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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 2d June 1857.

No. 45. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 1st May 1857, No. 1354.

Read the following letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; dated Madras, 19th January 1857, No. 8.

SIR,

1. In replying to Extract Board's Proceedings 26th April 1856, calling for a report, "at an early date, of the steps necessary for making Madras the sole place of storage and export of Salt," I beg to state, that though this reply is apparently late, the Board's orders received my immediate attention, and that the subject has been matter of consideration on various subsequent occasions.

2. *Captain Collyer and I visited the Cotaurs together, and agreed as to the expediency of a siding from the Railway to the platforms, and several tram-ways running the length and cross our Cotaurs.

Deputy Chief Engineer.

3. He promised to calculate the cost, and report to the Board, advising me of such communication; but as I infer from Extract Board's Proceedings 16th December 1856, No. 4282, that he has already addressed the Board on the subject, I need not postpone the little I have to say on the question, as the principal point, the side rail to the Cotaurs, and I presume the extention of the rail to the shore, for greater facility of export, has already been reported upon by the Department Public Works.

4. Madras is already our sole place of store, and our platform will contain about 12 lacs of Indian Maunds, sufficient for our present requirements, if not greatly increased by the demand of the Rail upon our stores, a contingency upon which speculation at this time cannot well be made.

5. The letter from the Superintendent East coast canal forwarded with Board's Proceeding under reply, gives promise of the permanent navigability of Cochrane's canal. The last monsoon having been a fair one, the coming season will show whether this expectation is to be realized. It is in the summer, and not in the winter, months that the storage of salt naturally takes place, though we have been compelled to store during the latter period the last 2 or 3 years, owing to the anterior shallowness of the canal; but this delay necessitates the salt lying out at the pans, and consequently much loss of the quantity manufactured.

In Para. 2 of their Proceedings dated 9th March 1857, the Board informed Government that Madras was already the sole depôt for the storage and sale of salt in the Madras Collectorate. The existing platforms are sufficient for the present requirements of the trade, and it would be premature to propose any extension until the effect of the Railway on the inland demand begins to be experienced.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

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

No. 46. ORDER THEREON, No. 527; dated 1st June 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue in opinion that it would be premature to propose any extension of the existing salt platforms at Madras until the effect of the Railway on the inland demand is felt.

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

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 1st May 1857. No 1735

Read the following

A° 8

Letter From B. Cunliffe Esq
Collector of Madras.

To J. D. Sim Esq
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Sir,

1. In replying to Extract Board's Proceedings 28th April 1856, calling for a report, at an early date, of the steps necessary for making Madras the sole place of storage and export of Salt, I beg to state, that though this reply is apparently late, the Board's orders received my immediate attention, and that the subject has been

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matter of consideration on various subsequent occasions.

2. Captain Collyer and I visited the Cotaurs together, and agreed as to the expediency of a siding from the Railway to the Platforms, and several tram-ways running the length and cross our Cotaurs. Deputy Chief Engineer

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I have &c.

Madras,
19th January 1857.

(signed) P. Cunliffe.
Collector.

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(True Extract & Copy)

(Sd) H. Lee
Acting Secretary.

To
H. Forbes Esqr.
Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

Ex. R. Rawlinson

No. 527

From the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council con-
-curs with the Board of Rev.
in opinion that it would
be premature to propose any
extension of the existing
Salt Platforms at Madras
until the effect of the
Railway on the Inland
Demand begins to be
experienced.

(Sd) H. Lee
Acting Secretary to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George
the 2nd June 1857.

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No. to Govt. 2nd June
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Extract from the Pro-
-ceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Dated 1st } May 1857.
Nov 2nd }

No. 1354

Submitting a letter
from the Collector of Madras
relative to the proposal for
making Madras the sole
place of storage and export
of Salt, and stating that
it is premature to propose
any extension of the existing
Platforms until the effect
of the Railway on the Inland
Demand begins to be ex-
-perienced.

(Sd) W. Hudleston
Secretary.

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From the Govt. of Madras
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No. 1354 dated 2nd May 1857.

Rec'd 25th May 1857