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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th June 1861.

No. 94. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th May 1861, No. 2,294:—

Read the following letters:—

No.	6,877,	From	Collector of Ganjam,	dated	19th,	in Cons. 31st December 1860, No. 327.
,,	6,876,	,,	Collector of Vizagapatam,	dated	22nd,	in Cons. 31st December 1860, No. 1,325.
,,	6,878,	,,	Godavery District,	dated	24th,	in Cons. 31st December 1860, No. 208.
,,	1,534,	,,	Kistna District,	,,	6th,	,, 11th March 1861, ,, 51.
,,	6,505,	,,	Nellore,	,,	7th,	,, 12th December 1860, ,, 209.
,,	6,611,	,,	Madras,	,,	15th,	,, 17th do. ,, ,, 502.
,,	1,651,	,,	South Arcot,	,,	12th,	,, 15th March 1861, ,, 42.
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,,	6,712,	,,	Madura,	,,	18th,	,, 21st do. ,, ,, 276.
,,	148,	,,	Tinnevelly,	,,	4th,	,, 9th January 1861, ,, 12.
,,	929,	,,	North Canara,	,,	2nd,	,, 14th February ,, ,, 13.
,,	6,584,	,,	South Canara,	,,	10th,	,, 15th December 1860, ,, 214.
,,	6,792,	,,	Malabar,	,,	17th,	,, 24th ,, ,, ,, 245.

1. In these letters the Collectors of Maritime Districts reply to the Board's Circular, No. 5,630, dated 1st December 1860, calling upon them to report what beneficial results have followed the appointment of Deputy Collectors to the charge of the Salt Department, and whether the Officers so employed are active and useful.

2. It would appear that the experiment has not been sufficiently long in operation to enable these Officers to form a very decided opinion as to its effects, the Deputy Collectors in many Districts not having joined till late in the season of manufacture; but generally they report well of the system, as well as of the efficiency of the Officers in charge.

3. The exclusive employment of the Deputy Collectors on this duty is opposed by some Collectors, who would wish to make use of their services in other ways, and it is proposed by some, that the Sea Customs Department should be placed under their charge in addition to their present duties.

4. The Board, however, are of opinion that in every District, with the exception perhaps of those of Rajahmundry and Malabar, a Salt Deputy Collector, even if confined to those duties only, would find plenty of occupation in superintending the manufacture and sale of Salt at the several Depôts; in introducing improvements in the storing and stacking of the Salt; in endeavouring to improve its quality, and in tracing out, preventing, and punishing frauds, and the surreptitious disposal of Salt by the public servants and manufacturers, and other acts of misconduct.

5. These Officers might also with advantage employ their time in devising and recommending measures for the improvement of the lines of communications to the Salt pans and Depôts, and for concentrating and diminishing the places of sale without increasing the burthens of the purchasers, or endangering the revenue. The Collectors themselves must remember that it is their duty to insist on the Deputy Collectors making frequent visits to the pans and stores, and to see that these inspections are not allowed to be made in a cursory manner or to become merely nominal.

6. At the same time, the Board are quite aware that the Collectorates at present are by no means well supplied with Covenanted subordinates, and they would not, therefore, be averse to the Department of Sea Customs being placed under the supervision of these Officers, where the Custom Houses are at the same place as the Salt Depôts, and must frequently be passed by the Deputy Collectors when making their tours of inspection. As suggested by the Collector of the Godavery District, the Frontier duties also might with advantage be included in the charge of the Salt Deputy Collectors. The efficiency of the Land Custom Department in South Arcot would be much improved by some more direct superintendence than the Collector has himself had time to devote to it.

7. The Board, however, are decidedly averse to the employment of these Officers, appointed for special duties, in the general duties of the District, and they should certainly not be withdrawn from their special duties at present, though, should there be cases in which the Officer is not fitted for the duties connected with the Salt, it will be necessary that a transfer take place.

8. It is gratifying to find that even within the short period which has elapsed since the appointment of the Deputies, many of the Collectors, especially those noted in the margin, are able to trace decided improvements in the administration of the Salt Department.

Tanjore. Nellore. Madras. North Canara. South Canara.

9. The Collector of Madura is the only Officer who reports unfavorably of his Deputy, Ram Ráu, and he suggests that the superintendence of the Shevagunga Zamíndári should be given to him, and that the Salt should be included in the charge of Mr. Hayes, the Deputy Collector at Ramnad. The Board cannot understand the Collector having made this proposal, as he gives at the conclusion of the same letter a very decided reason against the employment of Ram Ráu in the Shevagunga Zamíndári. But even if this objection did not exist, the Board think that an efficient superintendence of the Salt would not be consistent with due attention to the other duties which devolve upon the Deputy Collector at Ramnad. They are, therefore, averse to any change in the present arrangements beyond that proposed in paragraph 5.

10. Resolved that these Proceedings, and the letters above recorded, be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings, No. 2,240, dated 26th November 1860, Revenue Department.

In Cons. 26th November 1860, No. 6,193.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 10th June 1861, No. 1,173.

1. With these Proceedings the Board of Revenue, as desired in the Order of Government, dated 26th November 1860, No. 2,240, submit the reports of the Collectors of the Maritime Districts on the results which have followed the appointment of Deputy Collectors to the charge of the Salt Department.

2. The Government have carefully perused the papers, and admit that sufficient time has not yet elapsed for a satisfactory opinion to be formed of the advantage of Deputy Collectors being appointed to the exclusive charge of this Department, but the Government see no reason to apprehend that the results will be other than satisfactory. The Department is one in which trustworthy and intelligent supervision is especially needed; the revenue is large and increasing, and from the Salt works being scattered over a considerable extent of coast, Collectors cannot personally look closely into the details of the Department.

3. Several of the Collectors state that the Salt Deputy Collectors do not find sufficient occupation in that Department. The Government will not therefore object to these Officers being entrusted with the supervision of the Sea and Frontier Customs Departments, or even to their being occasionally employed on any special duty of importance; but Government agree with the Board that the charge of the Salt Department alone if properly conducted will in most Districts afford ample employment, at least until the Department is brought into good working order. The Godavery, Malabar and South Canara form exceptions to this rule, and in those Districts the Salt Deputy Collectors may with advantage be also employed on other duties.

NOTE.—In the Godavery there is only one Salt work. Malabar is wholly and South Canara almost wholly supplied by importation.

4. The letter from the Collector of Madura contains serious charges against Deputy Collector Ráma Ráu. The Board should have inquired into these promptly, and if necessary, have brought the result specially to the notice of Government. They will now fully investigate the Collector's complaints and report the result without delay.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

IN CON. 15TH DECEMBER 1860, No. 6,583.

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of TANJORE,
dated Vellum, 13th December 1860, No. 405.

1. With reference to the Board's Circular of the 1st instant, No. 5,630, calling upon me to report what beneficial results have followed the appointment of the Deputy Collector to the charge of the Salt Department, &c., I have the honor to state that Mr. DeMonte, Deputy Collector in charge of this Department, joined the District about the beginning of May, and has since been most active and zealous in pushing forward the manufacture of Salt, a larger quantity of which has been brought to store than was ever known in this District.

2. Mr. DeMonte is a man of very active habits, and is most desirous of making himself useful; the nature of the employment which he has hitherto held is so different from that in which he is now engaged, that he seems to find his new duties do not keep him sufficiently or fully employed. When he has, however, acquired a little more experience, I trust he will find that the supervision and control of so important a branch of revenue will afford ample scope both for his time and energies.

Exd. J. Wright.

IN CON. 21ST DECEMBER 1860, No. 6,712.

From V. H. LEVINGE, Esq., Collector of MADURA,
dated 18th December 1860, No. 276.

In reply to the Board's Circular, No. 5,630, dated the 1st December 1860, I have the honor to reply, that I am not able to report that any beneficial result has followed the appointment of a Deputy Collector in special charge of the salt, none of the frauds, if they were real which were reported on, have been brought to light; the present Deputy Collector was the great informer on the subject, he also told me much the same story, but since his appointment, he has not prosecuted any to conviction; perhaps his appointment has put a stop to them, but of this, I have no evidence; certainly the sales are not as good as last year, but the manufacture has largely increased, this is owing to Mr. Hayes' exertions before the charge of the salt was made over to the present Deputy Collector to a good manufacturing and partly, I believe, to a visit I made round all the pans in July, when the choukedars were all duly exhorted and warned to activity.

2. The Salt Deputy Collector has not evinced any activity, he does not appear to have gone round the pans since he visited the northern division with me in July; though I ordered him to distribute the purchase money in person, he left that duty entirely to the salt Amildar. I can excuse him for the month of August, as he was partly in attendance on me, but he could have distributed the money in person which was disbursed in the month of September, but he did not move out of his head quarters.

3. I attribute his inactivity to his dislike of the service, to which he is specially deputed, and to his having under him an Amildar and two Amins, on whose shoulders he puts the work he should perform.

4. One case of apparent fraud on the part of a shroff at one of the salt pans has been kept under enquiry in an irregular manner since the commencement of August, between the office of the Amildar and that of the salt Deputy; this was only brought to my notice six days ago by the salt Deputy, and that in such an imperfect and unsatisfactory manner, that I had to return it to him with orders to make a proper enquiry at once himself under Regulation IX of 1822.

5. On the other hand he brought to light one case of misconduct on the part of the Sea Custom choukedar of Devipatam.

6. I believe that the most advantageous arrangement would be the one I recommended in paragraphs 11 and 12 of my letter to the Board, dated 21st November 1860,* to the effect the Deputy Collector and Magistrate at Ramnad, Mr. Hayes, should have charge of the salt, and that the salt Deputy Collector Ram Row, should be relieved of the salt and be employed in the Shevagungah Zemindary; but since I made that arrangement, I have discovered that his father, the late Sheristadar of this district, is a large landed proprietor in that Zemindary.

* No. 236.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

In Cons. 9th January 1861, No. 148.

From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of TINNEVELLY,

dated 4th January 1861, No. 12.

With reference to the Circular from the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December 1860, No. 5,630, calling for a report upon the beneficial results which have followed the appointment of Deputy Collectors to the charge of the Salt Department, as well as upon their activity and usefulness, I have the honor to state that the appointment of Mr. Wright to the salt charge of this District has supplied the assistance which was much needed in that department. Mr. Wright, seems to be a fit Officer for the charge of the Salt, and to pay the required attention to the details of the department.

Exd. J. Wright.

In Cons. 14th February 1861, No. 929.

From W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of NORTH CANARA,
dated Sircy, 2nd February 1861, No. 13.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 26th November 1860, No. 2,240, forwarded with Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December, No. 5,630, I have the honor to state, that although a Deputy Collector was only placed in charge of the Salt Department in this District towards the close of the last manufacturing season, I believe that much good has already been effected by the active supervision exercised over the accounts kept in the various Salt Cutcherries, in which the orders issued were often misunderstood, or negligently acted on.

2. I also know that the frequent inspection of the numerous Kotaurs by an intelligent and active Officer has led to repairs being made more efficiently, and with greater economy than was the case previously.

3. The manufacturing season has not yet commenced, and I cannot, therefore, tell to what extent the visits of the Deputy Collector to the numerous pans will stimulate and improve the manufacture; but I am convinced that considerable improvement already manifests itself in the general management of the Department, and that very beneficial results may be anticipated from the appointment of a Deputy Collector for this special duty in a District where the manufacture of salt is not only extensive, but will be largely increased shortly, and in which we have large sale depôts at a distance from the manufacturing stations, to which salt is transported by Government agency.

4. I have made use of the only opportunity that has lately offered of entering into conversation with parties who purchase largely at these depôts, and I was assured that the business was conducted with despatch, and in a manner which was satisfactory to the purchasers. The people I allude to were Lumbanies from whom I used to hear complaints regarding undue detention, a matter of great importance, on account of the number of cattle employed by them in the transport of salt.

5. I should be able to reply to the question now put to me in a more satisfactory manner after the close of the manufacturing season, which will shortly commence; but I can now say that I believe the appointment of a Deputy Collector has enabled me to maintain a degree of supervision which, if still imperfect, is of real advantage both to Government and to those who purchase salt from the Sirkàr.

Exd. J. Wright.

Letter from the Collr. of South Canara to the Board of Revenue dated 2nd February 1861 No. 13. regarding the appointment of a Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department.

Exd. F. Cartledge

Enclosure 11 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. R. D. dated 4th May 1861. No. 2294.

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In Con. 15th December 1860, No. 6,584.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of SOUTH CANARA,
dated Mangalore, 10th December 1860, No. 214.

In reply to your proceedings* calling on all Collectors to state what beneficial results have followed the appointment of Deputy Collectors to the charge of the Salt Department, I have the honor to state, that G. Anna Rau, who holds that office here, has been of great assistance to me in superintending the landing and storing of the salt hitherto received from Bombay and Goa, both here and along the coast. The importers state, that they do not now experience the vexatious delays which were common when a salt Monegar, or a subordinate from the Sea Customs' office, or from the Huzur office, performed this duty.

* No. 5,630, of 1st December 1860.

2. I have now in Anna Rau a trustworthy officer, whom I can depute to make inquiries into any irregularities in the salt department, and I have found him active and useful both in his particular, and his general duties.

Exd. F. Cartledge.

the supervision of such Deputy, with whom, as he sits in a lower room of my Office, I am in constant communication. All matters connected with the prices of Salt purchased from Bombay are settled by myself.

4. The appointment of a Deputy Collector to the special management of the Salt Department in this Province is unnecessary, unless it is contemplated to re-establish the manufacture of the indigenous article.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure 13 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue & the Secretary to Government dated 4th May 1861 No. 2264.

Letter from the Collr of Malabar to the Board of Revenue dated 15th December 1860 No. 245 with Statements the Salt.

In Con. 31st December 1860, No. 6,877.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of GANJAM,
dated Russelcondah, 19th December 1860, No, 327.

With reference to the Circular Proceedings of the Board, dated the 1st instant, No. 5,630, I have the honor to state that I have satisfaction in reporting favorably of the zeal and activity shown by the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department. I do not, however, consider the appointment as necessary to the efficient management of the department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure 1 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. R. D. dated 4th May 1861. No. 2294.

R. Hodgson

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Letter from the Collector of Guntoor to the Board of Revenue dated 19th December 1860 No. 327. regarding the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department.

In Con. 31st December 1860, No. 6,876.

From E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of VIZAGAPATAM,
dated Vizianagrum, 22nd December 1860, No. 1,325.

In reply to the Board's Circular Proceedings, dated 1st December, No. 5,630, I have the honor to inform you that it is too early yet to declare what are the beneficial results that have attended the nomination of a salt Deputy Collector to this district; Jaganaikulu Naidu only joined in April last, after all the salt of the year had been manufactured, but he is an intelligent active person and appears to do his duty conscientiously, and I expect to be able next year to report most favorably regarding his supervision.

Rd. J. Tulloch.

Enclosure 2 in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Government
P. D. dated 4th May 1861.
No. 2294.

1861. Defpatch No. 2

Letter from the
Collector of Vizagapatam
to the Board of Revenue
dated 22nd December 1860.
No. 1325. Regarding the Dy.
Collector in charge of the
Salt Department.

In Con. 31st December 1860, No. 6,878.

From A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the GODAVERY DISTRICT,
dated Mandapeta, 24th December 1860, No. 208.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 1st instant, calling on me to report, with reference to the Proceedings of Government of the 26th ultimo, what beneficial results have followed the appointments of Deputy Collectors to the charge of the Salt Department, and whether the Officers so employed are active and useful.

2. The first Officer of the grade referred to appointed to the charge of the Department in this District was Mr. B. M. DeConceicao: he had also charge of the salt in the then Masulipatam District. He visited our stores in August 1859, remaining till the close of the following month, when he returned to Masulipatam: he paid another short visit towards the end of the year; but on the new territorial arrangement being brought into operation, he was nominated to the charge of the salt in the Kristna District. The Officer at present in charge of the Department, C. Venketaradgar, only joined on the 4th of last July, and on the 23rd of September availed himself of the two months' leave granted to him, resuming his duties on the 23rd ultimo.

3. It is thus seen that, as regards this District, the system can hardly be said to have had a fair trial. Beneficial results no doubt attended Mr. B. M. DeConceicao's visits, but the distance between the Masulipatam and Rajahmundry stores was so great as to render efficient supervision not always practicable. Venketaradgar has during the short time he has been in charge of the Department, performed his duties in a satisfactory manner. I am free to confess, however, that his services would, in my opinion, be more valuable and his revenue experience be turned to better account as a Deputy for general duties.

4. I have already given it as my opinion in letters to Mr. Pelly, that the supervision of the Salt Department in this District, a single division close to the Head-quarters of the Collectorate, does not afford sufficient work for an Officer of the grade of Deputy Collector, and I suggested that he at least should be put in charge of the Sea Customs at Cocanada and Corigna, and to these duties I would add the magisterial work of the last-named division and the supervision of the Land Customs on the French (Yanam) frontier. The Officer, however, holding the appointment should be of European extraction, well acquainted with English, and, if possible, the French language.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Enclosure 4 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt R. D. dated 4th May 1861. No 2294.

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Letter from the Asst Collector of the Rustna Distt to the Board of Revenue dated 6th March 1861. No 51. regarding the Deputy Collector in Charge of the Salt Departt.

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Enclosure 3 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt R. D. dated 4th May 1861. No 2294.

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Letter from the Coll. of the Godavery District to the Board of Revenue dated 24th December 1860 No 208. regarding the Deputy Coll. in charge of the Salt Department.

IN CONS. 11TH MARCH 1861, No. 1,534.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of the KISTNA DISTRICT,
dated Masulipatam, 6th March 1861, No. 51.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 1st December 1860, directing me to give an opinion as to the advantages derived from the appointment of a Deputy Collector to the charge of the salt department, I have the honor to state that, so far as I am able to judge, the appointment has been beneficial to the interests of Government.

2. The accompanying Memorandum shows a decrease in the sales since the appointment, but the sales of salt fluctuate so much from different causes that a decrease in a single season does no affect the question.

3. The salt pans in this district are very widely separated, Chinna Ganjam being 90 miles from Pondraka, and all being remote from the stations of the covenanted officers of the district, they could not be properly superintended except by a Deputy Collector specially appointed to the charge.

4. The cotaurs having been likewise hitherto partly under Masulipatam, and partly under Guntoor, certain discrepancies exist in the management, which it is very desirable to assimilate, as much as possible; and this could not be well accomplished, except under the superintendence of an experienced man who is able to devote a large portion of his time to the duty.

5. Mr. D. Conceicao, the Deputy Collector, attached to this district, possesses all the qualifications requisite for keeping the department in order, and for developing the trade so far as lies in the power of any individual; to a long experience as superintendent at Pondraka, he adds great activity, energy and uprightness of character.

6. A further reason for the retention of a Deputy Collector is found in the opening of the Nizampatam cotaur, with a view to exporting salt by sea from thence; it is very essential that an officer of authority and standing should be on the spot at the time of exportation, to deal with any complaints on the part of commanders of vessels, and to see that no needless delays occur in the shipment; and, unless there be a Deputy Collector attached to the department, it would not be easy to find any one for the purpose. The Sub-Collector has full occupation without it; the Head Assistant resides at Bezoarah, all his charge, one of considerable extent, lies in the opposite direction. The Deputy Collector for general purposes will be located in the western taluqs 70 or 80 miles away.

7. At the same time I venture again to submit that superintendence of the salt department does not occupy the whole time of the Deputy. He has much leisure at times and Mr. D. Conceicao is very anxious to be allowed to occupy himself at such times with other business; the salt must of course be his first care, but I think he might with advantage be entrusted with the Sea Customs of the Guntoor ports, which are in part under the immediate charge of the salt superintendents; and I think no harm could possibly arise from his being permitted to prosecute revenue, Income Tax and Police enquiries, when referred to him in the neighbourhood of the salt cotaurs; such employment would, I feel confident, not interfere with his more immediate duties and would greatly add to his experience and general usefulness as a public servant. The power of employing a man of so much intelligence and probity as Mr. D. Conceicao, in enquiries of a confidential nature would likewise greatly strengthen the hands of a Collector.

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ABSTRACT.—Memorandum showing the sales of salt in 1860, as compared with the average of the preceding four years.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Memorandum showing the sales of Salt in 1860 as compared with the average of the preceding 4 years.

	Quantity in Store.	Sales. Quantity	Sales. amount	Remarks.
From 1856 to 1859 ..	5,42,945	6,00,661	5,90,941	
In 1860	9,13,063	5,43,709	5,93,676	
Increase ...	3,70,120	"	2,735	
Decrease ...	"	56,952	"	

Guntoor District Collectors Cutcherie at Masulipatam 6th March 1861

G. Thornhill Acting Collector

1861 Dec.
No. 6
Letter from the
Collector of
Nellore District
dated 7th Dec.
Rec.d 18th Do.
No. 57

Remarks
relative to the Sales
of Salt in 1860,
as Compared with
the Average of the
Preceding 4 Years.

Fort St. George
Salt Office
11th December 1860.

In Con. 12th December 1860, No. 6,505.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of NELLORE,
dated 7th December 1860, No. 209.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings of the 1st instant, calling for report on the results that have followed the appointment of Deputy Collectors to the charge of the salt department, and whether the officers so employed are active and useful.

2. The appointmentof these officers having been, comparatively, so recent it is scarcely to be expected that any great change would be observable in the revenue, where the revenue has been so flourishing as in Nellore of late years under the administration of my predecessor Mr. Elton. But, even here, there are decided signs of the advantages to be anticipated from the placing of officers in the position of Deputy Collectors in direct charge of the salt.

3. Stretching over a long line of coast it is very difficult for the Collector, with reference to his other duties, to visit frequently the salt pans, or attend to the sales and manufacture as closely as is requisite. And I have no doubt, that from this new appointment not only will the quantity of salt sold by Government, before long, be considerably raised both in quantity and quality, and that the change will be beneficially felt by the purchasers in other ways to which special reference is not necessary, but also that the manufacture will be more secure, and the salt more carefully stored.

4. At present I can report that the manufacture this year was got through, generally speaking, sooner than in former years, and was therefore so much the more secure; and that I have observed a marked improvement in the condition of the platforms, where the salt is stored and of the coverings of the heaps, both of which circumstances must have a most beneficial effect as regards the due preservation of the salt at present in store. The wastage in this district has been very large. It will now, I hope, be greatly reduced.

5. As regards the special fitness of Mr. Narrayanasawmy, the Deputy Collector in charge of the salt of this district, I beg to report that he is most active and useful. I am quite satisfied with the mode in which he discharges the duties of his office.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Enclosure 5 in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Government
R. D. dated 14th May 1861.
No 2294.

Letter from the
Collector of Tellore to the Bd
of Revenue dated 4th December
1860. No 209, regarding the
Deputy Collector in charge of
the Salt Department.

In Con. 17th December 1860, No. 6,611.

From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of MADRAS,
dated Saidapet, 15th December 1860, No. 502.

Adverting to the Board's Proceedings of the 1st instant, No. 5,630, forwarding the Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 26th ultimo, No. 2,240, I have the honor to furnish a statement, showing the manufacture and sale of salt at the Madras kotars for five years previous to Mr. R. P. Campbell's appointment as salt superintendent, and for the subsequent years, from which the Board will observe that the appointment of an officer specially for the charge of the salt department has resulted most beneficially.

2. Fasli 1262 was the first year of Mr. Campbell's charge, and Fasli 1268 was particularly unfavorable to the manufacture of salt.

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Abstract.—Statement of salt manufactured for some years past in the Madras kotars.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

1861. Depart.t

Enclosure 6 in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Govt. Re. D. dated 4th May 1861. No. 2294.

Encl.s 1 to 8.

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Letter from the Collector of Madras to the Board of Revenue dated 15th December 1860. No. 502. regarding the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department.

No 42 South Head Coll.r's Catchers
Caddalore 17th March 1860

From
H. Wood Esqre
Collector of South Head

To
J. D. Finn Esqre
Secretary to the Bd of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir

In reply to Board's Proceeding dated 1st December 1860, Circular No 5631, conveying the desire of Government to be informed of the results that have ensued on the appointment of Deputy Collectors to the Salt Department and whether these officers have been retained and accepted; I have the honor to state, in regard to this District, that Deputy Collector Graham's Establishment has been so short a time in it, that I consider it should be premature in pronouncing decidedly upon the general advantages of this Superintendence - the only arrangement in May last when arrangements had been made and the years manufacture commenced - Soon after he took charge, however he proceeded to the Pans and pushed it on with such vigour that although the Pittrim

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Pl 6 Dec/60
Ans a Letter from the Collector
of Salem to the Acting
Secretary Bd of Rev.
Dated 15th December 1860
No 5902.
Pl Wood

Statement of Salt Remaining in the Pans of Kattumanarkoil
Salem Salt Agency
In Candy's Decr ..

Dittum, owing to no salt having been made in the year before last, was unusually large, it was nearly completed and the salt heaps covered in by the close of December. In the meanwhile, he superviced the salt Department with assiduity detecting two cases of smuggling and punishing 30 persons for making earth salt.

2 Up to the 1st instant he shewed sales reaching upwards of Rupees 3,11,785 with a wastage of only ½ per cent. He hopes to continue the wastage at this low average; and if he does so it will exhibit an improvement on the wastage of the two last Justices; which old and newly manufactured salt together, was 1 per cent.

In regard to his activity and usefulness, I have to report favorably. In addition to his own proper work, (in consideration of his being at the Pulicat, he has tried Magisterial Cases: I have referred to him; and disposed of them with credit.

South arcot
Salt Factory
Cuddalore
12th March 1861

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
H. Monk
Collector

Calicut, 17th Dec. 1860, No. 245.

No. 6792.

From,

P. Grant Esqre,
Collector of Malabar.

To,

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Sir,

I have received the Board's Circular Proceedings, dated 1st instant, No. 5,630.

2. No Deputy Collector has been specially appointed to the charge of the Salt Department in this District.

3. In my letter to the Board, dated 26th July 1859, No. 189, I stated that my Deputy in charge of the Treasury could well take charge of the Department, as its management consists more in attending to the accounts and the daily reports of sales and receipts of Salt from the merchants who import it. The business connected with the Salt Department is, therefore, carried on under the supervision of such Deputy, with whom, as he sits in a lower room of my Office, I am in constant communication. All matters connected with

time

with the prices of Salt purchased from Bombay are settled by myself.

4. The appointment of a Deputy Collector to the special management of the Salt Department in this Province is unnecessary, unless it is contemplated to re-establish the manufacture of the indigenous article.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. P. Grant

Collector of Malabar

Comp'd &c.

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Revenue Dep.t

No 1173.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 10th ~~July~~ May 1861

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Reporting with reference to
Proc.s of Govt. dated 26th November
1860, No 2240 Revenue Department,
on the results that have followed
the appointment of Deputy
Collectors to the charge of the Salt
Department.

From
H. L. Collector
of Malabar

Dated 17 Dec.r 1860

Rec.d for 10 June 1861

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Here Order 4th May 1861 No 2294

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I must remark upon the neglect of
the Revenue Board to bring under
the notice of the Govt the conduct of the
said Deputy of Madras as alluded
to in the Letter of the Collector — I think
also that the work can hardly be
sufficient to keep the deputy collectors
fully employed — I think that more
power should be given to Collectors
in making of deputy collectors — the
former being held answer-
able for the proper
management of the Salt
business — the subdi-
vision of Collectors
specially on the coast

has a tendency to divide and
foster away responsibility
the conduct of the Madras Deputy
should be closely investigated
if he has not shown energy enough
he must be got rid of

With these Proceedings
the Board of Revenue as desired
in the order of Government dated
26th November 1860 No 2240. Sub-
mit the reports of the Collectors
of the Maritime Districts
on the results which have
followed the appointment of
Deputy Collectors to the charge
of the Salt Department.

2. We Government have
carefully perused the papers
and admit that sufficient
time

time has not yet elapsed for a satisfactory opinion to be formed of the advantage of Deputy Collectors being appointed to the exclusive charge of this ~~Salt~~ Department, but the Government see no reason to apprehend that the results will be other than satisfactory. The Department is one in which trustworthy and intelligent supervision is especially needed. The revenue is large and increasing, and from the salt works being scattered over a considerable extent of coast, Collectors cannot personally look closely into the details of the Department

3 Several of the Collectors state that the Salt Deputy Collectors do not find sufficient occupation in that Dept.

The Government will not therefore object to these Officers being entrusted with the Supervision of the Sea and Frontier Customs Departments or even to their being occasionally employed on any special duty of importance but Government agree with the Board that the charge of the Salt Dept. alone if properly conducted will in most Districts afford ample employment. The Godavery Malabar and South Canara form exceptions to this rule and in those districts the Salt Deputy Collectors may with advantage be also employed on other duties.

The letter from the Collector of Madura contains serious charges against Deputy Collector Rama Rau. The Board should have enquired into these

† at least until the Dept. is brought into good working order.

Note.

In the Godavery there is only one salt work. Malabar is chiefly S. Canara almost wholly supply by importation.

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Deputy Collr of the
Salt Department

these and if not satisfied with the Dep. Collr's explanation they should suitably admonish him.

J. R. S.

- promptly and, if necessary, have the result of the notice of pnt. They will now fully investigate the Collrs complaints and report the result without delay.

14 Copies to the Boards of Revenue
Dep. 15

C. 28 May