

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th April 1868.*

No. 120. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th March 1868, No. 2,323.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, the 12th March 1868, No. 871:—

1. Referring to the correspondence noted in the margin, I am directed to forward, for the consideration of His Excellency in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter* from the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, with enclosure, reporting on the injurious effect on the Excise manufacture in the Cuttack Province, caused by the practice prevailing in the Ganjam District of selling Government salt for exportation to Bengal at the Bengal duty rate of Rupees (3-4-0) three and Annas four per maund, no charge being apparently made for the cost price of the salt.

2. I am to observe the principle which the orders of the Government of India accepted obviously was that, in addition to cost of production and carriage, the Madras salt should have paid exactly the same amount of duty as the Bengal salt before it was admitted for sale into Bengal.

From the Officiating Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort William, the 18th February 1868, No. 857c.

1. Referring to Government Order, No. 3,680, dated 22nd September 1863, I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Cuttack, No. 147, dated 29th December last, reporting a practice which seems to prevail in Ganjam of selling Government salt for exportation to Bengal, at Rupees 3-4-0 per maund, the Bengal duty rate, no charge being apparently made for the cost price of the salt.

2. The injurious effect of this practice, on the Excise manufacture in the Cuttack Province, is very considerable, as explained by the Commissioner in his second paragraph, and its continuance is calculated seriously to interfere with the Excise manufacture. As the Board believe that the intention of the Orders of the Supreme Government, No. 4,431, dated 10th September 1863, (copy of which was forwarded to this Office with your letter above cited,) was that the full Bengal duty should be levied on all Government salt exported from Ganjam to Bengal, *plus* the cost of manufacture, I am directed to solicit that the Government of India may be moved with the view to the necessary orders being issued to the Collector of Ganjam through the Government of Madras.

From the Officiating Commissioner of the Cuttack Division, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, (No. 147, dated Camp at Keonjburgur, the 29th December 1867.)

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice an irregularity prevailing in Ganjam, which seriously affects the Salt revenue of Orissa Province, and tends to bring Madras salt into undue competition with that locally manufactured under license, and with Government stock still remaining in hand in Pooree Golahs.

2. I have ascertained that salt is generally sold from Ganjam Golahs for export at Rupees 3-4-0 per maund, from this the Madras monopoly price, Rupees 1-11-0 per maund, is deducted, and the balance, being the Bengal differential duty of Rupees 1-9-0, is remitted to the Cuttack Collector.

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The result is that, whereas Bengal excised salt is consumed at Rupees 3-4-0, *plus* cost of manufacture and carriage, Madras salt is charged for at Rupees 3-4-0 only, excluding cost of manufacture, and the only additional expenditure, before it reaches the consumer, is that of carriage. It is true that the coarse-grained Ganjam salt is looked on by the people of Orissa with disfavor, but the possibility of being undersold at any future time has been raised by Salt merchants in Pooree, as a ground of objection to embarking in manufacture under license.

3. It appears to me that the proper principle is to levy the full Bengal duty of Rupees 3-4-0 per maund, *plus* the cost price of manufacture; and should the Board agree in this view, I would request that orders on the subject may be communicated to the Madras Government; meanwhile, I have addressed the Collector of Ganjam direct on the subject.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for inquiry and report.

24th March 1868.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Forwarded to the Collector of Ganjam for early report.

No. 121. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1868, No. 903.

Separate Revenue, No. 5.
Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
From Board of Revenue
of 22 May 1868 Cto. 1868.
Dated 30th March 1868.
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No. 2,323.

Forwarding to Collector of Ganjam for report
letter from Officiating Secretary to the Govern-
ment of Bengal the reporting on the injurious effect
on excise manufacture in Cuttack Province caused
by sale of Government salt at Ganjam for ex-
portation to Bengal at Bengal duty rate with-
out apparently charging cost price of article.

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6th April 1868.

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