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No. 1,866.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th July 1876.

Read the following letter from A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Statistics,) to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 29th June 1876, No. 398:—

I AM directed to request that arrangements may be made in all Custom-houses in Madras to exhibit in all monthly and annual Accounts of Trade and Navigation furnished to the Government of India and locally published the weight in pounds of each separate denomination of cotton manufactures, imported and exported, European and Native, now shown in the returns in yards, or for which only value is given. The weight should be inserted in the returns in addition to the quantity in yards, care being taken to make it clear in each case that the weight is the equivalent of the quantity in yards: thus—

Yards... ..
Weighing in pounds... ..

2. It is believed that so far as imports and re-exports of European piece-goods are concerned very little additional trouble will be imposed by the exhibition of weight, for as the tariff valuations are based on weight the Custom-house authorities must necessarily always satisfy themselves of the actual weight on import for the assessment of duty and on re-export for the assessment of drawback. There will perhaps be a little trouble in recording the weight of exports of country piece-goods to foreign countries and of the imports and exports coastwise. Traders in these goods should be required at once to furnish particulars of weight in addition to yards if it is not the practice to declare the weight already.

3. It has been found necessary to obtain and record the information now required in order to admit of satisfactory comparison between the returns of the sea-borne trade and those of inland trade, *i.e.*, across the frontier and between the various provinces. In registering the inland trade it is found that the quantity in yards of piece-goods cannot be furnished. All that is satisfactorily obtainable is the weight as taken by the Railway offices at the great marts, and this being the case, unless the weight is also furnished in the returns of sea-borne trade, it will not be possible to make such a comparison between the two sets of returns as will enable an inquirer to form conclusions as to the accuracy of the returns of inland trade and the relative quantity of piece-goods consumed in various parts of the country or sent across the frontier.

4. I am to request that this information may now be furnished every month, commencing with April last (the first of the current official year.) To save time a copy of this letter will be sent direct to the Board of Revenue, so that steps may be taken without loss of time to obtain and furnish the information from April.

No. 402.

Copy forwarded to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, for information and guidance with reference to paragraph 4.

(Signed) C. J. LYALL,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

COMMUNICATED to all Collectors of Maritime Districts for their information and guidance.

2. The necessary information for the past months of the current year should be furnished as early as possible.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) M. JORDAN,
First Assistant.

To all Collectors of Maritime Districts.

Copy to the Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce.

Erd. J. Tulloch.

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JULY.
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Trade and Navigation Returns. — Communicated to all Collectors of Maritime Districts, with instructions, letter from Government of India directing that weight of piece-goods in pounds be shown in — in addition to yards and value from commencement of current year.

Revenue Department

Miscellaneous No. 6951

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 15th August 1876.

Read Proceedings of Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 15 July 1876, No. 950, requesting to issue instructions to the Collectors of Customs to exhibit in all Trade and Navigation returns the weight of piece goods in pounds in addition to yards and value.

Recorded, the necessary instructions on the subject having been already issued to Collectors in Board's Proceedings dated 20 July 1876, No. 1866.

(True Extract)

C. A. Galton
Acting Secretary

To the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department, with copy
of Board's Proceedings dated 20 July 1876
No. 1866.

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