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Order of 21st November 1880, in the *Journal*
Public.—Resolving Revenue Board's Proceed-
 ing in relation to report from the Commissioners
 of the damage done to salt works, &c. by the

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

7th January 1881, No. 66.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

No. 129. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th December 1880, No. 1,935.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government report from Commissioner of Salt Revenue on the damage done to salt works by the cyclone of 21st November 1880 in the Tanjore District, and awaiting further report on the subject.

No. 130. ORDER THEREON, 7th January 1881, No. 66.

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To the Board of Revenue.
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DECEMBER.
No. 1,935.

Cyclone—of 21st November 1880 in Tanjore District.—Submitting to Government report from Commissioner of Salt Revenue on the damage done to Salt works by the —, and awaiting further report on the subject.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th December 1880.

Read the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 11th December 1880, No. 8,263 :—

I HAVE the honor to report that considerable damage appears to have been done to the salt works in the Tanjore District by the cyclone of the 21st ultimo. There has also been some loss of stored salt, the coverings of the heaps having been in some cases washed off, and a very considerable loss of unstored salt at those factories at which storage was not completed.

2. No report had been received by the Assistant Commissioner up to the 6th instant regarding the damage done at Kattumavadi, communication having been cut off by floods in the rivers and the whole south of the district being apparently flooded. But at all the other factories the whole of the pans and some of the platforms and drying grounds appear to have been flooded, the approaches and communications cut up, the embankments to have given way, and the canals breached in many places. The Police lines at all the factories, except Negapatam, seem to have suffered considerably and a few of them have fallen in. The roof of the Salt Office at Vedarniem was nearly blown off. At Neidavasal and Vedarniem the sea rose with the wind and forced its way inland, submerging all the pans. One Police Constable is reported to have been drowned in the pans at the latter factory. Vedarniem seems to have been in the centre of the cyclone and to have suffered most.

3. The local officers have not been able to estimate the loss of salt at Tranquebar, the heaps having been recovered as far as possible during the storm. It cannot, therefore, be known until they are sold. 10,800 maunds which were in the pans and drying grounds awaiting storage, 1,440 maunds not unladen, from boats, and 1,068 maunds from the heaps on the platforms—total 13,308 maunds—are estimated to have been destroyed at Negapatam. The Vedarniem Salt Superintendent estimates the total quantity lost there at 125,000 maunds, to which must be added five boat-loads of salt which were swamped in the Vedarniem Canal on their way to Negapatam. The damage to both stored and unstored salt at Thambikkinallavankottai and Adirampatnam is estimated at 6,000 maunds.

4. The annexed statement shows at a glance the extent of damage suffered, with the rainfall registered, at each factory :—

Factories.	Rainfall in Inches.	SALT.			
		Stored.	Unstored.	In transit.	Total.
Neidavasal	6	Not known.		..	..
Tranquebar	8.2	Do.		..	..
Negapatam	8.5	1,068	10,800	1,440	13,308
Vedarniem	30	..	125,000	1,845	126,845
Thambikkinallavankottai	5.1	..	1,320	..	1,320
Adirampatnam	6.25	200	4,800	..	5,000
Total ..	..	1,268	141,920	3,285	146,473

5. The damage done to the works, though considerable in the aggregate, appears not to be serious in any particular case, the works themselves being petty. I shall probably be able to arrange for the repair by savings from the budget allotments of other districts, so that no special grant will be required for the purpose. The only case as to which I am doubtful is that of Vedarniem. But, if I find that to repair damages there and to put the canal into good order will cost any large sum of money, I shall propose the abolition of the factory. I consider it can be dispensed with, as enough salt can be made at Tuticorin and Negapatam together to supply all the south of the Presidency by rail at a much cheaper rate than we can make salt at Vedarniem and bring it up to Negapatam for sale.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board await a further report.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Hrd. J. Tulloch.