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From Captain A. CROOKSHANK, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India,  
Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, to C. A. GALTON,  
Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calcutta, 4th June  
1878, No. 199-C (Statistics).

I AM directed to invite your attention to the following points in connection with the Returns of the Trade and Navigation of the Madras Presidency for the months June to March 1877-78.

2. It is not stated whether the figures under "Fruits and Vegetables—Fresh," entered in Returns No. 10-1, for the months of June, July, and August 1877, represent imports of "fresh fruits" or "fresh vegetables." I am to request that this information may be furnished.

3. The valuation of "Saffron" under the head of "Dyeing and Coloring Materials" as given in Returns No. 12-1 for June and July 1877 amounts, respectively, to Rupees 10 and 8 per *cwt.* As the price of "Saffron" (with the exception of one kind known as *Soorunjun*) is generally very high, viz., from 5 to 16 Rupees per *lb.*, I am to inquire what particular kind of saffron this is, and whether the denomination of *cwt.* given in the returns is correct.

4. It is noticed that in some instances such as in the entry of "books and printed matter" in Return No. 11 for June 1877 and in the entries of "coir, manufactures," "cotton, raw," and "paper, other kinds" in Return No. 12-1 for July 1877, no quantities have been given against Ceylon, apparently because the quantities exported were less than one-half of the unit of the prescribed denomination for the articles. I am to invite your attention to the instructions conveyed on this point in paragraph 3 of the Departmental Order No. 243-C, dated 4th August 1877, and to request that they may be observed in future.

5. "Turmeric" has been entered under the head of "Spices" in Returns Nos. 10-3 and 15 for August 1877, in Return No. 15 for December 1877, in Returns Nos. 10-3 and 15 for January last, and in Return No. 15 for March last. It should, however, be classed under "Dyeing and Coloring Materials," the article being used more largely as a dye than as a spice; and I am to request that this may be done in future, in supersession of the orders contained in Circular No. 29-32, dated 25th April 1876.

6. In Return No. 15 for November 1877 appears an item of 1 Rupee 11 Annas, duty collected on "grain and pulse" with the marginal remark that the duty has been erroneously collected. As the item does not appear in the Returns, No. 17, of Refunds and Drawbacks for the subsequent months, December 1877 to March last, I am to inquire whether the duty has been refunded.

7. Return No. 20-2 for December 1877—The total value of merchandise imported as shown, at the end of this return, against "Bombay Presidency" (viz., Rupees 5,69,005) is less by Rupees 10 and the total against "British ports within the Presidency" (viz., Rupees 3,36,138) more by Rupees 10 than the results obtained by adding up the items against each of them in the body of the return.

8. The entry of "coir, unmanufactured" in the Dutiable Return, No. 10-3, for February last, should be transferred to the Free Return No. 10-1, so as to accord with the accounts of this office in which the transfer has been made, the article being free of duty on import. The total for quantities of "cotton piece-goods, handkerchiefs" in the same return is No. 20,657, but the details when added up give No. 20,671.

9. I am to inquire whether the entry of "wool, other sorts" in Return No. 10-1, for March last, is intended for "wool manufactures, other sorts," in which case it should be transferred to the Dutiable Return No. 10-3. I am also to inquire

whether the entry of "fruits and vegetables, bedmushk and buzarbuttoo nuts" in Return No. 12-1 is meant for "buzarbuttoo nuts" only, as bedmushk should be classed under "Drugs and Medicines."

10. The following entries in the returns should be examined, and any errors discovered in them reported to this Department.

*In Return No. 12-1 for June 1877.*

- (1) Wool, raw.  
To Ceylon, lbs. 151,200—Rupees 1,350.

*In Return No. 10-1, (Government Stores) for July 1877.*

- (2) Cotton, "manufactures, lace and patent net."  
From United Kingdom, yards 5,004—Rupees 122.

*In Return No. 12-1 for July 1877.*

- (3) Wool, raw.  
To Ceylon, lbs. 75,152—Rupees 671.

*In Return No. 10-3 for August 1877.*

- (4) Silk manufactures, thread (sewing).  
From United Kingdom, lb. 1, Rupees 15.

*In Return No. 10-3 for October 1877.*

- (5) Metals, tin, wrought, other sorts.  
From Ceylon, cwt. 8—Rupees 3.

- (6) Silk, manufactures, thread (sewing).  
From United Kingdom, lb. 1—Rupees 20.

*In Return No. 12-1 for October 1877.*

- (7) Wax, excluding candles.  
From Ceylon, cwt. 12—Rupees 12.

*In Return No. 10-3 for November 1877.*

- (8) Silk manufactures, thread (sewing).  
From United Kingdom, lb. 1—Rupees 19.

*In Return No. 12-1 for December 1877.*

- (9) Canes and rattans.  
To United Kingdom, lbs. 5—Rupees 10.  
" Ceylon " 8— " 6.

- (10) Horses.  
To United Kingdom, cwt. 7,179—Rupees 16,046.

*In Return No. 10-3 for January 1878.*

- (11) Cotton manufactures, lace and patent net.  
From United Kingdom, yards 1,200—Rupees 50.

*In Return No. 10-1 for March 1878.*

- (12) Seeds imported by any public society for gratuitous distribution.  
From United Kingdom, cwt. 8—Rupees 800.

*In Return No. 12-1 for March 1878.*

- (13) Canes and rattans.  
To Ceylon, lbs. 15—Rupees 10.

In Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13, the values appear high, and in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 11, low, when compared with the quantities.

11. In a memorandum of alterations for the month of May 1877, forwarded with your letter, No. 12,076, dated 31st August 1877, it is stated that a deduction of Rupees 200 should be made on account of metals, steel, cast, against *Bombay Presidency* in Return No. 20-2. I am to point out that the original figures are shown

in the monthly return forwarded to this Department against the *Bengal Presidency*. The memorandum of alterations is enclosed for correction and early return to this Department.

12. I am to request that the information promised in the marginal notes inserted in the following returns may be forwarded as early as possible.

*In Return No. 12-1 for July 1877.*

- (1) Hides and skins, "skins, raw." Disparity in valuation against Straits Settlement.

*In Return No. 15 for March last.*

- (2) Bricks and tiles. Duty collected thereon.

13. It is observed that certain musical instruments for Her Majesty's Forces in India have been entered in the returns of dutiable imports and dutiable articles allowed free Nos. 10-3 and 18-1, for February and March. They should, however, have been entered in the return of imports free, No. 10-1, with other free goods, as they are not dutiable but free under the Tariff Act, having been exempted by Notification No. 132, dated the 21st September 1877.

*Recd 3/11/78*

MEMORANDUM of Alterations to be made in Trade Return No. 12-1 for June and July 1877.

| Articles.                      | JUNE 1877. |        |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------|
|                                | Quantity.  | Value. |
| No. 12-1.                      |            | RS.    |
| Dyeing and Coloring Materials— |            |        |
| Saffron.                       |            |        |
| Egypt—Suez ... { For cwts.     | 63         | 630    |
| { Read                         | Nil.       |        |
| Spices—                        |            |        |
| Turmeric.                      |            |        |
| Egypt—Suez ... { For           | Nil.       |        |
| { Read lbs.                    | 7,056      | 630    |
| Total ... { For                | 49,486     | 3,101  |
| { Read "                       | 56,542     | 3,781  |
| JULY 1877.                     |            |        |
| No. 12-1.                      |            |        |
| Dyeing and Coloring Materials— |            |        |
| Saffron.                       |            |        |
| Egypt—Suez ... { For cwts.     | 2          | 16     |
| { Read                         | Nil.       |        |
| Spices—Turmeric.               |            |        |
| Egypt—Suez ... { For           | Nil.       |        |
| { Read lbs.                    | 224        | 16     |
| Total ... { For                | 146,149    | 8,387  |
| { Read "                       | 146,373    | 8,403  |

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,  
Madras,  
June 1878.

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

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No. 1,868.

From C. A. GALTON, Esq.,  
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,  
To Captain A. CROOKSHANK,  
Officiating Secretary to the Government of India,  
Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, Calcutta.

SIR,

With reference to your letter, No. 199-C, dated 4th June 1878, I have the honor to submit the following information in regard to the several points noticed therein:—

2. *Paragraph 2 of the letter.*—The entry in No. 10-1 for the months of June, July and August 1877, under Fruits and Vegetables, fresh, should be under Fruits and Vegetables, sub-head Vegetables fresh. The returns may be altered accordingly.

3. *Paragraph 3.*—The article Dye Turmeric, was improperly classified in this office as Saffron. Hence the low valuation. A memorandum of alterations transferring it to the head Turmeric is herewith sent.

4. *Paragraph 4.*—Ever since the receipt of the letter from the Government of India, dated 4th August 1877, No. 243-C, the instructions conveyed in paragraph 3 of that letter have been strictly observed, and they will continue to be so.

5. *Paragraph 5.*—Turmeric is being shown under Dyeing and Coloring Materials from April 1878, with reference to the classified list appended to the Resolution of the Government of India, dated 4th March 1878, No. 141-145.

6. *Paragraph 6.*—The duty erroneously levied on Grain and Pulse and entered in Trade Return No. 15 for November 1877 has probably not been refunded owing to the party not having applied for the refund. The Collector concerned will however be asked to explain.

7. *Paragraph 7.*—The total value of merchandise for Bombay in Trade Return No. 20-2 for December 1877 is Rupees 5,69,015, and that for British Ports within the Presidency Rupees 3,36,128. The office copy of the return has been altered accordingly, and I request that the fair copies may be rectified also.

8. *Paragraph 8.*—The entry of Coir, unmanufactured, in Trade Return No. 10-3 is erroneous. The Collector concerned will be asked to explain why duty was collected on this article which is free. It will be transferred to No. 10-1. The total quantity of Cotton, Piece-goods, Handkerchiefs, is correctly entered in the office copy of the return as No. 20,671, and the entry in the fair copy is a mistake, and may be corrected.

9. *Paragraph 9.*—The article "Wool, other sorts," appears in the return from the Collector of Malabar. He will be asked to state whether this is Manufactures, other sorts, and if so, why duty was not collected on it. The article Fruits and Vegetables, Bednusk, and Buzarbutto nuts, entered in Return No. 12-1 for March last, represents exports of Buzarbutto nuts only.

10. *Paragraph 10.*—The several instances of disparity between the quantity and value of articles shown in the Trade Returns for the year 1877-78 will be brought to the notice of the Collectors concerned and information will be called for from them.

11. *Paragraph 11.*—In the office copy of the Trade Return No. 20-2 for May 1877, the entry regarding "Metals, Steel, Cast," is against Bombay Presidency, and the memorandum of alterations enclosed for correction is therefore correct. The fair copy of the return may be altered accordingly.

12. *Paragraph 12.*—The information promised as regards Item No. 1 in this paragraph of your letter was furnished in the memorandum of alterations despatched from this office on the 24th October 1877; and as regards Item No. 2, the article Bricks and Tiles was not meant to represent the ordinary sorts of bricks, but such as are used for whetting purposes. Bath bricks it is presumed. It has therefore been transferred to the head All Other Articles, sub-head Manufactured. The necessary alterations consequent thereon have been furnished to the Government of India in the memorandum of alterations, dated 24th June 1878, sent for March last.

13. Paragraph 13.—The article Musical Instruments for Her Majesty's forces was entered in Trade Return No. 10-3, in pursuance of instructions\* from the Government of India, to the effect that such articles as are in their nature dutiable, but are specially exempted from payment of duty when they belong to certain individuals or classes of persons, should be shown in that return. The Board thought that the exemption from duty in the case of the band instruments for Her Majesty's forces, having been made by a notification under the Act instead of under administrative order, did not make any difference, musical instruments being still under ordinary circumstances dutiable. The instructions now given will be attended to in future.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient servant,

*[Signature]*  
Acting Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,  
Madras,  
6th July 1878.

To the Secretary to the Government of India,  
with original enclosure returned and memorandum of alterations.  
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,  
with copy of letter from Government of India.

Encl. A. Grubert.

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BOARD OF REVENUE,  
MADRAS.

1878.

*[Signature]*  
12/3/78

FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY  
TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE  
TO THE OFFR. SECT. TO THE GOVT. OF  
INDIA, DEPT. OF REV. AGRI. AND COMR.,  
CALCUTTA.  
Copy 16/7/78  
Dated 6th July 1878.

Received *[Signature]*

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JULY.  
No. 1869.

Trade and Navigation — of the Madras Presidency. — Submitting to Government of India information called for on certain points in connection with the returns of the — for the months June to March 1877-78.

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