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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th May 1876.*

No. 340. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th May 1876, No. 1,222:—

Read the following papers:—

From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, to
C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated
18th March 1876, No. 473.

WITH reference to the papers marginally* noted, I have the honor to report
that the practice of allowing clerks paid
by the Chamber of Commerce to pre-
pare trade statistics in the Custom-
house commenced in the year 1850.

* Paragraph 22, letter of Collector of Sea Customs to Board, dated 2nd March 1876, No. 373, and paragraph 9, Board's Proceedings, dated 21st January 1876, No. 170.

On this subject I beg to refer the Board to the correspondence marginally† noted.

† Letter to Board, dated 14th February 1850, No. 41.

Letter from Board, dated 25th February 1850.

Letter to Board, dated 6th March 1850, No. 69.

Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd April 1850, No. 342.

Letter to Board, dated 22nd September 1851, No. 278.

Board's Proceedings, dated 17th November 1851.

Do. dated 25th September 1854.

Do. dated 12th October 1864,
No. 6,744.

Do. dated 8th November 1864,
No. 7,318.

2. I have addressed the Chamber of Commerce asking if they desire that the returns now prepared for them should continue to be issued in their present form, and if so, whether the Chamber would be willing to bear the entire cost, leaving the work entirely under the control of this Office. Copy

of the letter forwarded to the Chamber is herewith submitted for the information of the Board. The Chamber's reply will be forwarded when received.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Sea Customs, to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, dated 17th March 1876, No. 469.

You are aware trade returns in a particular form are at present compiled and issued for the Chamber of Commerce at the Custom-house.

2. These returns consist of a daily list and a monthly statement of exports and imports.
3. The daily lists are prepared by employes of the Chamber who call at the Custom-house, and are allowed the use of the Custom-house papers. The monthly statement is prepared by two clerks nominally under the control of the Collector of Customs, but paid by the Chamber which also supplies the stationery required by the clerks.
4. The daily lists are printed by the Chamber at a private Press, but the monthly statement is printed at the Government Gazette Press, and the cost is entirely borne by Government.
5. Government take twenty-five copies of the Monthly Return, but the price payable for them, viz., Rupees 30 per month, or Rupees 360 per annum, does not cover the total cost of printing, which, it has been ascertained, amounts to Rupees 750 per annum.
6. The statement is of no use to Government for which elaborate returns are separately prepared, as the form in which the statement for the Chamber is drawn up materially differs from that of the returns prepared for Government in various details, such as the classification of articles and countries, denominations of quantities, &c., &c.
7. I have, therefore, the honor to inquire, under instructions from the Board of Revenue, whether you desire that the monthly statement and daily lists of imports and exports should continue to be issued in their present form.

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8. If you desire that they should be so issued, I am further directed to inquire whether the Chamber will bear the entire cost of the compilation and publication, leaving the work entirely under the control of the Custom-house.

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(Signed) J. HUNTER-BLAIR,
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until the following May or June, twelve months, would the official annual statement afford somewhat similar information, but in a far less simple form.

It will, I am sure, be readily admitted by the Board of Revenue that statistics of Indian trade should be compiled not so much with an object to facilitate the work of official statisticians as with reference to the wants of those engaged in trade here and in Europe. There is no more fit subject for official scrutiny than the course of a country's commerce; but the official stand-point being necessarily not the same as the merchant's stand-point, the peculiar statistical requirements of the merchant are entitled to the continuous attention of Government. Hence it was that nearly a quarter of a century ago the Madras Government were pleased to sanction the compilation and publication of the statement in question, and nothing has since transpired to diminish its claim upon the estimation of the mercantile community. All local mercantile statistics are based on its figures, and its discontinuance would create a void that access to the official returns would fail to supply.

The Chamber are informed that seven copies of this statement are furnished to the Revenue Department of the Government, some of which are sent home to the India Office, and doubtless are there made good use of; that one copy goes to the Board of Revenue, one to the Superintendent of Stamps, one to the Central Museum, and eleven to the Collectors of Maritime Districts. In the multiplicity of other claims on their attention, it is easy to understand that the Board of Revenue do not often find occasion to use the statement; but this cannot be supposed of the Collectors of the Maritime Districts, or of the statisticians at the India Office: and the Chamber are of opinion that the preservation in various parts of the country of so handy and prompt a monthly record of the commerce of Madras is an end cheaply obtained for the sum mentioned in your letter. The throwing, therefore, on this Chamber of the whole cost of a publication which has so much to recommend it, would be, the Chamber feel, a hardship that, under the circumstances, they may fairly request may not be inflicted.

Permit me to point out an error into which you have been led about the compilation of the statement. That portion of the work is performed by two clerks on the strength of your Office Establishment, and over whom the Chamber have never sought to exercise control; and the Chamber pay Rupees 50 per mensem,—to quote from the demand made by you,—as "contribution for preparing trade statements for the month of"

I am to take this opportunity of handing you the enclosed extracts from correspondence that passed between Mr. W. E. Underwood and the Chamber in May 1854, relative to this very statement, and to beg you to notice the manner in which the wishes of the mercantile community were studied in those days. The official solicitude that prompted the starting of this singularly clear and comprehensive statement cannot have ceased, and the Chamber would hope, therefore, that the Government will see fit, as soon as they are aware that the value of the publication is not confined to members of the Chamber, to permit the continuance of its publication under existing arrangements.

As regards the daily export and import lists, I am to say that the Chamber beg to thank you for offering to complete and publish them, but prefer to retain the publication under their own control.

I beg you will be so obliging as to communicate this letter,—the unavoidable length of which I regret,—to the Board of Revenue for orders.

I return herewith the returns referred to above.

ENCLOSURE 1 to No. 1.

From W. E. UNDERWOOD, Esq., Reporter, External Commerce, to the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, dated 27th May 1854.

Extracts.

I HAVE the honor to forward to you the accompanying correspondence relating to the monthly statements of trade published by this department, and transmitted to you for distribution.

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It is not requisite that I should enter into particulars, as the only question now to be decided is, as to whether the Government will permanently sanction their continuance, and I apprehend that the determination of that authority will depend upon the value set upon the statements by the mercantile community. Upon this point, therefore, I solicit the favor of your sentiments.

The statements have been issued with undeviating regularity, and it having been ascertained that sugar was omitted in the list given by the Chamber of Commerce, it has been added to the exports, those made previous to its entry, ascertained and published in the statements, dated 1st November 1852. If the Chamber are desirous that the publication shall be continued, and can suggest any alteration or addition which will render them more practically useful, it will afford me much pleasure to give effect to their suggestions, and thus to place at the disposal of the mercantile community all the information available in the form and manner best suited, either in the classification of goods or their distribution under heads other than those where they are now to be found.

If personal communication with yourself is desirable, you may depend upon my cordial co-operation, either personal or in writing. I have only to add that access to the records of this department is at your disposal as well as every assistance on my own part, or that of the establishment under my order.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. LAWSON,
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

ENCLOSURE 2 to No. 1.

From J. THOMPSON, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated Madras, 9th June 1854.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, with its enclosures, for which, and for the kind readiness which you express to meet the wishes and convenience of the mercantile community as far as lies in your power, with reference to affording every information bearing upon the trade of Madras, I beg to offer the grateful acknowledgments of the Committee.

The monthly statement of imports and exports which is published under your supervision is a document of much interest and value to all engaged in trade. It is, in fact, the only record on which any dependence can be placed showing the extent and amount of the commerce of Madras and its outports, and as such information is of great consequence in regulating commercial transactions, the Committee would express their earnest hope that it may be continued.

The Committee appreciate, with many thanks, the trouble you have taken with this compilation, and have not failed to mark the improvements you have made in it from time to time. The addition of the appendix embracing as it does the exports of the principal staples of trade from the subordinate ports to foreign places is of great importance, because from so much of the Madras Presidency being sea board, a very considerable portion, especially of its export trade, is carried on direct from ports on the coast.

(A true Extract.)

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of Calcutta Commercial Guide for January 1876.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their Order, dated 8th March 1876, No. 339.

1. The Chamber of Commerce desire that the daily lists of imports and exports and the monthly statements of the same, now prepared for them, should continue to be issued in their present form.

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2. The daily lists are prepared by employes of the Chamber, who call at the Custom-house and are allowed the use of the Custom-house papers, and are printed at a private Press. The Collector's signature is not attached to these lists, and they are headed as published by the Madras Chamber of Commerce. The Board see no objection to the continuance of the practice.

3. The monthly statements are prepared by two clerks employed under the Collector and paid by the Chamber of Commerce, and are published under the authority and signature of the Collector. The clerks are entirely under the control of the Collector, and their services count for pension from Government under G.O., 29th August 1854, No. 1,027. There is, therefore, no objection whatever to the statements being published under the signature of the Collector, who will of course see that the statements published are correct. Mr. O'Connor thought that the Collector had no control over the clerks who prepared the statements, and therefore considered their publication under his signature objectionable.

4. As regards the question whether the Government should demand any contribution beyond the pay of the clerks, Rupees 50 per mensem, from the Chamber of Commerce towards the cost of publication of the monthly returns which are now printed and published by the Government Press at an estimated cost of 750 Rupees per annum, the Board are of opinion that, considering the utility of the statements to the public, no further charge is necessary.

5. Since the Chamber are satisfied with the returns now published for them and strongly deprecate any change, the Board beg to inquire whether the monthly return hitherto published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, and now ordered to be printed separately (*vide* paragraph 8, Board's Proceedings printed with G.O., 8th March 1876, No. 339) may not be discontinued. The difference between the two publications, *i.e.*, the monthly statement printed for Government and that for the Chamber of Commerce, is as shown below:—

(1.) The Government statement shows the imports of the whole Presidency, while that of the Chamber of Commerce shows only the imports at Madras.

(2.) The Government statement shows all the articles imported and exported, while the statement of the Chamber of Commerce includes only principal articles.

(3.) The Government statement does not show the countries to which exports and imports relate. The statement of the Chamber of Commerce gives this information.

Mr. O'Connor thought it questionable whether the return published by Government in the *Fort St. George Gazette* (now printed separately) served any useful purpose at all, and the Board on further consideration are of opinion that it may be dispensed with. The publication of this return is not necessary for Government purposes, and the Chamber of Commerce do not require it. If the Government concur in this view, the number of additional clerks proposed in Board's Proceedings, dated 6th May 1876, Miscellaneous No. 3,711, may be reduced from four to three and the cost from Rupees 11,848 to Rupees 11,548.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 341.

ORDER THEREON, 30th May 1876, No. 721.

Separate Revenue, No. 34.

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of Commerce are both important and useful in their way, and should continue to be published. The proposals in paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 are accordingly approved and sanctioned. The Collector of Sea Customs will understand that he is responsible for the correctness of the returns furnished to the Chamber of Commerce; and that the clerks paid for by that body should be under his exclusive control; so as to be available for the general work of the office when not engaged on the special work for which they are entertained. This point should be borne in mind in the revision of the Statistical branch of the Collector's Office establishment.

2. The Government do not agree with the Board that the monthly abstracts of trade proposed to be published by them can be dispensed with. They will be of special value, as being calculated to convey a correct idea of the total extent of trade in the Presidency: and the additional information that will in future be furnished in accordance with G.O., 9th May 1876, No. 592, must add much to their value. The Government desire that every endeavour should be made to publish the return as soon as possible after the close of each month.

(True Extract.)

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The statements have been issued with undeviating regularity, and it having been ascertained that sugar was omitted in the list given by the Chamber of Commerce, it has been added to the exports, those made previous to its entry, ascertained and published in the statements, dated 1st November 1852. If the Chamber are desirous that the publication shall be continued, and can suggest any alteration or addition which will render them more practically useful, it will afford me much pleasure to give effect to their suggestions, and thus to place at the disposal of the mercantile community all the information available in the form and manner best suited, either in the classification of goods or their distribution under heads other than those where they are now to be found.

If personal communication with yourself is desirable, you may depend upon my cordial co-operation, either personal or in writing. I have only to add that access to the records of this department is at your disposal as well as every assistance on my own part, or that of the establishment under my order.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. LAWSON,
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

ENCLOSURE 2 to No. 1.

From J. THOMPSON, Esq., Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated Madras, 9th June 1854.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, with its enclosures, for which, and for the kind readiness which you express to meet the wishes and convenience of the mercantile community as far as lies in your power, with reference to affording every information bearing upon the trade of Madras, I beg to offer the grateful acknowledgments of the Committee.

The monthly statement of imports and exports which is published under your supervision is a document of much interest and value to all engaged in trade. It is in fact the only record on which any dependence can be placed showing the extent and amount of the commerce of Madras and its outports, and as such information is of great consequence in regulating commercial transactions, the Committee would express their earnest hope that it may be continued.

The Committee appreciate with many thanks the trouble you have taken with this compilation, and have not failed to mark the improvements you have made in it from time to time. The addition of the appendix embracing as it does the exports of the principal staples of trade from the subordinate ports to foreign places is of great importance, because from so much of the Madras Presidency being sea board, a very considerable portion, especially of its export trade, is carried on direct from ports on the coast.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. LAWSON,
Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of Calcutta Commercial Guide for January 1876.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to their Order, dated 8th March 1876, No. 339.

1. The Chamber of Commerce desire that the daily lists of imports and exports and the monthly statements of the same, now prepared for them, should continue to be issued in their present form.

2. The daily lists are prepared by employes of the Chamber, who call at the Custom House and are allowed the use of the Custom House papers, and are printed at a private Press. The Collector's signature is not attached to these lists, and they are headed as published by the Madras Chamber of Commerce. The Board see no objection to the continuance of the practice.

3. The monthly statements are prepared by two clerks employed under the Collector and paid by the Chamber of Commerce, and are published under the authority and signature of the Collector. The clerks are entirely under the control of the Collector, and their services count for pension from Government under G. O., 29th August 1854, No. 1,027. There is, therefore, no objection whatever to the statements being published under the signature of the Collector, who will of course see that the statements published are correct. Mr. O'Connor thought that the Collector had no control over the clerks who prepared the statements, and therefore considered their publication under his signature objectionable.

4. As regards the question whether the Government should demand any contribution beyond the pay of the clerks, Rupees 50 per mensem, from the Chamber of Commerce towards the cost of publication of the monthly returns which are now printed and published by the Government Press at an estimated cost of 750 Rupees per annum, the Board are of opinion that, considering the utility of the statements to the public, no further charge is necessary.

5. Since the Chamber are satisfied with the returns now published for them and strongly deprecate any change, the Board beg to inquire whether the monthly return hitherto published in the *Fort St. George, Gazette*, and now ordered to be printed separately (*vide* paragraph 8, Board's Proceedings printed with G. O., 8th March 1876, No. 339), may not be discontinued. The difference between the two publications, *i.e.*, the monthly statement printed for Government and that for the Chamber of Commerce is as shown below :—

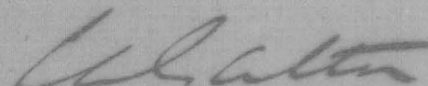
(1.) The Government statement shows the imports of the whole Presidency, while that of the Chamber of Commerce shows only the imports at Madras.

(2.) The Government statement shows all the articles imported and exported, while the statement of the Chamber of Commerce includes only principal articles.

(3.) The Government statement does not show the countries to which exports and imports relate. The statement of the Chamber of Commerce gives this information.

Mr. O'Connor thought it questionable whether the return published by Government in the *Fort St. George Gazette* (now printed separately) served any useful purpose at all, and the Board on further consideration are of opinion that it may be dispensed with. The publication of this return is not necessary for Government purposes, and the Chamber of Commerce do not require it. If the Government concur in this view, the number of additional clerks proposed in Board's Proceedings, dated 6th May 1876, Miscellaneous No. 3,711, may be reduced from four to three and the cost from Rupees 11,848 to Rupees 11,548.

(True Copies and Extract.)


Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

with one enclosure to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras,

with original letter from Chamber of Commerce returned.

Exd. A. Grubert.

No 721 27th May 1876
 Read Board's Proceedings
 of 10th May 1876 No 1222

The Government observe
 that the information now
 furnished shows clearly
 that the monthly statement
 printed for Govt & that for
 the Chamber of Commerce
 are both important suc-
 cessful in their way, & should
 continue to be published.
 The proposals in paras 2, 3 &
 4 are accordingly approved
 & sanctioned. The Coll^r of
 Sea Customs &c. be made
 distinctly & understand
 that he will be held res-
 ponsible for the correctness
 of the returns furnished
 to the Chamber of Commerce,
 & that the clerks paid for
 by that body should be
 under his exclusive con-
 trol; so as to be available

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 29-8-76 - 22-9-76

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 Board of Revenue.
 MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 10TH MAY 1876, No. 1, 222.

Done 20 May 1876
Encl

Done 20 May 1876

Received *25 May 1876*

MAY.
 No. 1, 222.

Trade Statistics.—Submitting to Government
 reports of Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, on
 subject of preparation of — in the Custom
 House by clerks paid by the Chamber of Com-
 merce, and inquiring whether certain monthly
 return may not be discontinued.

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for his General work of the
Office when not engaged
on his Special work for
which his are entertained.
This point should be borne in
mind in the revising
the Statistical branch
of his Collecting office.
establishment

The Govt. do not agree with
the Board. that his monthly
abstracts of liade proposed
to be published by him ~~are~~
~~are not~~ ~~not~~ can be
dispensed with. They will
be of special value, ~~thereby~~
giving calculated balance,
a correct idea of his total
extent of liade in his Resi-
dency: ^{the assistant} information which
will in future be furnished
in accordance with Fl. 9:
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add much to their value.
The Government desire
that every end be made

should be made ¹⁰ to publish
the return as soon as pos-
sible after his closing
each month.

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Trade states this.
Change of currency etc.
Letter of Credit.

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