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OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF SALT REVENUE
IN THE
MADRAS PRESIDENCY
FOR THE YEAR 1900-1901.

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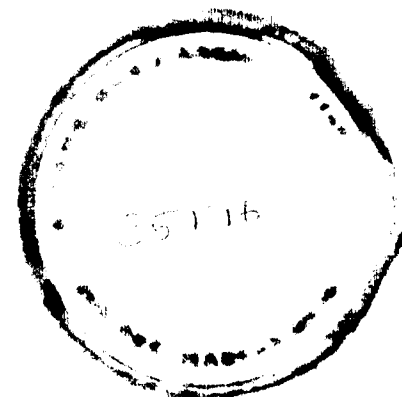
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ADMINISTRATION REPORT

OF THE

SALT DEPARTMENT,

MADRAS PRESIDENCY

FOR 1900-1901.

CHAPTER I.—ADMINISTRATION.

A.—Personnel of the Department.

The Hon'ble Mr. J. Thomson, First Member of the Board of Revenue, continued to be in charge of the administration of the Salt Revenue throughout the year, except for the period between the 7th April 1900 and 3rd July 1900, when he proceeded on privilege leave, handing over charge to Mr. Hammick.

2. Mr. N. S. Brodie, who, on return from furlough towards the latter part of 1899-1900, resumed charge of the office of Secretary, held it until the 5th April, when he was relieved by Mr. C. G. Todhunter. The latter officer remained in charge up to 5th November 1900, when his services were temporarily placed at the disposal of the Government of India for employment in the Kashmir State. Mr. R. A. Graham, who relieved him on the 6th November 1900, remained in charge till the close of the year.

3. Excepting the first eight days of April, when the charge of the division was held by Messrs. C. G. Todhunter and W. C. F. Leggatt for five days and three days, respectively, the Northern Division was in the charge of Messrs. R. A. Graham and Bryce McMaster, the former from 9th April 1900 to 3rd November 1900 and the latter during the rest of the year. Messrs. W. C. F. Leggatt, J. H. Merriman, Bryce McMaster and E. L. Millett were in charge of the Central Division for the periods shown in the margin. The Southern Division was under the charge of Mr. Bryce McMaster until 22nd June 1900, when he was relieved by Mr. W. A.

Name of officer.	Period.	
	From	To
Mr. W. C. F. Leggatt.	1st Apl. 1900	19th Apl. 1900.
" J. H. Merriman ..	20th " "	8th Aug. "
" Bryce McMaster ..	9th Aug. "	29th Oct. "
" E. L. Millett ..	30th Oct. "	31st Mar. 1901.

Fowler, who held charge of the division for the rest of the year.

B.—Administrative Changes.

4. The most important feature of the year was the amalgamation of the Customs with the Salt and Abkari Department, as a result of which Collectors were relieved of direct control over customs matters, and the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, was made Chief Customs Officer for all ports in the Presidency. The executive superior establishments at the ports, except the Madras Custom House, were with reference to their pay graded either as Assistant Inspectors or Sub-Inspectors so as to facilitate the transfer of men from the Salt and Abkari to Customs and *vice versa* and from one port to another.

The revision of the establishment employed in the compilation of trade statistics was also taken up in this connection and a system similar to that in force in Calcutta was introduced from 1st April 1900. This involves the concentration in a central bureau of the compilation of all accounts for the Presidency daily for the chief ports and weekly and monthly for the rest. The work is supervised by the Collector of Customs, Madras, assisted by a Superintendent of Trade Statistics of the grade of Assistant Commissioner. The establishments employed in the Board's own and Collectors' offices were absorbed in the new Statistical department of the Collector's office.

5. The Mangalore Circle had for sometime been found too heavy a charge for one Inspector and it was realised that no other arrangement than its division into two could afford the Inspector sufficient relief. Sanction was therefore obtained during the year for the creation of a new circle called the Kasaragod Circle. The opportunity was also taken to obtain sanction for an Assistant Inspector for employment exclusively in the supervision of fish-curing yards on the West Coast.

Experience having shown that the Merkanam Circle (consisting as it did of five salt stations and an important taluk, the toddy revenue of which was far greater than that of either the Tindivanam or the Tirukkóyilúr Circle) was too heavy a charge for one Inspector, while the two circles referred to above did not pay for the additional establishments granted to them on the introduction of the tree-tax system, a re-arrangement of the limits of these circles was ordered, which was in effect the creation of a new circle called the Cheyur Circle and the abolition of the Tindivanam Circle. The taluks comprising the last named circle were distributed between the Tirukkóyilúr and new Merkanam Circles, the circle limits being at the same time made coterminous with district boundaries.

6. In view of the large increase of work that had been thrown on it since it was last reorganized in 1887-88, some minor additions both to the number and pay of the clerical staff of the Board's office were sanctioned. The Head Clerk and Head Accountant, who was in charge of the Salt and General Section, was styled First Assistant and graded as an Inspector. The Head Clerk and Head Accountant, who was in charge of the Abkari Section, was styled Second Assistant and his pay raised to Rs. 250.

7. The proposal of the Accountant-General to relieve the Board of the post audit of the salary, establishment and abstract contingent bills of officers of and below the rank of Inspector and of the maintenance of the connected audit registers was accepted and it was further agreed that he should send his objection statements and audit slips thereon direct to the officers concerned instead of, as at present, through the Board. A clerk on Rs. 40 was given up in this connection from the establishment of the account section.

Status of the second clerks of Assistant Commissioners' offices raised—G.O., No. 226, Revenue, dated 12th March 1900.

8. The status of the second clerks of the Assistant Commissioners' offices was raised by increasing their pay from Rs. 30 to Rs. 50 so as to attract men fit to take up the Head Clerk's place at any time.

9. The Oriental Salt Company (Limited) who had been buying salt from the Excise licensees of the Naupada Factory under agreements entered into with the latter desired to have a factory of their own and accordingly applied for and were granted for the purpose of salt manufacture a block of land to the south-west of the existing factory on the following terms:—

(i) That the Company shall pay rent for the land to be assigned at Rs. 1-8-0 per acre, the rent being subject to periodical revision;

(ii) that the Government shall be at liberty to resume the land on the cessation of manufacture by the Company;

(iii) that, without the consent of the Government, the Company, shall not transfer the land to any other Company or person.

The Company were put in possession of the land from the 28th September 1900 and arrangements are being made for the execution of the necessary lease deed.

CHAPTER II.—LEGISLATION.

No change in legislation.

10. No legislation affecting the department took place during the year under report.

CHAPTER III.—ESTABLISHMENTS.

11. Details of the sanctioned strength of the combined Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, as it stood at the end of 1900-1901, are given in Appendix A. This has been printed separately and three copies are submitted herewith with reference to G.O., No. 626, Revenue, dated 29th August 1894. An abstract of the above showing the sanctioned strength of the subordinate establishments of the department with the changes made in it during the year is appended to this report (*vide* Appendix B).

12. Appendix C shows the number of punishments imposed on the subordinate officers of the department. It will be seen therefrom that there was a palpable falling off in the percentage of punishments to the total strength as compared with the previous year and that more than half of the total number of punishments were stoppages of pay for "absence without leave," almost wholly among menials.

13. One hundred and twenty-six officers (including six Sub-Inspectors and seventeen clerks) resigned their appointments against 159 officers (including six Sub-Inspectors and fourteen clerks) in the preceding year. Of those who resigned this year, eighteen did so with a view to taking up appointments in other departments.

14. Fifty appeals presented to the Board by its subordinate officers against punishments imposed on them were disposed of, thirty-one of the appellants being Sub-Inspectors, six clerks and thirteen menials. In eight of the appeals the decision of the lower authorities was reversed, in one it was modified, and in three enhanced. In the remaining thirty-eight cases the punishments were confirmed.

CHAPTER IV.—FACTORIES, MANUFACTURE, STOCKS AND ISSUES.

15. No new factories were opened during the year under report, the only changes worth mentioning under this head being the closure of a portion of one of the existing factories and the extension of the area of three others.

16. Owing to the continued prevalence of fever of a most severe type in the Pulidivak village, it was found necessary to abandon the northern portion of that factory about 930.35 acres in area, of which, however, only one-eighth was actually used for manufacture. The remaining 677.13 acres were attached to the Attiput factory which they adjoin.

Closure of Pulidivak and extension of Attiput factory (G.O., No. 100, Revenue, dated 9th February 1901).

Ganjam and Naupada extended.

17. The extension of the Naupada factory is referred to in paragraph 9 *supra*, and the Ganjam factory was also extended so as to meet the large and increasing demand on it from the Central Provinces.

18. The licensees of the Surlá excise factory having failed to manufacture salt in the seasons of 1899 and 1900, their licenses were cancelled and their pans resumed under section 27 of the Madras Salt Act. As a matter of grace, the Board offered the pans to the original holders under modified excise licenses, but the offer was refused, and as it was necessary to store as large a stock of salt as possible in the north, orders were given for the issue of temporary licenses for the season of 1901 for the manufacture of salt for sale to Government.

19. Experience has shown that the Penugudur extension No. II is not capable of producing salt suitable to the market, and it was decided not to retain it as a monopoly factory, but the licensees were permitted from the season of 1901 to manufacture salt for general sale under modified excise licenses.

20. Excluding Pulidiwak and Kandadu (temporarily closed) and counting Kudikadu, for which an Assistant Inspector has been sanctioned for eight months annually, as a separate factory, there were 21 Government salt factories, with an area of 8,517 acres, and 47 Excise factories, with an area of 8,489 acres, fit for salt manufacture, though out of these areas 2,250 acres in Government factories and 1,550 acres in Excise factories were not actually held on license. There was manufacture, however, in only 20 Government and 42 Excise factories and the areas actually worked in them were severally 5,461 and 5,371 acres. The season was generally favourable except

Government.	
District.	Station.
Ganjám ..	Surlá Extension.
Excise.	
Ganjám ..	Surlá.
Górávari ..	Penugudur Extension No. II.
Nellore ..	Tada.
Chingleput ..	Cheyur.
Tinnevely ..	Kulasékarapatnam.

in the two southernmost sub-divisions of the Presidency where, owing to the late commencement of operations and rain in April, May, July and August, manufacture was very much retarded. Only six factories were left unworked in 1900 against eight in the preceding season, and the general result was a large increase in the total outturn.

21. The quantity manufactured in each of the ten preceding years is noted below. These figures include the quantity of spontaneous salt collected at Pandraka in the Masulipatam sub-division :—

Years.	I. MDS.
1890 ...	8,723,342
1891 ...	9,743,358
1892 ...	9,244,450
1893 ...	7,337,580
1894 ...	9,037,198
1895 ...	8,832,093
1896 ...	9,488,541
1897 ...	6,569,566
1898 ...	6,856,537
1899 ...	7,321,692
1900 ...	9,772,140

22. The quantity of salt manufactured under what is ordinarily called the Excise system was 5,552,572 maunds against 4,978,097 maunds in the previous year. There was a general increase except in Kistna, Nellore and Tinnevely, in the first of which districts the decrease was due to the bulk of the licensees of the Manginapudi factory not manufacturing salt during the year under the terms of their agreements with the capitalists. In Nellore it was due to the absence of manufacture at Tada and in most of the pans of the old Krishnapatnam factory on account of the large stocks in hand and to the early closure of manufacture in the pans attached to one of the platforms of the Pakala factory owing to want of storage space. In Tinnevely it was due, as stated above, to unseasonable rain

during the months of manufacture. The total outturn given above is inclusive of the quantities manufactured in the Jagannaikpur, Manambadi and Arumuganéri factories which are held on leases by the firms noted in the margin. The conditions of the licenses issued to them are the same as those of the excise license except that the license is only for a fixed period terminating with the lease, and that the lessees have, during the currency of the lease, to bear the entire cost of all the works in the factory excepting the officers' quarters. In the Naupada, Karasa, Jagannaikpur and Covelong factories, the Oriental Salt Company have continued the process of manufacture described in paragraph 21 of the Administration Report for 1897-98 and the results of the operations with the company's machinery in these factories are shown below :—

Factory.	Quantity operated on.	Quantity stored therefrom on treatment.		Salt converted into brine, awaiting treatment, &c.	Wastage.	Percentage of wastage to quantity operated on.
		Sifted salt.	Crushed salt.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Naupada ..	176,160	1. MDS.	1. MDS.	1. MDS.	1. MDS.	9.9
Karasa ..	19,222	1,002	13,672	2,722	1,826	9.5
Jagannaikpur ..	91,202	7,203	68,426	5,572	10,001	10.9
Covelong ..	76,900	21,928	39,738	4,105	11,129	14.5

The high wastage in Jagannaikpur is stated to be due to the large quantity of dirt in the salt treated; most of this dirt remained as mud in the tanks used for making brine, and was finally allowed in the last quarter of the year to run out without being weighed. The high wastage in Covelong has not been explained, but it is probably due to the fact that 1900-1901 was the first year in which salt was treated in that factory.

23. Of the 47 excise factories referred to in paragraph 20 *supra*, the licensees of Bindipatam, Nizampatam, Tada, Vadasamanjeri, Neidavasal, Traquebar, Theethandathanam, Vattanam, Morekolam, Mutturaganadapatnam, Keranur and Kuttanguli worked independently and those of Jagannaikpur, Manambadi, Arumuganéri and Kulasékarapatnam, worked under special leases. The heavy cess at the Magilankottai factory drove some of its licensees into the hands of capitalists.

24. The changes in the number of dependent licensees were not great in any of the excise factories; but the number dependent on the Oriental Salt Company rose at Naupada from 139 to 141 and at Covelong from 222 to 225. The increase in the former factory was in spite of the reduced rate of kudivaram granted and is reported to be due to the anxiety of the licensees to get into the company's favour before its new extension (paragraph 9 *supra*) is brought into proper working order. At Nizampatam the increase in a number of dependent licensees from 69 to 82 appears to be due to the entrance of fresh capitalists into the trade. The Perianatchi Salt Company referred to in paragraph 23 of the Administration Report for 1899-1900 as working in the Tuticorin Circle was dissolved during the year and in its place another small company sprang up, but it lasted a short time. The firm of Messrs. A. R. Hajee Fakir Mahomed Sait & Sons secured the adhesion of 23 more licensees of the Arasadi and Tuticorin factories. The capitalists placed no restriction on the quantity to be produced except at Mangalapudi where the licensees are bound to manufacture only every alternate year.

25. The quantity manufactured under the monopoly system in the season of 1900 was 3,219,568 maunds against 2,843,595 maunds in 1899. This large increase was partly due to the fact that only one Government factory was left unworked against five in the preceding year but more to the strenuous efforts made in the northern factories to acquire as large a stock as possible to meet the increased demand from Orissa and the Central Provinces, and to the favourable character of the season.

26. As reported in paragraph 25 of the Administration Report for 1899-1900 Mr. Merriman was deputed early in 1900 to make enquiries regarding the methods of manufacture in Bombay. His report was not submitted early enough to allow those methods to be introduced in the season of 1900 in their entirety; but some attempt was made to follow them in Karambalam, Attiput and Sevandakulam. As no satisfactory conclusion could be drawn from these experiments, Government ordered their continuance on the lines sketched by Mr. Merriman and they are being tried in the current season in the above factories and also in Vallur and Adirampatnam.

27. The damage caused by rain to salt on the drying grounds was greater than in the preceding year—74,232 maunds against 71,735 maunds chiefly in the Tinnevely sub-division. Rejections of salt either before or after estimation were nowhere excessive. Even in Chinna Ganjam where they are generally high they were only 17,828 maunds or 5.2 per cent. of the total outturn.

28. Appendix D shows the quantity of salt in hand, the quantity received by manufacture, import, &c., and the quantity expended in each sub-division.

29. Taking as a basis for calculation the average sales during the past three years, the total stock of Government and Excise salt in hand on the East Coast at the end of March 1901 was sufficient to last for 13.1 months:—

Sub-division.	Stock at the end of 1900-1901.	Average sales for home and inland consumption during the last three years.	Period for which stocks in column 2 should suffice.	Period for which the stock at the end of 1899-1900 was estimated to last.	Increase or decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	L. MDS.	L. MDS.	MONTHS.	MONTHS.	MONTHS.
Chicacole	1,532,059	1,742,129	10.5	15.1	— 4.6
Cocanada	444,955	433,126	12.3	13.7	— 1.4
Masulipatam	380,517	233,639	19.5	22.5	— 3.0
Nellore	1,776,043	1,078,656	19.7	19.5	+ 0.2
Chingleput	2,112,022	1,577,439	16.0	13.3	+ 2.7
Cuddalore	346,236	554,180	7.4	4.0	+ 3.4
Negapatam	743,770	616,486	14.4	16.4	— 2.0
Tinnevely	912,990	1,270,380	8.6	12.2	— 3.6
Total	8,248,592	7,506,035	13.1	14.6	— 1.5

* Exclusive of 79,432 maunds for fish-curing purposes and 11,203 maunds of Sevandakulam large-grained salt for sale to the public kept in depots and gollahs on the West Coast.

In all the sub-divisions except Chicacole, Cuddalore and Tinnevely stocks were sufficient for more than a year's consumption. The low stock in the first was the result of the increased demand from Orissa and the Central Provinces; while in the third it was due to the small outturn of the season. The Cuddalore sub-division supplies only a small local market and the stocks usually are low.

30. The quantity of salt imported by sea on private account was 82,887 maunds less than in the previous year. Of the amount actually received 1,134,695 maunds were duty-paid and 1,665 maunds duty-bearing.

31. The duty-paid imports amounted to 1,151,668 maunds according to the manifests, and were all from the Bombay Presidency. Of this quantity 1,123,667 maunds were delivered at the ports of Malabar and South Canara, 10,652 maunds at the port of Cuddalore, 355 maunds at the port of Madras, and 21 maunds at the port of Vizagapatam, the balance, 16,973 maunds or 1.47 per cent., being the wastage in transit. The imports on the West Coast include a quantity of 3,886 maunds which represents the excess found on reweighment of the consignments and on which duty was collected in the Madras Presidency.

32. The duty-bearing imports amounted to 1,665 maunds against 2,690 maunds imported last year and were chiefly from the United Kingdom. The bulk of these, viz., 1,598 maunds, were received at Madras. Further details are given in appendix E.

33. As in the previous year, exports of salt to British Indian ports were carried on only by the Oriental Salt Company (Limited), which took no advantage of the rules regulating the grant of wastage allowance, but exported the salt as ordinary cargo. There was a considerable fall in the quantity sent by sea to the Bengal Presidency—840 maunds to Chandballi against 31,122 maunds to Calcutta, Balasore and Chandballi in the previous year—the major portion of the salt being sent by rail; but shipments to Rangoon increased to 87,572 maunds from 13,780, apparently on account of the popularity of the Oriental Salt Company's crushed salt and of the high prices prevailing for the European variety. The Board has proposed amendments to the rules on the subject of exports with claim for wastage allowance and exports under bond; and if some of the present restrictions are removed, a considerable development of the export trade may be expected. For the present, in consequence of a complaint from the Oriental Salt Company that their capital was unnecessarily locked up and their trade hampered because the differential duty on salt exported to Burma could only be refunded at the port of export, arrangements have been made for the grant of the refund in Burma.

Salt was also exported to the Straits Settlements under the rules for the grant of wastage allowance, but the exports fell from 515,692 maunds to 430,413 maunds owing to the low stocks in the factories of the Tuticorin circle.

34. The total issues for Home and Inland consumption of Government, Excise and imported salt amounted to 9,060,452 maunds against 8,605,509 maunds, the increase being distributed over all the sub-divisions except Negapatam and Calicut. In the Chicacole sub-division there was a large demand from the Central Provinces, Cuttack, &c., for Ganjam salt which, with the present improved railway communications, can be put on the market cheaper than Bombay salt; the Surla licensees made great exertions, first to get rid of their old stocks before they became liable to destruction under the five years' rule and towards the latter part of the year to clear off as much as possible to prevent its being forfeited to Government under section 28 of the Madras Salt Act; and the Oriental Salt Company contributed to the increase by establishing depots in several places, in and out of the Presidency, for the sale of their treated salt. The last cause operated also in the Cocanada sub-division, where sales were stimulated besides by the good quality of the Excise salt at Peanguduru and the low prices charged by the licensees. From the Masulipatam and Nellore sub-divisions there were larger removals to the Nizam's Dominions; in the Chingleput sub-division the Oriental Salt Company was active in the disposal of its salt at Covelong; while the increase in the Cuddalore sub-division is attributed to the lightness of the salt of the Manambadi factory and to the reduction of prices in the Noidavasal factory, and that in the Tinnevely sub-division to the reduction of prices in the Arumuganeri and Kayalpatnam factories.

35. On calculations similar to those in paragraph 38 of last year's report, the average cost of Bombay salt imported on private account in the several British ports in the districts of South Canara and Malabar was 9 annas 11.4 pies per maund. The prime cost at Calicut amounted to As. 9-4 per maund against the ordinary price of 3 annas per maund charged for Government salt at the Madras depot; but the imports by rail via Calicut from Bombay to the Salem and Coimbatore districts increased from 325,009 maunds to 329,566, while the imports from Madras to the same two districts fell from 394,642 maunds to 393,209. The imports by other rail routes from Bombay and Goa into Mysore and the interior districts of the Madras Presidency also showed some advance, the former to 434,168 maunds and the latter to 189,157 maunds. An arrangement was made with the authorities of the Madras Railway Company, under which the large grained salt specially manufactured in the Attiput factory of the Ennore circle was taken over by the railway officials at the Madras depot and sent to Bangalore and Coimbatore and there sold by the station-masters at a price fixed so as to cover the duty, freight and other charges and a small addition to represent the prime cost of the salt. The quantity available was small, but the result of the experiment was to show that any preference for Bombay salt was entirely due to the profit it gave to the retail trader owing to the greater bulk of any

given weight of salt; that if Madras salt measuring equally well with Bombay salt can be put down in any market at an equal price, it is, if anything, preferred by the consumer; and that large grained salt can be manufactured in the Ennore factories at a cost which will permit this to be done. An attempt has been made to secure a larger quantity of this light salt in the current year.

36. Fifty-four thousand and seventy maunds were supplied to the French Government against 44,224 maunds in 1899-1900 and 54,577 maunds in 1898-99. The settlement at Karikal, which had hitherto been supplied from the Government stock at Negapatam at the price determined by the Convention, was, at the request of the French Government, granted permission to get its salt from the excise licensees of the Tranquebar factory. As in the previous year the supply to Pondicherry was from the Madras depot.

37. Six hundred maunds were supplied to Messrs. Wilson, & Co., of Madras, duty-free at a cost of 3 annas a maund against 1,600 maunds in the previous year.

38. The quantity of salt supplied to the Jail Department amounted to 2,513 maunds against 760 maunds in the previous year.

39. The wastages written off during the year amounted to 469,116 maunds against 572,121 maunds in the previous year. Of this 467,597 maunds were ordinary and 1,519 maunds special wastages, chiefly discovered in consignments of salt sent from Tuticorin to the West Coast for use in the fish-curing yards.

40. The ordinary wastages discovered during the year amounted to 485,331 maunds against 567,981 maunds in the previous year. The average increased only in the Chicacole sub-division, where wet salt had to be stored in the Ganjam factory in the season of 1899 owing to frequent rain during the months of manufacture; but in two other sub-divisions the wastages were high enough to deserve notice. Those in the Masulipatam sub-division are attributed partly to defective drainage in the Nizampatam factory, which has been remedied, and partly to imperfect heap coverings in the Manginapudi factory. In the Nellore sub-division the high wastages were in the Krishnapatnam factory and were due to one or other of the following causes:—(1) defective drainage (2) want of proper protection to the base of the heaps and consequent heavy damages by rain. Steps have been taken to remedy these defects.

41. An excess of 1,059 maunds was found in 84 heaps during the year. The storers of these heaps were punished wherever necessary.

42. Enclosure I to Appendix D shows the total available stocks of all kinds including duty-paid and duty-bearing imports and the quantity issued for consumption, &c., during the past five years excluding wastage and double entries owing to transfer of stock from one sub-division to another.

43. Appendix F shows the quantities of excise manufactured salt sold and the wholesale prices realized for it by licensees. The average for the Presidency works out to 3 annas 1.5 pies, but this figure is no more exact than the average of 3 annas 3.2 pies calculated for 1899-1900 in paragraph 48 of that year's report, since many of the prices declared by the Oriental Salt Company for its salt from Naupada, Karasa, Jagannaikpur and Covelong are the prices at which the salt is sold at the inland depots, and no prices at all have been declared for the 142,158 maunds shown in the footnote to the appendix. Excluding the Company's factories for comparative purposes, the general average of the rest of the Presidency works out to 3 annas 0.5 pie.

Variations in wholesale prices.

44. A few variations in individual factories call for notice—

The decrease in price was attributed in Kuppili to the large stocks; in Konada, Bimlipatam and the factories of the Kayalpatnam circle to competition among the

licensees; in Manginapudi to want of demand for the salt of the factory, from the Nizam's Dominions; in the factories of the Cuddalore and Tranquebar Circles to the abundant outturn of the season; in Negapatam, Theethandathanam and Vattanam to competition among the licensees and the restraining influence of the sale of Government salt and in Kuttanguli to the heaviness of the salt; while in Tada it was brought about by the sale by auction of remnant heaps and the fact that the licensees had to sell a large portion of their stock cheap to a Madras merchant, to whom they were indebted; and in Morekolam 50 per cent. of the licensees, who up till 1899-1900 were in the hands of a single capitalist sold their salt independently in the year under report, in competition with one another. The licensees of the Mogalturru factory took advantage of its isolated position to increase their prices; those of Merkanam were able to increase theirs owing to the lightness of their salt, while the rise in prices at Thambikkanallavankottai, Adirampatnam and Magilankottai is ascribed to low stocks and that in the factories of the Tuticorin Circle to the concession allowed the licensees of sifting their salt, the large grained portion being sold at high rates for consumption in the Presidency and the small grained reserved for export to the Straits Settlements.

45. As ordered in paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 409, Revenue, dated 25th July 1898, a statement showing the maximum, minimum and average prices at each of the Government factories and extensions is appended —vide Appendix G. Naupada and Negapatam, though excise factories, are included in this statement, as in the former there was a stock of old monopoly salt under sale and Government salt is transported from Védaranniyam and stored and sold at the latter. The usual monopoly rate is 3 annas a maund, but higher prices are realized by auction and otherwise for the large grained salt made after the Bombay methods and heavy and unmarketable salt has sometimes to be sold for less and special rates are charged for the salt sold to the Jail Department and issued free of duty for industrial purposes.

46. As suggested by the Government of India in its letter, No. 1636-S.R., dated 25th March 1901, Appendix H has been so compiled as to show only the annual average prices at each district centre for the year under report and its two predecessors. These varied from Rs. 2-12-9 to Rs. 3-14-2 per maund which is very fair compared with those of the two preceding years. Making allowance for wastage, for agency charges, middleman's profits and the cost of carriage, the price was not excessive.

CHAPTER V.—DISTRIBUTION AND CONSUMPTION.

47. Excluding salt sold for fish-curing and to the French Government and including the salt imported, the total quantity of salt available for consumption in the Madras Presidency and in the territories ordinarily supplied by it amounted to 9,683,777 maunds as shown in the margin against 9,216,311 maunds in the previous year.

Total consumption.		I. MDS.
Total issues for Home and inland consumption of Government and Excise salt and salt imported by sea	9,060,452	
Add imports from the Bombay Presidency and Goa via the Southern Mahratta and Great Indian Peninsula Railways into Mysore	484,168	
Add imports from the Bombay Presidency and Goa via the Southern Mahratta and Great Indian Peninsula Railways into the Madras Presidency	180,157	
Total	9,683,777	

48. The first part of Appendix I shows how salt was distributed by railway, and the second part the quantity available for consumption within each district, so far as it can be ascertained from the factory declarations as corrected by Railway and Sea Customs returns.

49. The three northernmost districts of the Presidency (Ganjám, Vizagapatam and Górávari) have hitherto been left out of all calculations of the average rate of consumption for the Presidency as it was considered that, even after the opening of the East Coast Railway, the available statistics of the quantity of salt sent out of the Presidency were not sufficiently accurate. A certain amount still goes to the Central Provinces, it is believed, by cart and pack bullock, and the factory declarations are not a very safe guide; but no doubt much more information is available than formerly, and, as desired by the Government of India, the Board will, from the current year, include these districts in its calculations.

50. The consumption in the Presidency with Mysore and Coorg and the Native States attached to it except Travancore and Cochin is estimated thus:—

	1900-1901.	1899-1900.
	I. MDS.	I. MDS.
Total sales (excluding exports by sea) and imports in the Presidency	9,683,777	9,216,311
Deduct salt sent beyond the Presidency	1,145,120	881,993
Balance	8,538,657	8,334,318

On the basis of the provisional census totals communicated with G.O., No. 263, Revenue, dated 28th March 1901, therefore, the average consumption per head of the population was 15·84 lbs. against 16·66 lbs., calculated on the 1891 census, for the preceding year. The variation is accounted for by the increase of the population from 41,167,079 in 1891 to 44,351,611 in 1901.

Consumption in Mysore and Coorg and the two West Coast districts.

	Quantity.	Population.
	I. MDS.	PERSONS.
Quantity	1,302,944	
Population		9,641,610
Consumption of the Presidency excluding the two West Coast districts, Mysore and Coorg, and Travancore and Cochin.		
As in paragraph 50	8,538,657	44,351,611
Deduct	1,302,944	9,641,610
Balance	7,235,713	34,710,001

	17·15 lbs.	
Deduct for Sandúr, Banganapalle and Pudukkóttai. } 75,000 {		11,205
		32,279
		880,582
Balance	7,160,713	34,286,936
	17·18 lbs.	

	I. MDS.	PERSONS.
Chingleput and Madras	345,375	1,822,119
South Arcot	654,505	2,380,365
Tanjore	557,534	2,245,361
Madura	827,826	2,832,104
Tinnevely	364,867	2,060,769
North Arcot	375,875	2,208,391
Salem	355,258	2,205,898
Coimbatore including the Nilgiris	422,527	2,313,761
Trichinopoly including Pudukkóttai	875,606	1,825,700
Total	4,279,373	19,884,458
Deduct for Pudukkóttai	44,416	380,582
Balance	4,234,957	19,483,876

51. The consumption of the West Coast districts, Mysore and Coorg together works out to 11·12 lbs. per head and that for the rest of the Presidency excluding Travancore and Cochin to 17·15 lbs., or deducting about 75,000 maunds for the consumption of the Native States of Sandúr, Banganapalle and Pudukkóttai, to 17·18 lbs., against 17·75 lbs. in 1899-1900.

52. For the group formed by the districts noted in the margin, the rate of consumption per head arrived at is 17·88 lbs. against 18·51 lbs. in 1899-1900.

53. The salt traffic on the branch line from Pákala to Dharmavaram, which is supplied from Nellore, showed a considerable improvement as compared with the previous year, the quantity booked from Nellore to stations on the Pákala-Dharmavaram line being 31,015 maunds against nil.

54. There was a further fall in the quantities of salt transported by the Southern Mahratta Railway from the Kistna district to the interior of the Presidency especially in the quantity sent to Kurnool, which was only 3,490 maunds; but this was more than counterbalanced by an increase of over 28,000 maunds in the quantity sent to Kurnool from Nellore.

55. The declarations for Pudukkóttai State were 22,344 maunds as shown in the margin against 28,604 maunds in 1899-1900, and one-half of the deliveries at the Manapparai railway station from places in the South Arcot, Tanjore, Madura and Tinnevely districts, which is, as usual, assumed to be destined for consumption in the State, amounts to 22,072 maunds.

This makes the rate of consumption 9·60 lbs. against 10·79 lbs. in 1899-1900 and 10·33 lbs. in 1898-99. This continued decline would indicate that adequate steps are not being taken to prevent clandestine manufacture in the State, and Government had to warn the Durbar in G.O., No. 717, Revenue, dated 19th July 1900, that unless reliable figures could be produced to show that a quantity of Madras salt sufficient for the needs of the population was being imported, it might be necessary to reconsider the terms of the convention of 1887. The question has been engaging the serious attention of the Board since 1897-98. The Dewan contends that there has been no real decline and that the Board's calculations do not take into account large quantities of salt which go into the State from other factories and by other routes than those referred to above. The Political Agent reported in June last that the Dewan had, in order to substantiate his contention, started a system of registration on the main roads by which he thought salt was likely to be imported and that the registration would continue till November 1901; and the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, has placed a Sub-Inspector on special duty to make careful enquiries and ascertain the quantity of salt sent from the markets and fairs of the Tanjore district into Pudukkóttai. The results of the Dewan's and the Deputy Commissioner's enquiries are awaited.

CHAPTER VI.—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

56. The receipts on account of salt revenue under the different heads are shown in Appendix J and amount to Rs. 1,86,26,189 which is in excess of the revenue of the preceding year by Rs. 75,797. This increase is the net result of—

(i) Increases in—	Rs.
(a) Duty on Government and Excise salt sold for Home and Inland consumption	78,126
(b) Value of salt sold to the French Government	994
(c) Value of salt sold for fish-curing	8,054
(d) Miscellaneous receipts	6,294
Total	93,468

and

(ii) Decreases in—

(a) Cost price of Government salt sold for Home and Inland consumption	...	...	...	...	12,837
(b) Customs duty	...	...	...	...	4,834
					—
Total	...	...	...	...	17,671

57. The increase under "duty" was made up of the following:—

		Realizations on account of previous credits.		(i) An increase of 8.43 lakhs of rupees under realizations on account of credits owing to the large credit sales in the second half of 1899-1900;
		Rs.		
(i) 1900-1901	..	57,44,779		
1899-1900	..	49,01,412		
Increase	..	8,43,367		
		Payment on account of credit sales in advance of the due date.		(ii) an increase of 54 lakh under payments made for credit sales in advance of the due date in the second half of 1900-1901;
		Rs.		
(ii) Second half of 1900-1901	..	4,88,093		
Do. of 1899-1900	..	4,33,838		
Increase	..	54,255		
		Duty on salt sold.		(iii) an increase of 8.09 lakhs in sales in the first half of 1900-1901; and
		Rs.		
(iii) First half of 1900-1901	..	99,35,040		
Do. of 1899-1900	..	91,25,775		
Increase	..	8,09,265		
		Realizations on account of cash sales.		(iv) a decrease of 16.28 lakhs of rupees under cash sales in the latter half of 1900-1901, which was caused by the generally low price of Government paper and the consequent increase in credit sales.
		Rs.		
(iv) Second half of 1899-1900	..	32,73,515		
Do. of 1900-1901	..	16,44,754		
Decrease	..	16,28,761		

occurred in the Nellore sub-division, where part of the trade of the Government factory at Kanuparti was diverted to the Excise factory of Pakala which is nearer the railway, and the low prices charged by the capitalists of the Krishnapatnam Excise factory for their salt diminished the demand for Government salt. The decrease under customs duty was due to (i) smaller imports of duty-bearing salt from the United Kingdom into the port of Madras, and (ii) the smaller excess found, on check-weighment of the duty-paid imports into the port of Mangalore, over 95 per cent. of the quantity removed from the Bombay salt works.

58. A statement showing the cash and credit collections during the year is attached to Appendix J. It will be seen from it and from that appendix that of the total receipts of the year, Rs. 47,81,126 * were realized on account of Government salt sold and Excise salt removed on cash payment and Rs. 1,37,25,261 on account of salt issued on credit before and during the year.

* Includes Rs. 1,60,632 the sale-proceeds of salt sold for fish-curing and Rs. 5,817 received for salt sold to the French Government.

59. The quantity issued on credit in each sub-division is exhibited in enclosure 2 to Appendix J. Of the value of the salt so issued, Rupees 79,80,482 was collected within the year, and Rs. 79,63,375 was outstanding at its close; Rs. 57,44,779 was realized on account of salt issued in the previous year. Credit transactions showed a very large increase * which is distributed over all the sub-divisions. This was the result of the steady low price of Government paper since September 1899.

	Credit sales.
	Rs.
* 1900-1901	6,377,513
1899-1900	4,610,409
Increase	1,767,104

Revenue of 1900-1901 compared with those of the previous years.	Rs.
Average of five years ending with 1896-97.	1,75,31,619
1897-98	1,72,74,768
1898-99	1,99,84,130
1899-1900	1,85,50,392
1900-1901	1,86,26,189

60. The figures given in the margin † show the salt revenue of the Presidency for 1900-1901 and the eight preceding years.

61. Taking credit for only the duty on the salt consumed in the Presidency, whether it be locally manufactured salt or salt imported by sea or land, and omitting the duty on all salt exported to places outside it, the real revenue of the Presidency is Rs. 1,87,64,120 as shown in enclosure 3 to Appendix J.

62. Including the abkari and customs charges, the total charges of the Presidency amounted to Rs. 32,12,116. Details according to sub-divisions are given in Appendix K. Excluding Rs. 21,970 spent on "Excise Licensees' works" and Rs. 5,44,879 on "Salt Purchase and Freight" which are items exclusively relating to salt, the net charges debitable to the combined Salt, Abkari and Customs Department amount to Rs. 26,45,267. Five per cent. of this or Rs. 1,32,263 is by arrangement debited to Customs and two-fifths of the balance or Rs. 10,05,201 to Excise; the remainder together with the two amounts above referred to as relating exclusively to salt, or in all Rs. 20,74,652, is the amount debitable to Salt. As, however, it will not be correct to make the foregoing apportionment in the case of each individual head of expenditure, some of which relate wholly to Salt, some wholly to Abkari and some to Customs, details of the salt charges have not been separately given. Particulars of the combined charges are given in the enclosure to Appendix K.

63. Compared with 1899-1900 there was an increase of expenditure during the year to the extent of 3.1 lakhs of rupees, nearly which was due mainly to the customs charges having been combined since 1st April 1900 with those of the Salt and Abkari department and to the larger quantity of Government salt produced during the year. The variations under the following heads are also worthy of notice. The decrease in the cost of temporary establishments was due chiefly to the introduction of the excise system of arrack revenue into the Gódvári district, owing to which it was possible to dispense with the bulk of the temporary establishments sanctioned for the Cocanada sub-division for tree marking. Only one salt analyst worked under the Chemical Examiner during the year instead of two as in previous years, and this fact accounts for the decrease in the cost under that head. The quantity of salt transported from the Tinnevely sub-division to the West Coast for fish-curing, &c., purposes was 180,493 maunds against 116,400 maunds in 1899-1900 and the freight and other charges amounted to Rs. 7-1-0 per ton against Rs. 6-1-0 in the previous year. These two factors combined raised the charges under the head "Conveying salt to French settlements and to fish-curing yards." In the expenditure on works the only striking variation is under "Excise Licensees' works"; there was special expenditure in 1899-1900 on the construction of (i) sluices in the Karasa and Merkanam factories, (ii) works for improving the drainage of the Negapatnam and Kayalpatnam platforms and (iii) the much-neglected road leading to platform I of the Penugudur factory. The large increase under "miscellaneous" was attributable chiefly to (i) the large expenditure on account of fees paid to Customs officers for working extra hours, (ii) the compensation paid to the late licensees of the Kamblimedu and Manavari factories, (iii) the cost of the gunnies purchased for sale of salt by the agency of the Madras Railway, (iv) the repairs executed by the Mechanic Inspector to the machines of the department, (v) the purchase of the full complement

of smith's tools for each factory in order to enable the local officers to attend to sundry repairs to machines, and (vi) the remuneration paid to M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur R. Dharma Rao Nayudu—the Government's arbitrator in the Manakkudi compensation case—and to the Government pleader, Madura, who appeared for Government before the arbitrators.

64. The total expenditure on works amounted to Rs. 1,70,324 against Rs. 1,82,739 in the previous year. The former figure includes Rs. 21,970 and the latter Rs. 34,557 expended on works executed by the department on behalf of Excise licensees and recoverable from them by cess.

65. A table showing the expenditure on works for the five years ending with 1900-1901 is appended to Appendix I.

66. The charges amounted to 11.05 per cent. of the receipts and the net revenue to Rs. 1,66,89,468 compared with 9.70 per cent. and Rupees 1,78,13,430, respectively, in the previous year. The variation in the percentage of charges to receipts is attributable to the greater extent of credit transactions.

67. The revenue receipts were Rs. 1,78,32,854, the charges Rs. 15,09,862 or 8.47 per cent. of the receipts. The manufacturing receipts were Rs. 7,93,335, and the charges Rs. 5,64,790 or 71.19 per cent. of the receipts.

68. Appendix M shows the cost of salt sold at the Government factories and extensions. The cost was everywhere normal, ranging from As. 1-7.4 to As. 2-4.6 except at Adirampatnam where the high figure As. 4-5 was the result of the small outturn during the season of 1900.

CHAPTER VII.—QUALITY OF SALT.

69. Salt samples were selected in the manner described at the end of paragraph 86 of the Administration Report for 1899-1900 and analysed by the Abkari Deputy Commissioner.

70. The quality of Government salt produced showed a deterioration, the general average percentage of sodium chloride being 93.5 against 94.4 of the previous year. This average was exceeded at Balacheruvu, Polavaram, Chinna Ganjam, Kanuparti, Ganjam, Pandraka, Adirampatnam and Kattumavadi—the percentage increasing in the order enumerated. Kattumavadi produced the best salt and Dugarazpatnam, as usual, the worst—the percentage of sodium chloride being 96.4 in the former and 91.1 in the latter. The salt of the Calingapatam, Dugarazpatnam and Manakkudi factories and of the Penuguduru and Sevandakulam extensions contained the highest percentages of magnesium salts and the local officers have had to be warned of the necessity of attending to brine tests with a view to producing salt of greater purity.

71. There was a similar deterioration in the average quality of excise salt, the general average percentage of sodium chloride being 92.8 against 93.7 of the previous year. In the Krishnapatnam, Neidavasal, Arasadi, Konada, Cuddalore, Krishnapatnam Extension I, Kudikadu, Mogalturru, Kayalpatnam, Tranquebar, Vadasamanjeri, Manginapudi and Pakala factories the percentage ranged from 89.0 in the first to 91.8 in the last. The salt produced at the Thambikkanallavankottai, Keranur, Jagannaikpur, Kanuparti, Tuticorin, Sevandakulam, Morekulam, Magilankottai, Kuttanguli, Iskapalle and Vattanam factories, however, was good, the percentages ranging from 94.0 to 96.3. Thirty-five factories showed 2 per cent. or more of magnesium chloride, the worst being Krishnapatnam, Arasadi and Neidavasal, the salt of which was found to contain 4.3, 4.4 and 4.8, respectively. The average percentage of magnesium sulphate was only 0.5 as against 1.0 of the previous year, but those of calcium salts and dirt increased from 1.3 and 0.4 to 2.0 and 1.5, respectively. Manginapudi, Vadasamanjeri, Konada and Mogalturru salts contained 3 per cent. and over of dirt.

72. It is probable that the real deterioration was not as great as the figures would represent, and that some of it was due to the new mode of taking samples and of preserving them in glazed earthenware jars, which retained the impurities, instead of in baskets which allowed them to drain away.

Factories.	Percentage of	
	Sodium chloride.	Magnesium chloride.
Jagannaikpur—		
Crushed salt	95.5	0.8
Sifted "	95.7	0.9
Naupada—		
Crushed salt	95.5	0.9
Sifted "	96.0	0.8

73. The specially-treated salt of the Oriental Salt Company was again superior to the ordinary salt of the factories in the Presidency, the percentage of sodium chloride and magnesium chloride therein being as shown in the margin; but the ordinary salt of the Kattumavadi Government factory and of Iskapalle and

Vattanam among Excise Factories also contained 96 per cent. and over of sodium chloride.

CHAPTER VIII.—MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE REVENUE.

74. Appendix N shows the number of salt cases reported and the manner in which they were disposed of during the calendar year 1900 in each Sub-division of the Presidency.

75. Nearly half of the 8,979 persons sent for trial came from the following nine circles:—

Circles.	1899.	1900.
	PERSONS.	PERSONS.
Merkanam	707	957
North Trichinopoly	708	598
Tellicherry	350	559
Cuddalore	467	440
Tanjore	465	424
Tranquebar	231	374
Tada	233	371
Tindivanam	417	366
Mangalore	103	346
Total	3,681	4,435

76. The decrease in the Chicacole Sub-division occurred in all the circles except Kónada, Karasa and Polavaram and is ascribed generally to the substitution, as a means of prevention, of constant patrolling of saline tracts for detection by house-searches, to the improved condition of the people in the Surla and Naupada Circles and to the deterrent punishments inflicted by the magistracy. In the Cuddalore Sub-division there was a decrease in all the circles except Tranquebar, due generally to efficient patrolling; in the Villupuram Circle also to vigorous measures adopted by the French Government to suppress salt crime in its territory and in the Tirukkóyilur and Cuddalore Circles to heavy rain which washed away all efflorescence from the saline tracts. The decrease in the Negapatam Sub-division was in the Adirampatnam and Vattanam Circles, in the former of which it is attributed to the flooding of the saline soils by heavy rain and in the latter to frequent rain at short intervals which destroyed salt formations, as well as to the heavy fines imposed by the magistracy. In the Trichinopoly Sub-division there was a general decrease in all the

circles except Sivaganga. It was noticeable only in the North Trichinopoly Circle where a large preventive force has been concentrated with good effect in the Perambalur taluk, which was formerly notorious for salt crime. The increase in the other Sub-divisions is attributed to one or other of the following causes:—(1) absence of rain which tended to the formation of spontaneous salt and efflorescence of salt-earth, (2) the impoverished condition of the people owing to the high prices of food-grains, and (3) efficient patrolling and guarding of the swamps.

77. In eleven cases the arrests were declared illegal by the authority before whom they came up for adjudication or decision, but as a matter of fact two of them arose from mistakes of fact, in four the proper amount of proof was wanting and only five arrests—four of which were made by peons and one by a Sub-Inspector—were due to malice.

78. Of the 95 persons whose cases were undisposed of at the end of 1900, the cases of 35 had been pending for less than one month, those of 37 for more than one month but less than three months, and those of 23 for more than three months. The general average duration of enquiries was 6·5 days against 6·2 days in the preceding year for ordinary cases. In the following circles, however, the average duration of ordinary cases was more than fifteen days:—

	DAYS.						
Tirukkóvilur	...	...	...	...	...	...	17·1
Madanapalle	...	...	...	...	...	...	23·5
Mangalore	...	...	...	...	...	...	24·8

In the Tirukkóvilur Circle delay in disposal was unavoidable, as the Inspector M.R.Ry. C. Kuppuswami Aiyar had to spend much of his time in Madras where his presence was needed in connection with the arbitration proceedings between Government and the late lessee of the Manakkudi factory. In the Madanapalle and Mangalore Circles the delay has not been satisfactorily explained and the Inspectors concerned have been reprimanded.

79. Of the 10,110 cases, excluding the undetected cases and scrapings reported during the year, 3,432 related to manufacture of contraband salt (other than saltpetre), 2,940 to possession of contraband salt-earth, 1,980 to possession of earth-salt, 1,456 to possession of spontaneous or swamp salt and the remaining 302 cases to saltpetre, &c.

80. The percentage of acquittals in cases sent for trial shows a further fall to ·5.

81. The total number of cases pending before the magistracy at the end of 1900 was 480 against 357 * in the preceding year.

82. The amount granted as rewards was Rs. 21,911-14-9 against Rs. 21,146-4-6 in 1899. The increase is due to increase in detection.

83. There were only six cases of resistance to officers of the department in the discharge of their duties. Most of these assaults were on inferior servants and of a trivial nature. The assailants were suitably punished.

84. The quantities of contraband articles dealt with are shown in the following statement:—

Year.	Salt.			Spontaneous salt.			Earth-salt.			Salt-earth.			Saltpetre.			Brine.		
	MDS.	S.	T.	MDS.	S.	T.	MDS.	S.	T.	MDS.	S.	T.	MDS.	S.	T.	MDS.	S.	T.
1900	19	1	18½	603	4	1½	275	31	18½	1,918	15	64½	12	4	58	156	1	38½
1899	115	0	4½	171	1	51	206	9	14½	1,853	34	71½	1	37	0	148	4	79½

* Revised figure.

85. The results of the operations of the salt preventive force in the Pudukkóttai State are shown in Appendix O. There was a slight decrease in the number of cases and persons dealt with, which is attributed to local conditions. The average duration of cases was five days, against nine in the previous year, the average incidence of fine Rs. 1-14-1 against Rs. 1-10-5 and the quantity of contraband articles dealt with was as follows:—

	1899.			1900.		
	I. MDS.	S.	T.	I. MDS.	S.	T.
Salt-earth	62	21	2	41	34	7
Earth-salt	5	24	4	3	29	12
Brine	11	26	6	5	7	2

There were no cases of illegal arrest by the officers of the department but there were two cases of assault upon them, in both of which the assailants were convicted and punished. It is reported that the departmental records have been maintained in fair order and that the Inspectors have, in general, done their work with much care and earnestness. Salt is said to have been sold in retail in the State at 11·34 to 13·60 Madras seers per rupee.

CHAPTER IX.—FISH-CURING.

86. There were 130 yards at work at the end of the year including the one at Udiavar in the Udipi Circle sanctioned in G.O., R. No. 1279, Revenue, dated 13th July 1900. The three other yards at Vana-giri in the Tranquebar Circle, Nelattur Pattapalem in the Krishnapatnam Circle and Kotimbi Katappuram in the Ponnani Circle, sanction for the opening of which was conveyed in G.Os., Mis. No. 3755, Revenue, dated 30th October 1899, R. No. 531, Revenue, dated 9th March 1900, and R. No. 1180, Revenue, dated 26th June 1900, did not commence operations during the year.

87. The total weight of fish brought to the yards for curing was 1,504,380 maunds or 55,263 tons against 1,486,464 maunds or 54,605 tons in the previous year—an increase of 1·2 per cent., contributed by all the Sub-divisions except Chicacole, Masulipatam and Negapatam. The decrease in the Chicacole Sub-division was very marked, nearly 50 per cent., and is ascribed to unfavourable weather and to the employment of large numbers of the fishing classes in the shipment of manganese ore at Vizagapatam. The decrease in operations in the Masulipatam and Negapatam Sub-divisions is attributed principally to unfavourable weather. The quantity of fish brought to be cured on the East and West Coasts, respectively, for the last five years are given in the footnote to Appendix P.

88. The quantity of salt issued for each maund of fish varied in the several circles with reference to the method of curing adopted and the nature of the fish operated upon. The range was from 6·84 lbs. to 16·61 lbs.; but the average for the Presidency showed only a slight increase from 10·62 lbs. to 11·06 lbs.

89. The actual quantity of fish which, after undergoing the process of curing, left the yards in a fit condition for use amounted to 895,931 maunds, and in addition to this, 26,084 maunds were imported from places outside the Presidency, so that the total quantity available for local consumption and for export amounted to 922,015 maunds: 759,592 maunds or 82·4 per cent. of this quantity was consumed within the Presidency. The average value of a pound of the exported article was 1 anna 4·8 pies against 1 anna 5·4 pies in the previous year.

90. The aggregate expenditure incurred on account of buildings, establishments and contingencies amounted to Rs. 53,569-1-9 or including the cost of the clerical establishment maintained in the Central and Sub-divisional offices for the compilation and scrutiny of the fish-curing returns to

Rs. 55,489-1-9 or Rs. 1,335-8-1 more than in the previous year. During the year 28,359 maunds of excise salt were purchased by Government for supply to fish-curing yards, including old salt secured at nominal prices in auction, and 15,032 maunds of this and 187,207 maunds of Government salt were issued. The total expenditure on fish-curing yards during the year, including the cost of the salt issued, amounted to Rs. 1,42,217-2-4 while the receipts were Rs. 1,60,494-7-7. According to the method of calculation hitherto in use, there was therefore a gain to Government on the operations of the yards of Rs. 18,277-4-3 in the year and of Rs. 1,92,374-9-6 up to the year, though if the Rs. 60,500 spent on establishments for gollahs and on the storage of salt, Rs. 51,985 as interest at 5 per cent. on the capital cost of gollahs and works and Rs. 51,985 as the cost of the upkeep of gollahs, at 5 per cent. of the capital cost, be deducted, this figure is reduced to Rs. 27,904.

91. Information regarding the movements of migratory fish round the coasts continued to be recorded in the manner indicated by Mr. Thurston, and a Special Assistant Inspector was appointed during the year who, while controlling the yards on the West Coast, was also to supervise the preparation of the returns submitted to the Superintendent, Government Museum, on the subject of the fish brought for curing, to receive the directions of the Superintendent in all matters in this connection and see to their proper execution by the yard officers. The Superintendent himself visited Malabar and thoroughly explained to the Assistant Inspector the nature of the work which he was to carry out and it is hoped that in due course a valuable record of the movements of fish and the condition of the industry will be obtained.

CHAPTER X.—MISCELLANEOUS.

92. During the year 4,354 heaps were stored, of which 940 heaps or 21.59 per cent. were stored personally by Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors. Seventy heaps out of the 940, or 1.61 per cent. of the total number stored, and one heap of the previous year, were tested by Assistant Commissioners, 13 by check-weighment at the time of sales and the rest by re-storage.

93. Out of the balance of 3,414 heaps stored by Sub-Inspectors, 184 were tested by Inspectors and 642 by Assistant Inspectors as detailed below :—

	Number check- weighed at the time of sales.	Number re-stored.
By Inspectors	115	69
By Assistant Inspectors	500	142

94. The total number tested during the year by Assistant Commissioners, Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors was thus 896 * or 20.6 per cent. of the full number stored. The requirements of the Salt Manual with regard to test-weighments were fairly complied with in all sub-divisions except Cocanada and Negapatam, the Assistant Commissioners of which have been instructed to pay more attention to the matter.

95. Two hundred and ninety-five heaps out of the 896 above referred to were tested immediately after storage, 72 by Inspectors and 223 by Assistant Inspectors.

96. The number of factories for the manufacture of crude saltpetre increased from 1,244 to 1,732, the increase being largest in the Trichinopoly sub-division; and the number of refineries decreased from 41 to 36.

97. The receipts on account of license-fees, fines, &c., amounted to Rs. 4,532 against Rs. 3,722-2-9, and the expenditure, which consists solely of the pay of the officers employed for the supervision of the refineries, to Rs. 5,688-7-8 against Rs. 6,226-12-9 in the preceding year.

98. Appendix Q shows the quantities of refined saltpetre and of edible salt produced in the refineries during the year and the proportion borne by them to the crude saltpetre expended in their manufacture.

99. None of the educated salt was purchased by Government for supply to fish-curing yards. Most of it was destroyed during the year under the personal supervision of Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors, a small balance being left over for destruction in 1901-1902.

100. The mofussil records of the department are generally reported to be in good order. The work of rearranging the old records of the Board's office was almost completed during the year and the temporary establishments sanctioned for it, excepting one indexer and four attenders who were retained for a further period of two months to finish the little that remained, ceased to be employed from 1st March 1901. The disposal number system was introduced into the Board's office from 1st August 1900 and into all the subordinate offices of the department from 1st January 1901. Search fees to the extent of Rs. 44-4-0 were collected in the various offices.

101. From the annual returns received from the local officers, it is observed that the service books of the employes in the department, with few exceptions, have been properly maintained.

102. The instructions relating to the maintenance of an inventory of valuable stock were duly carried out.

103. The officers of the department have, as a body, worked well. The Board's office has given general satisfaction, the First Assistant M.R.Ry. V. A. Anantarama Aiyar, in particular, being deserving of special mention. By the retirement since the end of the year of Mr. Millett, one of the Senior Assistant Commissioners, who has been identified with the office of the Board almost ever since the office of Salt Member was constituted, the department has suffered a great loss. The Deputy and Assistant Commissioners and, with few exceptions, the Inspectors deserve the acknowledgments of the Board.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
SEPARATE REVENUE,
Madras, 28th August 1901.

(Signed) R. A. GRAHAM,
Acting Secretary to the Commissioner
of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. SIMPSON,
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX B.
STATEMENT showing the Sanctioned Strength of the Establishment as it stood on 31st March 1901.

	ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE BOARD'S AND THE DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES.				INSPECTORS, ASSISTANT INSPECTORS AND SUB-INSPECTORS.				SUBORDINATE FACTORY ESTABLISHMENT.				SUBORDINATE PREVENTIVE AND TREE-TAX ESTABLISHMENTS.			
	Permanent.				Permanent.				Permanent.				Permanent.			
	Clerks, Accountants, copyists and type-writers.	Clerks and Shroffs.	Petty officers.	Peons.	Inspectors.	Assistant Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Assistant Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors.	Clerks and Shroffs.	Petty officers.	Peons.	Clerks and Shroffs.	Petty officers.	Peons.	Peons.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Strength at the beginning of the year	146	171	79	101	791	8	81	1	143	332	1,362	1	14	952	156	416
Sanctioned during the year	50	7	3	17	76	2	8	..	(a) 20	14	69	..	7	61	8	15
Abolished during the year	44	18	1	(b) 4	24	..	10	..	(c) 5	16	68	..	2	60	(c) 17	48
Strength at the end of the year	(a) 152	(c) 160	81	114	842	10	(c) 79	..	158	330	1,363	1	19	953	147	383
																5,140

Strength at the beginning of the year ..
 Sanctioned during the year ..
 Abolished during the year ..
 Strength at the end of the year ..

Strength at the beginning of the year ..
 Sanctioned during the year ..
 Abolished during the year ..
 Strength at the end of the year ..

(a) Exclusive of the establishments sanctioned for the Income-tax and Stamp Departments of the Board's office, but inclusive of 1 indexter on Rs. 50 and 4 attenders on Rs. 8 each sanctioned to complete the work of the special record.

(b) Inclusive of 12 Assistant Inspectors and 40 Sub-Inspectors sanctioned for work at out-ports.

(c) Includes one Sub-Inspector sanctioned temporarily for supervision of transshipment of goods at Nagapatnam.

(d) Includes non-continuous service men employed as line guards during the manufacturing season.

(e) Eleven of these relate to the change from the preventive to the factory establishment.

APPENDIX C.

STATEMENT showing the Number of Punishments imposed on the officers of the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department of and below the rank of Inspectors during 1900-1901.

Class.	Years.	Strength.	Dis-missals.	Degra-dations.	Suspen-sions.	Fines.	Stoppages of pay for absence without leave.	Total.	Percent-age.
Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors.	1900-1901 ..	205	4	3	..	..	..	7	3.4
	1899-1900 ..	188	2	1	..	..	..	3	1.6
Sub-Inspectors	1900-1901 ..	921	5	35	12	4	..	56	6.1
	1899-1900 ..	872	10	21	17	4	..	52	5.9
Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Clerks and Shroffs.	1900-1901 ..	(a) 626	3	10	5	8	1	27	4.9
	1899-1900 ..	460	6	5	5	11	1	28	6.1
Menials ..	1900-1901 ..	(a) 9,398	128	128	333	428	1,361	2,376	25.3
	1899-1900 ..	9,135	163	129	386	691	1,610	2,979	32.6
Total ..	1900-1901 ..	(a) 11,150	140	178	350	438	1,382	2,466	22.1
	1899-1900 ..	(b) 10,655	181	166	408	706	1,611	3,062	28.7

(a) Exclusive of the Abkari establishments in Collectorates and Taluk offices.

(b) Exclusive of one Assistant to the Chemical Examiner.

ENCLOSURE 1 TO APPENDIX D.
Stocks and Issues of Salt of all kinds for the five years ending with 1900-1901.

Years.	IN HAND AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.					RECEIPTS.					TOTAL IN HAND AND RECEIVED.				
	Government salt.		Excise salt.	Imported salt.	Total.	Government salt.		Excise salt.	Imported salt.	Total.	Government salt.		Excise salt.	Imported salt.	Total.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
						I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.
1896-97	..	(a) 5,275,857	(c) 8,677,073	..	13,952,930	3,351,928	6,335,857	1,131,940	10,819,725	8,627,785	15,012,930	1,131,940	24,772,655		
1897-98	..	(b) 6,699,912	7,973,571	..	14,673,483	2,171,042	4,292,867	1,252,053	7,715,962	8,870,964	12,266,438	1,252,053	22,389,445		
1898-99	..	6,583,911	5,899,707	..	12,483,618	1,286,165	5,064,247	1,170,560	8,110,972	7,870,076	11,563,954	1,170,560	20,594,590		
1899-1900	..	4,851,034	5,648,320	..	10,502,354	2,432,543	5,156,360	1,219,247	8,808,150	7,286,577	10,804,680	1,219,247	19,310,504		
1900-1901	..	(c) 3,675,349	(c) 6,279,708	..	8,955,057	3,412,753	5,610,485	1,136,360	10,159,598	7,088,102	10,890,193	1,136,360	19,114,655		

Years.	ISSUES.					BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR, EXCLUSIVE OF WASTAGE NOT WRITTEN OFF WITHIN THE YEAR.					
	For home and inland consumption.		For fish-curing.	Miscellaneous.	To French Government.	For export.	Total.	Government salt.	Excise salt.	Imported salt.	Total.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.
1896-97	..	8,028,263	149,023	(d) 725,282	54,995	205,262	9,154,825	6,699,912	7,973,571	..	14,673,483
1897-98	..	8,379,313	157,722	(e) 425,291	41,622	259,888	9,262,836	6,583,911	5,899,707	..	19,483,618
1898-99	..	8,378,535	139,655	(f) 468,594	54,577	442,730	9,483,159	4,851,034	5,048,320	..	10,502,354
1899-1900	..	8,605,509	191,985	(g) 161,928	44,224	560,694	9,563,540	3,675,349	6,279,708	..	8,955,057
1900-1901	..	9,060,452	202,239	(h) 100,781	54,070	518,825	9,836,367	3,597,000	4,742,227	..	8,339,227

BALANCE AT END OF THE YEAR, EXCLUSIVE OF WASTAGE NOT WRITTEN OFF WITHIN THE YEAR.

ISSUES.

Years.	For home and inland consumption.			For fish-curing.		Miscellaneous.		To French Government.		Total.		Government salt.		Excise salt.		Total.	
	14			15		16		17		18		19		20		21	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1896-97	..	..	..	..	..	(d) 732,282	54,905	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1897-98	..	..	..	..	..	(e) 425,281	41,622	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1898-99	..	..	..	..	..	(f) 408,584	54,777	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1899-1900	..	..	..	..	..	(g) 161,228	44,224	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1900-1901	..	..	..	..	..	(h) 100,781	54,070	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

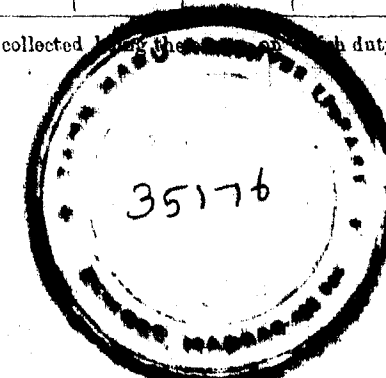
(a) The difference between this figure and that shown in column 21 against 1895-96 is due to certain adjustments made to rectify an error in stock.
 (b) Do.
 (c) The difference between these figures and that shown in columns 20 and 21 against 1899-1900 in the last year's report is due to certain adjustments made to rectify an error in stock.
 (d) Includes 721,057 maunds destroyed, 1,200 maunds adjusted to rectify a certain error in the stocks, 1 maund issued to Messrs. Stuart, Hall & Co. on payment of duty, 13 maunds lost in transit by contractors from whom the value was recovered and 11 maunds (stolen from the Muttupet fish-curing yard) written off the accounts.
 (e) Includes 435,111 maunds destroyed, 19 maunds lost in transit, the value of which was recovered and credited, 1 maund sample sent to the interior districts and 160 maunds shown under miscellaneous issues—vide Government Order, No. 3144, Revenue, dated 21st June 1897.
 (f) Includes 462,669 maunds destroyed, 48 maunds lost in transit, the value of which was recovered and credited, 2 maunds samples sent to the interior districts and 5,675 maunds adjusted in the accounts to rectify certain errors.
 (g) Includes 157,346 maunds destroyed, 6 maunds lost in transit, the value of which was recovered and credited, 2 maunds sent as samples to interior districts, 1,600 maunds issued to Messrs. Wilson & Co. for use at their tannery at Tungal and 2,273 maunds adjusted in the accounts to rectify certain errors in stock.
 (h) Includes 100,040 maunds destroyed, 127 maunds lost in transit, the value of which was recovered and credited, 600 maunds issued to Messrs. Wilson & Co. for use in their tannery at Tungal, 1 maund sample sent to the Board's office and 2 maunds stolen at the Mangadu fish-curing yard.

APPENDIX E.

STATEMENT showing Duty-paid and Duty-bearing Salt imported by sea and cleared in the Madras Presidency in 1900-1901.

Sub-division.	Port or district of import.	AS PER MANIFESTS FROM		Total as per manifests.	WASTAGE DISCOVERED.		Actual quantity imported.
		Bombay.	Other ports.		Quantity.	Centage.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Duty-paid imports (by sea).							
Chingleput ..	Vizagapatam ..	1. MDS. 21	1. MDS. ..	1. MDS. 21	1. MDS. ..	..	1. MDS. 21
Chingleput ..	Madras ..	355	..	355	..	..	355
Cuddalore ..	Cuddalore ..	10,796	..	10,796	144	1.33	10,652
Calicut ..	Baindur (South Canara district).	..	7,548	7,548	..	..	7,548
	Coondapoor do.	504	26,700	27,204	381	1.40	26,823
	Hangarkotta do.	638	87,465	88,103	502	1.31	87,601
	Malpe do.	1,008	693	1,701	15	.88	1,686
	Mulki do.	..	2,128	2,128	12	.56	2,116
	Mangalore do.	158,778	900	159,678	3,506	2.19	156,172
	Cannanore (Malabar district) ..	..	58,418	58,418	945	1.61	57,473
	Tellicherry do.	..	65,896	65,896	862	1.30	65,034
	Badagara do.	..	34,049	34,049	608	1.78	33,441
	Quilandi do.	..	3,096	3,096	13	.42	3,083
	Calicut do.	..	497,738	497,738	6,155	1.23	491,583
	Beypore do.	..	31,074	31,074	471	1.51	30,603
	Ponnani do.	6,576	208,583	215,159	3,318	1.56	208,841
	Cochin do.	1,080	624	1,704	41	2.40	1,663
Total ..		168,584	971,912	1,140,496	16,829	1.47	1,123,667
Total, Duty-paid ..		179,756	971,912	1,151,668	16,975	1.47	1,134,695
Duty-bearing imports (by sea).							
Chingleput ..	Ganjam ..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Chingleput ..	Vizagapatam ..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Chingleput ..	Madras ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,598
Tinnevely ..	Tuticorin ..	..	..	..	..	..	32
Calicut ..	Mangalore ..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Calicut ..	Calicut ..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Calicut ..	Cochin ..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..		..	..	..	..	..	1,659
Duty-bearing imports (by land).							
Cuddalore ..	Cuddalore ..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Grand Total ..		..	..	..	..	..	1,136,360

* Includes .. 3,886 maunds on which duty was collected but the duty was leviable according to export rules.
 † Excludes ..



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APPENDIX G.

STATEMENT showing the maximum, minimum and average Prices of Salt at each of the Government factories and extensions in 1900-1901.

Government Factories and Extensions.	Year.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Average.
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Ganjām	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
Surlā	1900-1901	0 2 0	0 1 6	0 1 10-9
	1899-1900	0 4 6	0 1 6	0 2 8-8
Naupada	1900-1901	0 1 6	0 1 0	0 1 4-7
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 1 6	0 1 6-6
Calingapatam	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 1 0	0 2 9-6
	1899-1900	0 4 6	0 1 0	0 2 10-1
Karasa	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 2 0	0 2 8-5
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 1 0	0 2 2-2
Balachoruvu	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
Polavaram	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
Penuguduru	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 1 0	0 2 4-8
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 2 0	0 2 10-9
Panduraka	1900-1901	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 2 0-0
	1899-1900	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 2 0-0
Chinna Ganjām	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
Kanuparti	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 2 0	0 2 3-2
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 2 0	0 2 10-5
Krishnapatnam	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 1 0	0 2 5-7
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 1 6	0 2 5-4
Dugarazpatnam	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
Madras Depot	1900-1901	0 6 7-5	0 0 3	0 3 0-5
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 0 3	0 2 11-9
Karambalam	1900-1901	0 10 9	0 3 1-5	0 4 3-5
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
Negapatam	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 0 9	0 2 8-2
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 0 9	0 2 11-5
Védaranniyam	1900-1901	0 1 9	0 0 4	0 1 3-0
	1899-1900	0 3 6	0 0 4	0 1 9-5
Adirampatnam	1900-1901	0 2 0	0 0 9	0 2 0-0
	1899-1900	0 2 10	0 0 9	0 2 0-3
Kattumavadi	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 3 0-0
	1899-1900	0 4 5	0 3 0	0 3 0-1
Manakkudi	1900-1901	0 3 0	0 2 0	0 2 11-11
	1899-1900	0 3 0	0 2 0	0 2 10-2

APPENDIX H.

STATEMENT showing the annual average price of Salt per rupee in seers of 80 tolas at the head-quarter station of the several Districts during the three years ending with 1900-1901.

Districts.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
1. Ganjām	9-9	10-1	10-3*
2. Visagapatam	12-05	13-2	13-2
3. Gōdāvari	12-1	12-1	12-3
4. Kistna	13-2	13-2	13-2
5. Kurnool B	10-1	10-2	10-6
6. Bellary { M	12-3	12-5	12-9
{ G	11-4	11-8	..
7. Anantapur	11-5	11-5	11-5
8. Cuddāpah	12-2	12-2	12-2
9. Nellore	12-8	12-8	12-8
10. Madras	12-5	13-0	13-1
11. Chingleput	13-3	13-8	13-3
12. South Arcot	13-2	13-2	13-2
13. North do.	12-1	12-0	12-1
14. Salem	11-2	11-2	11-0
15. Coimbatore	11-0	10-7	11-3
16. Trichinopoly	11-9	12-0	12-0
17. Tanjore { N	12-9	12-9	12-9
{ V	12-9	12-9	12-9
18. Madura	13-1	13-1	13-1
19. Tinnevely	13-9	14-1	14-3
20. The Nilgiris	10-5	10-3	10-3
21. Malabar	12-3	12-3	12-5
22. South Canara	11-8	11-9	12-1

B = Bombay salt. M = Madras salt. G = Goa salt. N = Negapatam salt. V = Védaranniyam salt.

APPENDIX I—PART I.
Abstract Statement showing the Salt Traffic on Railways in the Madras Presidency during the year 1900–1901.

Districts consigned to		DISTRICTS SENT FROM													
	Ganjam.	Visagapatnam.	Godavari.	Kistna.	Nellore.	Chingleput and Madras.	South Arcot.	Tanjore.	Madura.	Tinnevelly.	Malabar.	Goa Territory.	Bombay Presidency.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.
Ganjam	10,077	10,032	908	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Visagapatnam	22,344	24,537	24,537	10	22,870	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Godavari	612	6	6	26,320	18,698	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kistna	..	..	..	9,613	8,292	567	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nellore	..	..	..	172,249	82,927	82,927	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah	..	..	..	3,490	68,458	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kurnool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anantapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chingleput and Madras	398	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salem	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevelly	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madura	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malabar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Central Provinces	295,165	1,991	14,745	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orissa	421,871	2,584	6,265	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nizam's Dominions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mysore Province	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bombay Presidency	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lower Provinces of Bengal.	134,633	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	885,000	14,831	47,274	178,989	411,852	1,302,603	150,713	285,384	12,096	898,535	451,147	55,157	568,168	5,494	2,012

APPENDIX I—PART I—cont.
Abstract Statement showing the Salt Traffic on Railways in the Madras Presidency during the year 1900–1901—cont.

Districts consigned to	DISTRICTS SENT FROM—cont.											DEDUCT SALT TRANSMITTED			Balance of rail-borne salt remaining for consumption within the district.
	Bellary.	Anantapur.	North Arcot.	Salem.	Coimbatore.	Trichinopoly.	Mysore Province.	Nizam's Dominions.	Orissa.	Central Provinces.	Lower Provinces of Bengal.	Total.	Out of the districts in which there are no salt sources.	From one station to another within the district.	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.
Ganjam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	10,092	..	..	10,092
Vinayapatnam ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32,586	..	..	32,586
Godavari ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49,153	..	..	49,153
Kinna ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44,024	..	..	44,024
Nelore ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18,533	..	..	18,533
Chutappah ..	..	..	114	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	260,091	..	4,801	254,597
Kurnool ..	156	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	123,234	61	1,951	121,222
Bellary ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	194	..	..	..	..	236,634	943	21,968	213,723
Anantapur ..	2,510	19,458	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	106,190	..	..	106,190
Chingleput and Madras ..	..	..	436	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	352,947	..	9,260	352,947
North Arcot ..	..	..	9,260	..	..	..	128	..	..	..	..	362,552	1,045	..	360,597
South Arcot ..	..	..	445	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	360,597	..	..	360,597
Salem ..	..	..	..	1,939	3,664	..	1,307	..	..	..	..	357,511	..	1,939	355,258
Coimbatore ..	..	..	..	..	4,684	1,058	..	..	..	..	..	433,002	5,791	4,684	422,627
Tanjore ..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	269,706	..	..	259,706
Trichinopoly ..	..	..	..	..	..	5,112	..	..	..	..	..	347,768	2,203	5,112	340,463
Madura ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,142	..	..	..	..	..	456,679	..	..	455,679
Tinnevely ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	124,506	..	..	124,506
Malabar ..	..	..	..	..	2,127	..	..	..	..	..	..	128,250	..	..	128,250
Central Provinces ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	311,901	..	..	311,901
Orissa ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	430,720	..	..	430,705
Nizam's Dominions ..	198	284	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	232,954	..	..	232,954
Mysore Province ..	..	..	..	211	..	..	69,469	..	..	..	..	573,548	..	69,469	500,452
Bombay Presidency ..	163	142	..	..	..	..	1,198	..	..	..	..	1,361	3,427	..	1,361
Lower Provinces of Bengal.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	134,633	..	..	134,633
Total ..	3,027	19,884	10,305	2,253	10,475	7,315	72,896	..	15	..	..	5,395,225	14,492	119,184	5,261,549

APPENDIX I.—PART II.
Corrected Distribution Statement.

Districts to or for which salt was sent or declared.	DISTRICTS IN OR FROM WHICH SALT WAS SOLD OR SENT.										
	Ganjam.	Vizagapatam.	Godavari.	Kistna.	Nellore.	Chingleput and Madras.	South Arcot.	Tanjore.	Madura.	Tinnevely.	Bombay Presidency, Goa, &c.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Ganjam	I. MDS. 410,970	I. MDS. 331	I. MDS. 208	I. MDS. 10	I. MDS. 44,746	I. MDS. 2	I. MDS. 2,440	I. MDS. 35	I. MDS. 8,776	I. MDS. 45,514	I. MDS. 2
Vizagapatam	122,640	553,643	425,517	334,790	96,381	330,670	310,158	498,930	223,881	565,852	31
Godavari	512	13,028	6	21,555	247,784	333,215	4,296	16,988	1,966	231,967	10,652
Kistna	398	..	25	..	9,401	..	15	2	..	1,953	..
Chingleput and Madras	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madura	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevely	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malabar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary and Anantapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kurnool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salem	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore including the Nilgiris	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly including Pudukkottai	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Central Provinces	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orissa including the Tributary Mahals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nizam's Dominions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mysore and Coorg	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bombay Presidency	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lower Provinces of Bengal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calcutta	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
London	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1,386,189	571,677	448,256	599,743	868,851	1,625,178	276,152	609,610	244,634	1,273,902	1,759,679
											2,229

Kistna to Nellore.—The Railway figures are 9,613 maunds; to this are added 11,942 maunds declared from the Chinna Ganjam factory for Nellore.

Kistna to the Nizam's Dominions.—The Railway figures are 140,556 maunds; to this are added 29,342 maunds declared for Jaggaipetta, the bulk of which must have gone by road to the Nizam's Dominions.

Nellore to Cuddapah.—The Railway figures are 172,249 maunds; to this are added 4,812 maunds declared for Cuddapah from the Iskanalle factory.

Nellore to Kurnool.—The Railway figures are 68,458 maunds; to this are added 301 maunds declared for Kurnool from the Kanuparti and Pakala factories respectively.

Nellore to North Arcot.—The Railway figures are 92,713 maunds; to this are added 9,120 maunds declared for North Arcot from the Tada factory.

Nellore to the Nizam's Dominions.—The Railway figures are 82,306 maunds; to this are added 2,025 maunds and 3,880 maunds declared for Hyderabad and Warangal from the Kanuparti and Iskanalle factories, respectively.

APPENDIX I.—PART II.—cont.
Corrected Distribution Statement—cont.

Districts to or for which salt was sent or declared.	DISTRICTS IN OR FROM WHICH SALT WAS SOLD OR SENT—cont.										
	Bellary and Anantapur.	Cuddapah.	Kurnool.	North Arcot.	Salem.	Coimbatore.	Trichinopoly.	Total.	Deduct salt sent out of the districts in which there are no known salt sources.	Balance available for consumption within the district.	† Resulting consumption per head of the population.
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Ganjam	I. MDS. 22,911	I. MDS. 9,420	I. MDS. 2,012	I. MDS. 10,305	I. MDS. 2,253	I. MDS. 10,475	I. MDS. 7,315	I. MDS. 9,750,697	I. MDS. 66,920	I. MDS. 9,685,777	I. MDS. 15-63
Vizagapatam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Godavari	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kistna	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nellore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chingleput and Madras	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanjore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madura	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tinnevely	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malabar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bellary and Anantapur	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cuddapah	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kurnool	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Arcot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Salem	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coimbatore including the Nilgiris	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trichinopoly including Pudukkottai	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Central Provinces	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orissa including the Tributary Mahals	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nizam's Dominions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mysore and Coorg	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bombay Presidency	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lower Provinces of Bengal	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Calcutta	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
London	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	22,911	9,420	2,012	10,305	2,253	10,475	7,315	9,750,697	66,920	9,685,777	15-63
											15-63

* This quantity was transported from Cuddapah to Kurnool via the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal.

† In calculating the rates of consumption, the figures recorded in G.O., No. 263, Revenue, dated 28th March 1901, have been adopted.

Chingleput and Madras to South Arcot.—The Railway figures are 263,567 maunds; to this are added 9,824 maunds declared for South Arcot from the Cheyur and Chumampet factories, respectively.

Chingleput and Madras to North Arcot.—The Railway figures are 326,250 maunds; to this are added 892 and 10,506 maunds declared for North Arcot from the Cheyur and Chumampet factories, respectively.

South Arcot to North Arcot.—The Railway figures are 3,764 maunds; to this are added 3,110 maunds declared for North Arcot from the Metkalam factory.

Tanjore to Trichinopoly and Pudukkottai.—The quantity entered in this statement is arrived at by adding together the actual rail-borne consignments from Negeratam and the quantities declared at other factories in the Tanjore district from which salt to Trichinopoly is sent either partly or entirely by road.

Madras to Trichinopoly including Pudukkottai.—The Railway figures are 6,437 maunds; to this are added 1,832 and 1,742 maunds declared for Trichinopoly from the Theethandathanam and Vattanam factories, respectively.

APPENDIX J.

RECEIPTS on account of Salt Revenue under all heads for 1900-1901.

Sub-divisions, &c.	RECEIVED FOR GOVERNMENT SALT SOLD.				Customs duty.	Excise duty.	Miscellaneous receipts.	Total.
	For home and inland consumption.		To the French Government.	For fish-curing.				
	Duty.	Cost price.	Cost price.	Cost price.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Chicacole	RS. 18,45,676	RS. 1,90,939	RS. ..	RS. 4,938	RS. ..	RS. 21,41,643	RS. 20,552	RS. 42,08,748
Cocanada	5,362	14,825	.. 47	4,101	.. 49	11,68,549	6,119	11,99,043
Masulipatam	1,21,728	12,944	..	500	..	4,47,925	3,679	5,86,776
Nellore	5,89,557	61,652	..	2,357	..	19,09,758	7,125	25,70,449
Chingleput	30,94,527	2,24,904	..	1,849	4,046	11,08,925	27,143	44,61,394
Cuddalore	13,965	1,596	4,153	536	16	7,87,695	12,105	8,20,066
Bellary	..	..	..	..	..	..	294	294
Arco	..	..	..	..	..	..	946	946
Negapatam	2,10,290	18,722	1,530	2,662	..	10,97,929	9,698	13,40,531
Tinnevely	620	1,639	..	8,583	48	32,68,517	11,452	32,90,559
Trichinopoly	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,494	4,494
Calicut	..	50	87	1,35,107	9,908	..	2,094	1,47,246
Madras Town Circle	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	11
Commissioner	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	29
Deputy Commissioners	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3
Total .. { 1900-1901 ..	58,81,725	5,27,371	5,817	1,60,638	14,058	1,19,30,941	1,05,744	1,86,26,189
.. { 1899-1900 ..	65,95,813	5,40,108	4,823	1,52,579	18,592	1,11,38,727	99,450	1,85,50,392

ENCLOSURE 1 TO APPENDIX J.

STATEMENT showing particulars of Cash and Credit collections during the year 1900-1901.

Particulars.	GOVERNMENT SALT.			EXCISE SALT.	
	Quantity.	Duty.	Cost price.	Quantity.	Duty.
	I. MDS.	RS.	RS.	I. MDS.	RS.
Total sales of salt ..	2,927,985	73,19,962	5,27,271	5,084,520	1,27,11,300
Deduct—Value of salt issued during the year on credit for payment of duty ..	2,156,508	53,91,270	..	4,221,035	1,05,52,587
Balance, Cash Sales ..	771,477	19,28,692	5,27,271	863,485	21,58,713
Add—Realizations on account of salt issued on credit for payment of duty both before and during the year ..	1,581,213	39,53,033	..	3,908,891	97,72,228
Total Collections ..	2,352,690	58,81,725	5,27,271	4,772,376	1,19,30,941

ENCLOSURE 2 TO APPENDIX J.

STATEMENT showing the Quantity and Value of the Salt issued on credit in each Sub-Division during 1900-1901.

Sub-division.	Government or Excise.	Quantity.	Amount.
		I. MDS.	RS.
Chicacole	Government	476,824	11,92,060
.. ..	Excise	540,245	13,50,612
Cocanada	Government	102,893	2,57,232
.. ..	Excise	321,612	8,04,039
Masulipatam	Government	101,354	2,53,385
.. ..	Excise	157,683	3,94,132
Nellore	Government	300,980	7,52,450
.. ..	Excise	732,059	18,30,148
Chingleput	Government	1,126,265	28,15,663
.. ..	Excise	442,323	11,05,808
Cuddalore	Government	10,552	26,380
.. ..	Excise	421,657	10,54,142
Negapatam	Government	87,640	94,100
.. ..	Excise	343,336	8,58,340
Tinnevely	Government	..	..
.. ..	Excise	1,262,120	31,55,375
Total ..	Government	2,156,508	53,91,270
.. ..	Excise	4,221,035	1,05,52,587
Grand Total ..	.. ..	6,377,543	1,59,43,857

ENCLOSURE 3 TO APPENDIX J.

COMPARATIVE statement showing the Net Revenue of the Presidency.

Year.	REVENUE REALIZED IN					
	Madras.	Bombay		Goa on exports by rail.	Calcutta on exports by sea.	Total.
		On exports by sea.	On exports by rail.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1899-1900 ..	1,85,50,392	30,41,392	4,65,065	..	..	2,20,56,849
1900-1901 ..	1,86,26,189	28,36,737	4,53,662	19,230	..	2,19,35,818

Year.	DEDUCT DUTY ON EXPORTS TO							Net results.
	Calcutta, Orissa and Rangoon by sea.	Orissa and other parts of the Lower Provinces of Bengal by rail (c).	Mysore.	Nizam's Dominions.	Central Provinces by rail.	Bombay by rail.	Total deductions.	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1899-1900 ..	(a) 1,12,255	9,89,585	1,43,237	4,21,335	6,62,862	..	23,29,224	1,97,27,625
1900-1901 ..	(b) 2,21,032	14,13,344	1,74,778	5,82,386	7,79,752	407	31,71,698	1,87,64,120

(a) Represents duty on (i) 5,500 maunds exported to Calcutta, (ii) 25,622 maunds to Orissa and 13,730 maunds to Rangoon.

(b) Represents duty on (i) 187,574 maunds exported to Rangoon, (ii) 840 maunds to Chandbali and 1 maund to Penang as sample.

(c) Railway declaration have been adopted.

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE in the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, Madras Presidency, during the year 1900-1901.

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Statement of Expenditure in the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, Madras Presidency, during the year 1900-1901—cont.

Total ..	71,991	0	3	14,218	6	1	1,49,990	6	9	6,30,731	5	1	5,638	7	8	20,981	0	2	2,875	0	0	1,918	2	0	14,484	8	2	37,968	12	9	238	1	2
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APPENDIX K—cont.
Statement of Expenditure in the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, Madras Presidency, during the year 1900-1901—cont.

Office.	SUPPLIES, SERVICES AND CONTINGENCIES.									
	Travelling allowance.	Rewards.	Purchase, repair and carriage of tents.	Petty construction and repairs.	Postal charges.	Telegraph charges.	Tour charges.	Office expenses.	Miscellaneous.	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
Chingleput	13,181 0 2	8,097 1 1	886 10 1	36,527 11 1	2,708 11 0	179 4 0	1,175 6 3	961 0 7	7,766 12 8	
Cuddalore	7,759 6 7	3,810 4 5	682 15 3	8,837 12 5	1,839 1 6	50 2 0	578 4 11	416 13 1	2,113 12 8	
Madras	7,268 7 4	7,191 15 9	675 8 5	10,173 9 5	1,946 15 6	19 8 6	934 7 4	426 6 1	2,846 11 5	
Nellore	5,683 8 11	3,767 1 6	219 7 9	18,669 10 2	2,291 12 0	44 10 9	844 1 8	792 6 3	3,183 6 3	
Chingleput	5,704 13 11	3,881 11 5	381 4 9	2,402 15 9	1,514 5 6	41 7 0	507 13 8	813 13 4	17,768 7 0	
Cuddalore	13,817 5 9	15,660 8 3	849 5 0	6,105 8 9	2,605 14 6	60 3 6	405 12 8	626 10 2	13,701 0 4	
Arcoot	9,366 11 8	7,291 11 8	1,265 5 10	1,215 8 9	3,695 12 6	55 2 0	1,323 10 4	243 12 8	1,588 7 6	
Bellary	7,293 9 11	3,089 14 8	532 5 10	12,586 4 6	2,220 6 6	94 9 0	1,034 10 10	216 13 11	1,268 7 11	
Nagapatam	9,112 13 0	4,632 6 1	801 1 11	5,929 8 2	2,478 14 6	187 8 0	1,032 14 10	640 3 2	1,551 13 6	
Tinnevely	14,292 3 7	15,002 4 0	1,178 4 1	3,355 11 3	2,483 1 0	29 0 0	1,152 3 4	127 11 7	5,629 14 6	
Trichinopoly	15,872 8 5	21,205 8 1	834 9 10	5,985 12 0	5,247 5 0	214 13 0	2,256 15 2	577 7 6	9,118 5 9	
Calicut	2,871 4 6	..	5,371 3 8	..	2,603 3 6	820 12 0	574 10 0	487 1 7	3,172 3 9	
Board's Office	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Deputy Commissioner, Northern Division	3,593 13 9	..	247 3 4	..	473 3 0	81 8 0	370 11 7	175 5 6	423 0 0	
Deputy Commissioner, Central Division	2,155 15 5	..	274 0 10	..	343 13 6	32 12 0	348 14 9	31 12 1	86 1 10	
Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division	2,901 10 6	..	258 10 9	..	582 13 0	169 0 0	445 4 10	30 1 6	161 5 10	
Deputy Commissioner, Abkari	1,181 4 0	..	..	..	10 9 0	5 7 0	85 1 0	18 13 4	239 9 1	
Madras Town Circle	1,487 9 6	604 14 0	26 11 10	75 8 0	119 0 9	..	7 1 3	63 7 1	14,389 5 5	
Northern District Circle	2,613 12 3	..	..	..	459 12 0	8 6 0	213 5 5	4 10 7	649 12 4	
Southern " "	2,304 6 0	..	5 0 0	2,835 0 3	413 10 6	42 12 0	474 4 5	21 2 0	1,212 9 7	
Central " "	2,140 3 4	..	..	..	719 2 6	10 4 0	106 1 3	13 8 7	16,112 11 11	
Total ..	1,38,560 14 6	97,936 6 0	15,156 3 4	1,15,870 2 5	37,996 10 8	2,209 2 0	14,698 8 5	7,814 15 2	1,73,778 13 10	

APPENDIX K—cont.
Statement of Expenditure in the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, Madras Presidency, during the year 1900-1901—cont.

Office.	SALT PURCHASE AND FREIGHT.									
	Charges for conveying salt to French Government and to Fish-curing yards.	Purchase of salt manufactured by salt factor's estate.	Purchase of salt for fish-curing purposes.	Conveying and storing salt.	Petty works for manufacture and storage of salt.		Sundry manufacturing charges.	Total.		
					Government works.	Excise licensees' works.				
	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39		
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.		
Chingleput	911 11 8	92,122 0 7	68 6 10	3,722 4 10	8,973 13 9	3,759 13 10	48 4 3	3,855,514 1 2		
Cuddalore	1,166 4 11	4,294 12 10	58 4 0	657 14 11	285 0 1	1,108 7 5	..	1,45,658 4 2		
Madras	57 7 3	6,639 8 3	..	472 15 8	2,234 15 5	1,509 1 9	418 15 10	1,42,060 3 0		
Nellore	321 9 2	62,439 4 8	250 14 2	3,860 3 11	1,658 13 0	1,940 4 10	..	2,28,393 1 7		
Chingleput	9,801 13 11	1,72,501 6 1	17 8 6	63,321 0 8	15,784 15 11	5,698 6 4	1,772 10 3	4,56,705 12 3		
Cuddalore	192 5 9	5 7 10	114 1 6	60 0 5	158 12 7	1,640 1 9	40 15 8	1,53,958 8 9		
Arcoot	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,93,292 10 0		
Bellary	1,149 6 9	9,628 4 8	191 3 10	1,327 14 3	1,427 4 11	4,706 10 5	52 8 7	1,46,558 2 8		
Nagapatam	33,711 2 8	2,178 12 5	1,066 12 4	3,555 0 3	1,407 7 3	1,701 6 8	38 0 4	1,83,705 0 9		
Tinnevely	9,544 11 0	..	125 0 0	4,624 6 5	677 10 10	..	..	2,21,460 14 2		
Calicut	..	..	..	12,769 0 0	..	..	..	2,13,092 12 10		
Board's Office	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,22,216 2 0		
Deputy Commissioner, Northern Division	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,87,525 0 6		
Deputy Commissioner, Central Division	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24,113 15 6		
Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30,308 5 2		
Deputy Commissioner, Abkari, Madras Town Circle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25,807 5 10		
Northern Distillery Circle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16,665 7 1		
Southern " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38,440 11 11		
Central " "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23,501 1 5		
Total ..	56,856 9 1	3,56,809 9 4	1,895 3 2	94,410 12 6	32,438 13 10	21,970 5 0	2,401 6 11	26,637 13 0		
								37,909 13 4		
								32,12,115 12 1		
Deduct—										
(i) Amount debitable to Excise ..										
(ii) Do. do. to Customs ..										
Total ..										
Net debitable to Salt ..										
								11,37,464 6 2		
								20,74,651 5 11		

Deduct—

(i) Amount debitable to 7 Exercise ..

(ii) Do. do. to 5 Customs ..

Total ..

Net debitable to Salt ..

10,05,201 1 4

1,32,263 4 10

11,37,464 6 2

20,74,661 5 11

ENCLOSURE TO APPENDIX K.

COMPARATIVE statement of expenditure incurred in the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department during the years 1899-1900 and 1900-1901.

Items.					1899-1900.	1900-1901.
<i>Establishments.</i>					RS.	RS.
Permanent	...	...	...	...	18,65,800	19,81,514
Temporary	...	...	...	...	60,718	52,689
Assistant to Chemical Examiner	...	...	...	...	1,306	875
<i>Allowances.</i>						
Travelling allowance	...	...	*	...	1,32,788	1,38,561
House-rent allowance	...	...	...	...	6,072	6,167
<i>Supplies and Services and Contingencies.</i>						
Rewards	...	...	...	...	99,868	97,936
Purchase, repair and carriage of tents	...	...	...	...	15,922	15,155
Works for revenue and general purposes	...	...	...	...	1,12,218	1,15,870
Postal charges	...	...	...	...	33,966	37,997
Telegram charges	...	...	...	...	2,178	2,209
Tour charges	...	...	...	...	14,509	14,699
Office expenses and miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	1,26,199	1,81,594
<i>Salt Purchase and Freight.</i>						
Charges for conveying salt to French Settlements and to fish-curing yards	...	...	...	...	38,486	56,887
Purchase of salt (manufacturer's share) inclusive of the cost of gathering spontaneous salt	...	...	...	...	2,42,222	3,56,801
Purchase of salt for fish-curing purposes	...	...	...	...	2,346	1,896
Conveying and storing salt	...	...	...	...	69,151	94,411
Works for manufacture and storage of salt—						
Government	...	...	...	...	35,964	32,484
Works executed by Government on behalf of excise licensees	...	...	...	...	34,557	21,970
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	8,543	2,401
Total	...	...	...	...	29,02,813	32,12,116
Increase	...	...	...	...	3,09,303	

APPENDIX L.

STATEMENT of Expenditure upon Works in the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department in the Madras Presidency for 1900-1901.

APPENDIX

STATEMENT of Expenditure upon Works in the Salt,

Classification.	Chicacole Sub-division.	Cocanada Sub-division.	Masulipatam Sub-division.	Nellore Sub-division.	Chingleput Sub-division.	Cuddalore Sub-division.	Negapatam Sub-division.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
I.—WORKS FOR REVENUE AND GENERAL PURPOSES.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
A.—Roads, including compensation.							
New works	505 2 6	.. .. .	41 11 11	175 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Repairs	2,217 4 11	239 15 2	.. .. .	1,186 15 2	106 2 6	417 8 5	416 3 7
Total, Roads including compensation ..	2,752 7 5	239 15 2	41 11 11	1,361 15 2	106 2 6	417 8 5	419 3 7
B.—Other Works.							
Compensation	16,800 0 0	.. .. .	73 5 10	45 6 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	158 15 3
Protective works, such as hedges, &c.	961 6 7	.. .. .	106 5 6	.. .. .	346 0 0	122 13 0	898 6 0
Offices and lines	6,629 14 1	6,186 8 7	2,354 2 5	816 14 7	4,225 11 9	33 3 5	5,746 3 7
Boats .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Other works for public convenience .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	56 8 10	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Sundry works .. .. .	.. .. .	56 15 9	68 2 6	91 1 4	89 5 1	.. .. .	6 6 10
Total, New Works	24,291 4 8	6,243 8 4	2,602 0 3	1,009 15 5	4,661 0 10	166 0 5	6,809 15 8
Repairs	2,982 12 7	475 13 3	917 9 8	2,973 6 10	6,665 0 1	418 5 3	1,281 13 11
Offices and lines	5,414 12 10	1,339 12 8	961 11 3	4,166 9 6	3,705 8 1	2,910 3 9	3,609 13 9
Boats	3 3 0	349 10 1	258 0 2	114 12 11	674 0 11	.. .. .	7 8 0
Other works for public convenience	140 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	34 10 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Sundry works	943 2 7	189 1 2	62 13 8	512 3 0	296 6 0	57 4 7	437 13 7
Total, Repairs	9,483 15 0	2,354 5 2	2,200 2 9	7,801 10 10	11,340 15 1	3,385 13 7	5,337 1 3
Total, Other Works	33,775 3 8	8,597 13 6	4,802 3 0	8,811 10 2	16,001 16 11	3,541 14 0	12,167 0 11
Total, Works for Revenue and General purposes	36,527 11 1	8,837 12 8	4,843 14 11	10,173 9 5	16,108 2 5	3,959 6 5	12,586 4 0
II.—WORKS FOR THE MANUFACTURE AND STORAGE OF SALT.							
Compensation .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	48 14 2	.. .. .	827 14 7	.. .. .	.. .. .
Irrigation channels (brine-supply) including opening bars, &c.	1,558 1 10	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Platforms and drying grounds	417 14 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	9 12 2
Protective works	501 7 2	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Store-sheds and gollahs	40 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	105 0 0	288 6 9
Sundry works .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	491 3 4	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Total, New Works	2,517 7 8	.. .. .	540 1 6	.. .. .	827 14 7	105 0 0	278 10 7
Repairs	4,196 4 8	21 10 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	13,235 15 6	1 0 0	254 3 4
Irrigation channels (brine-supply) including opening bars, &c.	592 0 11	122 14 4	131 7 0	1,111 4 11	1,223 15 7	.. .. .	594 9 10
Platforms and drying grounds	887 4 3	.. .. .	1,537 6 0	.. .. .	78 7 6	.. .. .	.. .. .
Protective works	476 8 8	90 7 9	26 1 0	539 6 1	335 7 9	145 15 7	296 14 7
Store-sheds and gollahs	234 3 7	.. .. .	.. .. .	3 2 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	2 14 7
Sundry works .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Total, Repairs	6,386 6 1	235 0 1	1,694 14 0	1,653 13 0	14,853 14 4	146 15 7	1,148 10 4
Total, Works for the manufacture and storage of salt	8,903 13 9	235 0 1	2,234 16 6	1,653 13 0	15,691 12 11	251 15 7	1,427 4 11
III.—WORKS EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF EXCISE LICENSEES.							
Works for general purposes	58 11 9	290 9 11	409 5 4	113 0 10	— 0 2 0	437 8 0	741 2 4
Works for manufacture and storage of salt	3,701 2 1	803 13 6	1,090 12 5	1,827 4 0	5,007 1 0	1,805 1 1	3,966 8 3
Total, Excise Works	3,759 13 10	1,103 7 5	1,509 1 9	1,940 4 10	5,006 15 0	2,242 9 1	4,706 10 6
Grand Total	49,191 6 8	10,176 4 2	8,588 0 2	13,767 11 3	36,806 14 4	6,453 15 1	18,720 3 10

* Excludes Rs. 774-8-4 shown against Central office.

† Excludes Rs. 290-8-9 shown against Central office.

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Abkari and Customs Department in the Madras Presidency for 1900-1901.

Tinnevely Sub-division.	Calicut Sub-division.	Bellary Sub-division.	Arcoot Sub-division.	Trichinopoly Sub-division.	Southern Distillery Circle.	Madras Town Circle.	Central Office.	Total.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	731 14 5
90 11 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	4,707 12 9
90 11 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	5,429 11 2
25 0 0	138 0 0	.. .. .	400 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	17,364 11 9
8 7 3	70 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,413 6 4
2,603 9 5	1,383 8 5	625 0 0	5,078 1 3	58 14 9	890 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	36,611 12 3
235 0 0	52 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	287 0 0
39 6 3	1,816 2 2	.. .. .	38 10 10	.. .. .	1,071 3 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	56 8 10
2,911 6 11	3,163 10 7	625 0 0	5,516 12 1	58 14 9	1,961 3 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	60,010 12 7
332 11 4	13 11 7	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	16,061 4 6
1,629 10 6	880 5 0	590 8 9	513 1 9	276 12 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	774 8 4	26,779 6 7
27 6 0	110 14 7	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	290 8 9	1,836 0 5
267 11 5	1,765 2 3	.. .. .	136 5 8	.. .. .	873 12 7	16 8 0	.. .. .	174 10 8
2,257 7 3	2,776 1 5	590 8 9	649 7 5	276 12 6	873 12 7	16 8 0	1,065 1 1	50,429 10 8
5,168 13 2	5,939 12 0	1,215 8 9	6,166 3 6	385 11 3	2,835 0 3	16 8 0	1,065 1 1	1,10,440 7 3
5,259 8 2	5,939 12 0	1,215 8 9	6,166 3 6	385 11 3	2,835 0 3	16 8 0	1,065 1 1	1,15,870 2 5
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	876 12 9
1,099 15 6	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,558 1 10
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	1,568 1 6
.. .. .	279 2 2	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	501 7 2
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	712 8 11
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	491 3 4
1,099 15 0	279 2 2	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	5,648 3 6
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	17,709 1 6
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	3,776 4 7
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,503 1 9
265 12 3	398 8 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,665 2 4
41 12 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	282 0 2
307 8 8	398 8 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	26,835 10 4
1,407 7 3	677 10 10	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	32,483 13 10
.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	2,059 4 3
1,701 6 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	19,911 0 10
1,701 6 8	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	21,970 45 0
8,368 6 1	6,617 6 10	1,215 8 9	6,166 3 6	385 11 3	2,835 0 3	16 8 0	1,065 1 1	1,70,324 5 3

TABLE showing the expenditure on works for the five years ending with 1900-1901.

Year.	Works for revenue and general purposes.	Works for manufacture and storage of salt.	Total.	Year.	Works for revenue and general purposes.	Works for manufacture and storage of salt.	Total.
1896-97	72,900	74,309	1,47,209	1899-1900	1,18,765	63,974	1,82,739
1897-98	91,140	48,304	1,39,444	1900-1901	1,17,929	52,395	1,70,324
1898-99	1,29,350	42,639	1,71,889				

APPENDIX M.
STATEMENT showing the calculation of Cost of Salt per maund in the Government factories and extensions of the Madras Presidency.

Items.	Ganjām.	Calingsapatam.	Karasa extension.	Belachervu.	Polavaram.	Ponguduru extension No. 1.	China Ganjam.	Kanuparti.	Dugaraspatnam.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Quantity of salt manufactured	I. MDS. 581,084	I. MDS. 157,563	I. MDS. 5,093	I. MDS. 91,911	I. MDS. 60,610	I. MDS. 43,797	I. MDS. 344,614	I. MDS. 196,710	I. MDS. 40,534
Gain by weightment	.. 32	..	..	..	.. 43	..	..	..	..
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	581,116	157,563	5,093	91,911	60,653	43,797	344,614	196,710	40,534
Deduct—wastage	31,408	16,407	..	2,917	1,056	3,900	9,105	1,176	1,186
Net quantity	549,708	141,156	5,093	88,994	59,597	39,897	335,509	195,534	39,348
Land assessment	RS. A. P. 261 14 0	RS. A. P. 210 12 10	RS. A. P. 130 11 4	RS. A. P. 49 8 0	RS. A. P. 176 7 8	RS. A. P. 166 0 0	RS. A. P. 233 12 6	RS. A. P. 102 11 2	RS. A. P. 24 12 0
Land and village cess	.. 155 9 3	.. 98 0 8	.. 16 5 5	.. 32 6 9	.. 20 12 8	.. 18 2 6	.. 25 9 1	.. 11 3 8	.. 2 7 2
Payment to manufacturers	.. 63,556 1 0	.. 15,756 4 10	.. 569 4 10	.. 8,824 1 0	.. 6,051 0 0	.. 4,579 11 2	.. 30,871 10 9	.. 18,441 9 0	.. 3,208 15 0
Works for salt manufacture—Interest	.. 2,787 12 7	.. 1,986 12 0	.. 172 8 8	.. 901 9 8	.. 477 12 10	.. 144 3 6	.. 866 3 0	.. 786 3 1	.. 136 6 4
ture and storage. Repairs	.. 1,837 11 5	.. 715 3 6	.. 303 5 4	.. 1,210 12 9	.. 840 13 9	.. 103 0 9	.. 603 15 11	.. 558 3 8	.. 91 13 3
Conveying and storing salt	.. 1,914 6 6	.. 870 15 7	.. 21 14 7	.. 468 12 4	.. 292 5 2	.. 681 10 10	.. 989 5 5	.. 1,560 12 7	.. 178 14 3
Net miscellaneous expenditure on other heads, including salt-weighting machines	73 2 7	38 9 7	27 15 11	18 1 6	70 12 0	12 3 11	80 5 4	73 9 3	48 3 0
Total	70,626 8 4	19,635 11 0	1,191 2 1	11,503 4 0	7,940 0 1	5,705 0 8	33,670 14 0	21,543 4 5	3,691 7 0
Cost per maund of net quantity above shown as brought into store	0 2 0-6	0 2 2-7	0 3 8-9	0 2 0-8	0 2 1-6	0 2 3-15	0 1 7	0 1 9	0 1 6
Number of maunds of salt sold	I. MDS. 697,976	I. MDS. 166,952	..	I. MDS. 68,257	I. MDS. 36,478	I. MDS. 42,386	I. MDS. 262,131	I. MDS. 37,108	I. MDS. 20,870
A. Cost of the same	RS. A. P. 89,064 10 4	RS. A. P. 23,216 12 2-4	..	RS. A. P. 7,524 13 9	RS. A. P. 4,844 11 9	RS. A. P. 6,956 9 5	RS. A. P. 25,910 0 9	RS. A. P. 4,058 11 0	RS. A. P. 1,866 9 0
B. Average period of storage of the same Years, months and days.	Y. M. D. 0 9 21	Y. M. D. 0 11 9	..	Y. M. D. 1 9 28	Y. M. D. 1 7 21	Y. M. D. 1 0 29	Y. M. D. 1 3 0	Y. M. D. 4 5 0	Y. M. D. 2 0 6
C. Interest on cost at 4 per cent.	RS. A. P. 2,879 13 0	RS. A. P. 866 12 1-7	..	RS. A. P. 300 15 11	RS. A. P. 318 2 1	RS. A. P. 261 0 7	RS. A. P. 1,297 0 0	RS. A. P. 717 0 6	RS. A. P. 157 13 3
Total cost of salt sold (A and C).	91,944 6 4	24,083 8 4	..	7,825 13 8	5,162 13 11	6,317 10 0	27,237 0 9	4,775 11 6	2,114 6 3
Cost per maund of salt sold	0 2 1-2	0 2 3-7	..	0 2 1-7	0 2 3-2	0 2 4-6	0 1 7-9	0 2 0-7	0 1 7-4

APPENDIX M—cont.
Statement showing the calculation of Cost of Salt per maund in the Government factories and extensions of the Madras Presidency—cont.

Items.	Kattur.	Vayalur.	Pulidivak.	Attiput.	Vallar.	Karambalam.	Adirampattam.	Kattunavadi including Lakebmi pans.	Manakkudi.	Sevendakulam.
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Quantity of salt manufactured	I. MDS. 192,948	I. MDS. 290,813	I. MDS. 201,688	I. MDS. 263,337	I. MDS. 325,635	I. MDS. 97,133	I. MDS. 8,002	I. MDS. 52,553	I. MDS. 47,365	I. MDS. 91,562
Gain by weightment	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	192,948	290,813	201,688	263,337	325,635	97,135	8,002	52,553	47,365	91,564
Deduct—wastage	..	..	..	..	..	2,403	472	2,566	1,666	7,626
Net quantity	192,948	290,813	201,688	263,337	325,635	94,732	7,530	49,987	45,709	83,938
Land assessment	RS. A. P. 302 15 0	RS. A. P. 595 15 0	RS. A. P. 627 6 0	RS. A. P. 731 9 0	RS. A. P. 834 14 0	RS. A. P. 198 10 7	RS. A. P. 54 9 0	RS. A. P. 131 3 0	RS. A. P. 83 3 0	RS. A. P. 10 15 8
Land and village-cess	.. 23 2 1	.. 65 4 7	.. 68 9 11	.. 80 0 3	.. 91 5 1	.. 5 14 4	.. 5 14 4	.. 14 2 10	.. 5 8 2	.. 8 870 1 1
Payment to manufacturers	.. 21,103 11 0	.. 31,807 10 9	.. 22,059 10 0	.. 28,803 7 9	.. 35,616 5 3	.. 10,016 10 2	.. 708 8 2	.. 4,633 2 1	.. 4,193 12 5	.. 8,870 1 1
Works for salt manufacture—Interest	.. 1,495 3 9	.. 3,570 12 11	.. 1,688 11 4	.. 2,660 4 11	.. 2,898 2 2	.. 355 6 11	.. 365 8 10	.. 390 11 9	.. 32 4 7	.. 818 11 9
Ware and storage. Repairs	.. 1,217 5 2	.. 1,459 0 6	.. 2,390 0 0	.. 3,354 12 7	.. 4,989 0 1	.. 1,787 0 2	.. 479 3 6	.. 379 4 10	.. 365 12 0	.. 1,141 11 0
Conveying and storing salt	.. 11,729 7 11	.. 16,565 7 4	.. 10,227 1 2	.. 14,478 10 10	.. 14,668 5 1	..	..	..	..	.. 1,472 3 0
Net miscellaneous expenditure on other heads, including salt-weighting machines	..	..	..	..	..	81 7 6	203 5 2	582 4 10	42 5 6	515 9 9
Total	35,877 12 11	54,085 3 1	37,061 6 5	50,007 13 4	59,097 15 8	12,439 3 4	1,817 1 0	6,150 13 4	4,722 8 8	12,829 4 3
Cost per maund of net quantity above shown as brought into store	0 2 11-7	0 2 11-7	0 2 11-3	0 3 0-4	0 2 10-8	0 2 1-2	0 3 10-3	0 1 11-6	0 1 7-8	0 2 5-3
Number of maunds of salt sold	..	..	..	..	..	I. MDS. 25,385	I. MDS. 26,606	I. MDS. 37,330	I. MDS. 41,846	..
A. Cost of the same	..	..	..	..	..	RS. A. P. 3,725 8 6	RS. A. P. 6,415 14 9-8	RS. A. P. 4,588 7 4	RS. A. P. 4,316 5 11	..
B. Average period of storage of the same Years, months and days.	..	..	..	..	..	Y. M. D. 9 9 2	Y. M. D. 3 7 15	Y. M. D. 1 4 24	Y. M. D. 1 2 27	No regular sales
C. Interest on cost at 4 per cent.	..	..	..	..	..	RS. A. P. 261 9 10	RS. A. P. 930 4 11-3	RS. A. P. 256 15 3	RS. A. P. 214 5 3	..
Total cost of salt sold (A and C).	..	..	..	..	..	3,987 2 4	7,346 3 9	4,845 6 7	4,623 11 2	..
Cost per maund of salt sold	..	..	..	..	..	0 2 2-9	0 4 5-0	0 2 0-9	0 1 8-8	..

The salt of these factories is stored at, and sold from, the Madras Salt Depot.

APPENDIX N.
STATEMENT of Offences against the Salt Laws in the Madras Presidency in the year 1900.

DISPOSAL BY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.																
Sub-divisions.	Released by department.												Sent for trial.	Total disposed of.		
	Pending at the beginning of the year and since reported during the year.		I		II		III		IV		Total released after warning.					
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.				
Chitcode ..	2,937	1,418	172	180	114	114	3	3	16	18	305	315	1,077	1,088	1,382	1,403
Cocanada ..	846	397	25	25	102	102	2	2	2	4	131	139	255	261	386	394
Masilipatam ..	480	303	8	8	55	55	..	..	4	4	67	67	230	232	297	299
Nellore ..	824	641	9	9	31	32	1	1	..	2	41	46	567	566	598	611
Chingleput ..	1,920	1,361	19	19	36	35	3	3	12	12	69	69	1,272	1,276	1,341	1,345
Bellary ..	391	447	20	37	7	7	3	3	10	15	40	63	330	382	370	444
Arcoet ..	281	287	2	2	21	23	6	6	6	6	35	38	233	238	268	276
Cuddalore ..	2,610	1,774	100	106	89	90	6	6	17	18	212	220	1,524	1,524	1,736	1,744
Negapatam ..	1,056	484	18	18	16	16	..	..	6	6	40	40	443	443	483	483
Tinnevely ..	381	251	..	..	4	4	6	6	..	..	10	10	241	241	251	251
Trichinopoly ..	2,600	1,633	28	28	41	41	1	1	7	7	77	77	1,535	1,535	1,612	1,612
Calicut ..	4,701	1,397	77	77	105	106	6	6	7	10	195	189	1,185	1,187	1,360	1,386
Madras Town Circle ..	4	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	6
Total ..	1,831	10,399	478	509	620	635	37	38	87	103	1,222	1,275	8,966	8,979	10,108	10,254
Total ..	10,769	9,167	465	487	776	791	41	46	111	130	1,393	1,453	7,486	7,523	8,670	8,976

APPENDIX N.—cont.
Statement of Offences against the Salt Laws in the Madras Presidency in the year 1900—cont.

Sub-divisions.	DISPOSAL BY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT—cont.										DISPOSAL BY MAGISTRACY.			
	Un-detected scrapings of salt- earth registered from 1st October 1899 and written off.										Convicted.			
	Total cases and persons dealt with including undetected cases and scrapings written off.										Pending trial on 1st January 1900, and sent up for trial up to 31st December 1900.			
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
Chittoor ..	1,282	1,407	270	270	11	11	1,130	1,141	1,082	1,092	4	4	5	5
Cuddalore ..	424	305	55	55	2	2	273	279	268	267	4	4	6	6
Madras ..	149	302	31	31	1	1	236	238	233	235	1	1	1	1
Madras ..	187	449	39	39	30	30	586	595	436	445	4	4	4	4
Madras ..	519	755	49	49	5	5	1,273	1,277	1,236	1,239	1	1	1	1
Madras ..	7	377	14	14	3	3	331	383	298	340	3	3	8	8
Madras ..	6	274	17	17	10	10	218	253	241	246	4	4	4	4
Madras ..	683	2,444	66	66	13	13	1,023	1,024	1,575	1,575	12	12	13	13
Madras ..	500	983	73	73	1	1	451	451	430	430	3	3	3	3
Madras ..	130	251	87	87	15	15	247	247	230	230	5	5	5	5
Madras ..	895	2,513	83	83	4	4	1,614	1,614	1,580	1,580	8	8	9	9
Madras ..	8,233	4,613	..	..	..	..	1,229	1,229	1,148	1,148	1	1	2	2
Madras Town Circle	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	8,024	16,177	754	754	95	95	9,243	9,340	8,705	8,785	50	50	60	60
Total ..	6,119	15,029	1,740	1,740	159	159	7,762	7,804	7,314	7,377	58	58	63	63

- (a) Includes 3 cases with 4 persons written off.
 (b) Excludes 1 case with 1 person written off.
 (c) Includes 1 case with 1 person written off.
 (d) Includes 3 cases with 2 persons written off.
 (e) Includes 3 cases with 4 persons written off.
 (f) Includes 1 case with 1 person written off.
 (g) Includes 13 cases with 17 persons written off.
 (h) Excludes 4 cases with 4 persons struck off.
 * Revised figures.

APPENDIX O.
STATEMENT of Offences against the Salt Laws in the Pudukkottai State in the year 1900.

DISPOSAL BY DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS.										DISPOSAL BY THE MAGISTRATE.								AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES DISPOSED OF.		FINES IMPOSED.																	
Released by department after warning.				Sent for trial.		Total disposed of.		Balance.		Pending on 1st January 1900 and sent up for trial up to 31st December 1900.				Convicted.		Acquitted.		Balance.		Number of cases.	Average number of days the disposal of each case.	Total amount.	Average per head.														
Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.																		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22																
Pending on 1st January 1900 and since reported up to 31st December 1900.																																					
1900.. { 338 .. } (a) 76 ..										322 324 (b) 332 335 6 5																										ES. A. P.	
1899.. { 354 .. } (a) 206 ..										364 368 383 392 1 ..										367 373 359 362 2 5 6 6										331 5		606 4 0		1 14 1		ES. A. P.	
																														383 9		597 4 0		1 10 5			

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENCES.

ESTABLISHMENT SANCTIONED.

I.		II.		III.		IV.		V.		VI.		VII.		Total.		Inspectors.	Assist-ant Inspectors.	Petty officers.	Peons.	Total.	Cost per annum.
Possession of Salt-earth.	Released by department.	Possession of Earth-salt.	Released by department.	Possession of Brine.	Released by department.	Possession of Salt-earth and Earth-salt.	Released by department.	Possession of Salt-earth and Brine.	Released by department.	Possession of Earth-salt and Brine.	Released by department.	Possession of Salt-earth, Earth-salt and Brine.	Released by department.	Possession of Salt-earth, Earth-salt and Brine.	Released by department.						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
3	80	3	85	3	125	..	5	2	22	..	5	..	2	11	324	6	13	15	55	147	14,460
13	73	2	81	8	147	..	4	1	44	..	11	..	8	24	368	6	13	15	55	147	14,460

(c) Undetected scrapings written off.

(d) Includes one undetected case written off.

APPENDIX P.
Statement showing the Operations of the Fish-curing yards in the Madras Presidency for the year 1900-1901.

Sub-division.	Circle.	Number of apph. cases for salt at the reduced rate.	Weight of fish brought to be cured.	Weight of salt issued.	Value of salt issued.	Quantity of salt issued to each man and weight of fish.	EXPENDITURE.				Total.	
							Buildings.		Establishment.	Contingencies.		
							New works.	Repairs.		Rs.		A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
Chingleput.	Guntur.	10,700	12,152 14	1,193 27	746 0 9	8-08	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
		6,718	16,076 6	1,344 4	840 1 0	6-88	..	306 2 7	447 0 5	78 15 3	6,256 15 8	
		7,689	11,926 32	999 36	620 6 8	6-84	..	185 11 0	498 9 4	195 7 6	1,532 3 5	
		7,976	11,038 33	918 39	673 1 9	6-84	..	109 8 6	364 3 1	66 2 3	1,639 13 10	
		10,403	21,330 35	1,394 3	1,183 12 6	7-49	..	171 7 3	1,360 0 0	308 10 5	1,740 1 8	
Chingleput.	Kovvur.	7,746	8,650 5	787 27	492 7 3	7-49	..	26 0 0	312 12 0	55 7 4	394 3 4	
		1,434	1,454 30	133 21	83 7 8	7-50	..	..	180 0 0	27 4 0	207 4 0	
		5,063	6,428 21	637 26	398 8 8	8-16	..	159 14 8	766 4 0	94 10 9	1,020 13 5	
		63,781	89,063 17	7,900 26	4,937 13 0	7-39	..	908 12 0	5,278 12 10	981 0 3	7,118 9 1	
		89,081	161,346 38	12,685 32	7,298 8 9	6-47	..	533 13 3	4,902 15 2	1,188 5 4	6,325 1 9	
Chingleput.	Ponnagudi.	12,735	55,518 25	6,821 33	4,138 10 3	9-82	..	10 14 11	775 9 4	1,233 3 5	2,019 11 8	
		4,938	2,129 15	279 11	174 8 9	10-79	..	8 7 6	155 9 7	9 5 11	203 0 11	
		18,723	57,646 1	6,901 4	4,313 3 0	9-66	..	29 9 11	921 3 11	1,943 9 4	2,333 13 7	
		15,360	36,862 34	4,380 21	2,787 13 3	9-77	..	35 0 0	927 0 4	816 3 4	1,632 3 9	
		1,814	1,243 21	251 1	173 7 11	16-61	..	..	372 0 0	24 5 0	296 5 0	
Chingleput.	Ponnagudi.	4,248	4,949 18	645 7	325 15 7	13-13	..	..	555 1 6	33 4 3	597 10 3	
		6,065	5,385 29	396 9	267 7 0	12-36	..	9 4 6	937 1 6	27 9 2	939 16 3	
		7,769	6,933 13	1,167 26	694 6 5	13-92	..	80 0 0	948 0 0	91 0 6	1,114 0 6	
		788	3,750 37	373 28	137 1 8	9-19	..	34 12 0	178 14 0	38 14 0	252 8 0	
		4,635	6,975 34	793 30	468 4 9	9-36	..	68 6 0	540 0 0	67 0 6	656 6 6	
Chingleput.	Kovvur.	5,179	12,517 27	1,543 23	781 3 3	10-14	..	124 2 8	548 11 4	178 12 11	864 10 11	
		11,571	20,083 14	2,558 1	333 11 0	10-48	..	69 13 4	572 8 3	140 9 9	776 15 4	
		21,453	42,927 32	5,893 7	2,856 4 2	10-00	..	281 3 0	1,640 1 7	413 5 3	2,440 8 9	
		13,351	36,717 13	3,421 29	1,491 5 2	10-53	..	270 13 10	1,800 2 2	283 6 1	2,546 8 4	
		16,971	37,097 39	3,594 34	1,625 11 6	10-40	..	25 6 9	852 0 0	223 6 1	1,100 12 10	
Chingleput.	Chayur.	1,564	3,536 5	367 2	187 3 1	8-64	..	7 6 0	178 1 7	7 12 0	188 3 7	
		17,635	34,188 4	4,391 28	1,713 13 9	10-21	..	36 6 9	1,035 1 7	231 2 1	1,389 0 5	
		13,491	21,148 29	2,699 7	1,067 15 0	10-41	..	107 4 9	1,031 8 10	147 5 2	1,286 2 9	
		Total	1900-1901	1899-1900	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		Total	1900-1901	1899-1900	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

APPENDIX P—cont.
Statement showing the Operations of the Fish-curing yards in the Madras Presidency for the year 1900-1901—cont.

Sub-division.	Circle.	Number of appli- cations for salt at re- duced rate.	Weight of fish brought to be cured.	Weight of salt issued.	Value of salt issued.	Quantity of salt issued to each man and weight of fish.	EXPENDITURE.				Total.	
							Buildings.		Establishment.	Contingencies.		
							New works.	Repairs.				
Cuddalore ..	Cuddalore ..	1,189	1,756 16	227 10	115 8 1	10-64	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
		1,719	3,069 12	302 21	155 0 3	8-13	..	..	192 0 0	30 3 9	222 3 9	
		3,016	5,977 85	797 40	401 13 3	10-66	..	14 0 10	372 0 0	18 8 4	399 9 2	
		Total .. { 1900-1901 ..	5,924	10,793 28	1,327 31	672 5 7	10-13	..	14 0 10	742 2 0	62 10 4	818 13 2
Negapatam ..	Negapatam ..	4,256	9,249 24	1,166 9	585 13 7	10-37	..	84 5 11	557 5 7	81 0 0	722 11 6	
		569	1,194 9	177 34	111 2 6	12-25	154 12 0	36 14 8	126 0 0	14 1 3	331 11 11	
		3,187	3,641 34	606 39	310 1 10	13-71	..	78 8 9	360 10 7	76 9 10	615 8 2	
		4,865	26,150 16	3,540 28	1,646 13 11	11-14	..	52 6 11	691 11 6	942 15 9	1,533 7 5	
Tinnevely ..	Tinnevely ..	747	2,906 26	418 8	210 2 7	11-83	..	44 15 3	141 9 7	48 2 0	234 10 10	
		745	4,073 16	797 26	399 7 1	16-11	..	53 3 6	360 0 0	70 6 5	483 9 11	
		Total .. { 1900-1901 ..	10,113	37,996 20	5,541 13	2,677 11 11	13-00	134 12 0	265 12 1	1,579 15 6	518 0 10	2,518 8 7
		10,692	39,717 31	6,153 20	2,953 12 4	12-75	..	199 14 7	1,403 6 1	609 9 10	2,212 14 6	
Calicut ..	Calicut ..	6,718	36,944 19	5,723 2	2,863 14 4	12-75	..	43 14 6	672 0 0	906 0 2	1,578 0 2	
		5,081	14,370 15	1,776 31	830 1 5	10-03	..	59 1 10	295 8 10	324 5 4	663 12 7	
		1,902	11,663 19	1,697 22	984 11 7	11-93	99 14 3	59 3 7	567 2 7	183 3 9	909 6 5	
		4,199	34,337 38	6,644 34	3,892 1 10	15-96	..	..	621 8 8	1,254 8 6	1,935 4 9	
Calicut ..	Calicut ..	17,900	87,906 11	15,842 9	8,510 13 2	14-14	99 14 3	162 3 10	2,156 4 1	2,668 1 9	5,088 7 11	
		15,507	82,955 16	12,150 32	6,347 11 11	12-15	..	110 7 5	1,935 12 2	2,037 15 1	4,084 2 8	
		11,195	159,697 30	24,179 5	10,074 10 2	12-64	427 8 2	148 0 4	1,771 3 8	1,999 12 4	4,346 8 6	
		4,395	37,748 2	4,820 36	2,008 11 4	10-60	..	137 4 3	765 0 0	227 5 0	1,129 9 3	
Calicut ..	Calicut ..	5,625	34,687 36	4,242 21	1,767 11 6	10-06	1,000 0 0	167 5 7	1,094 6 9	219 8 11	2,481 5 3	
		26,994	151,472 34	19,648 20	10,648 8 0	10-67	..	94 14 2	2,579 8 9	1,614 5 5	4,288 12 4	
		15,652	117,171 33	15,028 15	15,028 6 0	10-55	105 0 0	595 15 6	3,321 12 8	1,612 12 10	5,635 9 0	
		63,253	628,177 11	86,279 0	86,279 0 0	11-30	..	450 0 4	7,493 9 9	3,345 15 7	11,289 9 8	
Calicut ..	Calicut ..	127,114	1,127,955 26	1,54,188 17	134,806 15 0	11-25	1,532 8 2	1,593 8 2	(a) 18,925 9 7	9,019 12 1	(a) 30,971 6 0	
		116,225	1,102,982 8	1,48,188 3	128,717 6 0	11-06	811 7 10	1,530 8 9	17,713 7 10	11,954 6 6	32,109 14 11	
		282,558	1,504,380 13	2,02,238 25	160,494 7 7	11-06	1,639 2 4	3,279 8 7	33,306 3 9	15,144 3 1	53,569 1 9	
		1,486,464 0	1,91,984 14	152,454 9 3	152,454 9 3	10-62	1,058 11 5	3,041 4 7	30,944 11 2	17,188 14 6	52,233 9 8	

(c) Includes Rs. 1,800—the fish-curing Assistant Inspector's pay for twelve months.

STATEMENT showing the quantities of fish brought to be cured in the yards of the East and West Coast during the five years ending 1900-1901.

Years.	East Coast.		West Coast.		Total.
	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	TONS.	
1896-97 ..	18,066 97	12,650	28,480	42,130	60,617
1897-98 ..	18,971 98	11,554	26,454	43,008	62,482
1898-99 ..	18,988 99	12,473	26,130	38,603	57,591
1899-1900 ..	14,113	14,113	40,492	54,605	68,718
1900-1901 ..	13,828	13,828	41,485	55,313	69,141

APPENDIX Q.

STATEMENT showing the Quantities of Refined Saltpetre and of Edible Salt produced in the Madras Presidency in the year 1900-1901.

Sub-division.	Circles.	Crude saltpetre expended.	Refined saltpetre produced.	Salt educed.	Percentage of outturn	
					Of refined saltpetre to crude saltpetre expended.	Of salt to crude saltpetre expended.
Cocanada ..	Ellore ..	I. MDS.	I. MDS.	I. MDS.		
		316	189	60	59-81	18-98
Masulipatam ..	Bezawada ..	797	390	265	48-93	33-25
		1,492	457	475	30-63	31-83
Nellore ..	Kanuparti ..	2,607	746	1,348	28-61	51-70
Arcot ..	Salem ..	2,732	1,154	912	42-24	33-38
Tinnevely ..	Srivilliputtur ..	146	67	76	45-89	52-05
		6,077	2,675	3,029	44-01	49-84
Trichinopoly ..	Coimbatore ..	2,856	879	881	30-77	30-84
	Bhavani ..	2,053	1,394	1,135	42-38	38-74
	Erode ..	3,571	3,254	4,080	33-99	42-63
	South Trichinopoly ..	4,389	1,366	1,567	31-26	35-88
	Palni ..	870	319	420	36-66	46-27
	Madura ..					
Total .. { 1900-1901 ..		34,886	12,790	14,296	36-66	40-97
Total .. { 1899-1900 ..		36,017	13,186	13,288	36-61	36-89

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue),
No. 226/4071-R., Salt, dated 27th August 1901 :—

Resolution—No. 226/4071-R., Salt, dated 27th August 1901.

The Board begs to submit to Government its report on the Administration of the Salt Revenue in the Madras Presidency for 1900-1901. The suggestions approved in G.O., No. 507, Revenue, dated 15th June 1901, have been carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. GRAHAM,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with the report and three copies of Appendix A.

Copy to the Deputy and Assistant Commissioners,
each with a copy of the report and of Appendix A.
" " Accountant-General, with a report.

ORDER—No. 950, Revenue, dated 10th October 1901.

Separate Revenue No. 222.

The report of the Board of Revenue on the administration of the salt revenue for 1900-1901 has been prepared in accordance with the suggestions of the Government of India made in their letter No. 1636 S.R., dated the 25th March last. The Government notes with satisfaction that the Board has been able considerably to curtail the length of the report which, however, furnishes in sufficient detail all requisite information regarding the working of the department. The Government will confine itself to noticing the more salient features of the year's administration.

2. *Administrative charges.*—The most important change effected during the year was the amalgamation of the Customs, with the Salt and Abkari, Department. This reform while most beneficial in rendering available the machinery of the Salt and Abkari Department for enforcing a more effective and systematic control over customs matters has added largely to the work of the superior officers of the department.

3. *Establishments.*—The sanctioned strength of the subordinate establishments increased during the year, the number at the end of the year being 11,460 officers and men costing Rs. 19.55 lakhs against 10,967 officers and men costing 18.41 lakhs in 1899-1900. This is due almost entirely to the transfer of customs; the establishment for abkari purposes has undergone considerable reduction. In spite of this increase the perceptible falling off, as shown by appendix C, in the punishments imposed on the subordinates is satisfactory. The major punishments fell from 745 to 666. The number of appeals to the Board, which were wholly or partially successful, was, as usual, small, being 9 out of 50 appeals disposed of.

4. *Manufacture and imports.*—There were 68 salt factories available for salt manufacture, 21 monopoly factories and 47 excise factories. Of these, 62 factories were worked during the year. The season being generally favourable except in the two southernmost sub-divisions, the quantity manufactured amounted to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ million maunds. The statement in paragraph 21 of the report shows that this figure was exceeded in five years during the decade. The increase in the outturn of salt—both excise and monopoly—is satisfactory in view especially of the necessity for the accumulation of large stocks in the north of the Presidency for the better supply of Bengal and the Central Provinces. The import by sea amounted to over a million maunds, being a considerable decrease as compared with the preceding year.

5. *Issues and Stocks.*—The quantity of salt issued for consumption amounted to a little over nine million maunds, an increase of about half a million maunds as compared with the preceding year. This is satisfactory. A portion of the increase, 283,000 maunds occurred in exports by land outside the Presidency and it is noted that of this quantity 20,900 maunds went to Mysore and Coorg. Exports by sea were somewhat lower than in 1899–1900; but shipments to Rangoon increased from 13,780 maunds to 87,572 maunds. The Board presumes that this is due to the popularity of the crushed salt exported by the Oriental Salt Company, and to the high prices prevailing in the Burma markets for the European variety. The Board anticipates a considerable development of the export trade if some of the present restrictions on export be removed. This question is again receiving the consideration of Government.

The stocks of salt at the East Coast factories at the end of the year fell to 8.2 million maunds, sufficient for 13 months' consumption as against 8.9 million maunds equivalent to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ months' consumption at the close of the previous year. The low stocks in the Chicacole and Tinnevely sub-divisions demand attention. The arrangements already made for the extension of the Government factory at Ganjam, and the grant of a block of 300 acres to the Oriental Salt Company at the Naupada factory will, the Government hopes, enable larger stocks to be accumulated in the Chicacole sub-division. From a report since received the Government notes that the stock of salt in the sub-division rose to 17 months' consumption at the end of July 1901. In the Tinnevely sub-division, however, owing to unseasonable rains the stock fell still farther. It is presumed that any deficiency in this sub-division will be met from factories in the Negapatam sub-division, in which the stocks are ample.

6. *Wastage.*—In paragraph 40 of the report the Board reviews the wastages discovered during the year, but has not reported the proportion which these wastages bear to the stored contents of the heaps sold. The Board's remarks point to the necessity for insisting on greater attention being paid by the factory officers to the proper covering of salt heaps, the careful construction of platforms and efficient drainage.

7. *Excise system.*—(a) *Capitalists and licensees.*—The number of factories worked independently of capitalists and of those under special leases remained the same as in the previous year. In the remaining excise factories the majority of the licensees manufactured under agreements with companies or capitalists. Manginapudi in the Kistna district is the only factory in which there is restriction on manufacture, the licensees being required to manufacture only every alternate year. The Oriental Salt Company controlled four factories—Naupada in Ganjam, Karassa in Vizagapatam, Jagannaikpur in Gódvári and Covelong in Chingleput. They have recently been granted, as stated above, a block of land at Naupada for the extension of their operations there.

(b) *Prices of excise salt.*—There was a fall, though small, in the average factory price for the Presidency, being As. 3–1.5 against As. 3–3.2 in the preceding year. If the prices declared for the salt of the Oriental Salt Company be excluded, being the prices at their inland depots, the average works out to As. 3–0.5. Taking the factories individually, it is satisfactory that the average price exceeded As. 4 a maund in six factories only excluding, for the reason stated, the factories controlled by the Oriental Salt Company. The average district price in retail transactions as reported varied

from Rs. 2–12–9 to Rs. 3–14–2 per maund. The Government agrees with the Board in considering that it was not excessive. The continued high retail price in the Ganjam district, 10.3 seers per rupee, requires explanation.

8. *Competition of Bombay salt.*—The competition of Madras salt with Bombay salt in the Salem and Coimbatore districts showed no large variations. On the other hand, the quantities forwarded to the Ceded Districts and Kurnool and to Mysore rose by about 10,000 maunds or by 7 per cent. and 16,000 maunds or by 15 per cent. respectively. The increase in the case of Mysore is attributable in some measure to the arrangement made with the Madras Railway Company for the sale at Bangalore of the large-grained salt made on Bombay methods at the Attiput factory. The experiment which was undertaken with the view of assisting the distribution of salt in the inland districts has, so far, been successful, and Government has approved of the arrangement being given a more extended trial.

9. *Quality of salt.*—The Board reports a slight deterioration in the reported quality of the year's salt, both monopoly and excise, the general average percentage of sodium chloride being 93.5 and 92.8 respectively against 94.4 and 93.7 in the previous year. The Government concurs with the Board in the remark in paragraph 72 of the report that part of the deterioration may fairly be ascribed to the change in the mode of preserving the samples for chemical analysis. That may be the sole cause; but the attention to brine tests should be rigorously enforced. As to the proportion of sodium chloride, the range was considerable from 96.4 to 91. per cent. at the monopoly factories and from 96.3 to 89 per cent. at the excise factories.

10. *Consumption.*—The rates of consumption of salt per head of the population are worked out on the results of the provisional totals of the present census. The average rate for the Presidency including Mysore and Coorg was 15.84 lb. against 16.14 lb. in the preceding year calculated on the census of 1891 with the normal allowance for the annual increase of population since that year. The rate of consumption was 11.12 lb. in Mysore and the two West Coast districts, in the former of which the manufacture and consumption of earth salt is permitted. If these areas be excluded, the calculated rate for the rest of the Presidency is 17.15 lb. The Government considers that in the calculation of the rate of consumption per head of the population it is unnecessary in future reports to exclude the petty States of Sandur and Banganapalle, or to ascertain the rate for the Tamil districts separately. The rate of consumption in the Pudukkottai State works out to 9.60 lb. The continuous fall in consumption in this State, which the records of the Salt Department seem to show, is under investigation.

11. *Financial results.*—The gross revenue of the year amounted to Rs. 186.26 lakhs against Rs. 185.50 lakhs in 1899–1900. The year's actual dealings are somewhat obscured by the extent of credit sales, which increased during the year as compared with 1899–1900, the quantity sold on credit having risen from about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ million maunds to about 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ million maunds. The real index of progress is the quantity of salt sold, and judged by this test, the operations of the year were satisfactory. The charges debitable to salt amounted to Rs. 20.75 lakhs against Rs. 19.4 lakhs. The increase is sufficiently explained in paragraph 63 of the report. Deducting the charges, the net salt revenue of the year amounted to 165.51 lakhs as compared with 166.36 in 1899–1900.

12. *Measures for the protection of revenue.*—Including cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of persons charged with offences against the salt laws was 10,399, an increase of 1,232 as compared with the previous year. The Government accepts the explanation for the increase furnished in paragraph 76 of the report. The number of persons released departmentally as having been charged without sufficient evidence was 103. The number released for other causes was 1,172. There were sent for trial before the magistracy 8,979 persons, of whom 8,846 were tried during the year, and of these only 60 were acquitted.

13. *Fish-curing.*—The number of yards at work at the end of the year was 130, and the weight of fish brought to be cured was 55,263 tons, a slight increase as compared with 1899–1900. Mr. Thurston's efforts referred to in paragraph 91 of the

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report towards the collection of trustworthy and systematic information regarding the various species of fish brought to be cured and their migrations round the coast have the cordial recognition of Government.

14. The Government notes with satisfaction the testimony borne by the Board to the good work done by the departmental officers and shares its regret for the loss to the department of Mr. Millett's ripe experience and zealous service.

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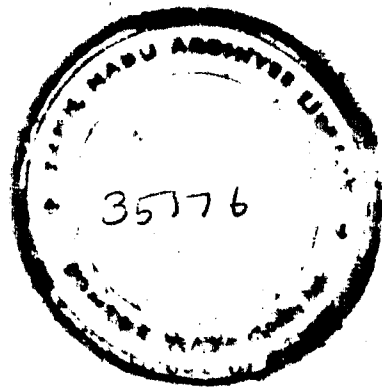
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