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Revenue Department

Minutes of consultations

14th March 1857

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 17th March 1857.

No. 35. Read the following *Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 23d February 1857, No. 566.*

**In Consultation 23d February 1857.* Read letter from the Collector of Canara dated 23d January 1857.*

(Here enter No. 7.)

In the foregoing letter the Collector submits a report on the salt trade of his district for the two quarters ending 30th September and 31st December 1856.

2. From this it appears that the Government stock in hand at the commencement of the trading season, owing to the unfavourable result of the previous year's manufacture, was only 4,530 garce after deducting wastage. The sales during the six months reported upon, were very large and amounted to 1,297 garce, realizing Rupees 1,58,736. The quantity of Bombay salt contracted for was 940 garce; but it is not shewn how much of the latter was received, nor does the Collector specify the extent of the local manufacture within the 6 months under notice. Mr. Fisher's attention will be called to these omissions, and he will be desired to submit his report hereafter in a tabular form, similar to that furnished by the Collector of Malabar, appending to it such remarks and explanations upon the results as may seem called for.

3. The following Statement, prepared from the monthly accounts current received at this office, exhibits the salt transactions of the Canara District for the half year ending 31st December 1856. The figures represent maunds, and do not agree with those contained in the Collector's present report, owing to the wastage and other losses being included.

Canara Salt.		Maunds.
Balance on the 1st July 1856,		7,68,275
Receipts from July to December 1856,		10,844
		7,79,119
Sales.		
For Home Consumption from July to December 1856,	89,806	
Do. Inland do. do. do. ...	65,919	
		1,55,725
Loss by change of equivalent,	56,993	
Wastage for the whole year,	1,23,907	
		1,80,900
Quantity actually remaining in store 31st Dec. 1856,	4,42,494	
		or Garce 3,687..... 180

4. Reverting to the Collector's report it is seen that the imports from Goa by land on private account amounted to 59 garce, and those from Bombay and Goa by sea to 27 garce, the customs duty levied on these branches of the trade aggregated Rupees + 1,297 + 59 + 27. 8,241. On the whole, therefore, the Government sales and private + = 45,480 Maunds. imports amounted to garce 1,383,† or an excess of 379† garce over the transactions of the corresponding period of the previous year.

5. The Collector also states that the importation of Goa salt by sea from Goa has again commenced, notwithstanding the imposition of the higher duty. He also reports that the enhanced price of Bombay salt has not affected its sale, and that it is still preferred to Canara salt; but he believes that the Home manufacture will displace Bombay imports when weighing is introduced, as 120 maunds of Canara salt would measure 480 mercals in the bazar, whilst the same weight of Bombay salt measures about 20 per cent. less.

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புனிதபவர்பெயர் .. 17. சிவாசுவன்

புனித வதற்காக
புனித காளிபட்ட நான் .. 06/2006

புனித முடித்த நான் .. 07/2006

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6. Owing to the brisk state of the trade, the Collector anticipates that the demand for salt during the two first quarters of 1857 will be as noted in the margin.* This can be met from the stock now on hand, but it will render an extension of the Home manufacture necessary. The Collector is now devoting his attention to this subject.

* Canara Salt, ... 1,586
Bombay do. ... 686
2,272

7. It is evident that, under a system of excise, or under a monopoly similar to that which prevails in Bengal (and which Government are desirous of introducing in this Presidency) whereby the selling price of salt is fixed at the cost plus the duty, Bombay salt cannot in point of cheapness compete with that produced in Canara. Goa salt will probably continue to be imported to some extent; but it would be inexpedient to leave the district dependent, in any material degree, on Bombay or Goa for its supplies of an article so necessary to life: the Board are therefore of opinion that every effort should be made to improve and extend the home manufacture.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 36.

ORDER THEREON, No. 260; dated 14th March 1857.

The Board of Revenue submit a letter from the Collector of Canara on the salt trade of the District for the two quarters ending 30th September and 31st December 1856.

Balance and receipts, ...	Maunds.	2. The transactions during
Sales for Home and Inland Consumption, ...	7,79,119	the six months as exhibited in
Loss and wastage, ...	1,55,725	the monthly Returns submit-
	1,80,900	ted to the Board are shewn in
	3,36,625	the margin. The Government
Balance...	4,42,494	observe that the sales have
		been very extensive, and that
		the amount realized exceeds the

receipts during the corresponding period of 1855 by about Rupees 50,000.

July to December 1855.....	Garce.	3. The importa-
Do. to do. 1856.....	43	tion of Goa salt has com-
	59	menced and there has
	—	been an increase of six-
	Increase...16	teen garce.

4. The Collector anticipates a large demand for salt during the two first quarters of 1857, and proposes to meet it by an extension of Home manufacture. This is approved. Mr. Fisher will at the same time give his attention to improving the Canara salt.

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

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 23rd February 1857.

Read letter from the Collector of Canara dated 23rd January 1857.

(See entry No. 7)

In the foregoing letter the Collector submits a report on the Salt Trade of his District for the two Quarters ending 30th Sep. tember and 31st December 1856.

From this it appears that the Government Stock in hand at the commencement of the trading season, owing to the unfavorable result of the previous year's manufacture, was only 4,830 Garce after deducting Wastage. The Sales during the six months reported upon, were very large and amounted to 1297 Garce, realizing Rupees 1,58,730. The quantity of Bombay Salt contracted for was 920 Garce, but it is not shewn how much of the latter was received, nor does the Collector specify the extent

extent of the local manufacture within the 6 months under notice. Mr. Fishers attention will be called to these omissions, and he will be desired to submit his report here.

after in a tabular form, similar to that furnished by the Collector of Malabar, appending to it such remarks and explanations upon the results as may seem called for.

3. The following Statement, prepared from the Monthly Accounts Current received at this Office, exhibits the Salt transactions of the Canara District for the half year ending 31st December 1850. The figures represent Maunds, and do not agree with those contained in the Collectors present report, owing to the wastage and other losses being included.

Canara Salt.		Maunds.
Balance on the 1 st July 1850		708275
Receipts from July to December 1850		10844
		<u>719119</u>
Sales.		
For Home Consumption from July to December 1850	89800	
" " " " " "		65919
		<u>155719</u>
Loss by change of Equivalent	50393	
Wastage for the whole year	123907	
		<u>507900</u>
Quantity actually remaining on Store 31 st December 1850	442414	
		<u>180</u>
or Gane 3037		
Reverting		

4. Referring to the Collectors report it is seen that the imports from Goa by land or private account amounted to 59 Gane, and those from Bombay and Goa by Sea to 27 Gane. The Customs duty levied on these branches of the trade aggregated Rupees 8241. On the whole, therefore, Government Sales and private imports amounted to Gane 1383, or an excess of 379 Gane over the transactions of the corresponding period of the previous year.

* 1297 + 59 + 27.
= 1383 Maunds.

5. The Collector also states that the importation of Goa Salt by Sea from Goa has again commenced, notwithstanding the imposition of the higher duty. He also reports that the enhanced price of Bombay Salt has not affected its sale, and that it is still preferred to Canara Salt, but he believes that the Home Manufacture will displace Bombay imports when sugar is introduced, as 120 Maunds of Canara Salt would measure 480 Maunds in the Bazar, whilst the same weight of Bombay Salt measures about 20 per cent less.

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the Trade, the Collector anticipates that the
demand for Salt during the two first Quar.
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ing in this Presidency) whereby the selling
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to be imported to some extent, but it
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(Attn Extract)

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J. H. Mui

Ag Secretary.

To

A. Forbes Esq.

Ag Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department.

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Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue

Dated 23rd February 1857.
Recd 26th 3

N. 566.

With 1 Enclosure.

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Revenue of the report of
the Collector of Revenue on
the Salt Sales of the Dis.
trial for the two quarters end-
ing 30th September and 31st
December 1856.

No 25.

of March 1857.

Revenue Dept.
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 14th March 1857.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue.

(Held on 23rd Feb 1857. No. 508.)

The Board of Revenue
submit a letter from the Col-
lector of Canara in this re-
spect trace of the District
for the two Quarters ending
30th September and 31st
December 1856.

2- The transactions
during the six months as
exhibited in the monthly
returns
submitted to the
Board are shown in the
margin. The Government
observe

Balance & receipts — 7,79,119
Sales for Home and
Inland consumption 185,725
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Balance 4,42,494.

source that the sales have been very extensive and that the amount realized exceeds the receipts during the corresponding period of 1855 by about Rs 50,000

3. The importation of Goa Salt has commenced and there has been an increase of sixteen carcases.

4. The collector anticipates a large demand for salt during the two first quarters of 1857 and proposes to meet it by an extension of Home Manufacture. This is approved. Mr. Fisher will at the same time give his attention to improving the Canara salt.

W. J. Fisher
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From D. of Govt. Rev. 12th May 57.
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Approving the proposal of the collector of Canara, in respect to the salt trade of his District from the first two quarters of 1857 and directing at the same time to give his attention to improving the Canara salt.

No 35486.

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