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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1875.

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1875, No. 900 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 11th February 1875, No. 219, Revenue Department :—

ABSTRACT.—*External Trade of India.*—Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the Government of India with forms of statements of —, and requesting them to furnish information required regarding them and the double entry of goods.

THE statements received with the foregoing order will be prepared in the Board's Office from the abstracts of the monthly statements, but they consider that it will be impossible to submit them at as early a date as the Government of India seem to wish. The accounts for March—the last month of the official year—do not reach the Board before the end of April, and the monthly accounts are not closed before the end of May. After the despatch of the monthly accounts, it will take at least a month for the returns to be filled up, so that the Board cannot hope to send the returns before the 30th June at the earliest.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the letter of the Government of India, directing that the new instructions should be carried into effect in the preparation of the annual volume for 1874-75, the Board beg to observe that it will involve much delay to give effect to instruction No. 2* for 1874-75, as the accounts have not been kept for each port, and it will take long before the details can be got from the districts and posted in the Board's Office. The Board, therefore, request that they may be allowed to postpone the introduction of this change till the volume for 1875-76 is being prepared. Instruction No. 1† will be attended to in the preparation of the volume for 1874-75.

† Government stores should be separated from general tables of private trade.

3. The Board do not think that errors of the kind mentioned in paragraph 5 of the letter from the Government of India, involving the double entry of goods, occur in this Presidency. Collectors will, however, be called upon to report on the point.

4. The Board presume that the statements now prescribed supersede those required by G. O., dated 8th January 1869, No. 44.

5. The Board beg to inquire whether the statements now forwarded to the Government of India under G. O., dated 12th September 1871, No. 1,581, and 12th August 1869, No. 2,315, may not also be discontinued, and the forms now prescribed by the Secretary of State substituted.

6. With regard to the inquiry in paragraph 2, whether some of the present forms may not be either dispensed with or abbreviated consequent on the adoption of the new forms, the Board consider that most of the statements in the annual volume, to which the inquiry evidently relates, are unnecessary and may be well abbreviated or dispensed with. The forms given in the annual volume before 1867-68 were exactly on the same principle on which statements are now

prescribed by the Secretary of State so far as trade is concerned, and might, with a few improvements, be revived with much advantage. In the volume prior to 1867-68, the transactions of each district were separately shown, the entire trade being exhibited in three general statements.—1. Imports, 2. Exports, and 3. Re-Exports; whereas now they are shown in eighty-one different statements, and notwithstanding without full particulars being given for each district separately. The Board would, therefore, simply revive the statements in use before 1867-68 with the following improvements:—

(*a.*) The transactions of five years should be shown for each article.

(*b.*) The articles should be divided into free and dutiable, and the totals of each given separately.

(*c.*) The amount of drawback and refunds will be shown after "duty."

(*d.*) Government stores should be separately detailed after the private trade has been totalled.

7. With these changes, the statements would give all the information now shown in the present annual return, while their preparation would be simpler, the forms fewer, and the information fuller.

8. As regards the tonnage statements also, the forms in use before 1867-68 might be revived with additional columns to distinguish vessels with cargoes from those in ballast.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) [illegible],
Acting Secretary.

No. 4.

ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1875, No. 857.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Customs.

ORDERED that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India:—

(Here enter, 1st June 1875, No. 858.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. W. H. French.

No. 900.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th April 1875.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 11th February 1875, No. 259, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*External Trade of India.*—Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the Government of India forms of statements of —, and requesting them to furnish information received regarding them and the double entry of goods.

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* "The form should be filled up for Ports and not for Districts."

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G. O., 1st June 1875, No. 857.

JUNE.
Nos. 3-4.

External Trade of India.—Ordering transmission of a letter to the Government of India regarding the difficulties in the way of submitting the new returns of — prescribed by the Secretary of State for the year 1874-75.

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(A true Extract.)

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Collectors of Maritime Districts, with copies of G. O.,

Acting Secretary.

Encl. W. H. French.

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MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH APRIL 1875, No. 900.

Dep Regt-Dr

Encl.

Received 19 April

APRIL.

No. 900.

Trade, External—of India.—Remarks passed regarding the preparation and submission of —, and permission requested to postpone the introduction of certain change in the annual volume of accounts till that for 1875-76 is prepared. Suggestion made as to the advisability of reviving, with slight improvements, the forms given in the annual volume prior to 1867-68. Collectors called upon to report regarding certain errors involving double entry of goods.

No 867

Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Govt of India 1st June 1876

Encl. Re subsequent proceedings (1876-No 899) omitting the proposed improvements in the forms

Encl. 2nd Regt-Dr Regt-Dr