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MISCELLANEOUS No. 8,680.

From H. E. STOKES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

To A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B.
Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce.

SIR,—I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward herewith the trade returns for May 1875 as per list enclosed.

2. The imports and exports of bullion and specie are not exhibited, as hitherto used to be done, in the returns marginally noted, as these transactions are given in full detail in the separate treasure statements prescribed for the purpose, *viz.*, Nos. 19 and 23.

Nos. 10-1, 11, 12-1, 20-1, 20-2, 21-1, & 21-2.

3. There are no articles which were dutiable when they were imported but which were afterwards allowed free of duty for the use of Government or others during May 1875 except the Government stores shown in Statement No. 10-3. As it is possible that No. 18-1 is intended to show Government stores also, a statement so prepared is herewith forwarded, one for April having been already submitted through the Local Government as will be seen from the accompanying copy of my letter, dated 13th September 1875, Miscellaneous No. 8,320.

Return No. 18-1.

4. Returns for May 1873 and 1874 corresponding to Nos. 25-1, 25-2, 25-3, and 25-4 are forwarded. Corresponding returns for other numbers* called for by the Government of India will be submitted on receipt of the requisite information from the Collectors.

*Nos. 20-1, 20-2, 21-1, 21-2, 23, 26-1, & 26-2.

5. A memorandum of certain alterations to be made in the returns for April 1875, with reference to explanations furnished by Collectors, is also forwarded.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
MADRAS,
23rd September 1875.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce,
with trade returns, list, and memorandum of alterations;
also copy of Board's letter, dated 13th September 1875, Mis. No. 8,320.

No. 3,031.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th November 1875.

Read the following letter from J. E. O'CONNOR, Esq., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce (Statistics), to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Simla, 14th October 1875, No. 603:—

IN acknowledging the receipt of your, letter No. 8,680, of the 23rd ultimo, and the trade and navigation returns of Madras for May 1875 forwarded therewith, I am directed to state that the imports and exports of bullion and specie have been rightly excluded from the returns of merchandize.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of your letter, I am to enclose, for your information, copy of a letter to the Government of Madras, No. 599, dated the 9th instant, replying to a reference on the subject. This letter explains how the forms should be filled up.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce (Statistics), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 9th October 1875, No. 599.

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 1,418, dated the 27th ultimo, and the amended trade return, No. 18-1, forwarded therewith.

2. In reply to the inquiry of the Board of Revenue, I am directed to state that Statement No. 10-1 is intended to include all Government stores without distinction whether these are free goods or goods appertaining to classes which, if they were not imported on account of Government, would have been charged with duty. Statement No. 18-1 is intended to include, so far as the column headed "for Government" is concerned, only goods of this latter class, *viz.*, those which, if imported on private account, would have been charged with duty, but which, being State property, pass free through the Custom-house. The column "for others" should be filled up with particulars of such dutiable goods imported on private account as may for any reason be specially exempted from payment of duty, *e.g.*, dutiable goods imported by any native chief who may be permitted to enjoy the privilege of exemption. Other cases of exemption also occur from time to time.

THE attention of Collectors is requested to the following instructions in connection with the preparation of the montly trade returns.

2. Returns Nos. 1 and 2-2 (Government of India Nos. 10-1 and 10-3). In the matter of Government stores, it has been usual hitherto to show in Return No. 1 (Government of India No. 10-1) such goods as are free of duty under the Customs Act, and in Return No. 2-2 (Government of India No. 10-3) goods appertaining to classes which, if they were not imported on account of Government, would have been charged with duty. This distinction is now unnecessary, and Collectors will in future show in Return No. 1 (Government of India No. 10-1) under the head Government stores, all goods imported on account of Government without distinction, whether these are free goods under the Act or goods of the class liable to duty but allowed free only because they are Government property. No Government stores will, therefore, occur in Return No. 2-2 (Government of India No. 10-3).

3. In Return No. 10 (Government of India No. 18-1) Collectors will show in the column "For Government," all those Government stores included under the foregoing instructions in Return No. 1 (Government of India No. 10-1) and belonging to classes liable to duty if not imported on Government account. It is requested that in this return *all stores* of the above description may be shown without reference to the circumstance that the heading of the return is qualified by the insertion of the words "*Principal* articles of merchandize."

In the column headed "For others" in the above return, should be shown particulars of such dutiable goods imported on private account as may for any reason be specially exempted from payment of duty, *e.g.*, dutiable goods imported by any native chief who may be permitted to enjoy the privilege of exemption. Exemptions of this kind may occur from time to time in connection with Municipalities, &c.

4. Collectors will follow these instructions in preparing the return, Government of India No. 18-1, required for four years and referred to in paragraph 4 of Board's Proceedings, dated 6th September 1875, No. 2,496.

5. Some Collectors show in the returns of merchandize the imports and exports of treasure in addition to showing them in the Treasure Statements Nos. 11 and 15 (Government of India Nos. 19 and 23). This is unnecessary, and all transactions in treasure should be exhibited only in the latter returns (Nos. 11 and 15).

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To all Collectors of Maritime Districts, with copy of Board's letter, dated 23rd September 1875, Miscellaneous No. 8,680.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with do.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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