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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

23rd July 1878, No. 1,157.

Read the following paper :—

No. 311. From A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B., Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Statistics), to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 12th July 1878, No. 270.

In continuation of Resolution No. 141-145, dated the 14th March last, I am directed to forward copies of the despatches noted on the margin, and to request that under the orders of His Grace the Governor in Council instructions may issue to the Board of Revenue, Madras, in the sense of paragraph 2 of the des-

patch No. 8, dated the 15th March, viz., that in future issues of the Trade and Navigation Statistics volumes of the Madras Presidency all ports in Madras the total annual value of whose trade (foreign and coasting) is on the average not more than five lakhs of Rupees, should be grouped together undistinguished under a head "All other Ports" in the several Tables of the volume in which the trade in detail of the subordinate ports of Madras is now shown separately, the total trade of each of

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such ports being shown separately as at present in the Abstract Tables noted in the margin, the ports being placed together in them under a head "All other Ports."

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Government of India, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, dated Calcutta, 15th March 1878, No. 8.

With reference to paragraph 6 of your Lordship's despatch No. 123, dated the 23rd August 1877, in which our attention was drawn to the increased size of the provincial annual volumes of Trade and Navigation Statistics for the year 1875-76 we have the honor to forward for your Lordship's information copy of a Resolution Nos. 141-145 of this date, in which we have directed the adoption of certain measures which will effect a considerable reduction in the bulk of the volumes.

the entire trade is insignificant. I see no objection to this, security being taken, as you intimate, for continuing to show in your statement of the trade and navigation of India the aggregate trade at each port.

5. I have caused an inquiry to be made of the Board of Trade as to the mode adopted in the navigation returns of the United Kingdom for recording the entry and clearance of vessels calling at a port before proceeding to that of their final destination.

No. 312.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1878, No. 1,157.

Separate Revenue, No. 32.

Customs.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue with reference to G.O., 2nd April 1878, No. 521, for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

No. 8, dated Calcutta, the 15th March 1878.

From—The Government of India,

To—Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

WITH reference to paragraph 6 of Your Lordship's despatch No. 123, dated the 23rd August 1877, in which our attention was drawn to the increased size of the provincial annual volumes of Trade and Navigation Statistics for the year 1875-76, we have the honour to forward for Your Lordship's information copy of a Resolution Nos. 141-145 of this date, in which we have directed the adoption of certain measures which will effect a considerable reduction in the bulk of the volumes.

2. Even with these reductions, however, the dimensions of the Madras volume will necessarily remain very large, owing to the great number of ports in that presidency, each of which, in accordance with the suggestion made by the India Office Committee, forwarded with Your Lordship's despatch of the 15th October 1874, No. 49 (Statistics and Commerce), is now shewn in the returns in supersession of the system under which they were formerly grouped undistinguished under the districts in which they are situated. We agree with the Committee in thinking that, for the reasons stated by them, the system in question was very imperfect. In view, however, of the enormous increase in the bulk of the volume which has been caused by the separate specification of all the ports of the Madras littoral, and considering the insignificant character of the trade at a great number of these ports, we are disposed to think that some modification of the new system is expedient. We have already directed that such ports as have had no foreign trade in the year should not appear in the headings of the tables in the volumes; but we desire to go farther; and we submit for Your Lordship's consideration that all ports the total value of the whole trade of which (foreign and coasting) is on the average not more than five lakhs of rupees, should be omitted from the general returns. It will be sufficient in our opinion to give in the provincial volumes a return in abstract of the totals for such ports, grouped under the head "All other ports." In our volume for India their trade would continue to be shewn (in abstract) in Part III of the Accounts (Volume 1). The details of the trade would be recorded as at present, and would be available for reference whenever required. If Your Lordship agrees in this suggestion, there will be omitted from the provincial volumes about 42 ports in Madras, 8 in Bombay, 1 in Sind, and 1 in British Burma. These ports are almost all of the smallest importance with no element of progress in them, and their omission would in no way affect the practical utility of the provincial volumes. On the contrary, by rendering these volumes more compact and handy, their usefulness would in fact be materially increased. We append a list of the ports which, if this suggestion is adopted, would be grouped under the head "All other ports" in the provincial volumes, and we beg that we may be favoured with Your Lordship's instructions on the subject at a very early date.

3. We take this opportunity to request that Your Lordship will be good enough to obtain and favour us with specific information of the manner in which the statistics of navigation are compiled in the United Kingdom. Our attention has recently been attracted to the system in force here under which, as it seems to us, great errors result in the compilation of the general tables of shipping for British India. The system will be best described by the particular case which attracted our attention. It was this:

A steamer left Bassora (a port in Turkey in Asia) containing cargo for Kurrachee and Bombay. After unloading at Kurrachee the goods intended for that port, she took on board certain cargo for London, and then proceeded to Bombay to unload the rest of her import cargo and to fill up with export cargo for London, to which port she went from Bombay. In the Trade Returns the record of the merchandise was correctly made at Kurrachee and at Bombay, but in the Navigation Returns the entries made were these:

- (1)—At Kurrachee the steamer was recorded as—Entered from Bassora and cleared to London.
- (2)—At Bombay the steamer was recorded as—Entered from Bassora and cleared to London.

No entry was made at either place of the voyage from Kurrachee to Bombay.

Consequently, in the general returns for British India compiled in this Department, this steamer must necessarily be entered twice over as having entered the country from Bassora and left it for London. We must return in the tables of foreign navigation two steamers as having entered and two as having cleared and the tonnage is doubled, while in the returns of coasting shipping the voyage from Kurrachee to Bombay does not appear at all.

4. In the same way, we find that steamers from London calling at Madras or other ports before arriving in Calcutta, which is a very common practice, are entered as from London at the first Indian port of call as well as at Calcutta, and when the returns for the Empire are compiled, they exhibit two vessels for every one which arrives in this way and double the actual tonnage. The same remarks apply to clearances.

5. We think that the system should be modified; but we should wish in making a change to bring our practice into uniformity with that which obtains in England, and of this we have no present knowledge. We should therefore be obliged if Your Lordship would cause us to be informed of the system which obtains for instance in the general record of shipping for the United Kingdom in cases such as those of vessels from America calling at Queenstown with cargo and passengers before proceeding to Liverpool and other analogous cases.

APPENDIX.

List of ports whose total trade (foreign and coasting combined) amounted to less than Rs. 5,00,000 in the year 1876-77.

Value of trade.		Value of trade.	
Rs.		Rs.	
BENGAL—		MADRAS—(continued.)	
None.		Kanuparti	5,194
BOMBAY—		Tupili	1,575
Ankola	3,52,865	Pudi	9,845
Matoonga	1,81,804	Dugarajpatnam	3,262
Parnera	1,25,489	Codiempaliam	4,03,882
Rajpuri	23,564	Tranquebar	88,247
Sawantwari	3,64,094	Valangany	1,27,083
Umbargam		Topetorai	1,48,532
Wadi		Ammapatnam	1,22,029
Wagra		Kottapatnam	2,717
SIND—		Cuttumavadi	6,518
Sirgunda	2,32,828	Krishnajipatam	690
MADRAS—		Gopalapatam	846
Ganjam	4,21,600	Sundrapdiampatnam	3,11,539
Barwah	1,90,908	Devipatnam	2,71,598
Sonapore	2,08,306	Tendy	1,07,104
Poondy	62,624	Coilpatam	3,83,106
Bapanapadu	40,481	Mulki	2,26,296
Pentacottah	69,239	Manjeshwar	1,50,703
Pudimadaka	3,10,040	Cumbra	1,39,990
Itamukkala	1,42,197	Cassergode	1,26,567
Pakala	1,06,876	Baindur	34,009
Ranapatnam	12,649	Naikencottah	3,26,473
Javladinne	2,32,858	Calai	4,19,688
Iskapalli	20,713	Quilandy	23,359
Ponnepudi	1,16,477	Chowghat	
Maipadu	1,39,199	BRITISH BURMA—	
Kristnapatanam	14,313	Kyeuk Phyoo	71,261
Pamanji			

No. 80, dated India Office, London, the 2nd May 1878.

From—Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India,
To—The Government of India.

I HAVE had under my consideration in Council your Excellency's letter, dated the 15th of March, No. 8 (Statistics), regarding the measures it is proposed to adopt with the view of reducing the bulk of the provincial volumes of Trade and Navigation which are annually published.

2. You have resolved that particulars of the trade with different ports in each foreign country need not in future be shown, but only the total trade with each country; that ports having no foreign trade be altogether omitted from the tables; that only certain specified articles be separately entered in the returns of the coasting trade; and that the attention of the Customs officers be drawn to the importance of securing accurate records of the interport trade, as well as of that with foreign countries.

3. You also propose that all ports of which the total value of the foreign and coasting trade is less on the average than 5 lacs of rupees should be omitted from the general returns, an abstract statement of the totals for such ports being given in the provincial volumes under the heading "All other Ports," and an abstract of the combined trade of each port being given in Part 3 of the Accounts published by your Government, while the details of the trade would be recorded for reference and be available if required.

4. Of all these proposals I approve. They are for the most part in accordance with the suggestions made by the Special Committee on Statistics appointed by the Marquis of Salisbury in 1874. In their report of the 21st September of that year, the object to be

aimed at was stated* to be a record of "the total imports and exports at each port, and * * * * the entire sea-borne trade, in any article of importance, with any country, as well as the aggregate trade at any port." It is now proposed that the suggestion made by the Committee, to throw together the trade of ports which have no foreign trade, shall be extended to include all ports of which the entire trade is insignificant. I see no objection to this, security being taken, as you intimate, for continuing to show in your statement of the trade and navigation of India the aggregate trade at each port.

5. I have caused an inquiry to be made of the Board of Trade as to the mode adopted in the navigation returns of the United Kingdom for recording the entry and clearance of vessels calling at a port before proceeding to that of their final destination.

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No. 270

FROM

A. O. HUME, Esq., C.B.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

*The Secretary to the Government of
Madras*

Department of Revenue,
Agriculture and Commerce.
Statistics.

SIMLA, the 12th July 1878.

SIR,

IN continuation of Resolution No. 141-145, dated the 14th March last, I am directed to forward copies of the despatches noted on the margin, and to request that under the orders of *His Grace the Governor in Council* instructions may issue to the *Board of Revenue Madras* in the sense of paragraph 2 of the despatch No. 8, dated the 15th March, viz., that in future issues of the Trade and Navigation Statistics volumes of *the Madras Presidency* all ports in *Madras* — the total annual value of whose trade (foreign and coasting) is on the average not more than five lakhs of rupees, should be grouped together undistinguished under a head "All other Ports" in the several Tables of the volume in which the trade in detail of the subordinate ports of *Madras* is now shewn separately, the total trade of each of such ports being shewn separately as at present in the Abstract Tables noted in the margin, the ports being placed together in them under a head "All other Ports."

No. 8, dated 15th March 1878, to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

No. 80 (Statistics and Commerce), dated 2nd May 1878, from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. O. Hume

Secretary to the Government of India.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

STATISTICS.

The Secretary to the Government of India
To

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Dated Simla, the 12 July 1878.

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No 1157
Communicated to the
Board of Revenue with
reference to G.O. 2^d April
1878-1881 for information and
guidance.

SUBJECT.

Requests that instructions may issue for the
grouping together under a head "All other
Ports" in the Annual Trade and Navigation
Statistics volumes of all ports, the total value
of whose trade does not exceed on the average
Rs. 5,00,000.

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