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Government of Madras.

Political **DEPARTMENT.**

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Fort Saint George, Political Consultation, 21st September 1858.

No. 32. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 14th September 1858, No. 3473.

*Pol. Department.
In Con. 14th Sept. 1858.*

Cir. 21st July 1855, Vol. for 1855, p. 74.

SIR,

With reference to the order of Government, No. 594, dated 10th Instant, I am directed to state that the Board have already informed the Collector of Tinnevely that he is at liberty to supply the Travancore Government with as much Salt as he can spare, after providing for the consumption of his own District, at the usual export price of Rupees 15 for every hundred Indian Maunds. This price is charged on all Salt exported by sea, and the Board see no reason to demand a higher rate for Salt supplied to Travancore and Cochin.

2. As regards the quantity which can be spared, the Board cannot yet decide with any confidence. When the excise system comes generally into operation, Government will be obliged to look to exports by sea to dispose of whatever stock they may then have. This, however, must be done gradually, as it will be both necessary and prudent to have a reserve, in case of any failure, on the first introduction of the new system. With this change in view the Board do not consider it necessary that two years' supply should now be maintained, though they do not intend to issue instructions to limit the manufacture until the arrangements for the Excise are more matured.

3. The Bengal Government have not, the Board believe, yet determined whether they will require to be furnished with the large quantity of 12 lacs of Indian Maunds, regarding which they recently enquired.

4. The Collector of Canara, as Government are aware, expects to be obliged to draw a considerable supply from the Eastern Coast, and the Acting Collector of Malabar has been compelled to offer very high prices for Bombay Salt, his warehouse being low. Both these States draw their supplies Canara largely, and Malabar almost wholly—as Travancore has hitherto done—from Bombay and Goa, and of course the difficulties experienced this year by the Travancore Government will be felt equally in them.

5. The stock on hand in the Eastern Coast by the Board's latest accounts on the 1st July was about Indian Maunds 70 lacs, and the consumption of a year may be stated including wastage at Indian Maunds 55 lacs: leaving a balance above one year's demand of Indian Maunds 15 lacs.

6. From this the Board have to meet the contingencies of a supply for the Western Coast and Bengal as well as demands for private Exports, and also to maintain a reserve for the wants of this Presidency beyond the year. Until, therefore, the Supreme Government have decided on the quantity they will require, the Board cannot say how much can be spared for Travancore and Cochin. They would suggest, in the meantime, that the Resident be requested to state what the requirements of those Governments are likely to be.

No 33. ORDER THEREON, No. 621; dated 18th September 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Resident of Travancore and Cochin, with reference to his letter of the 4th Instant, No. 42. The Resident is requested to state what quantity of Salt is likely to be required by those States.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Ed. J. A. Wilson.

No 121.

Ordered to be communicated to the President of the
Senate and Cookin with reference
to his letter of the 4th instant N.Y.
The President is requested to state
what quantity of salt is likely to
be required by those States.

To Mr. George,
18 September 1853

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