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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

23rd November 1877, No. 3,305.

Read the following paper :—

No. 256. Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce—(Statistics), under date Simla, the 16th November 1877, Nos. 468—471.

RESOLUTION.

Some errors of classification have recently been discovered in the Trade and Navigation Statistics Returns, which it is desirable to rectify. They are as detailed below.

2. Aloe-wood (sometimes also called Garrow-wood) is classed in the returns under "Spices, other sorts," this being the classification in the Import Schedule of the Tariff of 1871 and previous tariffs. The article, however, is not really a spice. It is the wood of the *Aquilaria Agallocha*, and it is employed mainly for purposes of fumigation in sick rooms, places of worship, &c., though it is also held in some repute in the East as a medicine. In commerce the article is known either as "Aloe-wood" or "Lign (*lignum*) aloes." Lign-aloes should be classed under Drugs and Medicines, but Customs Officers should be instructed to record the article separately from aloes properly so-called, which are also classed under the same heading and are distinguished in the Import Tariff of 1875 as "Black Aloes" and "Socotra Aloes." Lign-aloes should be entered separately under this head. It is not necessary to specify the article in the trade returns.

The Government of Bombay should communicate these instructions to the officer who prepares the returns of the trade of Aden, in which aloe or Garrow-wood is entered under the head of Spices.

3. Gamboge is, in the commercial annual for Calcutta, classed under Dyeing and Coloring Materials, but the article is not a dye. It is a pigment, and it is also a drug employed medicinally, but as it is much more largely used as a pigment and artists' color than as a medicine, it should be classed in the returns (undistinguished) under "Paints and Colors," the duty being levied under No. 41 of Schedule A of the Tariff. It has been ascertained that in Calcutta the article named Gamboge-wood in the Import Schedule of the Tariff of 1871, under the head of Dyes, is merged in the returns under the name of "Gamboge" in the heading "Dyes." This substance, however, has not even a remote connection with Gamboge, being rhubarb root; and it should be classed (undistinguished) under "Drugs and Medicines," the duty being levied under No. 17 of the Schedule. The article is known to natives as *rawand chini*.

4. Lametta is at present classed in the returns under Metals, unenumerated, but as it is really copper, it should be transferred to that head, under which it should be separately enumerated, forming a sub-head, although it is shown sepa-

rately from copper in the Tariff Schedule. The item "Copper" should in future be as follows:—

COPPER—

1. Ore.
2. Old, for remanufacture.
3. Unwrought (ingots, cakes, &c.)
4. Wrought—
 - (a) Coin.
 - (b) Lametta.
 - (c) Mixed or yellow metal for sheathing.
 - (d) Sheets and other manufactures.

ORDER.—Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras with a request that the classification prescribed may be followed in all returns prepared in future in Madras commencing with the returns for the current official year, and that statements showing the alterations that should be made in the monthly returns for that year which have already been submitted to this department may be furnished for the correction of the returns.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 257.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1877, No. 3,305.

Separate Revenue, No. 31.

Customs.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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Coin. of (1877) 25 adras.

REVENUE.

The BOARD OF REVENUE.

Letter November 23rd.

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G.O. 23rd November 1877, No. 8305.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 256-257.

Classification of certain articles in the Trade and Navigation Returns.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue, for information and guidance, Resolution of the Government of India relating to the—

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Chas. In. L. M.

Secy. Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

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Board of Revenue for
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23-11-77.

SUBJECT

CLASSIFICATION in the Trade and Navigation
Returns of Aloe-wood, Gamboge, Gamboge-
wood, and Lametta.

With Respects