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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th March 1876.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 186. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 18th February 1876, No. 239.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st January 1876, No. 288.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chittoor, 8th December 1875, No. 104.

THE Superintendent of Police lately informed me that earth-salt is or has until lately been imported into this district from Cuddapah by rail, and that he has issued orders to the Police to seize the salt wherever it may be found, and to prosecute the owners. As the most effectual way of stopping this traffic, however, Captain Cox suggested that the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway may be asked to issue instructions to the servants of the Company directing them to refuse to book earth-salt for conveyance beyond the limits of the Cuddapah and Bellary districts.

2. I accordingly addressed the Agent and Manager on the subject. In reply, however, that officer informs me that the Company have no legal right to refuse to carry the salt when tendered, and suggests that the most effectual way of preventing the importation of earth-salt into this district would be to impose a tax in the same way as is now done in the case of salt booked from Madras Railway Station to the Central Provinces.

3. Although the dealing in earth-salt in this district is an offence under Section 18, Regulation I. of 1805 (*vide* G.O., dated 19th February 1868, No. 463), yet the conveyance by rail of this article of trade beyond the limits of Cuddapah and Bellary, I am of opinion, would not be illegal, and therefore the Railway Company would not be justified in refusing to book earth-salt for importation into this district. I have, therefore, the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to consider the question of imposing a tax on earth-salt brought into this district, and so prevent the Government sales being diminished, as is undoubtedly the case by the sale of this cheap and inferior salt.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for consideration and report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th December 1875.

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secy. to Govt.

THE manufacture of earth-salt in Cuddapah, Bellary, and Kurnool, subject to the payment of a license-fee imposed with reference to the estimated outturn of the modas being legal, the Board are of opinion that its transport to another district cannot be prevented, and they have already expressed this opinion in their Proceedings of 19th March 1875, recorded in G.O., dated 16th April 1875, No. 604. G.O., dated 19th February 1868, No. 463, quoted by the Collector of North Arcot in support of his view has no bearing on the present question, as the manufacture of earth-salt at licensed salt works is not illicit, and such being the case its transport does not infringe any provision of Regulation I. of 1805. The levy of a transit duty on earth-salt imported into North Arcot is impracticable, as there is no law authorizing the

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collection of such an impost. The Board observe that the gradual enhancement of the license-fees till they reach the maximum in 1879 will effect the suppression of the trade in earth-salt, and that there appears to be no necessity to take any action for restricting its transport by rail.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.

Salt.

The Government agree with the Board in the view expressed in the concluding sentence of their Proceedings.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

No. 186-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th February 1876.
From W. D. HORSLEY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddapah, 22nd January 1876, No. 15.

In reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 9,902, dated 3rd November 1875, communicating G.O., Public Works Department, No. 2,605, dated 10th September 1875, I have the honor to state that I am unable to account for the falling off in the salt traffic between Madras and North-west Line of the Madras Railway in 1874-75. Messrs. Cammiade and Co. will perhaps be able to give some information on the subject.

From R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapett, 1st February 1876, No. 72.

REFERRING to the Board's Miscellaneous No. 9,902 of the 3rd November last, I have the honor to state that the falling off in the salt traffic between Madras and the North-west Line of the Madras Railway is due to the cyclone of May 1874, the very heavy north-east monsoon we had and the consequent interruption to traffic by rail.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to paragraph 4, G.O., dated 10th September 1875, No. 2,605.

2. The Collector of Cuddapah should have stated what steps he took to ascertain the causes of the falling off in the salt traffic and should have made inquiries amongst the local salt dealers; but, as the reasons assigned by the Collector of Chingleput sufficiently account for the decrease, it does not appear necessary to institute further inquiries.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

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No. 187.

ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1876, No. 655.

RAILWAY, No. 19-A.

The inquiry made by the Collector of Cuddapah into the falling off in the salt traffic on the North-west Line of the Madras

Railway, failed to furnish any solution of the question.

2. The reasons assigned by the Collector of Chingleput may be sufficient to account for the decrease in the salt traffic up to the end of 1874. But as the Board of Revenue will have seen by the further reference made in G.O., No. 356, of 9th February, the falling off prevailed to a much later date.

3. Under these circumstances, careful inquiries should be again made in both districts, especially from local salt dealers, and their result reported. The attention of the Collectors of Cuddapah and Chingleput will also be drawn to the letter from the Collector of North Arcot recorded with Revenue Department Order, No. 239, 18th February 1876, describing the import of earth-salt from Cuddapah to North Arcot.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

.. Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 25th February 1876

No. 15 Read the following papers

From N. D. Horsley Esquire
Collector of Cuddapah

J. J. E. Stokes Esquire
By Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

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Miscellaneous Proceedings No. 9902
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Cuddapah (all office)
22nd January 1876

I have &c
W. H. B. Harrell
Att. for Secy.

Chingleput District
Collector's office
San. Deptt 1st Feb. 1876

No. 72

From

To

Sir,

R. J. Keeble Esqrs

By collector of the Chingleput Dist.

L. A. Galton Esqrs

By Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

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[True Copies & Extracts]

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J. H. Cotton
Acting Secretary
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MINUTE BY THE HON. SIR W. ROBINSON, K.C.S.I.
G.O. No. 665, dated 14th March 1876.

Falling off of the Salt Traffic between Madras and the North-west Line of the Madras Railway.

WHAT seems to me the gravest shortcoming is the failure of the special department, viz., the Consulting Engineer's Department, to notice or inquire into the falling off.

2. This is evidently a part of their duty; attention and explanation should have been invited.

W. ROBINSON.

*Min. 1876 Sept.
No. 1496
Proceedings of the
Board of Directors
Dec 25th 1876
1876 25th
1876 28th*

*Recorded with
the remark that the
reasons assigned may
account for the falling
off in 1874, but that
they do not apparently
apply to the subsequent
period noticed in G.O.
No 356 dated 9 Feb'y 76.*

*C. E. for Rev
Rev Dept.*

in 4-3-76

*of the salt traffic, for the
information of the Board
reference to G.O. No 356 of
1876*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

Read the following:—

Proc. of the Board
of Revenue } (H.C. No 9902 of 25 Feb 1876)

It is observed that the conclusions at which the collector of Chingleput has arrived, and which are endorsed by the Board of Revenue, may perhaps account for the decrease in the salt traffic during the year 1874, but when applied to the subsequent period noticed in S.O. 356, dated 9th February 1876, are by no means an adequate explanation.

The collector of North Arcot,

Arch. in his letter recorded
with S. O. in the Revenue
Department (ascribes the
decrease in the sale of
sea salt in his District
to the importation of earth
salt from Buddapah.
It should have been
explained how far this
circumstance can be held
to affect the salt traffic
on the North-West line;
the decrease in which
is looked on with much
anxiety by His Grace the
Governor in Council,
but does not appear
to be sufficiently appreci-
ated by the Board, in
judging from the sum-
mary manner in which
they.

No 237 of 18th February 1876.

To
The Revenue Department
Cantonment for Ryo;

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they have dismissed the
subject referred for their
investigation. In letter
No 356 of the 9th February
1876 the subject has again
been remitted for enquiry
And it is hoped that
such information may
be obtained as will
place the Government
in possession of full
information ~~on the~~
~~subject~~ and admit of
such measures being
taken as may be
calculated to effect
an improvement.

Ln 655 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th March 196.

READ the following:—

Proceedings of the Rev. Dep^y - (H. L. No. 239 of 1872 Feb 22 1876)

Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue } (H. R. No. 75 - of 25th Feb. 1876)

of Revenue } (N. No. 4— of 23 Feb. 1776)
~~to the Collector of~~
 The Collector of

Cuddapah as remarked by
the Board of Revenue does
not appear to have taken
the slightest trouble to
disprove of the reference
made to him on a subject
of considerable interest
and importance.

The enquiry made by the
Collector of Madras into
the falling off in the salt
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sidered under the ad-

-ditional light thrown

upon it by the letter from

the collector of North

Arco recorded with Rev.

-enne Department Order

Cuddeback to N. Arco

No 239 of 18th February 1876.

It may be that the

simple solution of the

question is, that both

licensing of the manu-

-facture of earth salt

is entirely attributable

the decrease of import

of sea salt into the

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will ^{also} be drawn to the

letter from the Com^r of each

warded with R. D. Order

No 239th Feb 76. describing

the import of earth salt from

Cuddeback to N. Arco

I would not suggest

this ~~conclusion~~

as a conclusive solution

of the question. It might

stop the careful enquiry

we require.

Districts on the North
West Line of Rail

9a

& their result reported.

W. D. Cuddeback

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Disp^y 30-3-76

Point of view

Minerals

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Secret Dep by the
Consulting Engineers
depart. to notice
or inquire into the
falling off this & some
new & part of them
but attention &
explanation do have
been invited

7/8 W. Roberson

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Collectors of Chingleput &
Arcot submitted by
the Board of Revenue, re-
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