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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 3rd February 1862.

No. 24. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 31st January 1862, No. 154:—

Communicating paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Home Despatch, on the subject of the discontinuance of the sales of Salt by the Engineer Department on the Upper Godavery, and the improvement of the river Vamshadara in the Ganjam District. (Vide Revenue Proceedings, 31st January 1862, Nos.305-306.)

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 3rd February 1862, No. 115.

Communicated to the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, for information.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engr. and Secy. to Govt., D.P.W.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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, 30th November 1861, No. 84:—

SIR,

1. I have had under my consideration in Council your letters of the 6th and 19th April (Nos. 46 and 59), and 17th May (No. 70) 1861, which report matters connected with the administration of the Salt Department.

Letter, dated 6th April (46) 1861.

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of my Despatch of the 16th April last (No. 29), I have to convey to you my approval of the discontinuance of the sales of Salt by the Engineer Department on the Upper Godavery. Although the experiment appears to have met with a fair measure of success, a traffic of this description is foreign to the proper duties of the department, and the sale of Salt by public Officers at a price which, although yielding a considerable profit to Government, is yet apparently below what an ordinary dealer could afford to charge, cannot fail to check the efforts of private enterprise in this direction.

Letter, dated 19th April (59) 1861.

3. The further inquiries relative to the expediency of establishing a Depôt for the sale of Salt on the river Vamshadara in the Ganjam District, noticed in paragraph 2 of my Despatch of the 16th April last (No. 29), have resulted in showing that the difficulties in the navigation of the river are greater than had been anticipated, and the scheme has accordingly been dropped for the present. The project is, however, to be again brought forward at a future time, if the local Engineer Officer shall be able to propose measures for the improvement of the river for purposes of navigation as well as irrigation, within a reasonable cost.

Letter, dated 17th May (70) 1861.

4. This letter reports certain detailed arrangements having in view the improvement of the manufacture of Salt in North Canara, which appear to be judicious, but on which no remark from me is required.

ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1862, No. 154.

1. Ordered that paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Despatch be communicated to the Board of Revenue and Public Works Department, with reference to the Orders in this Department of 12th December 1860 and 7th March 1861, Nos. 2,379 and 530.

2. Paragraph 4 will be communicated to the Board, with reference to the Order of 5th April 1861, No. 755.

(True Extract.)

C. J. Hamilton

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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