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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th January 1871.*

No. 70. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st December 1870; No. 6,902:—

Read the following letter from E. C. JOHNSON, Esq., Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Vizagapatam, dated 8th September 1869.

WITH reference to the Board of Revenue's Order of July 29th, I have the honour to inform you that I visited on several occasions during the past year the Salt Stations of Balacheruvu and Karrassa, which lie in the taluqs under my charge.

2. The Balacheruvu pans are, I believe, to be abandoned on the grounds of their out-of-the-way position. This is, I fancy, the only objection to them. The platform is a fine one, the largest which I have seen, and to make it safe only requires that the existing ditch should be somewhat deepened on the western end. The aloe hedge-attempted, has proved a failure.

3. The article manufactured has improved wonderfully during the last two years. The old salt on the platform and the old samples kept in the Cutcherry are uniformly bad, dirty, thin, and flaky. Last year's manufacture is nearly all clean, and in fine firm crystals. This end has been attained by introducing a system of reservoir pans where the brine is allowed to condense for some time before being let into the manufacturing pans. Whatever the faults of our Salt Deputy-Collector may be, he thoroughly understands the principles of manufacturing, and has greatly improved the quality, and raised the quantity of salt manufactured in the taluqs.

4. KARRASSA.—My remarks as to the improvement of the salt apply equally to this station. The platform was in good order, and the salt properly stored. This station is a great place for salt thefts, as there are several villages, near which are full of bad characters, a large part of whose living is made by salt-earth and stolen salt.

5. The road connecting it with the main southern road lately made at a large expense is in a very bad condition, and in the wet weather utterly impassable. This is of no great consequence as long as the Balacheruvu Station exists; but on its abandonment, the nearest station on the south will be Pentakotta, 50 miles distant, and it will be important that Karrassa should be connected with the main road by a good track.

6. At both these pans, I had on several occasions to call the attention of the officer in charge to the length of time during which (for days at a time) the manufactured salt was allowed to lie in small heaps, by the side of the pan from which it had been raised. This practice gives great facilities for thieving, as the Police cannot possibly guard the whole extent of the pans on a dark night. I believe that in this way a good deal of thieving is carried on by the Salt Ryots themselves.

7. The practice has been since in a great measure discontinued.

8. Being in the months of December and January in charge of the taluqs of Chipurapilly and Bimlipatam, I visited the Salt Station of Bimlipatam and Kuppily. On the former, I have no remarks to make. At Kuppily the pans are much scattered, and some of them at a great distance from the platform. I observed, however, that the Deputy-Collector was gradually concentrating them, and had

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—FORWARDED with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th September 1870, No. 5,700.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Officiating Collector.

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2. The Deputy-Collector Mahomed Ali deserves great credit for the improvement he has effected in the quality of the salt in Vizagapatam. The attention of all Collectors will be directed to the system of manufacture alluded to in paragraph 3.

3. From a report dated 31st August last, it would appear that the salt roads generally have been put in good order, and a special estimate for the repair of that from Narrassa to Malagada was sanctioned for execution next year in Government Order, No. 1,515, dated 7th October 1870.

4. The Collector may report again if he considers the retention of the Balacheruvu pans desirable.

No. 71. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1871, No. 34.

Separate Revenue, No. 5.

Salt.

THE Government are glad to know that Mr. Johnson has manifested such an intelligent interest in the Salt manufacture in his charge.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Salt Stations in Vizagapatam District.—
Proceedings Board of Revenue, submitting report
of the Assistant Collector on them, with orders
thereon.

JANUARY.
Nos. 70-71.

G. O., 7th January 1871, No. 34.

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Dated January 7th.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

To

REVENUE.

Govt. of 1871 B.M.

No. 6,902.

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John

For Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
 „ the Officiating Collector of Vizagapatam.

Copy to all other Collectors of Coast Districts.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

*The first one given & known that
Mr. Johnson has received such
of it, in his first interest in the book
from Jackson is his charge.*

Salt Stations—in Vizagapatam District Report of Assistant Collector Mr. Johnson certain —, submitted to Government; and letor of this district requested to address D if he considers retention of Balachervu a pans desirable.—Attention of Collectors of c districts, directed to system of salt manufac alluded to in paragraph 3 of report.

DECEMBER.
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