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March 1875.

	February.				March.				Total for Year 1874-75.			
	Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.		Quantity.		Value.	
P.	Cwt.	lbs.	R.	A. P.	Cwt.	lbs.	R.	A. P.	Cwt.	lbs.	R.	A.
0	60,923	57	13,08,483	9 3	63,206	204	14,07,001	15 10	209,492	421	49,96,591	12
	58,425	2	—		62,415	91	—		224,821	36		
	8,839	32	1,88,100		11,984	68	2,52,300		80,608	104	19,47,047	
	8,839	0	—		41,986	0	—		89,608	0	—	
	3,405	60	69,284		2,280	30	54,884		223,076	70	0,981,439	
	3,048	60	—		2,390	47	—		300,346	22	—	
	—	—	—		62	56	1,313		271	56	7,165	
	—	—	—		62	56	—		271	56	—	
	—	—	—		187	56	6,562		321	20	9,843	
	—	—	—		187	0	—		321	0	—	
	—	—	—		17	12	543		17	12	843	
	—	—	—		47	0	—		47	0	—	
	—	—	—		—	—	—		3	28	65	
	—	—	—		—	—	—		—	—	—	
	10,706	28	8,74,220		20,866	8	4,67,400		301,536	28	67,54,820	
	46,706	28	—		20,866	0	—		301,536	84	—	
	490,653	8	1,36,91,539		625,829	10	1,78,67,863		4,477,477	15	12,61,94,169	
	490,653	8	—		625,829	10	—		4,477,477	18	—	
	—	—	—		—	—	—		79,846	81	—	
	12,436	66	8,29,100		27,537	0	8,03,085		82,744	20	25,13,800	
	12,436	66	—		27,537	0	—		82,744	0	—	
	5,989	95	1,10,939 14		2,834 751		38,246 5		41,755 391		7,89,009 2	
	5,990	0	—		2,834 83		—		44,684 66		—	
9	508,596	0	1,81,41,000 7 3		755,107	0	2,10,20,088 4 10		5,409,324	7	15,01,94,391 14	
	506,487	45	—		754,215	64	—		5,601,325	51	—	

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT shewing Discrepancies in the various Returns of the Amount and Value of the Exports of Raw Cotton from the several Ports of British India to British and Foreign Countries, for the Month of March 1875.

Ports.	Quantity.	Monthly Statements received from the several Ports, in accordance with the instructions contained in Sir Charles Wood's Despatch of 31st January 1863, No. 3 (Revenue).		Monthly Statement published in the Supplement to the "Gazette of India" of 24th April 1875.		Monthly Account (No. 12 of 1875) of the Trade and Navigation of British India for March 1875; Statement No. II, on page 21.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
MADRAS:							
Cochin -	16,371 Bl. mds. 78 lbs. = 11,986 68	Cwts. Lbs.	R. A. P.	Cwts. Lbs.	Not stated		
Tuticorin -	-	2,280 30	54,884	2,280 47	"		
Cochin -	1,916 lbs. = 17 12		343	17 0	"		
Beyport -	21,000 " = 187 56		6,562	187 0	"		
Calcut -	7,000 " = 62 56		1,313	62 56	"		
Madras -	2,337,000 " = 20,866 8		467,400	20,866 0	"		
Total Madras Presidency	-	35,400 6	782,892	35,398 103	"	Lbs. Cwts. Lbs.	Rs.
Bengal: Calcutta -	-	63,206 20½	1,467,601 15 10	62,415 91	"	7,018,086 = 62,661 54	1,477,691
Bombay: Bombay -	70,092,858 lbs. = 625,829 10		17,867,863	625,829 10	"	70,092,858 = 625,829 10	17,867,863
Sind: Kurrachee -	3,117,744 " = 27,837 0		863,085	27,837 0	"	3,117,744 = 27,837 0	863,085
BRITISH BURMA: Rangoon -	3,871 mds 30 s. = 2,836 75		39,246 5	2,834 84	"	317,483 = 2,834 75	39,246
Total for all India -	755,106 111½		Rs. 21,020,688 4 10	754,315 64	"	84,520,994 = 754,651 82	Rs. 21,027,782

In the Cochin Return the Bengal Maund is taken as = 82 lbs.
 " Bombay " the Candy " = 784 "
 " Sind " the { Maund " = 80 "
 " British Burma Return, the Maund { Candy " = 640 "
 " " " " " = 82 "

India Office,
London, 18th November 1875.

Statistics and Commerce,
No. ///.

To His Excellency The Right Honourable The Governor
General of India in Council.

MY LORD,

Para. 1. I have received your Letter of the 13th of September, No. 21 (Statistics), suggesting that the returns of cotton exports published monthly by your Government be substituted for the local monthly returns furnished to this Office, in accordance with Sir Charles Wood's Despatch of the 31st of January 1863, No. 3 (Revenue).

2. I concur with your Excellency in considering that the proposed return will, if there be added to it columns shewing the value of the exported quantities, serve all the purposes of the statements requested by Sir Charles Wood. It is, however, necessary to request increased attention to the compilation of these returns, and to secure their complete accuracy.

3. I forward a comparative statement, shewing the discrepancies in the various returns received in this Office, purporting to state the amount of cotton exports for March last, which is the latest month for which all the three usual returns have arrived, viz. :—

- (1) the local return ;
- (2) the statement from the "Gazette of India," and
- (3) the monthly account of the trade and navigation of your Government.

It will be seen that the total exports to foreign external ports are given differently in each case, being respectively 755,106 cwts. 111½ lbs., 754,315 cwts. 64 lbs., and 754,651 cwts. 82 lbs.

4. The statement for July last, which formed the inclosure of your letter under reply, contains entries which differ materially from those in the local returns. Under Calcutta the respective entries are,—

	Government Return.		Local Return.	
	Cwts.	Lbs.	Cwts.	Lbs.
United Kingdom	2,210	0	3,372	36
Austria	178	0	669	72
Italy	1,451	0	14	76
Mauritius	13,856	0	11,606	50
Hongkong				
Total	17,695	0	15,663	10

These figures differ in every instance, while the figures for Bombay shew a difference of only two hundredweights, caused by the omission from the Government of India statement of 56 lbs. in each of four entries.

5. A statement is also inclosed, shewing the quantity and value of the cotton shipped from India to foreign ports in each month of the year 1874-75, both according to the returns received from the ports and those published in the "Gazette," which illustrates the differences mentioned.

6. These discrepancies are, perhaps, in themselves not of any great moment, yet when three returns are issued as authoritative, which do not agree one with another, it shews want of proper care in their preparation, and the value of all of them is discredited, while it is left in doubt which of the three is to be accepted as the correct one.

7. I shall be glad to receive regularly, as soon as it is prepared, a separate copy of the monthly return, modified, as before observed, so as to contain additional columns shewing the value of the exports.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant,

(Signed) SALISBURY.

No.

Statistics
18th Nov.

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Letter to the Govt of India
No. 111 + Enclosures.

Aug 21/11 14/15/17/16

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No. 358.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th February 1876.
Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 18th January 1876, No. 78, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—Returns of Cotton Exports.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue letter from the Government of India transmitting copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State noticing discrepancies in the —, and requesting to take effective steps to prevent their recurrence; also to issue orders for discontinuing the special cotton returns transmitted by Collectors direct to the Under-Secretary of State.

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

2. They are requested to see that the returns are prepared with the most scrupulous care, and that the rule prescribed by the Government of India as to the mode of treating fractions of cwts. is strictly attended to in order to ensure uniformity in the several returns.

3. Adverting to paragraph 2 of the Government order Collectors are informed that the special cotton returns forwarded by them to the Under-Secretary of State for India should henceforth be discontinued.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

with copy of Government Order and of its enclosure.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with original enclosure returned.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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**Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.**

PROCEEDINGS, 5TH FEBRUARY 1876, No. 358.

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FEBRUARY.
No. 358.

Cotton Exports.—Communicating to Collectors of Maritime Districts Government Order requesting that the recurrence of certain discrepancies pointed out by Secretary of State in returns of — may be prevented; that in instructions of Government of India as to mode of treating fractions of cwts. be strictly carried out; and that special cotton returns now transmitted by Collectors direct to Under-Secretary of State for India be discontinued.

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