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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 16th April 1861, No. 29 :—

SIR,

1. I have had under my consideration in Council your letters, dated the 25th April (No. 36), the 15th June (No. 64), the 18th June (No. 66), the 19th October (No. 118), the 27th October (No. 121) 1860, and the 22nd January (No. 8) 1861, in which you report your proceedings in connection with the establishment of Depôts for the sale of Salt.

2. The first and last of these letters relate to a proposal for the establishment of a Depôt for the sale of Salt on the Vamshadara river in the Ganjam District, sixty-five miles inland from Calingapatam, to which your sanction was in the first instance given, but, on its being represented to you, that the difficulties in the navigation of the river would probably be found greater than was at first supposed, the scheme is for the present in abeyance, pending the receipt of further information. In the meantime, an experimental trip up the river is to be made by the Deputy Collector, of which a full report is to be submitted.

3. The establishment of a Depôt at Home's Gardens on the Adayár river, within the District of Chingleput, has been authorized with the view of increasing the facilities of supply to the Trade, and as being beneficial to the manufacturers from whose Pans the stock has to be drawn, to the dealers, to the consumers, and to the Government. Under these circumstances I have to signify my approval of the arrangement.

4. The establishment of a Depôt at Manik-deo-kunta, a village in the Nagpore territory, on the right bank of the Severi, twenty-four miles above its junction with the Godavery, appears to have been attended with successful results. I learn with pleasure from the last of your letters under reply, that the mercantile community are likely to engage in the Salt trade on the Godavery, and that one person had even offered to take the Depôt off your hands.

5. In conclusion, I desire to impress on you that inland Depôts for the sale of Salt should only be established in localities where the present supply is either insufficient in quantity or exorbitant in price, and that, as recommended by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings of the 14th February 1860, the price charged should be such as to admit of private capital being invested in the trade (in no case therefore less than the price on the Coast added to the cost of transport and wastage, and the charge of store and superintendence), and that Government should withdraw whenever private enterprize supplies the article at a fair price.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1861, No. 1,071.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information and guidance. The papers connected with the experimental trip of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department in Ganjam, up the Vamshadara river have already been forwarded to the Secretary of State with Despatch dated 19th April 1861, No. 59.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Letter to Lieut. St. George

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Approving the arrangements made by Lieut. St. George for the Establishments of Salt Depots in several parts of the Presidency.

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