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CHINESE AND GOLD FIELDS REVENUE, BELVOIR;
AND CUSTOMS, MURRAY.

STATEMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF CHINESE AND GOLD FIELDS REVENUE COLLECTED AT BELVOIR, FROM THE DATE OF MR. HANIFY'S APPOINTMENT AS CHINESE PROTECTOR TO THE PRESENT TIME, AND STATEMENT RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF CUSTOMS ON THE RIVER MURRAY.

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RETURN of the Amount of CHINESE AND GOLD FIELDS REVENUE collected at Belvoir from the date of Mr. Hanify's appointment as Chinese Protector, to the present time.

DATE.	Protection Tickets.	Residence Licenses.	Entrance Certificates.	Total Chinese Revenue.	Miners' Rights and Business Licenses.	Total Revenue Collected.
1858.	£	£	£	£	£	£
July	58	...	...	58	...	58
August	227	18	...	245	...	245
September	1,016	...	...	1,016	...	1,016
October	447	...	...	447	23	470
November	358	...	...	358	4	362
December	1,123	...	...	1,123	1	1,124
1859.						
January	53	...	...	53	...	53
February	5	...	...	5	...	5
March ... ..	...	317	180	497	...	497
April ... ..	...	...	20	20	...	20
May ... ..	...	2	80	82	...	82
June ... ..	...	2	84	86	...	86
July ... ..	...	...	80	80	...	80
August ... ..	...	...	8	8	...	8
September ... ..	...	20	20	40	...	40
October ... ..	...	4	...	4	...	4
November
December	14	...	14	...	14
1860.						
January	—	—	—	—	—	—
February	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3,287	377	472	4,136	28	4,164

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J. MOORE,
Under Secretary.

Chief Secretary's Office,
Melbourne, 16th February, 1860.

NOTE.—Mr. Hanify was appointed from 19th July, 1858, and ceased to do duty after 23rd March, 1859, from which date to the period of Mr. Belcher's arrival on the 24th May, the duty was performed by Mr. D. W. Gossett.

Department of Trade and Customs,
Melbourne, 1st March, 1860.

Belvoir was proclaimed a Port of Entry and Clearance on 20th December, 1854, and the following are the amounts collected as duties of customs:—

				£	s.	d.
1854	...	...	...	13	5	6
1855	...	...	...	790	1	5
Total				£803	6	11

By arrangements between the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria, the collection of duties on goods coming into either colony across the River Murray, ceased from 1st November, 1855, free trade has since that time existed so far as the traffic across the River Murray between the two colonies was concerned, no Customs duties being collected at Belvoir; the South Australian Government consenting to collect the duties on goods imported into the colonies by that route according to the tariff mutually to be determined upon by the two Governments.

By a Treaty dated 1st June, 1858, executed by the Governors of New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, by virtue of the laws existing in the respective colonies, (that in Victoria being the "*Customs Act, 1857*"):—

The Tariff which was finally agreed upon was that of New South Wales, the Government of South Australia agreeing to collect the duties accordingly on goods sent up the river, and remitting the amount in moieties to the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria, after deducting 5 per cent. for cost of collection. This treaty was for one year, but its terms being favorable as regards the distribution of the duties it has been renewed without limit to its duration, and executed by the Governments of New South Wales and Victoria, and has been transmitted to the Chief Secretary of South Australia, for execution by Sir R. G. McDonnell.

The amount of duties received under this arrangement has been—

				£	s.	d.
1856	...	...	...	79	17	3
1857	...	...	...	7,926	4	7
1858	...	...	...	1,919	1	3
1859 (Six months)...	...	...	...	266	16	9

(Signed)

J. CHATFIELD TYLER.