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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 20th October 1857.

No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 1st October 1857, No. 8397.

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, dated 2d June 1857, relative to a claim of Messrs. Fonseca & Co. for a higher rate of boat hire for the shipment of Government salt.

Read also letter from the Collector of Madras, dated 21st July 1857, furnishing the information required by the Board on the above subject.

(Here enter No. 111.)

Resolved that the foregoing letter and the enclosure of the first be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation dated 29th September 1856, No. 1012, Revenue Department.

2. It will be seen from the contract entered into by Messrs. Fonseca & Co. that they agreed to supply boats for the shipment of Government salt at the following rates.

On board a Ship Rupees 3-14-8 per 100 Imperial Maunds.
Do. Sloop " 1-15-8 "

3. The Collector explains that though the term "Ship" applied to "square rigged vessels and that of "Sloop" to "those rigged as such or as a Brig," the principle ruling the compensation was the distance from the shore at which vessels of each class usually moored, and the consequent expense and trouble to the contractor in putting salt on board.

4. The reasons on which Messrs. Fonseca & Co. ground their claim to a higher rate of boat hire are that the four Chittagong Dhonies to which they conveyed salt were about 200 tons burden. These vessels, the Collector states, were square rigged and though it cannot be positively stated that they were anchored at ship distance, the salt Department believe that they were, and their tonnage renders this assertion probable. It further appears that vessels of this description generally take up their berth beyond the Dhony limits in May and June, in consequence of the unsettled state of the weather during these months.

5. Under these circumstances, the Board support the Collector's recommendation that sanction be granted for the payments to Messrs. Fonseca and Co. of Rupees 229-11-0, the difference between the rate already disbursed and that claimed for shipping salt to the "Dhonies" in question.

6. The Board are of opinion that when vessels of the class termed Dhonies anchor unnecessarily far out, the owners should be warned to move closer in, or be required to pay the difference between sloop and ship rates.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1051, dated 14th October 1857.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the disbursement of the sum of Rupees (229-11-0) two hundred and twenty nine and annas eleven to Messrs. Fonseca and Co., being the difference between the rates of boat hire already paid, and that claimed by them for shipping salt to the Chittagong Dhonies anchored at ship distance.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

