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Synopsis of a Scheme for the compilation of a Salt Manual.
 Approving, subject to certain remarks, the —, submitted by the Board of Revenue, and
 sanctioning the deputation of Mr. Millett for a period of six months on this special duty.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again the following G.O., Mis. No. 3741, Revenue, dated 20th July 1897:—

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 2502, dated 15th June 1897:—

Read—G.O., Mis. No. 2425, Revenue, dated 13th May 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2502, dated 15th June 1897.

The Board begs to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., Mis. No. 2425, dated 13th May 1897, wherein it is directed to prepare and submit to Government at a very early date a manual similar in arrangement to the excise manual embodying the act, rules and orders relating to salt.

2. The orders on two of the subjects dealt with in this department of the Board, viz., stamps and income-tax, are already embodied in manuals, those on customs are shortly to be so, and the Board has in contemplation the revision of the excise manual so as to embody all the rules and orders relating to abkari and bring it generally up to date. Government having now ordered that a salt manual is to be prepared, presumably to take the place of the portions of the circular orders relating directly to salt, the Board takes this opportunity of suggesting that the remaining circular orders be altogether abolished and a sixth manual of departmental rules and practices substituted for them.

3. The desirability of such a compilation has long been obvious, the existing orders on the last subject being contained in a number of old Circular Orders, most of them out of print and obsolete and in scattered chapters of the more modern ones. Circular orders also are not a convenient way of dealing with departmental rules unless the contents are distributed amongst the various orders with a great deal of care and judgment and without an intimate knowledge of each it is very difficult to know in which to look for instructions on any particular point.

4. It is out of the question, however, for the existing establishment to undertake the compilation of the three manuals. It has been trying for years past to complete the revision of the old Circular Orders, but has made little or no progress owing to the constant pressure of current work. In these circumstances there is no alternative but the appointment of an officer on special duty.

5. The officer whom the Board would nominate is Mr. E. L. Millett, the Assistant Secretary, whose knowledge of departmental rules and procedure is unequalled. His services could be made available from the date of M.R.Ry. A. Krishnasami Aiyangar's return to departmental duty as he could act for him as he has done on previous occasions, and he would probably be occupied with the work for about six months.

6. The Board trusts that, in spite of the existing financial pressure, the Government will see its way to sanctioning this proposal which is one of much importance to the department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Order—Mis. No. 3741, Revenue, dated 20th July 1897.

Before sanctioning the Board's proposal, the Government desires to be informed as to the precise scope of the proposed salt manual. The Board of Revenue will accordingly be requested to draw up and submit a synopsis of its scheme which would afterwards serve as a table of contents of the volume.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).

READ—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 3796, dated 31st August 1897:—

Read—G.O., Mis. No. 3741, Revenue, dated 20th July 1897.

Resolution—Mis. No. 3796, dated 31st August 1897.

The Board begs leave to submit the synopsis called for in the Government Order read above.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department
(with a synopsis).

ENCLOSURE.

SYNOPSIS OF A SCHEME FOR THE COMPILATION OF A SALT MANUAL.

SECTION I.

Part I.—The Indian Salt Act XII of 1882 with notes.

Part II.—The Transport of Salt Act XVI of 1879.

Part III.—The Madras Salt Act IV of 1889.

Note.—(i) A reference to any notifications which may have been issued under the several sections of these Acts will be made in small type below the respective sections.

(ii) Brief notes will be appended in small type to those sections of the Acts, which have been in any way affected or elucidated by the rulings and orders of Government and of the Board.

SECTION II.

The notifications issued under each of the Acts printed in the order of the sections under which they have been framed and issued.

SECTION III.

Departmental rules and orders.

Part I.—Officers and their duties—

Chapter I.—The powers conferred under the Acts on the Commissioner, Deputy and Assistant Commissioners and Inspectors of Circles, tabulated for easy reference and guidance.

Chapter II.—Officers to be placed in charge of salt factories and their responsibilities.

Chapter III.—The classes of menials of the department with the distinguishing marks of the different grades and the weapons, &c., prescribed for their use.

Chapter IV.—Distribution of work amongst the officers of the Salt Department.

Chapter V.—Supply and scale of medicines for salt establishments.

Part II.—Manufacture, storage and sales of salt—

Chapter I.—Rules relating to the process of manufacture.

[This chapter would include all about platforms, drying grounds, fences and works generally.]

Chapter II.—Precautions for producing good salt and instructions for testing its quality.

Chapter III.—Classes of salt-weighing machines used and the method of testing and setting them right.

Chapter IV.—Rules for securing salt in store and for ordinary sale of the same.

Chapter V.—Rules for the removal of salt under the credit system.

Chapter VI.—Subsidiary instructions for the export of salt to British Indian Ports, Strait Settlements, &c.

Chapter VII.—Precautionary rules for the duty free issue of salt for manufactures.

Chapter VIII.—Checkweighments how and by whom made and recorded.

Chapter IX.—Testweighments by superior officers of salt stored.

Chapter X.—Scrutiny of wastages in heaps sold.

Part III.—Accounts—

Chapter I.—Instructions for the preparation of the salt account current.

Chapter II.—Forms of cash accounts and the mode of maintaining them.

Chapter III.—Forms and the method of maintaining the accounts of the excise factories.

Chapter IV.—Forms and the method of maintaining the accounts of the monopoly factories.

Chapter V.—Accounts for the duty free issue of salt for fish-curing.

Chapter VI.—Saltpetre accounts, with such subsidiary instructions regarding their use as have been prescribed by the Commissioner under Rule 22 of the rules framed by the Governor in Council under sections 38, 39 and 85 (e) of the Madras Salt Act (IV of 1389).

Chapter VII.—Charge, guarding, &c., of salt treasuries and sundry instructions for making remittances, &c.

Part IV.—Measures for the prevention of salt crime—

Chapter I.—Constitution of preventive parties, ranges, &c.

Chapter II.—Powers of officers to make searches and arrests and rules for the disposal of articles seized and of the offenders arrested.

Chapter III.—Departmental enquiries and releases or prosecutions.

Chapter IV.—Periodical inspections of factories, depôts, preventive ranges and parties.

Chapter V.—Grant of rewards for preventing, detecting and prosecuting salt offences with the forms and accounts connected therewith.

Chapter VI.—Saline survey.

Chapter VII.—Forms of the preventive series and their use.

ORDER—No. 869, Revenue, dated 12th October 1897.

Separate Revenue No. 90.

In its Proceedings disposed of in the order first read above, the Board of Revenue requested the sanction of Government to the deputation of Mr. Millett for a period of six months for—

- (i) the compilation of a salt manual;
- (ii) the revision of the excise manual so as to embody therein all the rules and orders relating to abkari and to bring it generally up to date; and
- (iii) the compilation of a manual of departmental rules and practices.

2. Before sanctioning the proposal the Government desired to be informed of the precise scope of the proposed salt manual and accordingly requested the Board of Revenue to draw up and submit a synopsis of its scheme which would afterwards serve as a table of contents of the volume.

3. With its Proceedings, No. 3796, dated 31st August 1897, the Board of Revenue submits the synopsis above called for. The scheme is approved subject to the following remarks:—

- (a) A chapter dealing with the chemistry of salt and saltpetre manufacture and describing the bye-products in the manufacture of salt should be inserted in section III, part II and the different systems of manufacture should also be explained therein.
- (b) The system on which the guarding of salt factories has been organized, including the guarding of salt treasuries, should be dealt with in a separate chapter.

(c) According to the Board's synopsis, rules regarding the preparation of estimates, execution, &c., of Petty Construction and Repair works would appear to fall under chapters III and IV of section III, part III. It would be more convenient to throw them into a separate chapter.

(d) As the utility of the manual will be greatly enhanced thereby an index should be added to it.

4. The deputation of Mr. Millett for a period of six months is sanctioned from the date on which M.R.Ry. A. Krishnasami Aiyangar is available to act for him.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue),
the Financial Department.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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