Volume was
seldom published before 12 months after the
expiry of the year to which it related. In 1872,
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3. The following is the additional work thrown upon the clerks by the introduction of the new monthly and annual forms.

	No. of old Forms	No. of new Forms
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under each article.

(2) Quantities have to be shown for many articles for which values alone were hitherto shown.

(3) The details of the articles now to be shown in the Statements are more numerous than before.

(4) The trade within the Presidency has now to be shown in the returns, which was not exhibited before.

(5) The old denomination of quantities have to be given in addition to the new.

These are the new forms down

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From the above it will be observed that it is simply impossible for the Board to secure punctuality in the transmission of the Monthly Accounts, and to prepare the Annual Volume proper time unless the Establishment is strengthened, and I am therefore directed to request that the following Establishment may be sanctioned subject to modification the experience of one year.

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			784
		Total	487

As now proposed.

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Bengal 12180.
Madras 9708.

b. In addition to the above establishment, I am also directed to request the sanction of Government for the entertainment of 4 clerks on Rupees 25 each for 3 months every year to assist the permanent Establishment in the preparation of the annual accounts. The total cost thus proposed amounts to Rupees 9708 per annum against Rs 5844 now allowed. This it will be observed is less than the cost of the establishment allowed to the Sister Presidency of Bombay or Bengal. It is hardly necessary.

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Bengal	— 5	the other two
Bombay	— 30	Presidencies, and
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Do — above 5000 but below 50,000 Rupees — 10		Presidencies is 82.
Do — above 50,000 but below 100,000 Rs. — 8		cluded, the trade
Do — above 100,000 but below 500,000 — 25		of Madras is the
Above 500,000 — 28		largest as will be
		<u>79.</u>

Seen below:

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most obedt. servt.

H. Storr
Ag. Secretary

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Revenue

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29 Apr 1875

July 75 No 2004
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My dear Mr. Gregor

I should be very much obliged if you will get orders passed from our application for Trade Statistics Establishment. The annual volume ought to be in force during now, but the existing establishment is so taken up with the new monthly statements & the re-tabulation of the old ones for many years that it will be

The Governor's Council notes the fact that the principle rule laid down in para. 1 of the earlier of the proceedings

the Board hope to be able to despatch the Trade returns with the time specified by the Government of India to whom the proceedings for

22 May 72 No 232-33
28 June 72 No 138-139
10 July 73 No 57-58
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17/10/75
10th September 1875
Received - 13th
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Mr. Council.

Trade & Agriculture
Oct 1/75

Submitting for sanction
of Govt. proposals for
ensuring immediately
in the submission of -

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Sd/- 9 Oct 75 No 1479

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Extending jurisdiction
in the submission of -

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Several months before all are
are cleared off.

If possible authorize us at
least to extend the hands
in anticipation of the sanction
of the Gov^t of India.

Yours sincerely
H. Stokes

July 75 No 2004
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Apr: 75 No 1482

The Governor
Council notes
^{with interest}
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a simple measure
outlined in para 1,
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able to despatch the
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Submitting immediately
in the submission of -
for order

P.O.

Mr. A. L. L. L.
Board of Rev.

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Requesting early
sanction of
the Board
& establishment for
Trade Statistics

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Read the following Proceedings.
Blue Board of Revenue

17th July 75 No 2004
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L.R.

A.E. the Governor
in Council notes
with ^{with satisfaction} gratification that
by the simple rule
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able to despatch the
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be communicated.
The deputation of
an accountant to Bombay
may be deferred.

2. The Government
are satisfied of the
necessity of the increase
proposed to the existing
Establishment in the
Boards office and
its immediate entertain-
ment as a temporary
measure subject to
the orders of the Government
of India is sanctioned.

3. The Board are
at liberty to undertake

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14 To The B. of India M. S. Digvijaya
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the revision of the
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the subordinate post
& their proposals
should be submitted
at as early a date as
possible.

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