

EAST INDIA (LETTERS AND COLLECTIONS, &c.)

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable the House of Commons,
dated the 19th April 1858; for,

STATEMENTS "showing the Number of LETTERS and COLLECTIONS received by the Court of Directors of the East India Company, from their several Governments in *India*, during each of the Years from 1853 to 1857, inclusive:"

"Showing the Number of DRAFT DESPATCHES to *India* approved by the Court of Directors of the East India Company, in each of the Years from 1853 to 1857, inclusive, specifying the Numbers passed by each of the several Committees of the Court:"

"Showing the Number of DRAFTS of LETTERS approved by the Court of Directors, or adopted in consequence of the Court's Resolutions in the 'Home Correspondence,' from the Years 1853 to 1857, inclusive:"

"And, showing the Number of MEMORIALS and PETITIONS addressed to the Court of Directors, from the Year 1853 to 1857, inclusive, distinguishing the Departments in which they were received."

East India House, }
28 May 1858. }

J. D. DICKINSON,
Secretary.

STATEMENT showing the Number of LETTERS and COLLECTIONS received by the Court of Directors of the East India Company, from their several Governments in *India*, during each of the Years from 1853 to 1857, inclusive.

DEPARTMENT.	1853.		1854.		1855.		1856.		1857.	
	Letters.	Collections.	Letters.	Collections.	Letters.	Collections.	Letters.	Collections.	Letters.	Collections.
Financial - - -	206	576	204	910	277	1,378	294	1,152	314	912
Railway - - -	60	283	87	424	125	340	139	514	181	563
Electric Telegraph* - - -	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	102	11	50
Marine - - -	162	350	156	313	152	376	179	374	170	481
Statistical - - -	-	-	1	-	2	-	6	1	-	-
Political - - -	234	2,032	207	1,868	258	1,914	239	1,777	177	1,497
Military - - -	647	1,540	692	1,630	618	1,729	680	1,801	677	1,960
Ecclesiastical - - -	45	104	53	283	66	159	64	214	59	179
Public - - -	285	1,048	320	1,519	352	2,227	375	2,762	431	6,907
Public Works † - - -	-	-	-	-	138	1,637	236	2,904	210	2,180
Revenue - - -	280	1,806	210	1,557	230	2,455	225	2,943	162	1,453
Judicial - - -	167	1,584	141	1,440	195	3,941	214	4,112	124	1,768
Legislative ‡ - - -	27	205	12	136	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL - - -	2,103	9,597	2,073	10,080	2,413	16,256	2,670	18,656	2,516	16,950

* The correspondence on this subject was carried on in the public department till the year 1856.

† This department was formed in 1855. The proceedings on the subject of Public Works were previously reported in the department to which the works appertained.

‡ Since the year 1854, letters from the Government of India have not been sent home in this department.

NUMBER of DRAFTS of LETTERS approved by the Court of Directors or adopted in consequence of the Court's Resolutions, in the "Home Correspondence," from the Years 1853 to 1857, inclusive.

1853 - - - - -	4,653
1854 - - - - -	4,483
1855 - - - - -	5,774
1856 - - - - -	7,050
1857 - - - - -	8,569

Note.—This statement does not include letters on questions of detail, which are sent by the several departments in accordance with general rules sanctioned by the court or committees, and which are as numerous as those given above.

STATEMENT showing the Number of MEMORIALS and PETITIONS addressed to the Court of Directors, from the Year 1853 to 1857, inclusive, distinguishing the Departments in which they were received.

Transmitted to the Court of Directors, through the medium of the several Governments in India.

	1853.	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.
In the Financial Department - - -	27	34	31	32	26
„ Military Department - - -	57	74	69	112	68
„ Marine Department - - -	5	16	10	13	3
„ Political Department - - -	26	17	33	23	24
„ Public and Ecclesiastical Department	42	17	18	19	19
„ Revenue Department - - -	22	24	21	21	20
„ Judicial Department - - -	19	18	15	25	12
TOTAL - - -	198	200	197	245	172

Transmitted to the Court of Directors, direct.

	1853.	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.
Referred to the Finance and Home Committee	49	53	49	43	47
„ Political and Military Committee.	58	88	94	58	77
„ Revenue, Judicial and Legislative Committee.	6	8	4	3	14
Disposed of without being referred to any Committee.	23	12	6	1	2
TOTAL - - -	136	161	153	105	140

This return is confined to applications in the form of memorials, petitions, or applications for redress.

(Errors excepted.)

East India House, }
28 May 1858. }

J. Danvers.

J. D. Dickinson,
Secretary.

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STATEMENTS showing the Number of LETTERS and COLLECTIONS received by the Court of Directors of the East India Company from the several Governments in *India*, from 1853 to 1857; the Number of DRAFT DESPATCHES to *India* approved by the Court of Directors; and the Number of DRAFTS of LETTERS approved by the Court or adopted in consequence of the Court's Resolutions in the "Home Correspondence;" and the Number of MEMORIALS or PETITIONS addressed to the Court of Directors, from the Year 1853 to 1857.

(Colonel Sykes.)

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