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No. 77. Read the following letter from A. G. HUME, Esq., C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Fibres and Silk,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 25th May 1875, No. 2/46—

In continuation of Circular, No. 1-23, dated the 3rd instant, asking the steps may be taken for the collection of information concerning dye-stuffs of Indian production, I am desired to request that particular attention may be paid to the collection, so far as may be practicable, of facts under the following heads:—

- (1.) Scientific and local vernacular names of the dye-stuffs produced in the province.
- (2.) Average approximate extent of cultivation annually in each district for the last five years.
- (3.) Cost and profits of cultivation.
- (4.) Season and methods of cultivation.
- (5.) Average estimated quantity of the dyes produced during the last five years.
- (6.) Proportion of the quantity produced, which is absorbed locally, and which is placed on the market. What are the principal markets to which the dyes are forwarded?
- (7.) Methods locally employed for extraction of the dye.
- (8.) Uses for which each dye is commonly locally employed (*viz*, nature of fabric), and processes of application generally practised. Under this head should be given a full account of the mordants locally employed, and it should be stated what shades of colors are produced, by what combinations, and whether the colors are permanent or fleeting.

(9.) Average price of each merchantable dye-stuff, according to quality, in the market.

(10.) Total annual trade in each kind, stating the countries of import and export.

(11.) To what extent is European capital employed in the production and manufacture of dyes, indigo, and other.

2. In regard to dye-stuffs collected from forest trees, it is desirable that the Forest Department should supply the fullest particulars available.

3. His Excellency in Council also requests that attention may be directed to the subject of the competition of aniline dyes with dyes of local production. It should be stated how far this competition has been successful, what are the prospects of Indian dyes in the Madras Presidency, and whether any measures seem to be required for the encouragement of this branch of industry.

4. I am further to request that the fullest information available on the subject of tans of Indian production may also be furnished.

No. 78.

ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1875, No. 895.

Miscellaneous

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G. O., 18th May 1875, No. 159, who will obtain and furnish the required information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
Exd F. R. Batleman

A. O. HUME, Esquire, C.B.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

Department of Revenue,
Agriculture, and Commerce
(Fibres and Silk)

SIMLA, the 25th May 1875.

SIR,

IN continuation of Circular No. 23, dated the 3rd instant, asking that steps may be taken for the collection of information concerning dye-stuffs of Indian production, I am desirous to request that particular attention may be paid to the collection, so far as may be practicable, of facts under the following heads:—

- (1.) Scientific and local vernacular names of the dye-stuffs produced in the province
- (2.) Average approximate extent of cultivation annually in each district for the last five years.
- (3.) Cost and profits of cultivation
- (4.) Season and methods of cultivation
- (5.) Average estimated quantity of the dyes produced during the last five years.
- (6.) Proportion of the quantity produced, which is absorbed locally and which is placed on the market. What are the principal markets to which the dyes are forwarded?

- (7.) Methods locally employed for extraction of the dye.
- (8.) Uses for which each dye is commonly locally employed (viz., nature of fabric) and processes of application generally practised. Under this head should be given a full account of the mordants locally employed, and it should be stated what shades of colours are produced, by what combinations, and whether the colours are permanent or fleeting.

- (9.) Average price of each merchantable dye-stuff, according to quality, in the market.
- (10.) Total annual trade in each kind, stating the countries of import and export.
- (11.) To what extent is European capital employed in the production and manufacture of dyes, indigo and other.

2. In regard to dye-stuffs collected from forest trees, it is desirable that the Forest Department should supply the fullest particulars available.

3. His Excellency in Council also requests that attention may be directed to the subject of the competition of aniline dyes with dyes of local production. It should be stated how far his competition has been successful, what are the prospects of Indian dyes in the Madras Presidency, and whether any measures seem to be required for the encouragement of this branch of industry.

4. I am further to request that the fullest information available on the subject of tans of Indian production may also be furnished.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. O. Hume

Secretary to the Government of India.

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I have the honour to inform you that the Board of Revenue has received from the Government of India a copy of the Circular No. 23, dated the 3rd instant, and in reply to inform you that the Board has directed that the necessary steps be taken for the collection of the information requested in the Circular.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

FIBRES AND SILK.

To

No.

Dated Simla, the 25th May 1875.

Recd 8 June

SUBJECT.

In continuation of Circular No 1-23-34, dated 3rd instant, requesting that steps may be taken for the collection of information concerning Indian dye-stuffs, specifies the particulars required, and asks for a full account of tans of Indian production.

No 895-9 June 1875

With order

*No 895
Communicated to the
Board of Revenue in continuation
of G.O. 18 May 1875 to J. O. who
will obtain and forward the
required information.*

9 June 75

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