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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 12th May 1857.

No. 13. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1857, No. 1120.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar dated 18th March 1857.*

*In Cons. 9th April 1857.

(Here enter No. 35.)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to para. 4 Extract Minutes Consultation 27th March 1856, Revenue Department, No. 328.

2. In Extract Minutes Consultation 3d January last (No. 6 Revenue Department) Government sanctioned the adoption of certain rules for bonding salt imported by private traders into Canara.

3. The letter now submitted refers to the extension of the bonding system, with certain modifications to Malabar.

4. The Acting Collector states that Bombay salt has yet been imported by private parties only to the extent of 16,611 Indian Maunds or 139 garce, and owing to high freights and the enhanced price of salt at Bombay, the trade is not likely to improve at present. The manufacture of indigenous salt will, Mr. Robinson thinks, entirely put an end to imports next season. The Government godowns meanwhile afford ample space for the storage of private as well as Government salt.

5. The modifications Mr. Robinson proposes in the Canara bonding rules are as follows.

1. He would charge 8 pice monthly per garce instead of 4 annas per annum.

2. He would dispense with the requisition of security on salt in Government godowns, would reduce the period with which duty must be paid from 6 to 4 months, and limit the issues to 2½ garce at a time instead of 1 as in Canara.

6. As regards the first alteration, the Board concur with Mr. Robinson. The merchants whom he consulted considered a charge of 1 anna weekly per garce reasonable, and it certainly must be held a light rate for such a quantity as 4·4 tons of salt; but looking at the prospects of the Trade and the available space in the Government godowns, the Board would fix 8 pice monthly as the charge. The Board observe that Mr. Robinson apparently contemplates charging for every garce of salt brought into Government bonding godown and not for the space which would contain a garce. The latter is the proper plan; the godowns set apart for bonding must be divided into suitable compartments which will be charged for according to their capacity. Thus the rent of a compartment capable of holding 5 garce will be 20 annas for six months; but the renter will be at liberty to replenish his stock as he takes it out of bond without extra rent during that period. The charge therefore will not be 4 annas per garce half yearly, but that sum on a godown capable of containing a garce. Private godowns if sufficiently secure may also be licensed, and if any charge be made it should be nominal and not depend on the size of the godown. The Board however do not think any charge desirable, but will leave it to Mr. Robinson.

7. With respect to the second series of modifications, the Board concur with Mr. Robinson that the security is unnecessary when the salt is in Government godowns. If Government concur, they will propose that it should be dispensed with in Canara also in such cases; rule 4 being applied to that district also. The salt itself is sufficient security and the duty has to be paid before it leaves store. As regards the other two points, the Board do not see any necessity for deviating from the Canara rules which are more favorable to the merchant.

8. If therefore Government concur with the Board, the Acting Collector's rules will be introduced into Malabar at once with only this difference from those of Canara; viz. that the rate of rent will be 8 annas instead of 4 annually for a space capable of holding a garce of salt.

9. The Board see no objection to Home or Foreign salt being taken to the Inland Depôts on security being given for the duty; or to the Government stores being given up. The latter step should not however be taken until sufficient notice has been given of the intention, and perhaps it would be well to defer it until the end of the year when Government will also cease to import Bombay salt. On this point, the Acting Collector can report hereafter,

mean-while salt can be passed inland as he proposes. As the privilege of bonding is considered sufficient for all the present requirements of the trade, the Board will not press an immediate extension of the security system to all salt whether intended for local or inland consumption. On this subject, they will shortly address Government in a separate communication.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, No. 428; dated 7th May 1857.

With reference to para. 4 Extract Minutes of Consultation 27th March 1856, No. 328, the Board submit a letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, proposing to adopt, with certain modifications, the rules sanctioned by Government for bonding salt imported by private traders into the Canara District. The modifications proposed by the Collector are as follow:

E. M. C. 3d January 1857, No. 6.

1stly. That a charge of two pice a garce per week, or eight annas per annum, shall be made for godown rent, instead of four annas per annum as in Canara.

2dly. That the requisition of security on salt bonded in the Government godowns, shall be dispensed with.

3dly. That the period for the payment of duty shall be restricted to four months instead of six; and,

4thly. That the issues of salt shall be limited to two and a half garce at a time, instead of one.

2. The Acting Collector's reason for proposing a godown rent at the rate of eight annas a garce per annum, instead of four annas as in Canara, is that the merchants whom he consulted considered even one anna a garce per week a fair charge. The Board support the Collector's proposal, but remark that the charge should be made according to the space engaged, and not according to the quantity of salt stored. They also agree with the Acting Collector that private godowns, if sufficiently secure, may also be licensed as proposed by him; and that if a charge be made, it should be nominal and not depend on the size of the godown. They however consider any charge undesirable, but would leave the matter to the discretion of the Collector.

3. Before sanctioning the first modification suggested by the Acting Collector, the Governor in Council would wish to be informed whether there is any other reason for fixing the warehouse rent in Malabar at double the rate sanctioned for the adjoining District of Canara, than the mere fact that the merchants were willing to pay a higher rate than even that proposed by Mr. Robinson. The Government observe that in proposing four annas as the godown rent for the district of Canara, Mr. Fisher stated* that he purposely reduced the charge to the lowest point that would pay the interest on the value of the buildings, and the cost of repairs, in order to give encouragement to importers of salt; and looking to the small prospect of an increase in the Bombay salt trade under existing circumstances, as reported by the Acting Collector in para. 2 of his present letter, it appears to the Governor in Council that equal facilities should be afforded to private traders in Malabar. He is of opinion, therefore, that the charge for godown rent in that district should be fixed at the same rate as in Canara, provided that it gives interest on the value of the buildings, and pays the cost of repairs; while he concurs with the Board that the charge should be made on the space engaged, and not on the quantity stored.

* *To Board of Revenue 24th July 1856, No. 91, p. 5.*

4. With respect to the 2d modification, the Government agree with Mr. Robinson and the Board that security is unnecessary on salt bonded in Government godowns, as the possession of the article affords a sufficient guarantee for the payment of the duty upon it; and they desire that, as proposed by the Board, the requirement be dispensed with in Canara also in such cases. As regards the other two modifications, the Government concur with the Board that there is no necessity for deviating from the Canara rules on the points adverted to. In replying to the requisition made at the beginning of para. 3 of this order, the Collector will be directed to submit for sanction a revised set of rules, drawn up in accordance with the modifications here approved by Government.

5. The Government approve of the views expressed by the Board in the concluding para. of their Proceedings, on the proposition of the Acting Collector for giving up certain inland Depôts as Government stores, and for passing salt to those Depôts on security being given for the payment of duty; and they will be glad to receive the report which the Board propose to make on the subject of extending the security system to all salt, whether intended for local or inland consumption.

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

Revenue Department

No 13 Read the 7th April 1856 No 1120

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1856. No 1120

Read letter from the Acting Collector
Ltr Rec'd 19th 1856 of Malabar dated 15th March 1856

(Here Date No 35)

Resolved that the above letter be laid before Government with reference to para 4 Extract Minutes Consultation 27th March 1856 Revenue Department No 328.

2 See Extract Minutes Consultations 3rd January last (Revenue Department) Government sanctioned the adoption of certain rules for bonding salt imported by private Traders into Cannanore.

3 The letter now submitted refers to the extension of the bonding system with certain modifications to Malabar.

4 The Acting Collector states that Bombay salt has yet been imported by private parties only to the extent of 16.611 Indian Maunds or 139 Garce, and owing to high freights and the enhanced price of salt

salt at Bombay, the trade is not likely to improve at present. The manufacture of indigenous salt will Mr Robinson thinks, entirely put an end to imports next season. The Government Godowns mean-while afford ample space for the storage of private as well as Government salt.

5. The modifications Mr Robinson proposes in the Canara Bonding rules are as follows

1. He would charge 8 pice monthly per Garce instead of 6 annas per annum.

2. He would dispense with the requisition of security on salt in Government Godowns - would reduce the period with which duty must be paid from 6 to 3 months, and limit the issues to 2½ Garce at a time instead of 4 as in Canara.

6. As regards the first alteration the Board concur with Mr Robinson. The merchants whom he consulted considered a charge of 1 anna weekly per Garce reasonable and it certainly must be held a light rate for such a quantity as 100 Tons of salt, but

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but looking at the prospects of the Trade and the available space in the Government Godowns the Board would fix 8 pice monthly as the charge. The Board observe that Mr Robinson apparently contemplates charging for every Garce of salt brought into Government bonding Godown and not for the space which would contain a Garce. The latter is the proper plan, the Godowns set apart for bonding must be divided into suitable compartments which will be charged for according to their capacity. Thus the rent of a compartment capable of holding 5 Garce will be 40 as per diem whether the trader puts in 5 Garce or less but the trader will be at liberty to replenish his stock as he takes it out of bond without extra rent during that period. The charge therefore will not be 4 annas per Garce half yearly but that sum on a Godown capable of containing a Garce. Private Godowns if sufficiently secure may also be licensed and if any charge be made it should be nominal and not depend on the size of the Godown. The Board however do not think any charge desirable but will leave it to

Mr

Mr Robinson.

7 With respect to the second series of recommendations the Board concur with Mr Robinson that security is unnecessary when the salt is in Government Godowns. If Government concur they will propose that it should be dispensed with in Canara also in such cases: rules to bring applied to that district also. The Salt itself is sufficient security and the duty has to be paid before it leaves store. As regards the other two points the Board do not see any necessity for deviating from the Canara rules which are more favorable to the merchant.

8 If therefore Government concur with the Board the Acting Collector's rules will be introduced into Malabar at once with only this difference from those of Canara; viz. that the rate of rent will be 8 annas instead of 4 annually for a space capable of holding a Garce of Salt.—

9 The Board see no objection to Home or Foreign Salt being taken to the Inland Depots

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Depots on security being given for the duty or to the Government stores being given up. The latter step should not however be taken until sufficient notice has been given of the intention and perhaps it would be well to defer it until the end of the year when Government will also cease to import Bonding salt. On this point the Acting Collector can report hereafter meanwhile salt can be passed in bond as he proposes. As the privilege of bonding is considered sufficient for all the present requirements of the trade the Board will not press an immediate extension of the Security System to all salt whether intended for local or inland consumption. On this subject they will shortly address Government in a Separate communication.

(A true Extract)

D. Lewis
Acting Secretary

To

H. Forbes Esq.
Acting Secretary to Government
Rev. Department

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No. 428

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 11th May 1857

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

(Revenue Dept. No. 1120)

With reference
to para 4 Cy. Mem. of Cons
27th March 1857 No. 328,
the Board submit a letter
from the Acting Collector
of Malabar proposing
to adopt, with certain
modifications the co
rules sanctioned by Govt.
for bonding salt import
ed by private traders
into the Canara Dist.
The modifications pro
posed by the Collector

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Rev. 18th Sept. 1856. No. 19 Ry. Cy. No. 380

Extract Proceedings of the Rev. & Ag. Board of the N.W. Provinces

Dated 8th April 1857
Read 15th "
Ans. 28th "

No. 1128. To the Secretary to Government

Sir,

In continuation of my letter from date the 15th Ult. I have the honor to forward herewith the enclosed Rules sanctioned by the Board of Revenue for the Sale of Salt manufactured by Government for the Consumption of the Inhabitants of the Districts on the Coast of Canara.

I have &c.
(Signed) A. Shaw
Collector

Cy. Consl. 28th March 1857 No. 21 22
Cy. Consl. 15th April 1857 No. 42

Cy. Consl. 22nd May 1857 No. 13

are as follow.

1st That a charge of two
pice a garce per rupee,
or eight annas per ran.
mum shall be made
for Sowcar rent, instead
of four annas per ran.
mum as in Canara.

2nd That the requisition
of security on salt
bonds in the Govt Go.
downs, shall be dis
pensed with.

3rd That the period for
the payment of duty
shall be restricted
to four months instead
of six; and

4th That the issues of
salt shall be limited
to two and a half garce
at a time, instead of one.

2. The Acting Collectors
reasons for proposing
a Sowcar rent at the
rate

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rate of eight annas a
garce per annum, in
stead of four annas as
in Canara, is that the
merchants whom he
consulted considered
even one anna a garce
per rupee a fair charge.
The Board support the
Collectors proposal but
remark that the charge
should be made accor
ding to the space occu
pied and not according
to the quantity of salt
stored. They also agree
with the Actg Collr that
private Sowcars, if Suf
ficiently secure, may
also be licensed as propo
sed by him; and that
if a charge be made, it
should be nominal

and not depend on the
size of the Godowns. They
however consider any
charges unreasonable,
but would leave the
matter to the discretion
of the Collector.

3. Before sanctioning
the first modification
suggested by the A.G.
Coll.r the Governor
in Council would be
wish to be informed
whether there is any
other reason for fixing
the warehouse rent
in Malabar at double
the rates sanctioned
for the adjoining Dist.t
of Canara, than the
mere fact that the Mer-
chants were willing
to pay a higher rate
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than even that proposed
by Mr. Robinson. The Govt.
observe that in proposing
four annas as the Godown
rent for the Dist.t of Canara
Mr. Fisher stated that
he purposely reduced the
charge to the lowest point
that would pay the interest
on the value of the build-
ings and the cost of re-
pairs, in order to give
encouragement to im-
porters of salt; and look-
ing to the small pros-
pect of an increase in
the Bombay Salt trade
under existing circum-
stances, as reported by
the A.G. Coll.r in para 2
of his present letter, it
appears to the Governor
in Council that equal
facilities should be

afforded to private trad-
-ers in Malabar. He is
of opinion therefore that
the charge for 500 annu-
rent in that Dist. should
be fixed at the same rate
as in Canara; while he
concurs with the Board
that the charge should be
made on the space en-
-gaged, and not on the
quantity stored.

4. With respect to the
2d modification, the
Govt agree with Mr
Robinson and the Board
that security is unne-
-cessary on Salt stored
in Govt Godowns, as the
prospection of the article
affords a sufficient gua-
-rantee for the payment
of the duty upon it,
and they desire that as
proposed

provided that it
gives interest on
the value of the
building, & pays
the cost of repairs

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proposed by the Board,
the requirement be dis-
-pensed with in Canara
also in such cases. As re-
-gards the other two mo-
-difications, the Govt con-
-cur with the Board that
there is no necessity for
deviating from the Canara
rules on the points adver-
-ted to. In replying to the
requisition made at
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of the order, the Collector
be directed to submit
for sanction a revised
set of rules, drawn up in
accordance with the mo-
-difications here appro-
-ved by Govt

5. The Govt approve
of the views expressed by
the Board in the conclu-
-ding para of their Proce-
-dings on the proposition

of the Ag. Collr. for giving up certain Inland Depôts as Bark Stores, and for paying Salt to those Depôts on Security being given for the payment of subsidy they will be glad to receive the report which the Board propose to make on the subject of extending the security system to all Salt whether intended for local or inland consumption.

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Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 7th. May 57.

Ex 85 of 1857 3. Sept. 57 C.N. 1020-6 6 Oct.

Passing orders on a letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, regarding the extension to his District of the Rules sanctioned by Government for landing Salt imported into Canara.

Cons 28th March 58 N. 24-22
6th Aug 57 N. 12-
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Dy 15th July 1857 N 825
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