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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS TO THE VOLUME OF TRADE AND NAVIGATION OF THE MADRAS PRESIDENCY FOR 1896–97.

Total Trade.—The total value of the sea-borne trade of the Presidency in the year 1896–97, exclusive of treasure and transactions on account of Government, which will be noticed separately, amounted to 28 crores and 38½ lakhs, against 31 crores and four lakhs in the preceding year, thus showing a decline of over 2 crores and 65½ lakhs.

2. The figures for the last twenty-two years, including the famine period of 1876—78, are given below :—

Years.	Exports.	Imports.	Total.	Years.	Exports.	Imports.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
1875-76 ..	10,66,65,088	7,66,34,543	18,32,99,631	1886-87 ..	13,28,82,602	9,73,49,048	23,02,31,650
1876-77 ..	11,14,11,247	12,43,12,100	23,57,23,347	1887-88 ..	14,17,80,929	9,78,85,102	23,96,66,031
1877-78 ..	10,12,79,905	15,82,25,102	25,95,05,007	1888-89 ..	15,02,01,892	10,12,73,968	25,14,75,860
1878-79 ..	9,60,69,257	8,39,95,257	18,00,64,514	1889-90 ..	16,11,92,908	11,04,57,422	27,16,50,330
1879-80 ..	11,01,85,939	6,93,76,528	17,95,62,467	1890-91 ..	15,64,96,304	11,97,12,235	27,62,08,539
1880-81 ..	10,70,66,243	7,50,92,550	18,21,58,783	1891-92 ..	15,30,09,782	12,65,35,999	27,95,45,781
1881-82 ..	11,01,94,743	7,33,24,262	18,35,19,005	1892-93 ..	16,43,37,726	12,01,55,427	28,44,93,153
1882-83 ..	11,86,93,014	8,21,38,862	20,08,31,876	1893-94 ..	16,71,09,331	12,58,21,786	29,29,31,117
1883-84 ..	13,26,11,353	8,75,15,274	22,01,26,627	1894-95 ..	18,10,21,483	12,84,40,648	30,94,62,131
1884-85 ..	13.03,37,106	9,14,16,146	22,17,53,252	1895-96 ..	18,57,24,634	12,46,76,631	31,04,01,265
1885-86 ..	12,50,78,935	8,84,44,996	21,35,23,931	1896-97 ..	17,09,55,763	11,28,92,416	28,38,48,179

3. Compared with the previous year, the exports show a decrease of over 1 crore and 47¾ lakhs and the imports a decrease of over 1 crore and 17¾ lakhs.

4. The following statement shows the trade for the last three years (1) with foreign countries, (2) with British ports in other Presidencies, (3) with Indian ports not British and (4) with British ports within the Presidency. There are decreases of 1 crore and 60 lakhs under the second head, 85 lakhs under the first, 17¼ lakhs under the fourth and 3¼ lakhs under the third, making a total decrease of 2 crores and 65 lakhs :—

—		1894–95.		1895–96.		1896–97.	
		Value.	Per-centage.	Value.	Per-centage.	Value.	Per-centage.
		RS.		RS.		RS.	
Trade with foreign countries.	Exports..	12,48,14,661	62·05	12,81,23,527	59·62	11,83,17,868	62·20
	Imports..	6,72,00,126		5,69,38,633		5,82,37,435	
	Total ..	19,20,14,787	..	18,50,62,160	..	17,65,55,303	..
Trade with British Ports in other Presidencies.	Exports..	3,34,77,451	24·78	3,38,75,114	26·20	2,97,23,392	23·02
	Imports..	4,32,09,923		4,74,49,982		3,56,33,959	
	Total ..	7,66,87,374	..	8,13,25,096	..	6,53,57,351	..
Trade with Indian Ports not British.	Exports..	51,66,972	1·90	54,25,181	1·98	51,36,201	2·05
	Imports..	7,28,003		7,26,149		6,71,966	
	Total ..	58,94,975	..	61,51,330	..	58,08,167	..
Total ..	Exports..	16,34,59,084	88·73	16,74,23,822	87·80	15,31,77,461	87·27
	Imports..	11,11,38,052		10,51,14,764		9,45,43,360	
Total, External Trade ..		27,45,97,136	..	27,25,38,586	..	24,77,20,821	..
Interportal trade, *i.e.*, the trade within the Presidency.	Exports..	1,75,62,399	11·27	1,83,00,812	12·20	1,77,78,302	12·73
	Imports..	1,73,02,596		1,95,61,867		1,83,49,056	
	Total ..	3,48,64,995	..	3,78,62,679	..	3,61,27,358	..
Grand Total	Exports..	18,10,21,483	..	18,57,24,634	..	17,09,55,763	..
	Imports..	12,84,40,648		12,46,76,631		11,28,92,416	
	Total ..	30,94,62,131	100	31,04,01,265	100	28,38,48,179	100

5 *Trade with Foreign Countries.*—The following statements show the value of the trade with the principal foreign countries during the last five years :—

Exports—Foreign Trade.

Countries.	1892-93.		1893-94.		1894-95.		1895-96.		1896-97.	
	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
United Kingdom ..	4,98,74,667	44·83	5,58,07,026	47·82	5,45,47,790	43·70	6,09,54,081	47·57	5,17,59,196	43·74
Ceylon	1,31,64,361	11·83	1,35,33,466	11·60	1,48,00,578	11·86	1,35,28,274	10·56	1,89,13,969	15·99
France	1,52,58,438	13·71	1,58,57,844	13·59	1,29,46,070	10·37	1,39,43,451	10·89	1,13,20,040	9·57
United States	80,07,140	7·20	49,74,761	4·26	1,06,62,276	8·55	1,13,02,246	8·82	85,75,710	7·25
Japan	22,98,986	2·07	12,29,027	1·05	30,50,278	2·44	44,47,427	3·47	75,37,855	6·38
Straits Settlements ..	34,75,883	3 12	38,62,974	3·31	40,60,948	3·25	38,59,522	3·01	34,71,169	2·93
Egypt	26,37,596	2·37	36,43,705	3·12	36,06,040	2·90	32,20,322	2·51	29,98,069	2·53
Germany	26,69,681	2·40	28,85,278	2·48	45,65,327	3·66	35,01,944	2·73	27,77,761	2·35
China	31,51,487	2·83	37,00,178	3·18	22,76,002	1·82	31,01,146	2·43	26,42,606	2·23
Belgium	27,98,964	2·52	32,41,533	2·78	41,20,884	3·30	28,77,803	2·24	21,70,798	1·83
Austria-Hungary ..	22,06,701	1·98	18,27,116	1·56	32,14,614	2·57	27,80,703	2·17	16,67,089	1·40
Mauritius	2,85,024	·26	4,34,689	·37	9,02,275	·72	5,11,475	·41	8,66,406	·73
Italy	21,02,991	1·89	18,35,647	1·57	22,58,075	1·81	10,61,894	·83	6,83,755	·58
Turkey in Asia ..	8,77,497	·79	9,25,284	·80	10,32,451	·83	9,01,302	·70	6,77,314	·58
Russia in Europe ..	7,34,057	·66	11,77,877	1·01	10,64,332	·85	3,69,207	·29	5,75,529	·49
Spain	6,18,951	·56	5,38,138	·46	4,96,208	·40	82,069	·06	98,539	·09
Other countries ..	10,91,785	·98	12,20,375	1·04	12,10,513	·96	16,80,661	1·31	15,82,063	1·33
Total, Exports—Foreign Trade ..	11,12,54,209	100	11,66,94,923	100	12,48,14,661	100	12,81,23,527	100	11,83,17,868	100

Imports—Foreign Trade.

Countries.	1892-93.		1893-94.		1894-95.		1895-96.		1896-97.	
	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.	Value.	Percentage.
	Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.	
United Kingdom ..	4,11,60,795	78·43	4,70,93,845	77·89	5,34,56,529	79·55	4,39,93,025	77·26	4,49,41,224	77·18
Ceylon	30,35,879	5·79	29,45,897	4·87	28,33,832	4·22	32,28,815	5·67	32,13,696	5·52
Straits Settlements ..	18,61,542	3·55	21,22,152	3·51	24,46,025	3·63	22,13,437	3·89	22,39,706	3·85
Belgium	15,86,766	3·02	16,57,424	2·74	12,35,161	1·84	18,37,884	3·24	22,20,902	3·81
France	15,72,688	2·99	18,59,105	3·07	20,75,431	3·09	20,34,590	3·57	18,72,782	3·21
Russia in Asia	10,12,023	1·93	11,54,796	1·91	19,07,195	2·84	11,86,267	2·08	14,11,132	2·42
Germany	6,21,174	1·18	10,67,921	1·77	8,92,908	1·33	6,84,794	1·20	7,65,291	1·31
Austria-Hungary ..	2,22,436	·42	3,11,299	·52	2,52,661	·37	1,60,705	·28	1,75,735	·30
Japan	24,385	·04	58,087	·10	65,605	·10	74,556	·13	1,24,861	·21
Italy	98,400	·19	2,20,651	·38	1,41,504	·21	1,06,076	·19	1,09,492	·20
Turkey in Asia ..	1,99,582	·38	1,50,292	·25	1,47,762	·22	1,80,387	·32	62,243	·11
United States ..	2,22,551	·42	4,46,457	·74	6,30,557	·94	14,611	·03	42,915	·07
Spain	5,985	·02	13,540	·02	18,016	·03	34,439	·06	42,039	·07
China	36,601	·07	1,05,129	·17	32,179	·05	13,556	·02	4,647	·01
Russia in Europe ..	..	..	776	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Egypt	..	..	..	..	554	..	..	..	1,385	·00
Mauritius	699	..	3,903	.01	2,025	..	1,544	..	1,136	·00
Other countries	8,22,461	1·57	12,44,029	2·05	10,62,182	1·58	11,73,947	2·06	10,08,249	1·73
Total, Imports—Foreign Trade ..	5,24,83,961	100	6,04,64,304	100	6,72,00,126	100	5,69,38,633	100	5,82,37,435	100

6. The trade with foreign countries shows a decrease under exports and an increase under imports. The exports to the United Kingdom have fallen off by 92 lakhs, but the imports have increased by $9\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs. There is a decline in the proportion of the trade taken by it under exports as compared with other countries, 43·74 per cent. of the export trade and 77·18 per cent. of the import trade being with the United Kingdom, against 47·57 per cent. and 77·26 per cent., respectively, in 1895-96.

7. The principal articles exported to the United Kingdom were hides and skins $224\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, coffee $83\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, sugar $58\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, raw cotton 34 lakhs, indigo $33\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, tea $20\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, coir, yarn and rope $12\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, spices 8 lakhs, seeds $5\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, cotton

piece-goods $5\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, oils 5 lakhs and tobacco $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs; these amounted to $492\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs out of the total exports of $517\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to that country. Compared with 1895-96, there were increases of $9\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs under sugar and 2 lakhs apiece under cotton piece-goods and tea. There were decreases of 36 lakhs under indigo, $25\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs under raw cotton, $22\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under coffee, $5\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs a piece under hides and skins and coir, yarn and rope and $3\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under oils.

8. The principal exports to Ceylon were rice and paddy $110\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs (of which rice alone contributed $101\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs), cotton piece-goods $18\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, animals (living) $8\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, oil-cake 7 lakhs, spices $3\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, indigo $3\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, sugar 3 lakhs, raw cotton, seeds and grains other than rice and paddy $2\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs each and coffee $1\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs; these amounted in all to $162\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs out of a total of 189 lakhs. There was a large increase (58 lakhs) under rice and a decrease of $4\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs under cotton piece-goods.

9. The principal exports to France were coffee $51\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, seeds $34\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, spices $10\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, raw cotton 9 lakhs and indigo $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs; these amounted to $107\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs out of a total of 113 lakhs. There were increases of $3\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under seeds and $3\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs under spices. There was, on the other hand, a large decrease of $23\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under coffee, 6 lakhs under indigo and 3 lakhs under raw cotton.

10. Amongst exports to other countries may be noted hides and skins 70 lakhs, oils $8\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs and indigo $4\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to the United States; raw cotton $56\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, indigo $17\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs and hides and skins $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to Japan; cotton piece-goods $17\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, hides and skins $4\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, oil cake 3 lakhs, animals (living) and seeds $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs each and tobacco $1\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs to the Straits Settlements; indigo $27\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs and sugar $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to Egypt; raw cotton $9\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, coir, yarn and rope 5 lakhs, coffee $4\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, spices $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, oils $1\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, timber and wood $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs and indigo $1\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs to Germany; cotton, twist and yarn 14 lakhs and piece-goods 11 lakhs to China; raw cotton 14 lakhs, hides and skins $2\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, coir, yarn and rope $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs and indigo 1 lakh to Belgium; coffee $5\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, raw cotton 4 lakhs, seeds $2\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, hides and skins $1\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, indigo $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs and spices 1 lakh to Austria-Hungary; rice $5\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs and other grains $2\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs to Mauritius; raw cotton $4\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs and spices 1 lakh to Italy; indigo 3 lakhs and coffee $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to Turkey in Asia; seeds $5\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs to Russia in Europe; and raw cotton $\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs to Spain.

The exports to other foreign countries amounted to $15\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs or only 1·33 per cent. of the total value.

11. The principal articles imported from the United Kingdom were cotton piece-goods 161 lakhs, cotton, twist and yarn 113 lakhs, metals 27 lakhs, machinery 24 lakhs, hardware and cutlery $14\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, coal and coke $12\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, paper and pasteboard including stationery $8\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, railway materials and provisions $8\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs each, apparel and "spirits and liqueurs" $7\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs each, arms and ammunition 7 lakhs, ale, beer and porter $5\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, woollen manufactures 4 lakhs, wines 2 lakhs and books and printed matter $1\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs; these make up $412\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, the total imports from that country being $449\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs. Compared with 1895-96, there were increases of 34 lakhs under cotton, twist and yarn, $16\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under cotton piece-goods and $1\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs apiece under "spirits liqueurs" and paper and pasteboard including stationery. These were partly counterbalanced by decreases of $20\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under machinery, $6\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs apiece under "coal and coke" and metals, $5\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under railway materials, $3\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs under arms and ammunition and 1 lakh apiece under apparel and hardware and cutlery. The principal imports from other countries were betelnut $11\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, gunny bags 4 lakhs, oils 3 lakhs, hides and skins $1\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs, timber and wood $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs, spirits and liqueurs $1\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs and cotton piece-goods 1 lakh from Ceylon; betelnut 5 lakhs, camphor $4\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs, metals $3\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs and cotton piece-goods $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs from the Straits Settlements; metals $17\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs from Belgium; apparel 14 lakhs, "spirits and liqueurs" $2\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs and wines $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs from France; kerosine-oil 14 lakhs from Russia; metals $1\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs from Germany.

12. *Coasting trade.*—The subjoined statements show the trade with other provinces in British India and with Indian ports not British for the last five years :—

Exports—Coasting Trade.

Countries.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97. Value.	1896-97. Percentage.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS	
Bombay	1,31,55,663	1,25,77,770	1,33,05,343	1,37,40,949	1,12,43,726	32·26
Bengal	52,10,466	83,59,395	1,27,68,454	1,11,32,932	99,17,967	28 44
Burma	71,73,268	56,53,784	69,60,297	86,71,651	82,34,953	23·62
Cochin	1,41,804	1,13,291	2.95,164	14,27,211	14,33,319	4·11
Travancore	13,67,250	16,88,598	25,86,963	16,87,320	14,21,793	4·08
Kattywar	7,90,411	8,99,663	9,34,756	10,09,334	8,77,943	2·52
Goa	6,32,467	8,78,564	7,95,068	5,63,196	8,28,459	2·38
Kutch	3,70,808	4,13,884	4,46,441	4,76,547	4,33,133	1 24
Sind	3,45,060	3,62,852	4,43,357	3,29,582	3,26,746	·94
Other Indian ports	1,71,976	1,27,516	1,08,580	2,61,573	1,41,554	·41
Total, Exports—Coasting Trade ..	2,93,59,173	3,10,75,317	3,86,44,423	3,93,00,295	3,43,59,593	100

Imports—Coasting Trade.

Countries.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97. Value.	1896-97. Percentage.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Bombay	2,26,85,853	2,38,67,152	2,48,25,072	2,53,31,926	1,93,71,537	53·36
Bengal	1,34,18,433	99,41,588	1,13,50,959	1,57,39,511	1,12,32,541	30·94
Burma	61.37,554	1,03,60,016	63,64,744	62,92.186	49,00.206	13 50
Goa	2,55,352	3,72.650	3,59,437	4,21,380	3,74,183	1·03
Travancore	3,87,724	2,97.523	84,439	1,18,756	1,35,727	·37
Sind	2,33,264	2,09,166	1,69,148	86,359	1,29,675	·36
Cochin	1,11,050	53,736	61,431	64,821	62,528	·17
Kattywar	1,28,674	82,673	1,08,730	87.220	50,474	·14
Kutch	7,001	5,362	12.459	2,905	2.920	·01
Other Indian ports ..	2.79,168	1,62,436	1,01,507	31,067	46,134	·12
Total, Imports—Coasting Trade	4,36,44,073	4,53,52,242	4,39,37,926	4,81,76,131	3,63,05,925	100

13. The exports and imports amounted to 348½ lakhs and 363 lakhs, respectively. Compared with 1895–96, the exports show a decrease of 44¼ lakhs and the imports a decrease of 118¾ lakhs. The chief articles of export were cocoanut kernels and cocoanuts 28 lakhs, oils 18 lakhs, rice and paddy 12¼ lakhs, other grains 5¼ lakhs, spices 11¾ lakhs, coir, yarn and rope 10¼ lakhs, timber and wood 3½ lakhs, coffee 3½ lakhs, paddy and sugar 2½ lakhs each, oil-cake 1¾ lakhs, drugs, bricks and tiles and provisions 1½ lakhs each and raw cotton 1¼ lakhs to Bombay; seeds 34 lakhs, sugar 9½ lakhs, other grains (excluding paddy and rice) 8¾ lakhs, oils 7¼ lakhs, spices 6¾ lakhs, cotton piece-goods 5½ lakhs, raw cotton 4¾ lakhs, hides and skins 4¼ lakhs, coir, yarn and rope 3¾ lakhs, tobacco and turmeric 2¼ lakhs each to Bengal; oils 17½ lakhs, tobacco 14¾ lakhs, seeds 12¼ lakhs, cotton piece-goods 11½ lakhs, sugar 4¾ lakhs, cottontwist 4 lakhs, ghee 3 lakhs, other provisions 2¾ lakhs, silk piece-goods 2½ lakhs and paddy 1¾ lakhs to Burma; rice 11½ lakhs, paddy 1½ lakhs and sugar 1 lakh to Cochin; oils 5¼ lakhs, tea and cotton twist 1¼ lakhs each and tobacco 1 lakh to Travancore; betelnut 3¼ lakhs and timber and wood 1¾ lakhs to Kattywar; rice 6 lakhs to Goa; timber and wood 2 lakhs to Kutch.

14. The chief articles of import were cotton twist and yarn 35¼ lakhs, salt 35 lakhs, cotton piece-goods 28¾ lakhs, oils 12½ lakhs, metals 11¼ lakhs, grain and pulse 9¾ lakhs, raw cotton 8½ lakhs, provisions 7½ lakhs, hardware and cutlery 4 lakhs, drugs, seeds and paper and pasteboard (including stationery) 3 lakhs each, dyeing and coloring materials 2½ lakhs, sugar 2¼ lakhs, glass manufactures 2 lakhs, timber and wood and woollen manufactures 1¾ lakhs each, and apparel 1½ lakhs from Bombay; jute manufactures and grain and pulse 19¾ lakhs each, coal and coke and raw silk, 13½ lakhs each, paper and pasteboard (including stationery) 8 lakhs, apparel 6 lakhs, hides and skins 4½ lakhs, cotton piece-goods 2¾ lakhs, cotton, twist and yarn and metals 2½ lakhs each, seeds 2 lakhs and oils 1½ lakhs from Bengal; timber and wood 24¼ lakhs and grain and pulse 20¼ lakhs from Burma; paddy 1 lakh from Sind.

15. *Total external trade—Exports.*—The following statement shows the exports of the principal articles of Indian produce and manufacture during the past official year as compared with those in the preceding year:—

Articles.	1895-96. Quantity.	1895-96. Value.	1896-97. Quantity.	1896-97. Value.	Percentage of value. 1895-96.	Percentage of value. 1896-97.
		RS.		RS.		
1. Hides and skins .. Cwt.	317,445	3,37,63,684	294,589	3,11,43,640	20·31	20·44
2. Grain and Pulse—						
Rice .. .. Cwt.	1,816,528	69,27,624	3,367,978	1,39,67,066	5·09	11·55
Paddy .. .. ,,	597,096	12,64,583	712,800	15,97,913		
Other grains and pulse. ,,	75,205	2,62,264	517,236	20,55,982		
3. Coffee .. .. .. ,,	298,247	2,24,90,549	211,270	1,58,51,364	13·53	10·40
4. Cotton, raw .. .. ,,	623,497	1,60,65,548	542,874	1,43,61,442	9·66	9·42
5. Indigo .. .. .. ,,	62,456	1,40,26,817	43,710	99,37,932	8·44	6·53
6. Seeds .. .. .. ,,	1,896,863	1,08,64,594	1,548,978	98,82,901	6·53	6·50
7. Sugar .. .. .. ,,	1,203,952	74,00,869	1,281.814	82,22,789	4·45	5·40
8. Cotton piece-goods { Yds.	27,620,248	71,81,793	26,897,899	68,77,544	4·32	4·51
8. Cotton piece-goods { No.	865,074		1,312,059			
9. Oils .. .. .. Gals.	7,402,745	91,84,846	5,376,545	67,81,716	5·52	4·45
10. Spices .. .. .. lb.	36,436,368	55,88,564	36,529,702	52,47,592	3·36	3·44
11. Coir, yarn and rope Cwt.	595,202	48,49,650	503,948	41,10,535	2·92	2·70
12. { Cocoanuts .. .. No.	71,665,279	19,79,152	56,173,828	16,59,295	2·73	2·11
12. { Cocoanut kernel .. Cwt.	227,110	25,53,969	132,699	15,47,994		
13. Tobacco .. .. lb.	9,495,553	26,99,704	9,279,974	24,09,673	1·62	1·58
14. Tea .. .. .. ,,	2,751,858	20,73,436	2,970,461	22,32,623	1·25	1·47
15. Cotton, twist and yarn. ,,	7,442,188	28,99,693	4,996,533	20,20,941	1·74	1·33
16. Timber and wood .. Val.	..	18,22,366	..	14,84,143	1·10	·97
All other articles .. ,,	..	1,23,57,448	..	1,09,60,624	7·43	7·20
Total, merchandise ..	..	16,62,60,153	..	15,23,53,709	100	100
Re-exports ..	..	11,63,669	..	8,23,752	..	..
Grand Total ..	..	16,74,23,822	..	15,31,77,461	..	..

16. Compared with 1895–96, the exports in the past official year show an increase both in quantity and in value under (1) grain and pulse, (2) sugar and (3) tea; a decrease in both under (1) hides and skins, (2) coffee, (3) cotton, raw, (4) indigo, (5) seeds, (6) cotton piece-goods, (7) oils, (8) coir, yarn and rope, (9) cocoanuts and cocoanut kernel, (10) tobacco and (11) cotton twist and yarn; an increase in quantity and decrease in value under spices; and a decrease in value only under timber and wood. The trade in each article will now be noticed.

17. *Hides and Skins.*—In the review for 1895–96, the trade in hides and skins was stated to be the largest on record. In the past year it showed a decrease of 7·20 per cent. in quantity and 7·76 per cent. in value. Compared, however, with previous years, the figures are satisfactory, as will be seen from the annexed statement:—

	CWTS.	RS.
1892-93	267,400	2,47,27,809
1893-94	233,570	2,66,83,374
1894-95	274,239	3,10,70,367
1895-96	317,445	3,37,63,684
1896-97	294,589	3,11,43,640

Of the total quantity, the United Kingdom took 76·50 per cent., the United States 16·67 per cent., Bengal 3·17 per cent., the Straits Settlements 1·33 per cent. and other countries 2·33 per cent. The chief centre of this trade was, as usual, Madras from which 94·72 per cent. of the total quantity was shipped.

18. *Grain and Pulse—Rice and Paddy.*—The exports of rice and paddy for the last five years are given below:—

	CWTS.	RS.
1892-93	1,528,059	68,90,342
1893-94	1,941,572	81,62,912
1894-95	2,615,426	94,76,782
1895-96	2,413,624	81,92,207
1896-97	4,080,787	1,55,64,979

The trade in the past year shows an increase of 1,667,163 cwts. or 69·07 per cent. in quantity and of Rs. 73,72,772 or 90·0 per cent. in value, owing to the extraordinarily brisk demand from Ceylon, its usual sources of supply from Bengal being dried up in consequence of the distress prevailing in Northern India. Of the total quantity, Ceylon took 69·25 per cent., Cochin 11·24 per cent., Bombay 8·07 per cent., Goa 3·60 per cent., Mauritius 2·53 per cent., Burma 2·33 per cent. and other countries 2·98 per cent.

19. *Other grains.*—The principal grains included under this head are gram, pulse and jawari and bajra, which together amounted to 84·69 per cent. of the total quantity. The trade was carried on chiefly with Bengal, Bombay, Mauritius and Ceylon.

20. *Coffee.*—The exports of coffee in the last five years are shown below :—

	CWTS.	RS.
1892–93	296,015	2,06,61,285
1893–94	276,926	1,98,78,627
1894–95	283,613	2,13,75,488
1895–96	298,247	2,24,90,549
1896–97	211,270	1,58,51,364

The trade in the past year shows a decrease of 29·16 per cent. in quantity and 29·52 per cent. in value, a result which is attributed to the poor crops obtained owing to the excessive and continued rain on the West Coast.

Of the total quantity, the exports to the United Kingdom amounted to 50·03 per cent., to France 34·02 per cent., to Austria-Hungary 3·34 per cent., to Bombay 2·94 per cent., to Germany 2·66 per cent., to Asiatic Turkey 1·64 per cent., and to other countries 5·37 per cent. The chief ports from which coffee was exported were as usual, Mangalore, Tellicherry, Calicut, Madras and Beypore.

21. *Cotton, Raw.*—The exports of raw cotton show a decrease of 12·93 per cent. in quantity and 10·60 per cent. in value. The figures for the last five years are given below :—

	CWTS.	RS.
1892–93	553,200	1,39,54,178
1893–94	557,871	1,49,49,192
1894–95	673,382	1,79,78,362
1895–96	623,497	1,60,65,548
1896–97	542,874	1,43,61,442

Of the total quantity, Japan, took 37·17 per cent., the United Kingdom 24·03 per cent., Belgium 10·10 per cent., Germany 7·36 per cent., France 7·09 per cent., Bengal 3·72 per cent., Italy 3·06 per cent., Austria-Hungary 2·90 per cent., Ceylon 1·62 per cent. and other countries 2·95 per cent. The principal ports from which raw cotton was exported were Tuticorin, Madras and Cocanada.

22. *Indigo.*—The trade during the past year showed a decrease of 18,746 cwts. or 30·01 per cent. in quantity and of Rs. 40,88,885 or 29·15 per cent. in value. The decrease is partly due to the fall in price in Europe owing to very heavy shipments in the previous year and partly to the unfavourable season in this Presidency. The countries to which this article was chiefly exported were the United Kingdom to which 32·14 per cent. of the total quantity was shipped, Egypt which took 28·28 per cent., and Japan to which 17·66 per cent. was sent. Of the other countries, the United States took 4·68 per cent., Turkey in Asia 3·18 per cent., France 2·58 per cent., and Austria-Hungary 1·60 per cent. The figures for the last five years are given below :—

	CWTS.	RS.
1892–93	47,393	1,15,14,383
1893–94	42,934	1,03,04,735
1894–95	45,208	99,73,400
1895–96	62,456	1,40,26,817
1896–97	43,710	99,37,932

23. *Seeds.*—The trade in seeds in the past year shows a decrease of 347,885 cwts. or 18·34 per cent. in quantity, and of 9¾ lakhs or 9·03 per cent. in value. The figures for the last five years are given below :—

	CWTS.	RS.
1892–93	1,224,352	78,36,960
1893–94	1,661,122	1,00,77,130
1894–95	2,529,317	1,30,12,778
1895–96	1,896,803	1,08,64,594
1896–97	1,548,978	98,82,901

The exports were distributed as follows :—

Countries.	Gingelly.		Castor.		Groundnut.	
1	2		3		4	
	CWTS.	RS.	CWTS.	RS.	CWTS.	RS.
France	267,168	19,80,894	18,996	1,47,777	217,840	13,11,106
Bengal	94,948	6,73,461	315,885	18,75,542	36,411	2,09,298
Burma	171,911	11,98,950	..	..	686	3,482
Russia in Europe	..	..	93,992	5,73,276	..	..
United Kingdom	..	..	46,999	3,00,791	..	..
Ceylon	12,888	95,405	115	568	775	3,100
Straits Settlements ..	75	600	..	..	22,666	1,00,920
Other places	19,060	1,36,430	12,567	85,502	6,368	42,785
Total ..	566,050	40,85,740	488,554	29,83,456	284,746	16,70,691

Countries.	Rape.		Coriander.		Other sorts.		Total.	
	5		6		7		8	
	CWTS.	RS.	CWTS.	RS.	CWTS.	RS.	CWTS	RS.
France	..	..	..	..	6	65	504,010	34,39,842
Bengal	3,239	21,185	2,694	11,651	106,185	6,15,461	559,362	34,06,598
Burma	221	1,500	5,253	20,926	639	4,771	178,710	12,29,629
Russia in Europe	..	..	..	..	..	..	93,992	5,73,276
United Kingdom	28,483	1,75,127	..	..	13,564	82,585	89,046	5,58,503
Ceylon	44	315	16,869	79,352	14,579	47,691	45,270	2,26,431
Straits Settlements ..	..	..	10,186	50,497	492	3,175	33,419	1,55,192
Other places	73	450	3,052	14,789	4,049	13,474	45,169	2,93,430
Total ..	32,060	1,98,577	38,054	1,77,215	139,514	7,67,222	1,548,978	98,82,901

The principal kinds of seeds exported are gingelly, castor, groundnut, rape and coriander. Gingelly and castor seeds were exported chiefly from Cocanada, groundnuts from Cuddalore and Madras, and rape seed from Bimlipatam.

All kinds of seeds show a decrease both in quantity and value except castor seeds which show a decrease in quantity and an increase in value. The decrease under groundnuts, which amounted to 6 lakhs in value, occurred in the exports to almost all countries. The increase under castor seeds occurred chiefly in the exports to Russia in Europe, France and the United Kingdom. There was an increase under gingelly in the exports to France, but this was counterbalanced to a great extent by a decrease in the exports to Bengal and Burma.

24. *Sugar.*—The exports of sugar show an increase of 77,862 cwts. in quantity and nearly 8¼ lakhs in value. The exports for the last five years are shown below :—

	CWTS.	RS.
1892–93	948,299	62,17,248
1893–94	1,289,235	89,74,581
1894–95	1,079,145	63,57,058
1895–96	1,203,952	74,00,869
1896–97	1,281,814	82,22,789

Of the total quantity, 81·10 per cent. was taken by the United Kingdom. The value of the exports of refined sugar amounted to 20¼ lakhs, and of unrefined sugar to 62 lakhs. The former was taken chiefly by Bengal, Burma and Ceylon, and the latter by the United Kingdom. The principal ports from which sugar was exported were Cocanada, Vizagapatam, Madras, Cuddalore and Tuticorin.

25. *Cotton Piece-goods.*—The exports of these goods in the last three years are given below :—

—	1894–95.		1895–96.		1896–97.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		RS.		RS.		RS.
Grey .. .. Yards.	10,959,491	17,07,146	15,571,473	24,95,539	15,755,764	24,12,578
Coloured .. .. .. ,,	12,116,926	43,02,592	11,939,887	42,76,274	10,942,664	38,34,277
Handkerchiefs .. .. .. No.	973,852	4,41,222	865,074	3,70,407	1,312,059	5,73,348
Other sorts .. .. .. Yards.	187,060	49,384	108,888	39,573	199,471	57,341
Total { Yards .. / No. ..	{ 23,263,477 / 973,852 }	65,00,344	{ 27,620,248 / 865,074 }	71,81,793	{ 26,897,899 / 1,312,059 }	68,77,544

Of the total value of 38¼ lakhs of coloured cloth exported, Ceylon paid 16¾ lakhs, the Straits Settlements 16¼ lakhs and Burma 2¾ lakhs. Of the total value of 24 lakhs of grey goods, nearly 11 lakhs were contributed by China, 7 lakhs by Burma and 4½ lakhs by Bengal. Handkerchiefs were exported chiefly to the United Kingdom.

26. *Oils.*—The total exports of oils amounted to 5,376,545 gallons valued at Rs. 67,81,716. The most important were cocoanut, groundnut and castor. The trade in *Cocoanut* oil for the past five years is shown below :—

	GALS.	RS.
1892–93	4,001,131	43,96,925
1893–94	3,446,205	42,91,823
1894–95	6,220,495	73,75,436
1895–96	5,519,791	67,92,649
1896–97	4,120,016	50,51,026

The exports of this oil show a further decrease of 1,399,775 gallons in quantity and of 17½ lakhs of rupees in value. The distribution of this oil in the last two years was as follows :—

Countries.	1895–96.		1896–97.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	GALS.	RS.	GALS.	RS.
Bombay	1,264,799	14,52,914	1,411,873	16,69,137
United States	1,429,141	19,06,134	640,651	8,48,183
Bengal	952,172	11,12,984	549,009	6,50,807
Burma	456,615	5,32,056	525,012	6,23,188
Travancore	592,787	7,19,789	429,968	5,17,625
United Kingdom	427,141	5,71,392	248,341	3,36,565
Germany	242,603	3,07,509	134,721	1,80,778
Other places	154,533	1,89,871	180,441	2,24,743
Total ..	5,519,791	67,92,649	4,120,016	50,51,026

27. The exports of *groundnut* oil amounted to 570,590 gallons valued at Rs. 8,94,510, against 680,164 gallons valued at Rs. 8,96,585 in 1895–96. Burma as usual took the largest quantity.

28. The exports of *castor* oil in the last five years are given below :—

	GALS.	RS.
1892–93	357,802	3,46,099
1893–94	623,791	5,46,468
1894–95	1,034,770	8,28,454
1895–96	1,065,403	10,70,224
1896–97	571,969	5,72,617

There was a decrease of 46·31 per cent. in quantity and of 46·50 per cent. in value. The decrease was chiefly in the exports to Bombay. Details are shown below :—

Countries.	1895–96.		1896–97.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	GALS.	RS.	GALS.	RS.
Burma	188,303	1,75,547	181,080	1,82,350
United Kingdom	255,366	2,11,978	122,299	1,19,504
Ceylon	103,158	90,601	90,158	91,575
Bombay	255,250	3,52,556	61,405	56,234
Bengal	132,452	1,29,459	44,031	45,521
Other places	130,874	1,10,083	72,996	77,433
Total ..	1,065,403	10,70,224	571,969	5,72,617

29. The exports of *oils, essential* amounted to 6,683 gallons valued at Rupees 1,18,310, against 11,831 gallons valued at Rs. 2,87,563 in 1895–96, showing a decrease of 5,148 gallons in quantity and of 1½ lakhs of rupees in value.

The value of the exports of other oils was Rs. 1,45,253.

30. *Spices.*—The exports for the last five years are given below :—

	LBS.	RS.
1892–93	34,531,666	59,74,686
1893–94	37,970,174	65,10,998
1894–95	37,487,064	60,23,469
1895–96	36,436,368	55,88,564
1896–97	36,529,702	52,47,592

The trade in this article shows an increase of ·25 per cent. in quantity and a decrease of 6·10 per cent. in value. The exports were distributed as follows :—

Countries or Provinces.	Pepper.	Ginger.	Arecanut.	Chillies.	Cardamoms.	Other sorts.	Total.	Percentage.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
Bombay	3,28,303	3,84,621	2,50,441	1,00,073	1,12,098	1,768	11,77,304	22·43
France	10,75,684	..	..	..	..	..	10,75,684	20·50
United Kingdom	2,48,979	5,34,566	..	1,012	9,990	2,139	7,96,686	15·18
Bengal	6,19,750	2,850	4,369	17,842	25,161	..	6,69,972	12·77
Ceylon	4,802	4,292	17	3,80,383	1,024	259	3,90,777	7·45
Kattywar	4,176	1,828	3,25,710	..	1,872	4	3,33,590	6·36
Other places	3,28,582	2,67,583	78,945	99,564	28,810	95	8,03,579	15·31
Total ..	26,10,276	11,95,740	6,59,482	5,98,874	1,78,955	4,265	52,47,592	100

The increase under pepper occurred chiefly in the exports to France, the United Kingdom and Bengal. The decreases noticed in the exports of ginger, arecanut, chillies and cardamoms were more or less general.

31. *Coir, Yarn and Rope.*—The exports show a decrease of 91,254 cwts. in quantity and of 7¼ lakhs in value. They were distributed as follows :—

Countries.	Quantity.	Value.
	CWTS.	RS.
United Kingdom	137,742	12,66,968
Bombay	153,449	10,22,768
Germany	52,310	5,07,928
Bengal	45,425	3,70,146
Travancore	29,894	2,66,665
France	17,449	1,66,180
Belgium	16,455	1,54,322
United States	9,719	82,343
Other places	41,505	2,73,215
Total ...	503,948	41,10,535

The decrease occurred chiefly in exports to the United Kingdom.

32. *Cocoanuts and Cocoanut-kernels.*—The value of the exports in the past year amounted to 32 lakhs against 45¼ lakhs in the preceding year. The decrease was chiefly in the exports of cocoanut-kernels to the United Kingdom, Germany and Bombay and of cocoanuts to Bombay.

33. *Tobacco.*—The exports of tobacco show a decrease of 2·27 per cent. in quantity and 10·74 per cent. in value. The decrease occurred chiefly in the exports to Burma. The trade was distributed as shown below :—

Countries.	1895–96.		1896–97.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	LB.	RS.	LB.	RS.
Burma	7,072,180	16,69,923	7,003,058	14,80,163
United Kingdom	154,822	2,30,644	167,809	2,61,620
Bengal	393,676	2,64,781	333,626	2,29,310
Straits Settlements	981,182	1,80,354	721,072	1,38,287
Other places	893,693	3,54,002	1,054,409	3,00,293
Total ..	9,495,553	26,99,704	9,279,974	24,09,673

The several kinds exported were —

	LBS.	RS.
Unmanufactured tobacco	8,588,831	16,75,621
Cigars	672,110	7,28,173
Other sorts	19,033	5,879
Total ...	9,279,974	24,09,673

Burma took 14¼ lakhs' worth of tobacco leaf. The United Kingdom took 2½ lakhs' worth and Bengal over 1¾ lakhs' worth of cigars.

34. *Tea.*—The trade in tea, which was stated in the last report to have been developing continuously, showed a further increase of 1½ lakhs in value in the past year. The figures for the past five years are given below :—

	LBS.	RS.
1892–93	1,581,834	11,84,119
1893–94	1,937,954	14,96,311
1894–95	2,389,747	18,66,333
1895–96	2,751,858	20,76,436
1896–97	2,970,461	22,32,623

Of the total quantity, 87·73 per cent. was exported to the United Kingdom. The exports were distributed as follows :—

Countries.	1895–96.		1896–97.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	LBS.	RS.	LBS.	RS.
United Kingdom	2,381,252	18,28,149	2,605,989	20,33,099
Austria-Hungary	1,345	1,267	1,142	1,401
Belgium	56	50	25	12
France	1,062	1,140	962	982
Germany	407	410	1,797	1,491
Italy	800	800	1,172	1,151
Cape Colony	2,160	2,160	3,566	3,566
Egypt	120	120	100	103
Mauritius	120	120	..	..
United States	105	110	1,039	1,043
Aden	42	50	..	..
Ceylon	96,577	58,127	69,835	44,334
Turkey in Asia	..	..	40	40
Australia and New Zealand ..	26,013	25,340	4,360	3,760
Indian Ports	241,799	1,58,593	280,434	1,41,641
Total ..	2,751,858	20,76,436	2,970,461	22,32,623

35. *Cotton Twist and Yarn.*—The exports in the past five years are shown below :—

	LBS.	RS.
1892–93	8,237,186	29,90,054
1893–94	7,591,332	29,07,169
1894–95	6,521,190	25,13,152
1895–96	7,442,188	28,99,693
1896–97	4,996,533	20,20,941

The trade in the past year shows a decrease of 32·86 per cent. in quantity and of 30·30 per cent. in value. The decrease occurred chiefly in the exports to Burma and China. Out of the total quantity, 68·91 per cent. was exported to China, 21·07 per cent. to Burma, 6·89 per cent. to Travancore, and 3·13 per cent. to other countries.

36. *Timber and Wood.*—The several kinds of exports under this head are shown below :—

	1895–96.	1896–97.
	RS.	RS.
Teak	2,38,791	1,31,090
Other timber	6,39,499	6,69,438
Sandalwood	8,28,571	5,37,466
Other kinds of wood	32,814	28,266
Manufactures	82,691	1,17,883
Total ...	18,22,366	14,84,143

Teakwood was exported chiefly to Kattywar and Cutch; other timber to Sind, Kattywar, Cutch and Bombay; and sandalwood to Bombay, Germany and France.

37. *Other articles.*—The export trade in other articles of minor importance as compared with 1895–96 was as follows :—

	1895–96. LAKHS.	1896–97. LAKHS.
Animals, living	9½	10¼
Drugs—		
Peruvian bark	2¼	¾
Other drugs	7½	6½
Horns	2¾	2¼
Myrabolams	2¾	2¼
Oil-cake	12⅓	12¾
Provisions—		
Ghee	4¼	4
Salted fish	9½	7¼
Other provisions	13	12½
Turmeric	7½	3
Manganese ore	1¾	3¾

38. Animals of the value of nearly 8½ lakhs were exported to Ceylon and of 1½ lakhs to the Straits Settlements. The whole of the Peruvian bark, 3½ lakhs' worth of the other drugs and 2 lakhs' worth of myrabolams were taken by the United Kingdom. Of horns, 1¼ lakhs' worth was shipped to the United Kingdom and ¾ lakh's worth to Bombay. Of the oil-cake 7 lakhs' worth was exported to Ceylon, 3 lakhs' worth to the Straits Settlements and 1¾ lakhs' worth to Bombay. Burma took 3 lakhs' worth of ghee. Salted fish to the value of 7 lakhs was exported to Ceylon. Of turmeric, Bengal took nearly 2½ lakhs' worth. Nearly the whole of the Manganese ore was exported to the United Kingdom.

39. *Imports.*—The value of the imports relating to external trade from 1876–77, including the famine period of 1876–78, is given below :—

Years.	Foreign merchandise.	Indian produce.	Total.	Years.	Foreign merchandise.	Indian produce.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.		RS.	RS.	RS.
1876–77 ..	4,33,23,891	5,14,62,510	9,47,86,401	1887–88 ..	6,55,22,096	1,85,71,707	8,40,93,803
1877–78 ..	4,07,75,707	8,65,60,790	12,73,36,497	1888–89 ..	7,05,98,627	1,57,21,531	8,63,20,158
1878–79 ..	3,66,35,449	3,38,98,755	7,05,34,204	1889–90 ..	7,40,69,684	1,91,48,241	9,32,17,925
1879–80 ..	3,97,66,037	1,72,77,298	5,70,43,335	1890–91 ..	7,44,43,269	2,67,73,491	10,12,16,760
1880–81 ..	4,78,24,554	1,47,82,042	6,26,06,596	1891–92 ..	7,18,79,083	3,32,39,315	10,51,18,398
1881–82 ..	4,71,69,573	1,58,32,800	6,30,02,373	1892–93 ..	6,60,77,598	3,00,50,436	9,61,28,034
1882–83 ..	5,49,71,138	1,48,92,233	6,98,63,371	1893–94 ..	7,44,67,867	3,13,48,679	10,58,16,546
1883–84 ..	5,57,34,903	1,83,94,261	7,41,29,164	1894–95 ..	8,25,05,215	2,86,32,837	11,11,38,052
1884–85 ..	6,04,59,882	1,63,19,519	7,67,79,401	1895–96 ..	7,09,22,616	3,41,92,148	10,51,14,764
1885–86 ..	5,47,08,331	1,96,74,255	7,43,82,586	1896–97 ..	6,92,13,601	2,53,29,759	9,45,43,360
1886–87 ..	6,56,58,300	1,88,53,026	8,45,11,326				

40. The value of the imports during the year under review shows a decrease of over 105½ lakhs as compared with that in the preceding year. Of this decrease, 17 lakhs occur under foreign produce and 88½ lakhs under Indian produce. The large decrease in the latter occurs chiefly in the imports of grain and pulse from Bengal and Bombay owing to the famine in Northern India. Of the total imports, the United Kingdom supplied 47·53 per cent., Bombay 20·49 per cent., Bengal 11·88 per cent., Burma 5·19 per cent., Ceylon 3·40 per cent., and Straits Settlements 2·37 per cent., leaving 9·14 per cent. obtained from other countries.

41. The following statement shows details of the imports of the principal articles of merchandise in 1896–97 as compared with those in the preceding year :—

Imports.

Articles.	1895–96. Quantity.	1895–96. Value.	1896–97. Quantity.	1896–97. Value.	Percentage of value. 1895–96.	Percentage of value. 1896–97.
		RS.		RS.		
Cotton piece-goods .. .. Yards.	123,231,312	1,96,66,399	125,194,486	1,98,52,521	18·71	21·00
Cotton piece-goods .. .. No.	761,384		485,676		11·62	16·06
Do. twist and yarn .. .. lb.	22,361,562	1,22,17,562	25,034,170	1,51,85,582	7·44	7·19
Metals .. .. .. Cwts.	747,484	78,18,117	688,528	68,05,873	13·50	5·49
Grain and pulse .. .. ,,	4,006,854	1,42,01,224	1,561,618	51,86,982	3·23	3·31
Apparel .. .. .. Value.	..	33,98,667	..	31,35,664	3·10	3·06
Timber and wood .. .. ,,	..	34,38,863	..	28,89,591	2·32	2·69
Liquors .. .. .. Gals.	821,194	24,32,761	824,804	25,39,924	1·34	·88
Railway materials .. .. Value.	..	14,07,395	..	8,33,135	38·44	40·32
Other articles .. .. .. ,,	..	4,05,33,776	..	3,81,14,088	100·	100·
Total ..	.. ..	10,51,14,764	..	9,45,43,360		

Of the total imports, 27·06 per cent. consisted of cotton piece-goods and twist and yarn, and 7·19 per cent. of metals. The trade in each of the principal articles will be noticed below :—

42. *Cotton piece-goods.*—The trade in the past year shows an increase of 1¾ lakhs. There was an increase of 16½ lakhs in the imports of cotton piece-goods from the United Kingdom, but this was partly counterbalanced by a decrease of 13 lakhs in the imports from Bombay.

The figures for the last five years are given below :—

	RS.
1892–93	2,02,10,839
1893–94	2,40,85,499
1894–95	3,14,66,577
1895–96	1,96,66,399
1896–97	1,98,52,521

43. The following statement shows the imports of the several kinds of piece-goods :—

—	Foreign. Quantity.	Foreign. Value.	Indian. Quantity.	Indian. Value.	Total. Quantity.	Total. Value.
		RS.		RS.		RS.
Grey .. .. 1895–96 .. Yds.	69,303,753	97,09,928	893,264	1,76,806	70,197,017	98,86,734
Grey .. .. 1896–97 .. Yds.	70,326,313	98,01,791	738,097	1,33,811	71,064,410	99,35,102
White .. .. 1895–96 .. ,,	23,200,708	40,73,355	10,015	2,140	23,210,723	40,75,495
White .. .. 1896–97 .. ,,	17,673,066	31,73,368	43,108	8,587	17,716,174	31,81,955
Coloured .. 1895–96 .. ,,	28,622,734	51,70,410	1,183,296	3,96,190	29,806,030	55,66,600
Coloured .. 1896–97 .. ,,	35,207,880	62,63,754	1,188,837	4,01,372	36,396,717	66,65,126
Other sorts .. 1895–96 .. ,,	4,960	1,586	12,582	4,176	17,542	5,762
Other sorts .. 1896–97 .. ,,	636	307	16,549	3,554	17,185	3,861
Handkerchiefs. 1895–96 .. No.	754,752	1,29,542	6,632	2,266	761,384	1,31,808
Handkerchiefs. 1896–97 .. No.	482,602	65,697	3,074	780	485,676	66,477
Total .. 1895–96 .. Yds.	121,132,155	1,90,84,821	2,099,157	5,81,578	123,231,312	1,96,66,399
Total .. 1895–96 .. No.	754,752		6,632		761,384	
Total .. 1896–97 .. Yds.	123,207,895	1,93,04,917	1,986,591	5,47,604	125,194,486	1,98,52,521
Total .. 1896–97 .. No.	482,602		3,074		485,676	

There is an increase of nearly 11 lakhs under coloured goods and a decrease of over 8¾ lakhs under white goods. There is a slight decrease of ½ lakh under handkerchiefs and an increase of nearly the same amount under grey goods. The total value of the foreign goods coming under this head (193 lakhs) is distributed as shown below :—

	LAKHS.		LAKHS.
United Kingdom	161	Straits Settlements	1½
Bombay	26¾	Other countries	1
Bengal	2¾		

Of the Indian goods amounting to 5½ lakhs, 3 lakhs' worth, consisting chiefly of coloured goods, were imported from Goa and 2 lakhs' worth, chiefly grey and coloured goods, from Bombay.

44. *Cotton, Twist and Yarn.*—The import trade under this head shows an increase of 29½ lakhs due to the abolition of the import duty and to the limited importation in 1895–96. Of the total imports, the United Kingdom supplied 61·31 per cent. in quantity and 74·36 per cent. in value and Bombay 35·18 per cent. in quantity and 23·31 in value. The total value of foreign twist and yarn amounted to 120¼ lakhs and of the Indian article to 31½ lakhs. The imports from the several countries are shown below:—

Countries.	Foreign.		Indian.		Total value.	Percentage of value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
	LB.	RS.	LB.	RS.	RS.	
United Kingdom	15,347,944	1,12,92,165	..	..	1,12,92,165	74·36
Other foreign countries	219,884	86,219	..	..	86,219	·57
Bombay	1,136,943	5,35,370	7,670,395	30,03,683	35,39,053	23·31
Bengal	181,364	1,08,513	458,320	1,49,327	2,57,840	1·70
Burma	5,100	3,820	5,520	2,992	6,812	·04
Indian Ports, not British	..	..	8,700	3,493	3,493	·02
Total ..	16,891,235	1,20,26,087	8,142,935	31,59,495	1,51,85,582	100
1895–96 ..	12,369,870	88,08,057	9.991,692	34,09,505	1,22,17,562	..

45. *Metals.*—The subjoined statement shows the imports for the last five years:—

—		1892–93.	1893–94.	1894–95.	1895–96.	1896–97.
Brass	Cwts. ..	10,448	14,010	12,207	13,606	6,893
	Rs. ..	4,29,486	5,66,576	4,96,299	5,68,646	3,04,367
Copper	Cwts ..	49,599	51,363	54,109	49,115	41,936
	Rs. ..	21,07,426	21,63,292	23,49,202	22,60,137	18,67,671
Iron	Cwts. ..	543,150	561,190	554,531	595,344	564,745
	Rs. ..	31,03,294	31,45,048	22,23,055	35,54,707	34,46,293
Other metals	Cwts. ..	47,282	63,420	72,617	89,419	74,954
	Rs. ..	9,15,383	12,14,415	12,42,765	14,34,627	11,87,542
Total ..	Cwts. ..	650,479	689,983	493,464	747,484	688,528
	Rs. ..	65,55,589	70,89,331	63,11,321	78,18,117	68,05,873

The imports of metals show a decline of 2½ lakhs under brass, nearly 4 lakhs under copper, 1 lakh under iron, and 2½ lakhs under other metals, resulting in a total decrease of 10 lakhs.

Of the total imports, the United Kingdom contributed 39·75 per cent. in value Belgium 25·57 per cent., Bombay 16·54 per cent., the Straits Settlements 5·16 per cent., Sweeden 3·89 per cent., Bengal 3·84 per cent., and other countries 5·25 per cent.

46. *Grain and pulse.*—The following statement shows the imports of rice, paddy and other grains for the last seven years:—

—	Rice.		Paddy.		Other grains.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	CWTS.	RS.	CWTS.	RS.	CWTS.	RS.	CWTS.	RS.
1890–91	1,776,562	73,63,470	1,230,622	26,63,043	425,983	13,96,548	3,433,167	1,14,23,061
1891–92	2,359,544	99,41,725	1,317,452	30,09,396	823,523	29,94,937	4,500,519	1,59,46,058
1892–93	1,011,969	47,17,405	1,812,890	47,59,699	1,230,845	46,95,047	4,055,704	1,41,72,151
1893–94	693,192	30,51,057	2,856,627	65,82,427	1,512,805	56,67,381	5,062,624	1,53,00,865
1894–95	851,585	35,72,079	1,878,651	40,10,286	1,034,779	38,03,164	3,765,015	1,13,85,529
1895–96	1,770,759	72,89,892	1,031,269	26,99,285	1,204,826	42,12,047	4,006,854	1,42,01,224
1896–97	501,327	19,84,239	567,317	14,09,861	492,974	17,92,882	1,561,618	51,86,982

The imports under this head during the year under review fall short of those in the preceding year by 2,445,236 cwts. in quantity and 90 lakhs in value owing chiefly to the smaller shipments from Bengal and Bombay on account of the failure of the crops in Northern India. There were large decreases of 53 lakhs under rice, nearly 13 lakhs under paddy and 24 lakhs under other grains. Of the total value, 39·02 per cent., came from Burma, 38·20 per cent. from Bengal, 18·96 per cent. from Bombay, and 3·82 per cent. from other places.

47. *Apparel including boots, shoes and Military uniforms.*—The imports in the last five years are shown below:—

	RS.
1892–93	29,76,220
1893–94	30,07,019
1894–95	34,84,469
1895–96	33,98,667
1896–97	31,35,664

The trade under this head declined by 2½ lakhs in the year under review. The decrease occurred chiefly in the imports from France.

Of the total imports, France supplied 44·61 per cent., the United Kingdom 24·36 per cent., Bengal 19·73 per cent. and Bombay 5·73 per cent.

48. *Timber and wood.*—The imports under the several sub-heads of timber and wood are compared below with those of 1895–96:—

Articles.	1895–96.	1896–97.
	RS.	RS.
Teak	23,08,796	21,90,099
Other timber	2,76,257	1,01,308
Sandalwood	33,336	25,227
Firewood	17,071	16,594
Other kinds of wood	37,373	22,765
Manufactures	7,66,030	5,33,598
Total ...	34,38,863	28,89,591

The value of timber and wood imported during the year under report shows a decrease of 5½ lakhs as compared with the imports of previous year. The decrease occurred chiefly in the imports from Burma and Ceylon. Of the total imports, Burma supplied 84·39 per cent., Ceylon 5·48 per cent. and Bombay 5·94 per cent.

49. *Liquors.*—The following statement shows the trade in the principal kinds of liquor during the last five years:—

—		1892–93.	1893–94.	1894–95.	1895–96.	1896–97.
Spirits and Liqueurs	Gals.	194,624	178,742	209,353	220,954	217,466
	Rs.	10,30,109	9,48,457	11,37,532	12,08,981	13,18,945
Wines	Gals.	56,221	54,396	55,664	58,005	55,441
	Rs.	4,07,341	4,12,832	4,97,339	5,07,981	5,19,413
Ale, Beer and Porter	Gals.	613,594	449,569	455,099	541,990	551,505
	Rs.	7,53,718	5,77,252	6,17,317	7,14,669	6,99,773
Other sorts	Gals.	238	602	254	245	392
	Rs.	1,332	2,733	1,233	1,130	1,793
Total ..	Gals. ..	864,677	683,310	720,370	821,194	824,804
	Rs. ..	21,92,500	19,41,274	22,53,421	24,32,761	25,39,924

In the year under report, the trade under "spirits and liqueurs" and wines declined in quantity and increased in value and that under ale, beer and porter increased in quantity and declined in value, resulting in a net increase of 3,610 gallons in quantity and of one lakh in value.

50. *Spirits and Liqueurs.*—The imports of the several kinds under this head during the past year are compared below with those of the year 1895-96 :—

Spirits and liqueurs.	1895-96.		1896-97.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	GALS.	RS.	GALS.	RS.
Brandy	35,335	3,11,156	34,807	3,25,257
Rum	1,022	6,126	1,499	7,702
Gin	*7,218 10,099	*34,364 50,395	*6,768 8,610	*77,346 48,221
Whisky	53,145	4,64,157	62,644	5,89,047
Other spirits	113,124	2,78,874	101,726	2,48,312
Liqueurs	1,011	13,909	1,412	23,060
Total ..	220,954	12,08,981	217,466	13,18,945

* Under "Coasting trade" particulars for gin and whisky are not separately recorded in the trade returns.

The imports show a decrease of 3,488 gallons in quantity and an increase of Rs. 1,09,964 in value. The imports from each country are shown below :—

Countries.	Quantity.	Value.	Percentage of quantity.	Percentage of value.
	GALS.	RS.		
United Kingdom	75,942	7,57,058	34·92	57·40
France	22,842	2,24,250	10·50	17·00
Ceylon	90,680	1,27,323	41·70	9·65
Bombay	8,913	97,031	4·10	7·36
Other countries	19,089	1,13,283	8·78	8·59
Total ..	217,466	13,18,945	100·	100·

51. *Wines.*—The following statement shows the imports of wines during the last two years :—

Wines.	1895-96.		1896-97.	
	GALS.	RS.	GALS.	RS.
Champagne	4,846	1,45,225	3,155	94,439
Claret	17,641	90,659	13,173	1,08,035
Port	12,602	95,013	13,423	1,02,763
Sherry	3,641	26,940	2,318	19,664
Other sorts	19,275	1,50,144	23,372	1,94,512
Total ..	58,005	5,07,981	55,441	5,19,413

The imports declined by 2,564 gallons in quantity and increased by Rs. 11,432 in value. Of the total quantity, 33·47 per cent. was supplied by the United Kingdom, 24·97 per cent. by France, 11·74 per cent. by Spain, 4·13 by Portugal, 3·63 per cent. by Germany, 3·57 per cent. by Italy and 1·55 per cent. by Austria-Hungary.

52. *Ale, Beer and Porter.*—The imports of ale, beer and porter show an increase of 9,515 gallons in quantity and a decrease of Rs. 14,896 in value. The imports from the United Kingdom declined by 19,930 gallons in quantity and Rs. 42,242 in value, while those from Germany increased by 27,986 gallons in quantity and Rs. 27,069 in value. The United Kingdom supplied 88·92 per cent. of the total quantity and Germany 8·71 per cent.

53. *Railway materials.*—The imports in the last five years are shown below :—

	RS.
1892-93	21,41,908
1893-94	21,42,478
1894-95	20,64,707
1895-96	14,07,395
1896-97	8,33,135

The imports in the year under report show a decrease of 5¾ lakhs in value. Of the total imports, the United Kingdom supplied 99·93 per cent.

54. *Other articles.*—The trade in the more important of the "other articles," the principal countries from which they were imported, and the value of the articles imported from such countries are shown below :—

—	Total value.		Countries from which imported.	Value of articles imported from the countries mentioned.
	1895-96.	1896-97.		1896-97.
	LAKHS.	LAKHS.		LAKHS.
Books	2¾	2½	United Kingdom	2
			Do.	12½
Coal, coke and patent fuel	23⅞	27¾	Australia	1½
			Bengal	13¼
Corals	2⅝	1¾	Do.	1½
			United Kingdom	2¾
Drugs and medicines	18½	12¼	Straits Settlements	4¾
			Bengal	1¼
			Bombay	3
Gunny bags	18¾	22½	Bengal	18¼
			Ceylon	4
Hardware and cutlery	23⅛	20½	United Kingdom	14½
			Bombay	4
Horses	2	1¼	Bengal	1
			Norway	2¼
Matches	6	4¼	United Kingdom	½
			Bombay	½
Machinery and mill work	46¾	26¾	United Kingdom	24
			Bombay	1
Oils, Kerosine	20¼	27⅓	Russia in Asia	14
			Bombay	11¾
Other oils	3⅛	6½	Ceylon	3
			United Kingdom	8½
Provisions	21	20	Bombay	7½
			Do.	35
Salt	39½	35	Bombay	3
			Bengal	2
Seeds	7⅛	6	Do.	13½
			Ceylon	11¼
Silk, raw	11	13½	Straits Settlements	5
			Bombay	1½
Spices, areca-nut	18¼	16¼	United Kingdom	8¾
			Bengal	8
Other spices	3¼	3¼	Bombay	3
			Do.	2½
Stationery, including paper and pasteboard.	18½	21½	Ceylon	4
			United Kingdom	1¼
Sugar	4	3	Bombay	
Woollen manufactures	6¼	6		

55. *Private treasure.*—The net imports, on private account, of gold and silver, for the last ten years, are compared in the following statement :—

Years.	Gold.			Silver.			Total.		
	Imports.	Exports.	Net imports.	Imports.	Exports.	Net imports.	Imports.	Exports.	Net imports.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS	RS.	RS.	RS.
1887-88 ..	12,98,986	10,78,324	2,20,662	11,28,861	12,82,251	−1,53,390	24,27,847	23,60,575	67,272
1888-89 ..	8,21,632	1,59,838	6,61,794	11,26,973	10,56,596	70,377	19,48,605	12,16,434	7,32,171
1889-90 ..	13,63,011	1,03,241	12,59,770	19,67,473	8,36,499	11,30,974	33,30,484	9,39,740	23,90,744
1890-91 ..	25,92,581	10,10,080	15,82,501	10,50,530	8,60,963	1,89,567	36,43,111	18,71,043	17,72,068
1891-92 ..	14,89,505	1,41,248	13,48,257	15,86,578	13,43,461	2,43,117	30,76,083	14,84,709	15,91,374
1892-93 ..	2,73,893	13,150	2,60,743	17,30,707	19,42,272	−2,11,565	20,04,600	19,55,422	49,178
1893-94 ..	8,39,267	50,500	7,88,767	17,86,275	12,76,595	5,09,680	26,25,542	13,27,095	12,98,447
1894-95 ..	4,28,367	..	4,28,367	16,05,041	13,60,200	2,44,841	20,33,408	13,60,200	6,73,208
1895-96 ..	8,75,122	39,40,734	−30,65,612	13,85,328	3,43,350	10,41,978	22,60,450	42,84,084	−20,23,634
1896-97 ..	7,11,935	..	7,11,935	38,77,347	4,91,600	33,85,747	45,89,282	4,91,600	40,97,682

There were no exports of gold in the past year, and the imports amounted to Rs. 7,11,935. The value of the net exports of gold in the previous year amounted to Rs. 30,65,612. The net imports of silver in 1896–97 were Rs. 33,85,747 against Rs. 10,41,978 in 1895–96.

56. *Government Stores.*—The exports and imports of Government stores to and from ports outside the Presidency are compared below with those of the previous year:—

	Exports.	Imports.
	Rs.	Rs.
1895–96	8,45,073	48,16,036
1896–97	12,11,458	47,33,539

Of the total imports, 37 lakhs were from the United Kingdom, $5\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs from Bengal, and 3 lakhs from British Burma. Of the total exports, $5\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs went to Burma, $2\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to Bombay, $1\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs to Bengal and $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs to Sind.

57. *Government treasure.*—The exports of silver on account of Government amounted to Rs. 66,727, of which Rs. 60,478 went to Bombay and Rs. 6,249 to Calcutta. The imports of silver were Rs. 1,67,195 of which Rs. 1,50,000 were received from Calcutta and Rs. 17,195 from Bombay.

58. *Total exports and imports of merchandise, private and Government.*—The subjoined statement shows the share taken by each country in the exports and imports of merchandise and treasure, both private and Government:—

—	Exports.	Imports.	Total.	Percentage of exports.	Percentage of imports.	Percentage of total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			
United Kingdom	5,17,59,578	4,87,53,813	10,05,13,391	33·40	46·86	38·81
Austria-Hungary	16,67,089	1,75,735	18,42,824	1·08	·17	·71
Belgium	21,70,798	22,20,902	43,91,700	1·40	2·13	1·70
France	1,13,20,040	18,72,782	1,31,92,822	7·31	1·80	5·09
Germany	27,77,761	7,65,291	35,43,052	1·80	·74	1·37
Italy	6,83,755	1,09,492	7,93,247	·44	·11	·30
Russia in Europe	5,75,529	..	5,75,529	·37	..	·22
Spain	98,539	42,039	1,40,578	·06	·04	·05
Egypt	29,98,069	3,65,339	33,63,408	1·93	·35	1·30
Mauritius	8,66,406	8,636	8,75,042	·56	..	·34
Bourboun	1,64,120	..	1,64,120	·11	..	·06
United States	85,75,710	42,915	86,18,625	5·53	·04	3·33
Aden	97,264	531	97,795	·06	..	·04
Arabia	2,93,549	14,870	3,08,419	·19	·01	·12
Ceylon	1,93,88,069	66,76,443	2,60,64,512	12·51	6·42	10·06
China	26,42,606	4,647	26,47,253	1·71	..	1·02
Java	5,107	1,46,004	1,51,111	..	·14	·06
Persia	1,14,353	16,367	1,30,720	·07	·02	·05
Straits Settlements	34,78,269	22,54,977	57,33,246	2·25	2·17	2·21
Russia in Asia	..	14,11,132	14,11,132	..	1·36	·55
Turkey in Asia	6,77,314	63,777	7,41,091	·44	·06	·29
New South Wales	93,685	2	93,687	·06	..	·04
Victoria	1,90,011	2,40,773	4,30,784	·12	·23	·17
All other foreign countries	82,13,422	7,18,063	89,31,485	5·30	·70	3·45
Total of Foreign countries ..	11,88,51,043	6,59,04,530	18,47,55,573	76·70	63·35	71·34
Bengal	1,01,11,296	1,19,14,196	2,20,25,492	6·53	11·45	8·51
Bombay	1,15,71,925	2,01,03,980	3,16,75,905	7·47	19·33	12·23
Sind	4,76,623	1,29,675	6,06,298	·31	·12	·23
Burma	87,98,702	52,02,296	1,40,00,998	5·68	5·00	5·41
Total of British Provinces in other Presidencies ..	3,09,58,546	3,73,50,147	6,83,08,693	19·99	35·90	26·38
Cutch	4,33,133	2,920	4,36,053	·28	..	·17
Kattywar	8,77,943	50,474	9,28,417	·57	·05	·36
Goa	8,28,759	4,80,916	13,09,675	·53	·46	·50
Pondicherry	1,30,023	13,851	1,43,874	·08	·01	·05
Travancore	14,21,793	1,35,727	15,57,520	·92	·13	·60
Other Indian ports not British ..	14,46,006	94,811	15,40,817	·93	·10	·60
Total of Indian ports not British ..	51,37,657	7,78,699	59,16,356	3·31	·75	2·28
Grand Total ..	15,49,47,246	10,40,33,376	25,89,80,622	100·	100·	100·

59. *Internal Trade.*—The following statement shows the trade between the ports of this Presidency for the last two years:—

Articles.	Exports.			
	1895–96.		1896–97.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
1	2	3	4	5
		Rs.		Rs.
Grain and pulse .. .. Cwts.	1,730,441	46,64,238	1,187,411	42,35,520
Cotton manufactures—Piece-goods .. .. Yds.	6,898,332	13,10,281	5,902,407	10,42,238
No.	3,261	1,698	386	495
Twist and yarn .. .. lb.	1,031,092	5,93,887	1,405,569	7,89,573
Seeds .. .. Cwts.	134,261	7,06,609	254,560	16,40,263
Oils .. .. Gals.	788,598	7,72,619	752,096	8,10,193
Spices .. .. lb.	5,291,450	6,04,364	8,615,770	9,85,698
Provisions	..	4,90,400	..	3,90,260
Metals .. .. Cwts.	15,802	2,03,830	13,126	2,01,428
Sugar	100,406	5,40,290	130,237	7,11,464
Jute, raw and manufactured .. .. .. lb.	..	2,49,888	..	2,29,248
Tobacco	2,227,569	2,95,078	1,856,377	2,22,326
Fruits and vegetables .. .. Cwts.	..	6,48,817	..	3,66,256
Hides and skins .. .. No.	33,004	19,17,584	37,449	22,01,466
Timber and other wood and manufactures	451,327	5,43,840	1,504,111	4,00,400
Dyeing and colouring materials	..	2,15,985	..	2,01,654
Coffee .. .. Cwts.	..	26,10,621	..	14,85,604
Liquors, spirits .. .. Gals.	36,359	90,870	22,437	81,963
Coir and rope .. .. Cwts.	16,527	84,943	12,911	1,13,630
Woollen manufactures	16,461	44,778	22,127	20,335
All other articles	..	17,10,192	..	16,48,288
Total ..	..	1,83,00,812	..	1,77,78,302
Government stores ..	..	3,81,273	..	3,74,177

Articles.	Imports.			
	1895–96.		1896–97.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
6	7	8	9	
		Rs.		Rs.
Grain and pulse .. .. Cwts.	1,897,932	54,86,022	1,400,023	50,56,449
Cotton manufactures—Piece-goods .. .. Yds.	6,494,549	13,10,716	5,264,983	9,91,948
No.	12,932	9,596	960	551
Twist and yarn .. .. lb.	1,044,818	5,67,049	1,284,913	7,18,248
Seeds .. .. Cwts.	129,832	7,50,425	199,180	12,63,518
Oils .. .. Gals.	706,104	7,18,876	701,659	8,01,376
Spices .. .. lb.	5,158,300	5,89,454	7,970,436	9,50,562
Provisions	..	4,84,674	..	3,72,769
Metals .. .. Cwts.	16,327	2,19,832	13,426	2,00,826
Sugar	113,289	6,84,616	141,402	7,99,691
Jute, raw and manufactured .. .. .. lb.	..	2,44,525	..	2,08,916
Tobacco	2,008,361	2,73,443	1,864,758	2,12,089
Fruits and vegetables .. .. Cwts.	..	8,11,980	..	5,13,201
Hides and skins .. .. No.	34,212	20,14,548	37,038	22,31,188
Timber and other wood and manufactures	893,435	5,50,396	933,838	3,99,965
Dyeing and colouring materials	..	2,01,589	..	1,97,382
Coffee .. .. Cwts.	..	26,92,287	23,278	15,51,098
Liquors, spirits .. .. Gals.	37,389	74,013	11,826	74,199
Coir and rope .. .. Cwts.	12,795	1,36,575	28,906	1,61,303
Woollen manufactures	23,356	43,130	...	20,187
All other articles	..	16,98,121	..	16,23,590
Total ..	..	1,95,61,867	..	1,83,49,056
Government stores ..	..	2,86,260	..	3,47,817

60. *Treasure.*—The exports and imports of gold and silver, both private and Government, between the ports within the Presidency are given below :—

—	Gold.		Silver.	
	Private.	Government.	Private.	Government.
			Rs.	Rs.
Exports	..	..	9,96,000	7,39,770
Imports	1,613	..	4,18,733	7,64,500

61. *Total sea-borne trade.*—The share of each district in the total sea-borne trade, including Government transactions, is shown below :—

Districts.	Trade with foreign countries.		Trade with foreign ports in India.		Trade with British ports in other Presidencies.	
	Merchandise.	Treasure.	Merchandise.	Treasure.	Merchandise.	Treasure.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Madras	10,52,23,713	20,28,124	1,09,385	..	1,83,95,261	1,62,158
Ganjám	4,52,426	..	12,38,682	..	17,89,843	..
Vizagapatam	43,73,755	..	4,800	..	36,95,652	14,000
Gódávari	94,43,510	..	1,93,057	..	82,59,439	..
Kistna	4,42,481	..	850	..	6,81,153	16,249
Nellore	1,100	..	..	..	19,177	..
South Arcot	29,2[illegible],814	10,268	1,16,394	..	29,86,137	..
Tanjore	1,15,51,261	13,14,197	29,062	..	20,77,889	..
Madura	6,91,443	..	7,241	..	1,71,373	..
Tinnevelly	1,91,44,736	9,49,128	94,769	..	16,67,560	3,00,000
South Canara	65,96,436	5,375	16,26,965	1,07,033	46,08,376	3,21,640
Malabar	1,96,06,506	..	23,88,118	..	2,30,56,154	86,632
Total ..	18,04,48,481	43,07,092	58,09,323	1,07,033	6,74,08,014	9,00,679

Districts.	Trade between ports in the Presidency.		Total.		Grand Total.	Percentage.
	Merchandise.	Treasure.	Merchandise.	Treasure.		
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Madras	55,20,883	1,82,500	12,92,49,242	23,72,782	13,16,22,024	44·06
Ganjám	5,82,481	..	40,63,432	..	40,63,432	1·36
Vizagapatam	21,50,419	2,23,000	1,02,24,626	2,37,000	1,04,61,626	3·50
Gódávari	41,25,273	6,20,000	2,20,21,279	6,20,000	2,26,41,279	7·58
Kistna	12,47,563	9,47,400	23,72,047	9,63,649	33,35,696	1·11
Nellore	70,952	17,500	91,229	17,500	1,08,729	·03
South Arcot	8,19,042	..	68,42,387	10,268	68,52,655	2·29
Tanjore	17,30,653	3,49,033	1,53,88,865	16,63,230	1,70,52,095	5·70
Madura	6,12,940	1,000	14,82,997	1,000	14,83,997	·49
Tinnevelly	21,17,978	30,000	2,30,25,043	12,79,128	2,43,04,171	8·13
South Canara	57,66,033	5,25,613	1,85,97,810	9,59,661	1,95,57,471	6·55
Malabar	1,21,05,135	24,570	5,71,56,213	1,11,202	5,72,67,415	19·20
Total ..	3,68,49,352	29,20,616	29,05,15,170	82,35,420	29,87,50,590	100·

62. *Customs revenue, Import duty.*—Including the customs duty on salt, the gross collections, during the year, on imports amounted to Rs. 28,43,392 against Rupees 34,02,950 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 5,59,558 or 16·44 per cent. There was a large decrease of Rs. 4,61,165 under cotton manufactures, due to the abolition of the duty on twist and yarn and to the reduction in the rate of duty from 5 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on piece-goods.

63. The figures for the last five years are given below :—

Articles.	1892–93.	1893–94.	1894–95.	1895–96.	1896–97.	Increase or decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Arms, ammunition, &c.	52,005	64,182	49,188	58,930	46,246	— 12,684
Liquors—						
Ale, beer and porter	37,679	24,579	28,117	33,211	33,317	+ 106
Spirits	9,17,854	8,56,470	9,94,528	10,17,886	10,07,114	— 10,772
Liqueurs	6,371	3,791	6,117	5,922	6,521	+ 599
Wines	61,100	57,901	58,033	57,777	53,544	— 4,233
Other sorts	12	37	14	15	23	+ 8
Opium	..	103	1,180	173	135	— 38
Salt	8,613	17,062	18,746	9,465	11,617	+ 2,152
Salted fish	..	44	3,752	5,637	3,531	— 2,106
Articles of food and drink	..	6,478	1,33,287	1,64,778	1,50,380	— 14,398
Chemicals, drugs, medicines and narcotics, and dyeing and tanning materials	..	6,316	1,13,996	97,420	1,00,356	+ 2,936
Metals—						
Silver, bullion or coin	..	184	400	815	1,428	+ 1,113
Other metals and manufactures of metals	..	5,638	2,05,503	2,22,366	2,06,674	— 15,692
Oils—						
Petroleum	91,628	1,15,584	3,43,645	2,44,815	2,06,804	— 38,011
Other sorts	..	1,249	5,043	7,205	18,730	+ 11,525
Cotton. Articles made of — ..	..	..	5,59,968	10,42,693	5,81,528	—4,61,165
Other articles	..	14,936	4,17,337	4,34,342	4,15,444	— 18,898
Total ..	11,75,262	11,74,554	29,38,854	34,02,950	28,43,392	—5,59,558
Refunds and drawbacks ..	37,509	38,599	42,402	47,316	43,180	— 4,136
Net revenue ..	11,37,753	11,35,955	28,96,452	33,55,634	28,00,212	—5,55,422

64. *Refunds and drawbacks.*—These amounted to Rs. 43,180 against Rs. 47,316 in the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 4,136. Deducting this amount, the net collections of duty on imports amounted to Rs. 28,00,212 against Rs. 33,55,634 in 1895–96 showing a decrease of Rs. 5,55,422.

65. *Export duty.*—The gross and net collections on the export of paddy and rice for the past five years are given below :—

Articles.	1892–93.	1893–94.	1894–95.	1895–96.	1896–97.	Increase or decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Paddy	84,032	1,12,516	1,20,528	1,24,398	1,17,162	— 7,236
Rice	2,85,215	3,40,885	4,53,635	3,11,986	6,87,839	+ 3,75,853
Gross collections	3,69,247	4,53,401	5,74,163	4,36,384	8,05,001	+ 3,68,617
Refunds	1,067	1,079	2,720	1,354	3,067	+ 1,713
Net collections ..	3,68,180	4,52,322	5,71,443	4,35,030	8,01,934	+ 3,66,904

The amount of revenue realized under this head was Rs. 8,05,001 against Rupees 4,36,384 in the past year, thus showing an increase of Rs. 3,68,617 or 84·47 per cent. This is due to the large increase in the exports alluded to in paragraph 18 *supra*.

66. *Shipping.*—The total number and tonnage of the vessels which entered and cleared at the ports of this Presidency from and to foreign countries during the last five years are given below :—

Years.	Entered.		Cleared.		Total.		Average tonnage per vessel.
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	
1892–93	2,674	813,967	2,758	698,586	5,432	1,512,553	278
1893–94	2,580	876,905	2,647	744,841	5,227	1,621,746	310
1894–95	2,830	954,075	2,918	901,378	5,748	1,855,453	323
1895–96	2,760	995,576	2,735	846,310	5,495	1,841,886	335
1896–97	2,884	1,017,536	2,970	947,834	5,854	1,965,370	336

67. The number and tonnage of the *steamers* included in the above figures are as follows:—

Years.	Entered.		Average tonnage per steamer.	Cleared.		Average tonnage per steamer.
	NO.	TONS.		NO.	TONS.	
1892-93	549	601,827	1,096	519	481,205	927
1893-94	625	695,066	1,112	594	561,824	946
1894-95	780	760,557	975	775	705,970	911
1895-96	780	804.699	1,031	733	657,323	896
1896-97	804	824,354	1,025	787	752,945	957

68. The following table gives the number of steamers using the Suez canal route:—

Years.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	NO.	TONS.	NO.	TONS.
1892-93	133	270,444	101	193,881
1893-94	150	322,778	115	228,460
1894-95	141	311,393	113	232,394
1895-96	146	339,438	121	254,760
1896-97	130	312,574	127	265,835

69. The vessels, both steamers and sailing vessels, are classified below according to their nationalities:—

—	1895-96.				1896-97.			
	Steamers.		Sailing vessels.		Steamers.		Sailing vessels.	
	Number entered and cleared.	Tons.	Number entered and cleared.	Tons.	Number entered and cleared.	Tons.	Number entered and cleared.	Tons.
British	1,409	1,299,703	29	15,253	1,501	1,438,562	7	3,104
British Indian	..	..	1,741	259,572	..	..	1,841	274,692
Foreign	104	162,319	60	20,002	90	138,737	45	13,130
Native craft	..	..	2,152	85,037	..	..	2,370	97,145
Total ..	1,513	1,462,022	3,982	379,864	1,591	1,577,299	4,263	388,071

70. The following statement shows the countries to which the foreign vessels belonged:—

Particulars of foreign vessels.	1896-97.			
	Entered.		Cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tons.	Vessels.	Tons.
American	1	1,172	1	978
Arabian	17	1,790	19	2,384
Austro-Hungarian	13	15,851	10	11,538
French	14	13,038	14	13,038
German	35	72,524	2	6,324
Italian	2	1,676	..	..
Japan	..	..	2	4,030
Norwegian	1	1,639	1	921
Russian	..	..	1	2,786
Swedish	1	1,089	1	1,089
Total ..	84	108,779	51	43,088

71. The movements of shipping to and from each foreign country are shown below:—

Countries.	1895-96.		1896-97.	
	Number entered and cleared.	Tons.	Number entered and cleared.	Tons.
United Kingdom	213	480,222	201	458,363
Austria-Hungary	2	2,456	..	..
Belgium	4	7,983	2	6,737
France	21	43,205	30	64,343
Germany	36	69,903	28	57,366
Holland	..	..	..	..
Italy	..	..	..	..
Russia in Europe	..	..	4	9,511
Cape Colony	1	1,679	1	1,479
East Coast of Africa	1	1,764	2	1,222
Other countries in Africa	1	1,956	..	..
Egypt	1	1,789	6	10,796
Mauritius	15	22,160	11	16,651
Natal	13	13,456	10	10,992
Reunion (Bourbon)	1	1,526	1	458
Madagascar	1	2,136	..	..
United States	9	10,808	5	7,232
Aden	1	1,843	1	148
Arabia	13	2,600	16	2,085
Ceylon	4,937	858,148	5,324	1,004,818
Maldives	4	189	9	951
Mekran and Sonmiani	13	879	12	625
Persia	5	699	2	146
Straits Settlements	162	263,174	151	256,016
Russia in Asia	8	19,767	6	14,218
Turkey in Asia	19	3,695	12	1,725
Other countries in Asia	6	12,675	11	22,013
Australia	8	17,174	9	17,475
Total ..	5,495	1,841,886	5,854	1,965,370

72. The number and tonnage of vessels engaged in the *coasting* trade with British ports in other Presidencies and foreign ports in India are given below:—

Years.	Entered.		Cleared.	
	NO.	TONS.	NO.	TONS.
1892-93	5,183	1,215,688	5,476	1,537,296
1893-94	5,211	1,354,637	5,592	1,760,686
1894-95	5,497	1,348,179	5,826	1,827,601
1895-96	5,495	1,249,814	5,956	1,761,136
1896-97	4,892	1,226,725	5,283	1,555,409

73. The nationalities of the vessels included in the foregoing statement are shown below:—

Nationalities.	1895-96.		1896-97.	
	NO.	TONS.	NO.	TONS.
British	1,235	2,252,158	1,125	2,064,699
British Indian	396	242,725	368	209,662
Foreign	1,359	172,824	1,079	208,663
Native craft	8,461	343,213	7,603	299,110

74. The subjoined statement shows the share of each of the other Presidencies and of Indian ports not British in the movement of shipping.

—	1895–96.		1896–97.	
	NO.	TONS.	NO.	TONS.
Bengal	605	997,031	642	1,018.542
Bombay	7,060	910,670	6,307	784,638
British Burma	403	561,766	359	515,031
Sind	200	18,952	247	24,795
Total for British ports in other Presidencies	8,268	2,488,419	7,555	2,343,006
Foreign ports in India	3,183	522,531	2,620	439,128
Grand Total ..	11,451	3,010,950	10,175	2,782,134

75. The number and tonnage of vessels engaged in the *internal* trade are given below :—

Years.	Entered.				Cleared.			
	With cargo.		In ballast.		With cargo.		In ballast.	
	NO.	TONS.	NO.	TONS	NO.	TONS.	NO.	TONS.
1894–95	12,241	4,931,198	5,413	220,482	11,296	4,304,082	5,950	414,716
1895–96	12,869	5,085,124	5,744	220,943	12,108	4,434,999	6,180	464,631
1896–97	12,465	4,604,837	5,540	251,804	11,628	4,189,875	5,971	385,634

76. Sixteen vessels of 332 tons aggregate burthen were built and registered during the year under Act X of 1841 at the several ports of the Presidency.

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