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No. 66. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 27th February 1860, No. 301.

Observing that the road from Markanam to Tindivanum and the roads in the neighbourhood of the two central pans in South Arcot require improvements. (Vide Revenue Proceedings from 21st to 29th February 1860, Nos. 62-63.)

No. 67. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1860, No. 477.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting correspondence with the Collector of South Arcot on the subject of the revision of Salt establishment in that district. (Here enter 11th January 1860, No. 150.)

ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1860, No. 301.

1. These papers are forwarded with reference to the orders of Government dated 7th July 1859 No. 901. No great alteration in the establishments in the Salt Department of South Arcot is desired or desirable.

2. The Government concur generally in the views of the Board. It does not appear advisable to establish any inland depôts; the immediate remedial measures to be attended to are.

(1) The improvement of the roads leading from the pans.

(2) An enhancement of the low rate of Kudiváram now paid to the manufacturers at the southern pans.

3. The pans are four in number and are situated at

1. Markánam in the north
2. Cuddalore } in the centre } of the district.
3. Tiágavalli }
4. Killay in the south }

4. The first named of these places is the most important, the sales being large and the quality of salt superior. Most of the exportation of salt from this district is carried on at Markánam.

5. The Government are of opinion that the most important road to be attended to is that, from Markánam to Tindivanam, by which the inland trade passes to the west. They doubt the advisability of constructing an expensive road southwards to Pondicherri from Markánam; it is a sandy tract of little commercial importance and the supplies of salt furnished by Government to the French territory can be sent by sea.

Paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings.

6. Little is said about the roads in the neighbourhood of the 2 central pans, they appear however to require certain improvements. Killay appears to possess good communications.

Paragraph 17 Board's Proceedings.
Paragraph 21.

7. The remuneration given to the salt manufacturers varies much in the several localities.

					Rs.	A.	P.	
				In Markánam from	17	12	0	to 12-6-0 per garce.
In Chingleput the average is	15	5	6	Cuddalore.....	8	8	0	uniformly ,,
and in Tanjore.....	10	0	0	Tiágavalli.....	6	11	0	,,
				Killay.....	8	5	0	,,

No reason is given for this great difference. The Board recommend that the proposal of the Collector to establish a uniform rate of 10 Rupees per garce for the three latter pans be sanctioned. The Government accede to this, on the distinct understanding that *good* salt is *always* insisted on, and an inferior article invariably destroyed. The officer in immediate charge of the salt will pay particular attention to this point.

8. The pay of the chief servants at each of the southern pans *i. e.* Cuddalore, Tégavalli and Killay should certainly be increased: this should be carried out as soon as the appointment of a Deputy Collector to the charge of this department enables a reduction to be made in the salary of the Markánam Superintendent. The additional sum proposed by the Board is certainly not extravagant.

Paragraph 22 Board's Proceedings.

9. The pans of Tiágavalli are situated only six miles south of those of Cuddalore. The retention of these has already formed the subject of correspondence. The Board first proposed to abolish this as a place of manufacture, by increasing the latter at Cuddalore. To this the Collector demurred, and proposed the retention of the pans for

Paragraph 13 of Board's Proceedings.

Tiágavalli

manufacture, and the amalgamation of the sale depôt with that at Cuddalore, the salt being conveyed by a backwater to the latter place. The Board question the advisability of thus partially giving up Tiágavalli, and would take steps, by the opening of new pans at Cuddalore or the enlargement of the present ones, to increase the manufacture there, and gradually to diminish it at Tiágavalli, in view to the latter place being eventually altogether given up.

Paragraph 14.

Paragraphs 15 *and* 16.

10. The Government on the other hand are rather in favor of preserving Tiágavalli as a place of manufacture, but abolishing the pans at Cuddalore. They are so close to the town that the towns-people can secretly help themselves to salt during the manufacturing season. Should it be determined to carry out this proposition, the greater part of the Cuddalore establishment might be transferred to Tiágavalli and the manufacture there increased under improved surveillance; Cuddalore should be the place of sale, and the salt could be brought into store there by the backwater. The charge for the conveyance Government observe is Rupees 2-8-0 per garce. Mr. Hall, it is noted in paragraph 8 of his letter of 22nd November 1859, speaks of the gavalli salt as being of superior quality: and that it can be brought without difficulty to the depôt at Cuddalore.

Paragraph 16 *of Board's Proceedings.*

11. The Government agree with the Board as to the propriety of preserving Killay as a place of manufacture and sale.

Paragraph 19 *Board's Proceedings.*

12. The Board will be good enough to obtain the views of the present Collector Mr. Wood on the proposal contained in paragraph 10 supra.

13. A copy of these Proceedings will be furnished to the Chief Engineer with reference to paragraphs 5 and 6.

Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Chief Engineer.
„ Department Public Works.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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