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SUBJECT.

Compensation for Salt-pans in Nellore District
taken up for the Buckingham Canal.—Passing
orders on Revenue Board's Proceedings sub-
mitting letter from Salt Commissioner regarding
grant of —.

Supt of Wks, B. Canal

With order

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

18th February 1881, No. 311.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

No. 257. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1881, No. 100.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, letter from Commissioner of Salt Revenue regarding grant of compensation for salt-pans in Nellore District taken up for the Buckingham Canal.

No. 258. ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1881, No. 311.

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(True Extract.)

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Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with three enclosures returned.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd January 1881.

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 November 1880, No. 7,644:—

REFERRING to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 8,140, dated 26th July 1880, I have the honor to forward copy of a report from the Deputy Commissioner of Salt Revenue, Northern Division, on the compensation to be paid for salt-pans in the Nellore District occupied by the Buckingham Canal.

2. Mr. Willock points out that no compensation has ever been paid to salt manufacturers in Nellore for the closing of pans occupied by them. Owing also to causes for which the Madras Government, at all events, is not responsible, the demand for salt in Nellore has of late years greatly decreased, and the area set apart for salt manufacture is much larger than is necessary. The value therefore of whatever proprietary rights the manufacturers may have in the pans has been greatly depreciated.

3. Under these circumstances, the rates of compensation proposed appear to me much too high. The usual rate, I believe, in cases in which the full proprietary rights of the manufacturers are admitted, and in which the pans are in full work, is four times the estimated annual profits. In such a case, therefore, as that of the Iskapalle abandoned pans, where there has been no manufacture for years past and will almost certainly be none in the future, and where the rights to make salt has lost all value owing to the fact that there are no purchasers for such salt as may be made, I think no compensation of any kind should be given. This is the strongest of the three cases, but those of Pádarti and Tummalapenta are the same in kind, if not in degree. Proposals for closing both factories are now before the Board. If compensation is now given, the other manufacturers will doubtless expect it, if the factories are ordered to be closed, though, in my opinion, not in the least entitled to it, the reason for closing them being that the demand for salt has fallen off, not that Government desires to concentrate the manufacture for fiscal, or to transfer it for commercial, reasons. I therefore recommend the adoption in these cases of the course proposed by Mr. Willock, viz., that pans abandoned by other persons be granted in lieu of those taken up for the canal, such grant to be supplemented by the payment of a small sum to get the pans into order, in case manufacture is resumed at the factories in question, which is improbable.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
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Encl. A. Grubert.

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