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11th November 1876.*

No. 157. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd October 1876, No. 2,482:—

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3. The Collector of South Canara states that he will be able to send his returns as desired by the Board, provided he is allowed two more Clerks, one for employment in his own office on a salary of Rupees 15, and the other for the port of Mangalore on a salary of Rupees 20.

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The Collector of Godavery wants an additional Clerk on Rupees 20 to enable him to send his accounts on the 8th.

5. The Board find that in ordinary months when the trade is not heavy, it takes two weeks for the existing establishment in the Board's office to compile the state-

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ments, but in the months in which trade is heavy and the statements are long it takes four or five days more.

6. Unless therefore the establishments are further increased the Board cannot engage to send their monthly returns before the 25th or 26th in ordinary months, and the 29th or 30th in months when trade is brisk. The returns for June and July were despatched on the 27th and 26th respectively.

7. If the transmission of the accounts at an earlier date is absolutely necessary, and the Government are prepared to sanction the necessary increase to the establishment, the Board will submit their proposals. For the present the Board request that the small increase* asked for by the Collectors of South Canara and Godavery may be sanctioned.

* South Canara—	
1 Clerk on Rupees.	20
1 Do. do.	15
Godavery—	
1 Clerk on Rupees.	20
Total ...	55

8. If the Government of India, however, have no objection to the accounts at the outports being closed a little before the end of the month, to admit of the accounts in the Collectors' offices being closed on the evening of the last day of the month or on the 1st of the following month, the transmission of the returns to the Government of India might be expedited by three or four days. At present the rule is that the accounts of the outports should be sent to the Collectors daily except at ports close to the Collectors' headquarters from which they are sent monthly, but in practice the last day's accounts are not generally despatched till the 1st of the following month, and they do not reach the Collectors in some districts till the 3rd and 4th. The monthly returns from ports close to headquarters are likewise not sent till a few days after the month. If it could be arranged that all the accounts should reach the Collectors' office on the morning of the 1st the Board think it would be possible to get almost all the returns from the districts before the 10th and in some cases earlier, and this would facilitate the work considerably. It is observed that in the outports of Madura the accounts are now closed two days before the end of the month. This is contrary to the rule, but it will not be discontinued pending the further orders of Government. The Board see no objection whatever to the practice.

9. A statement showing the number of ports in each district and the distance of each from the Collectors' headquarters is appended.

10. Collectors do not consider any postal improvements are necessary.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

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Statement showing the Number of Ports in each District and the distance of each from the Collector's headquarters.

Districts.	Ports.	Distance in miles from the Headquarters of the Collector.	Date on which the accounts are stated to reach the Collector.
Ganjam	Gopulpore	14	2nd
	Ganjam	5	
	Calingapatam	103	4th
	Barwah	46	3rd
	Sonnepore	33	
Vizagapatam	Poondy	66	
	Bavanapadoo	80	Information not given.
	Bimlipatam	19	
	Pentacota	69	
	Poodimadaka	52	2nd
Godavery	Cocanada	2	
	Coringa	12	3rd
	Narsapur	58	1st
	Masulipatam	3	
	Nagayalunka	33	2nd or 3rd
Kistna	Nizampatam	47	
	Kottapatam	57	
	Gungadipalem	55	3rd or 4th
	Penumudi	62	
	Morutota	62	3rd
Nellore	Ipurupaliem	54	
	Motupalli	57	2nd
	Kottapatam	85	
	Itamukkala	83	1st
	Pakala	65	
South Arcot	Ramayapatam	45	2nd
	Chennayapalem	48	
	Tummelapenta	40	1st
	Juvvaladinne	30	
	Iskapalli	23	2nd
Tanjore	Ponnapudi	20	
	Mypadu	19	2nd
	Kistnapatam	15	
	Pamanji	25	Information not furnished.
	Tupili	50	
Madura	Dugarajapatam	45	Has arranged so that the monthly returns may be received in his office on the last day of the month.
	Pudi	50	
	Kanuparti	90	2nd
	Cuddalore	...	
	Porto-Novo	45	2nd
Tinnevely	Terumalavasal	19	
	Tranquebar	3	Information not furnished.
	Nagore	7	
	Velangany	30	2nd
	Toputorai	41	
Tinnevely	Muttupettai	49	Information not furnished.
	Adrampatam	74	
	Ammapatam	80	2nd
	Kottaiapatam	96	
	Paumben	78	Information not furnished.
Tinnevely	Keelakarai	77	
	Devipatam	98	Information not furnished.
	Tondy	...	
	Tuticorin	...	Information not furnished.
	Culasagarapatam	...	
Tinnevely	Coilpatam	...	

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Statement showing the Number of Ports in each District, &c.—(Continued).

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South Canara ...	Mulki ...	18½	Gives the date on which the returns of May were received in his office. 1st June. 3rd " 2nd "
	Manjeshwar	12	
	Cumbala	21	
	Cassergode	29	
	Udipi	40½	1st "
	Malpe	48	
	Barkur	61	
	Kondapur	76	
	Baindur	70	2nd "
	Naikenkuttah	54	
Malabar ...	Cannanore	41	
	Tellicherry	37	
	Calai	29	Sent by Peon. 1st June. 2nd "
	Badagari	15	
	Quilandy	1	
	Calicut	7	
	Beyyore	21	2nd "
	Tanner	36	
	Ponany	51	
	Chowghat	101	
	Cochin		

No. 158.

ORDER THEREON, 11th November 1876, No. 1,633.

Separate Revenue, No. 7.

Customs.

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4. The Government of India will be informed that for the present it is not desirable to insist on an earlier date than the 24th. The date specified in paragraph 3 of their letter, 4th October 1876, No. 422c to 425c, may be worked up to gradually.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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NOVEMBER.
Nos. 157-158.

G.O. 11th November 1876, No. 1,683.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

Govt. of 1876.

Monthly Trade Returns.—Declining to sanction further increases to establishments in connection with the preparation of— and resolving to inform the Government of India that it is not desirable to insist on an earlier date than the 24th for the submission of the returns.

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Monthly Trade Returns.—Requesting sanction for increase of establishment asked for by Collectors of South Canara and Godavery to enable them to submit the — in proper time and inquiring whether Government of India have any objection to accounts at outposts being closed a little before the end of the month.

OCTOBER.
No. 2482.

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PROCEEDINGS, 2ND OCTOBER 1876, No. 2482.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
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wishes of the Govt of India monthly returns of trade and
in respect of the business transactions in accounts and
of the monthly returns of India must be submitted to the Govt
as near as practicable of India by the 24th of the
1st of October for the past month following that to
which the returns relate.
The dates given in para 6
of the Board's Proceedings
approximate pretty closely to
that fixed by the Govt of India
and

and it does not appear
impracticable to improve
existing arrangements so as
to ensure compliance with
the requisitions of the Gov^t of
India. Indeed the increase
to the establishments already
sanctioned much contribute
to this end, and the Gov^t
cannot support the proposals
to sanction further increases
as proposed in paras 6 and
7. The increases proposed
should have been proved to
be necessary by a comparison
of the work in the Districts
concerned with that in those
similarly situated and by
a consideration of the relative
strength of the establishments
already sanctioned.

The establishments having been hitherto
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before the close of the month
is open to objection and may
lead to falsification of
accounts. Every effort should
be made to have full
monthly accounts submitted
as early as is necessary and
report should be sent to the
Superintendent proposed in para
& only if it is utterly impracticable
otherwise to meet the wishes of the
Gov^t of India.

The Gov^t consider that
2 weeks time required by the Board
to compile the Journal Returns in
their Office in ordinary months too
long, and that it might, without
inconvenience, be reduced to 12 days,
in which case the date prescribed by the
Gov^t of India can be conformed to.
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11th Nov 1876

