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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following :—

No. 50. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th May 1870, No. 3,052.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 25th March 1870, No. 375.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the favourable consideration of the Board of Revenue, the accompanying copy of a Petition presented on behalf of A. P. Brito, the contractor for the supply of Bombay Salt for the current Fasli 1279.

2. Under the present contract-system, no allowance is made to the contractors for wastage, which occurs on salt shipped in Bombay, and delivered in this district on account of the Government monopoly, though as much as ten per cent. used to be allowed before. The allowance was discontinued under the Orders* of Government noted in the margin. Consequently, for all the difference between the actual shipments and deliveries, the contractor has to pay an Excise-duty to the Bombay Government at the rate of Rupees 1-13-0 on each Indian Maund short-delivered.

* 1st May 1865, No. 889, A.
6th July ,, ,, 1,542.

3. At the time the present contract was made, (viz., 31st August 1869,) the existing duty was Rupees 1-8-0 per maund. The duty has since been raised to Rupees 1-13-0, or by 5 Annas on each maund, under the Governor-General's Ordinance,† dated the 4th October last—a contingency which the contractor had no reason to anticipate; and he, therefore, justly claims compensation for the difference between the rate existing at the time of his contract and that now in force.

† Act XXIV. of 1869.

4. I consider that the contractor is justly entitled to the remission of the extra duty of 5 Annas per Indian Maund on all short-deliveries occurring from wastage out of the current year's contract quantity, viz., 100,000 Indian Maunds.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From L. F. B. SALDANHA, Esq., for Salt Contractor A. P. BRITO, to the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated Mangalore, 13th December 1869.

UNDER rules prevailing at Bombay in regard to salt allowed for exportation, deposit in cash is required to be made on the quantity permitted to be removed at 2 Annas upon each Indian Maund, and the exporter is liable to pay full Export-duty upon quantity for which he may fail to produce a certificate of delivery at the Government depôts.

2. Salt naturally is an article liable to wastage, and the more so when vessels meet with rain on the voyage which cannot be avoided during the long period of delivery, *i.e.*, between November and March, not to say of subsequent months of April and May, during which salt is conveyed, if the same is not made good by March.

3. When I undertook the contract for the delivery of salt to Government, I reckoned upon such contingent losses at the then existing rate of duty, or Rupees 1-8-0 per Indian Maund. Now that this duty has been raised to Rupee 1-13-0 per Maund, I shall certainly incur some additional loss, for which I must, in justice, look to Government for full compensation.

4. I cannot expect any relaxation of the present altered rate of duty with the Bombay Government, unless you will be so good as to address them in my favour; and I trust that you will be pleased to write to the Bombay authorities to use, in my case, an exception to the present rule.

5. I need scarcely enter into much details. The case is open ; I may only add that if I am not compensated for the loss I am now liable to under the rules of Government, of which one could have scarcely thought before its existence, I shall be a great loser in the contract. I have undertaken with Government originally at a rate which you will admit to have been very favourable to Government, looking at the large prices paid on salt purchased in previous years.

6. I beg to add that I learn that indulgence of the kind I now seek has been formerly allowed to persons circumstanced [redacted] at present.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Acting Collector.

THE actual amount collected by the Government of Bombay in consequence of the rise in the Customs-duty should be reported.

No. 51. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1870, No. 6,324.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 21st September 1870, No. 1,249.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 7th May 1870, No. 3,052, I have the honour to report that the difference between the quantity of salt shipped at Bombay and delivered at Mangalore by A. P. Brito, on account of his contract for 1869-70, amounts to 2,767 Indian Maunds, and the excess duty, levied thereon by the Bombay Government, to Rupees 864-11-0, at 5 Annas per maund.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, together with a copy of the Board's Proceedings, No. 3,052, of the 7th of May last.

2. The Board concur with the late Acting Collector.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1870, No. 1,915.

Separate Revenue, No. 2.
Salt.

UNDER the circumstances represented in the foregoing Proceedings the Right Honourable the Governor in Council sanctions the refund of Rupees 864-11-0 to the contractor A. P. Brito.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated December, 2nd.

Recd. Recd.

G. O., 2nd December 1870, No. 1,915.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 50—52.

Salt supplied by Bombay Salt Contractor of South Canara.—Refund of the extra duty of 5 Annas per Indian Maund on all short-deliveries occurring from wastage, sanctioned.