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Government of Madras.

*Revenue* DEPARTMENT.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Enclosure to Resolution No. 3412 of 1868.

No. 401, dated 23rd September, 1868.

*From—The Secretary of State for India,  
To—The Government of India.*

Very great inconvenience is experienced from the want of more recent returns of the trade of India than is ever to be found in this office. A statement in the margin exhibits the nature of the returns at present available, from which it will be seen that from Bombay only has the report on external commerce 30th of April in last year.

2. This state of things contrasts very unfavorably with the proceedings of the Board of Trade in the country.

3. The accounts relating to the trade and navigation of the United Kingdom for the month ended 30th June 1868, and six months ended the same date, were presented to the House of Commons on the 20th of July; on which day no information relating to the Trade of India could be given for a period subsequent to the 30th of April 1867.

4. I desire that every effort may be made to expedite the preparation of these returns, and that in the absence of the detailed statement which should be completed with as little delay as possible, an account showing the exports and imports of the principal articles and of the total trade of India for the year ended the 31st March be forwarded so as to reach this country not later than the first week of July.

(True Copy)

*[Signature]*

*Assistant Secy to the Govt of India.*

No. 3412.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.  
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Accounts.

FORT WILLIAM, the 5th December 1868.

Read—

A Despatch from the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India No. 401, dated 23rd September 1868, stating that the non-receipt of the local annual volumes of Trade and Navigation for any of the Presidencies for 1867-68, and for the Presidencies of Bengal and Madras for 1866-67, has caused considerable inconvenience.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes, that in reply to this Despatch it has been explained to the Secretary of State, that the delay in the submission of the foregoing returns has arisen partly from misunderstanding, and partly from the difficulty which the Custom Houses experienced in having had for some time to prepare two sets of abstracts, and conform to two classifications of articles for the monthly returns of trade, and for the local annual volume respectively. It has been pointed out that the Financial Resolutions numbered respectively 176 and 176A, and dated 31st January 1868, have removed these causes of delay.

2. For the future, there should be no difficulty in preparing the local annual volume from the monthly returns, if progressive totals be kept up in the office copy of those returns, by adding the figures of each month to the progressive totals in the previous month's return, dispensing thereby with a separate abstract for arriving at the twelve months' totals for the annual volume. In this way, the annual volume up to 31st March of each year should be ready not long after the monthly return for March.

3. If, nevertheless, delay should occur, an account, as desired by the Secretary of State, should be prepared meanwhile, so as to reach him not later than the first week of July in each year, showing the Exports and Imports of Principal Articles, and the total trade for the Presidency or Province.

4. Since the date of the Secretary of State's Despatch the annual volumes for Bengal and Madras for 1866-67 have been completed, and the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah will be requested to cause the completion of his volume for that year as soon as possible.

5. In para. 31 of the Financial Resolution No. 176A, dated 31st January 1868, a hope was expressed, that it might be practicable to complete the local volume for 1867-68 in the form prescribed in that Resolution. The return should be completed either in that or the old form within the current year, and the abstract account up to 31st March 1869, mentioned in the 3rd para. of this Resolution, should also be ready for transmission to the Secretary of State in the beginning of June.

ORDERED, that a copy of this Resolution and of the Despatch of the Secretary of State for India, be sent to the Governments of Madras, Bombay and Bengal, and to the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah.

*E. A. Sutherland*  
Secretary to the Government of India.

3 Copies

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
8th January 1869.*

No. 90. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Financial Department, (Accounts,) dated Fort William, 5th December 1868, No. 3,412 :—  
Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, to the Government of India, dated 23rd September 1868, No. 401.

1. Very great inconvenience is experienced from the want of more recent returns of the trade of India than is ever to be found in this office. A Statement in the margin exhibits the nature of the returns at present available, from which it will be seen that from Bombay only has the report on external commerce, even for 1866-67, been received, and that the latest information of any kind is to the 30th of April in last year.

2. This state of things contrasts very unfavorably with the proceedings of the Board of Trade in the country.

3. The accounts relating to the trade and navigation of the United Kingdom for the month ended 30th June 1868, and six months ended the same date, were presented to the House of Commons on the 20th of July; on which day no information relating to the trade of India could be given for a period subsequent to the 30th of April 1867.

4. I desire that every effort may be made to expedite the preparation of these returns, and that in the absence of the detailed statement, which should be completed with as little delay as possible, an account shewing the exports and imports of the principal articles, and of the total trade of India for the year ended the 31st March, be forwarded so as to reach this country not later than the first week of July.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBURY,  
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council observes, that in reply to this Despatch, it has been explained to the Secretary of State, that the delay in the submission of the foregoing returns has arisen partly from misunderstanding, and partly from the difficulty which the Custom Houses experienced in having had, for some time, to prepare two sets of abstracts, and conform to two classifications of articles for the monthly returns of trade, and for the local annual volume, respectively. It has been pointed out that the Financial Resolutions, numbered respectively 176 and 176A, and dated 31st January 1868, have removed these causes of delay.

2. For the future, there should be no difficulty in preparing the local annual volume from the monthly returns, if progressive totals be kept up in the office-copy of those returns, by adding the figures of each month to the progressive totals in the previous month's return, dispensing thereby with a separate abstract for arriving at the twelve months' totals for the annual volume. In this way, the annual volume, up to 31st March of each year should be ready not long after the monthly return for March.

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FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.  
Accounts.

No. 3412.

Dated, Fort William, the 5th December 1868.

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ORDERED, that a copy of this Resolution, and of the Despatch of the Secretary of State for India, be sent to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, and to the Chief Commissioner of British Burmah.

(Signed) E. H. LUSHINGTON,  
*Secretary to the Government of India.*

No. 91

ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1869, No. 44.

Separate Revenue, No. 4.

Customs.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information and guidance. The Government observe that the Trade Returns of this Presidency

for 1866-67 were transmitted to the Secretary of State with the Despatch dated 18th February 1868, No. 1.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,  
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. G. A. T. on.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,  
Under date the 8<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1868.

Read the following  
Resolution from the Govern-  
ment of India. -

Forwarding copy of a Resolu-  
tion of the Govt of India Civil Dept.  
and of Despatch from the Secy  
of State for India, stating that  
considerable inconvenience  
has been caused by the non-  
receipt of the local annual  
volumes of Trade and Naviga-  
tion for any of the Presidencies  
for 1864/65 and for the Presi-  
dencies of Bengal and Madras  
for 1866/67.

(H.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1868 n<sup>o</sup> 3412)

Communicated to  
the Board of Revenue  
for their information  
and guidance. The Gov-  
ernment observe  
that the Trade Re-  
turns of this Presidency  
for 1866/67 were  
transmitted

Govt. of 1869

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated January 8th.

Recd.

G. O. 8th January 1869, No. 11.

For Mr. Board of Rev. 1868/69

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Nos. 90-91.

Trade Returns. - Correspondence regarding  
the delay in their submission, communicated to  
Board of Revenue for information and guidance.

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Secretary of State, with the  
Despatch dated 18<sup>th</sup>  
February 1868 sent. —

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