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Not to be folded or roughly handled.

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Extract (paras. 1 and 2) from a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, to the Government of India, No. 189 (Statistics and Commerce), dated the 20th December 1877.

A CASE, marked "H. F. No. 77," containing 60 copies of a report on the internal trade of Bengal for 1876-77, with 60 copies of the accompanying map, was received a short time ago from Calcutta by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Indus*. On its being opened, the contents were found to have been so completely destroyed by mildew, that not a single copy was fit for permanent use. The damage appears to have been caused by the newly bound books having been packed during the damp season without sufficient time being allowed for them to dry.

2. As there have been many previous instances of similar injury to books and papers received from India, though to a less serious extent, I have to request that instructions may be given that, as far as possible, books intended for England may be packed in the dry season; and that, if packed in the damp season, they may first be artificially dried, as the packing of damp books in tin tends to their destruction rather than their preservation.

No. 121.
Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information and guidance.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.
(GENERAL)

Calcutta, the 5th February 1878.

By order of the Governor General in Council,

Charles Hall
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

