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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th February 1869.*

No. 201. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department:—

Stock of Salt at Negapatam.—Collector's report
on the subject, and on the measures adopted } (Here enter 27th January 1869, No. 242.)
for forming Railway Feeders, recorded.

No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1869, No. 398.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 33.

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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Date 11th Feb. 1869.

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No. 201-202

Received from the Revenue Department, for the stock of Salt at Negapatam, Tanjore District, and the measures adopted by the Collector for forming Railway Feeder in this District, recorded.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th January 1869.*

No. 504. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1868, No. 9,029 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vallam, 20th November 1868, No. 242.

1. With reference to the Government Order, dated 3rd instant, No. 2,771, communicated with the Board's Proceedings, dated 6th idem, I have the honor to report on the stock of Salt at Negapatam, as also on the measures adopted for forming Railway Feeders in this District.

2. First as regards the stock of Salt at Negapatam. The Canal between Negapatam and Vedarniem having been opened for traffic in November 1867, I applied to the Board and obtained* their sanction for supplementing the stock of Salt at Negapatam by bringing up 1,000

garce of Vedarniem Salt. Half of this Salt was manufactured and half was spontaneous.

3. The manufactured Salt (both Negapatam and Vedarniem) sold readily enough, but the merchants would not look at the spontaneous, its great weight and small bulk telling against it in both ways, since the merchants buy from us by weight and sell in the bazaar by measurement.

4. I therefore applied to the Board in my letter, dated 12th August 1868, No. 170, for a special discount of five per cent. with regard to the sale of this Salt, and obtained their sanction for the same, in their Proceedings, dated 14th September 1868, No. 6,550.

5. I had hoped by this discount to get rid of this spontaneous article, but my expectations were disappointed, the merchants still refusing to take it in any considerable quantity.

6. In the meantime, however, my Salt Deputy Collector has been bringing up more manufactured Salt from Vedarniem, and as he informs me that he has 350 garce of this and of Negapatam Salt in hand, I have now told him to keep the spontaneous Salt for export trade only, and to let the inland merchants have as much of the Vedarniem and Negapatam manufactured Salt as they like.

7. In July last, when I was at Vedarniem, I extended the area of the manufactured Salt beds to some extent; and now that I am convinced that the spontaneous Salt is a failure as regards inland sales in this, as well as the Trichinopoly, Coimbatore, and Malabar Districts, I am going down to Vedarniem again directly the monsoon is over, and shall increase the outturn of manufactured Salt there to the utmost extent, as it will all, I am sure, find a ready sale at Negapatam.

8. Mr. Ricketts also informs me that the new pattern boats for bringing up the Salt from Vedarniem to Negapatam are progressing nicely, and will be ready for use very soon; so that there will be no fear in future of Negapatam being ever again without Salt, which the merchants will be ready and willing to buy.

9. The Board will perhaps wonder why I brought up any spontaneous Salt at all from Vedarniem to Negapatam, when I had a large quantity of manufactured Salt in stock at Vedarniem. The truth was, that I had a large stock there of

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spontaneous Salt also, and as it had cost the Government less than the manufactured article, and had obtained a ready sale at Negapatam in 1861, I saw no reason why I should not get rid of some of it. Since 1864, however, the system of selling Salt by weight has been introduced into this district, and hence the reason why all that is spontaneous, and accordingly very heavy, is a mere drug in the Negapatam market as far as inland sales are concerned. I need hardly add, that I should have brought up *only* manufactured Salt last year from Vedarniem to Negapatam for inland trade, if this fact had been brought to my notice.

10. Adverting to the want of Railway Feeders, I beg to state, that ample provision has been made for forming them in the current as well as in the next year's Budget, as will be seen from the accompanying statement. Such of the existing roads as serve for feeders have been maintained in proper order from the annual allotment as far as the material procurable in their neighbourhood will admit of.

11. The following are the feeders proposed to be newly constructed:—

- I. From Keevalore northwards to join the Nagore and Peralam road, and southward to Kiliur on the Negapatam and Tritrapundi road.
- II. From Koolikarai to Ammiappen.
- III. From Kordachery to join Road No. 23, from Mannargudi to Trivalore.
- IV. From Saliamangalum to join the road from Mannargudi to Tanjore.
- V. From Boodalore southwards to Sengipatti, and northwards to Pudduchattiam.

Of these, Nos. II., III., and the southern section of V. have been completed. In No. III., two bridges are required over the Pandavayar and Vellayar, which are proposed to be constructed in connection with the regulating works. For this purpose, an allotment of Rupees 5,000 has been provided in the Local Fund Budget for 1869-70.

12. The road from Boodalore northwards to Pudduchattiam will be next to useless if the rivers Vennar, Kodamurti, and Cauvery are not bridged. In the Budget for 1869-70, Rupees 24,780 are provided for forming the road in addition to Rupees 15,695 entered for bridges across the Kodamurti and Cauvery, for which I submitted an estimate, with letter dated 11th November 1868, No. 235. As I have stated therein, these bridges will be constructed in connection with the regulating works. After these works are completed, a bridge across the Vennar will still remain to be built.

13. Instead of a road from Keevalore to Kiliur on the road from Negapatam to Tritrapundi, a different line has been selected which runs from Keevalore to Valivalam on the road from Tritrapundi to Trivalore. The villagers interested in this line have not only given up the land required gratis, but have also executed the earthwork in Kudimaramat. An estimate of Rupees 60,300 has been sanctioned for completing this line, and providing masonry works. When this estimate is carried out, and a branch line from Kiliur to join this new road is formed, all wants on the south side of Keevalore will be amply met.

14. The only roads for which no provision has been made are the lines northward from Keevalore, as well as south from Saliamangalum, to join the Mannargudi and Tanjore road. These, however, will not be lost sight of in future Budgets, though they are not so important and urgently required as those already provided for.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 3rd November 1868, No. 2,771.

2. Although the stock of manufactured Salt at Negapatam is not large at present, arrangements have been made for increasing the outturn both at Negapatam and Vedarniem, and the Collector is giving his best attention to the subject.

3. Ample provision has been made in the Budgets for Railway Feeders. The estimate referred to in paragraph 12 of the Collector's letter has been submitted for sanction in Board's Proceedings, dated 21st December 1868, No. 8,957.

No. 505.

ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1869, No. 242.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.
Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
— *the Public Works Department* —

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