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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Separate Revenue, No 2.
Customs.

22nd Jan 1875, Nos 86—89
12th May „ No. C/121.

SIR,—With reference to your letters marginally noted, I am directed to forward herewith copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1875, No. 900, explaining the difficulties in the way of submitting as required the fourteen new returns prescribed by the Secretary of State for the year 1874-75, and requesting permission to postpone their introduction till the annual accounts for 1875-76 are taken in hand.

2. It will be observed that the forms have to be filled up for *ports* not for districts, and this involves the necessity of calling for fresh returns from the districts which will lead to considerable delay. The Government of India seem also to have foreseen this; for, in paragraph 22 of their Resolution, dated 9th April 1875, Nos. 66C—69C, they say: "It will probably not be possible to introduce the new forms in the annual volumes for 1874-75, but the tables in the volumes for 1875-76 should be in the new forms."

3. I am to state that errors involving double entry of goods are not known to occur in this Presidency; and, as to the inquiry whether some of the present forms may not be dispensed with or abbreviated, the Board of Revenue consider that 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 the few improvements suggested by the Board of Revenue, be revived with much advantage.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd F R Bantleman.

Agriculture {1875} Department.

Government of Fort St. George

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FORWARDING copy of Board's Proceedings explaining the difficulties in the submission of the new returns of the external trade of India prescribed by the Secretary of State for the year 1874-75, and requesting permission to postpone their introduction till the annual accounts for 1875-76 are taken in hand with remarks.

No 558. 558

To The Secretary to Govt of India, Department of Revenue Agriculture & Commerce

Sir

With reference to your letter marginally noted I am directed to forward herewith copy of the Proceedings of this Board of Revenue dated 12th April 1875 No 900 explaining the difficulties in the way of introducing the proposed new returns of the external trade of India prescribed by the Secretary of State for the year 1874-75 & requesting permission to postpone their introduction till the annual accounts for 1875-76 are taken in hand.

2. It will be observed that the forms laid down for the Presidency Ports do not include the heavy staff employed in collecting the returns from the Outports, which will lead to considerable delay.

The Government of India

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