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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th 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 statement 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 dated 26th May 1875, No. 1,420 ; it will be sufficient if four statements* are received in the accompanying forms which contain all the information requisite, 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.

* No. 1 Imports.
,, 2 Exports.
,, 3 Vessels entered.
,, 4 do. cleared.

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

...ces. The Board, therefore, request Collectors to give special attention to the ... ...ee 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' head-quarters, 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.

Imports.

Articles.	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.	Refunds: Value on which Refund was paid.	Refunds: Amount of Refunds.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Art, Works of ...No.	United Kingdom ..	Via Suez.....	Foreign Merchandise.	Free	Private	50	Rs. 25	.....	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs.	
Cabinet-ware .....lbs.	Havre	Otherwise ...	Do.	Do.	Government.	100	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	United Kingdom..	Do. ...	Do.	Dutiable..	Private	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Calcutta.....	Do. ...	Indian Produce.	Free	Do.	600	200	.....	.....	.....	11 4 0	.....	.....	
Silk, Raw ..... lbs.	Bombay.....	Do. ...	Foreign Merchandise.	Do. ...	Do.	92	2,000	.....	.....	7½ per cent.	.....	.....	.....	
Silk, Piece Goods ... Yds.	Pondicherry.....	Do. ...	Do. ...	Dutiable..	Do.	5,000	300	.....	245	5 per cent.	12 4 0	.....	.....	
Spices, Other sorts ...lbs.	Corringa.....	Do. ...	Do. ...	Free	Do.	.....	3,000	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Treasure—														
Gold	United Kingdom..	Via Suez.....	Foreign Merchandise.	Free	Private	1,000	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Silver	Calcutta.....	Otherwise ...	Indian Produce.	Do.	Government.	10,500	10,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Totals...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total Merchandise and Treasure		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

NOTE.—If the Article is imported ... but duly not collected in ... month, ... columns 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 should be left blank with a remark. Likewise if ... imported in the previous month, ... 7 and 8 should be left blank.

Tonnage Statements for Vessels entered.

Nme of Vessels.	Whether sailing or steam:	Nationality.	Port license entered.	Whether *viâ* 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	7
"Patna"	Do.	British	Rangoon	Do. ...	Cargoes	111	22
"Barque Cheviot"	Sailing	Do.	Pondicherry ...	Do. ...	Do.	321	10
"Cadertbux"	Do.	Native Craft ...	Calcutta	Do. ...	Do.	45	10
"Barque Pembrokeshire"	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 *viâ* Suez or otherwise.	Whether with Cargoes or in Ballast.	Tons.	Number of Crew employed.
"Dursetshire"	Sailing	British	London	Otherwise ...	Cargoes	1,088	24
"India"	Do.	Do.	Calcutta	Do. ...	In Ballast ...	840	20
"Bengal"	Do.	British Indian ...	Cocanada	Do. ...	Cargoes ...	760	18
"Lakshmi"	P.	Native Craft ...	Coringa	Do. ...	In Ballast ...	150	10
"Assyria"	Steam	British	London	Suez	Cargoes	1,230	14
"Napoleon"	Do.	French	Marseilles	Do.	Do.	560	14
"Grant"	Do.	American	United States, America ...	Otherwise ...	Do.	1,150	20

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th October 1875

Articles.	1	Countries exported. whither	2	Whether Foreign Goods or Indian Produce.	3	Whether Re-Exports or Re-Exports.	4	Whether Dutiable or Free.	5	Whether Foreign Merchandise or Indian Produce.	6	Whether Government or private, or for other allowed free under special orders.	7	Value at the Mint rate.	8	Quantity exported.	9	Quantity on which duty was collected.	10	Value on which duty was collected.	11	Rate of Duty.	12	Amount of Duty.	13	Value on which Refund or Drawback was paid.	14	Amount forming part of Receipts.	15	Remarks.	16
														Rs.						Rs.		Rs.		Rs. A. P.		Rs.			
Books and printed matter ..... Cwt.	United Kingdom.													200		2													
Cabinet-ware ..... Value.	Ceylon	Via Suez.	Otherwise.	Exports ...	Do.	I. Produce ...	Free ...	Do. ...	Private ...	Do. ...				2,000															
Coffee ..... Cwt.	Trieste	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Dutiable ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...				12,540		cwt. lbs. 313 81													
Grain and Pulse—																													
Rice ..... Cwt.	Ceylon	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Dutiable ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...				1,000		390 108		390 105		at 3 As per 1. M				100 2 0					
Hides—																													
Dressed or Tanned ..... { Cwt. No. }	United Kingdom.	Via Suez.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...				40,000		{ 1,000 } { 21,193 }				62,989		at 3 per cents.		1,287 10 7					
Indigo ..... Cwt.	Ceylon	Otherwise.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Free ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...				4,00,000		cwt. lbs. 2,200 13		cwt. lbs. 2,200 13		3 Rs. per 1. M.				9,015 2 3					
Oil—																													
Cocoanut ..... Gal.	Calcutta	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Free ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...				15,000		15,586													
Do. ..... "	Cutch	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Dutiable ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...				75		gls. oz. 59 17													
Do. Gingelly "	Goa	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...				200		gls. oz. 144 104													
Sugar and Sugar-Candy ..... Cwt.	Ceylon	Do. ...	Re-Exports	P. Merchandise.	Free	Do. ...								40		cwt. lt. 1 33													
Tea ..... lbs.	Singapore	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...								498		498													
Wool, Manufactures of—																													
Piece goods ... Yds.	Rangoon	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...								25		20													
Do. ..... "	Pondicherry ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...								25		20													
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Treasure—																													
Silver	United Kingdom.	Via Suez.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Govt.				5,000		...		...		...		...		...		...		...	
Do.	Ceylon	Otherwise.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.				40,000		...		...		...		...		...		...		...	
Total Treasure ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total Merchandise and Treasure	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Examined.

Accountant General.

5th October 1875.

No. 66. From H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 6th September 1875, No. 1,490.

WITH reference to G. O., dated 4th August 1873, 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. 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 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.

Volume of	Sent to Government 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.

G.O., 22nd May 1872, No. 818.
G.O., 28th June 1872, ,, 138.
* G.O., 10th Jan. 1873, ,, 33.

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.

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

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

(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 propose 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.	75	1 Do.	35
3 Accountants, at Rs. 25 each. ...		3 Accountants, at Rs. 30 each ...	90
1 Accountant	20	7 Do. at ,, 25 ,, ...	175
10	470	17	755
1 Muchi	10	1 Muchi	10
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 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 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 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

	...nment, Revenue ports, 3-74.		Total, 1873-74.
	...gust ...		
	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 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 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.

No 2911
Proceedings (R.D.) Board of Revenue
72 to 86. 2.75
Read G.O. dated 9 Oct 1875, No 1479. R.D.

Collectors of ... Maritime Districts are requested to report ... transmission ... time ... and if so what ... incidence ... permanent establishments is necessary in their Districts in ... to the trade returns, according to the forms now in force, being prepared correctly and despatched punctually so as to reach the Board's Office on the 14th, at the latest, of the month following that to which the accounts relate.

(A true copy & Extract)
(Sd) A. E. Stokes.
Ag Secretary.

To
all Collectors of Maritime Districts
Copy to the Ag. Secy to Govt, R.D.

Bs. Rec. No 2911 of 24th Oct. 1875.
Govt. of India, 1875.

REVENUE. No 4265

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated Ootacamund, 9th

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 9th October 1875, No. 1,479.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 65—67.

Trade Returns of the Madras Presidency.—Ordering to communicate to the Government of India a copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue relative to the despatch of the — within the time specified by the Government of India; and sanctioning the deputation of an Accountant to Bombay; sanctioning the immediate ascertainment 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.

No 2384

Recd. 12 Oct.

Replied 9th Nov. 1875.

No. 2,911.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th October 1875.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 9th October 1875, No. 1,479, Revenue Department:—

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th June 1875, No. 2,304.

ABSTRACT.—Issuing instructions to Collectors of Maritime Districts with a view to secure early and punctual submission of trade returns to Board. Giving explanation as to why submission of these returns to Government of India is so much delayed at present.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th September 1875, No. 2,498.

ABSTRACT.—*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.

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

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.

COLLECTORS of Maritime Districts are requested to report whether any, and if so what, increase to permanent establishments is necessary in their districts in view to the trade returns, according to the forms now in force, being prepared correctly and despatched punctually so as to reach the Board's Office on the 14th, at the latest, of the month following that to which the accounts relate.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To all Collectors of Maritime Districts.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

No. 4265.

PROCEEDINGS, 20TH OCTOBER 1875, No. 2,911.

Dept 29 Oct 1875

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OCTOBER.

No. 2,911.

Trade Returns.—Requesting Collectors of Maritime Districts to report whether any, and if so what, increase to permanent establishments is necessary in their districts in view to the being correctly prepared and punctually submitted to Board.

No 2387

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