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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

15th October 1877, No. 3,103.

Read the following paper:—

No. 111. Despatch from the Most Hon. the Secretary of State for India,
Statistics and Commerce.
No. 16.

INDIA OFFICE,
LONDON, 30th August 1877.

MY LORD DUKES,—In my despatch dated the 16th of December 1875, No. 26, I drew the attention of your Excellency to the want of system shown in the Monthly Statements of Imports and Exports for the port of Madras, published under the authority of your Government.

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Austria ...	
Egypt ...	
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Persia ...	
Ceylon ...	
Straits ...	
United States ...	
Australia ...	

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Again, no attempt seems to have been made to arrange the articles on the uniform system prescribed for all returns of trade: precious stones and jewelry are separated; indigo is entered at a different part of the Return from dyes; musical instruments are shown on one page and piano on another; coal and asphalt are placed under the obsolete heading of mine stores; ponies are not entered under animals; while such unimportant heads as cow-tails and cricketing materials are retained as separate items.

3. It is obvious that, as the Returns of Trade are subsequently compiled in the prescribed form, the work has to be done twice; and I can hardly doubt that, with a little attention to the matter, the books might be so prepared that the statement of Imports and Exports could be issued in a manner admitting of useful comparison with the returns of trade prepared for the rest of India, with the probable result eventually of economy in the official labor needed for their compilation.

4. A copy of this despatch will be forwarded to the Government of India for their information.

I have, &c.,
SALISBURY.

No. 112.

ORDER THEREON, 1st October 1877, No. 3,103.

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Customs.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, with reference to G. O., 24th January 1876, No. 89, for their remarks.

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(True extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Statements of Imports and Exports for the
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in the preparation of the—

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To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Vice-Chief 5707 from Govt of India

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India Office,
London, 30th August 1877.

Statistics and Commerce,
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To His Excellency The Most Noble The Governor in
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Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,

Salisbury

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15-10-77 G. H.

To Secy of Revenue 20-10-77

The
Letter to Fort St. George
No. 16.

Recd 21st Sept 77

Drawing attention to
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