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16. For the reasons stated above in connection with the Ganjam District, the Board think 60 Rupees per mensem sufficient for the Kotaur Superintendent at Nellimookoo and Carassah under a General Superintendent, and would call the former Ameens.

17. The total charges per mensem for the establishment, as now recommended by the Board, will be 908 or Rupees 10,896 per annum. The Board would observe that they have fixed the salaries of Ameen at each Kotaur at the rates mentioned above in connection with the proposition for a General Superintendent, but if such an Officer is not to be appointed, they are of opinion that the pay of the Ameen should be considerably raised.

18. In para. 17 of the Extract Minutes Consultation of the 19th March last, the Government notice, as worthy of adoption, a suggestion of Colonel F. C. Cotton, that the Salt stores should be established at Calingapatam in lieu of at Womeravilly, and desire the Board to give attention to the subject.

19. Mr. Knox is opposed to the project. He observes that for the purpose of securing the sale it is not necessary, as we already dispose of without difficulty as much Salt as can be manufactured. To the Brinjaries also, who carry the Salt inland, he deems the change unimportant, as so long "as they are not kept waiting they care little for a few miles more or less; they leave "the empty bags at the Kotaurs and send the bullocks away to graze, while they are getting the "Salt measured and are filling their bags and preparing their loads." "This," he adds, "they "must do whether the store is at Calingapatam or at the Pans." As regards the trade by Sea, however, he considers some additional facilities advisable, and suggests, as the most feasible plan,

"to connect Womeravilly with the river by a canal sufficiently deep to allow small cargo boats to "take in Salt and go over the bar and out to the ships."

20. The Board have no exact information of the nature of the approach to Womeravilly; but if it is like the country which surrounds the Kotaurs in general, described by Colonel Cotton as a swamp inaccessible during the greater part of the year, the Acting Collector, they think, rather undervalues the advantage which would accrue to the Brinjary, by a transfer of the store to a neighbouring sea port. But they quite agree with him, that the change would entail considerable charge to Government, "from the expense of a separate guard, the cost of transports, "and loss by wastage and pilfering in loading and unloading the boats, and also because the "same party could not sell Salt at Calingapatam and watch the manufacture at Womeravilly." There is a defect too in Calingapatam as the site of a Salt store, in the want of forage for cattle, which was noticed in the Board's Proceedings of the 29th January last.

21. Taking all the above circumstances into consideration, they are not prepared to recommend on this occasion that the Salt of the Womervilly Pans shall be stored at Calingapatam; but would propose that Government should await the report which they observe from the Minutes of Consultation of Government of the 15th May, No. 631, R. D., has been called for from the D. P. W. "on the relative advantages and "expense of constructing good roads between the main communications "and each of the Salt Pans and establishing new Depots on the main communications themselves."

Para. 10.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 1030; dated 24th July 1858.

In compliance with the requisition of Government contained in para. 30 of Extract Minutes Consultation 19th March 1858, No. 354, the Board of Revenue submit their views and a Tabular Statement, shewing the past, existing, and future arrangements they would propose, in respect to the Salt Establishments in the Districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam, the chief element in the improvement being the appointment of an Uncovenanted Assistant to superintend the Department in each district. As orders have however been since received from the Government* of India, directing early steps for gradually substituting the Bombay system of excise for the present system of manufacture throughout the Presidency, the Government must request the Board to reconsider their proposals in reference to the contemplated change, and report to what extent their arrangements for Ganjam and Vizagapatam will still be necessary. An efficient establishment will have to be kept up even under the excise system.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

* 31*st May* 1858, *No.* 939, *in Extract Minutes Consultation 6th July* 1858, *No.* 928.

GANJAM

Names of Corps.	Rank.	Former Establishment.			Present Establishment.			Proposed Establishment.			Difference.			
		No.	Pay per month.		No.	Pay per month.		No.	Pay per Month.		Increase.		Decrease.	
			Rs.	As.		Rs.	As.		Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.	Rs.	As.
Ganjam	Ameen	...	...	...	1	100	...	1	60	...	...	...	40	...
	Goomastah	...	...	...	1	20	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...
	Do.	1	25	...	1	12	...	1	12	...	...	...	...	...
	Currum	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Shroff	...	...	...	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...
	Gollah Peon	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Duffadar	1	4	...	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...
	Naib Duffadar	...	...	...	1	6	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...
	Peons	...	15	43	24	96	...	24	96	...	...	...	...	...
	Dundassies	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Measurers	...	6	12	7	21	...	7	21	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	27	106	37	275	...	37	235	...	...	...	40	...
Munsercotlah	Goomastah	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Curnum	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Gollah Peon	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Peons	...	4	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Measurers	...	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Dundassies	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	...	12	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ameen		...	...	...	1	135	...	1	60	...	...	...	65	...
Goomastah		...	...	...	1	90	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...
Do.		...	...	...	1	12	...	1	12	...	...	...	...	...
Currum		1	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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Naib Duffadar		...	...	...	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...
Peons		...	...	...	1	6	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...
Measurers		10	25	...	36	138	...	36	144	...	6	...	...	...
Total		24	102	...	51	348	...	51	289	...	...	...	59	...
Ameen		...	...	...	...	...	...	1	60	...	60	...	...	...
Goomastah		...	...	...	1	20	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...
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Duffadar		...	...	...	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Duffadar		...	...	...	1	6	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...
Peons		12	36	...	24	96	...	30	120	...	24	...	...	...
Measurers		6	12	...	6	18	...	7	21	...	3	...	...	...
Total		21	90	...	35	172	...	48	259	...	87	...	...	...
Goomastah		1	20	...	1	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...
Total		85	374	...	124	815	...	131	783	...	...	...	32	...
Ganjam		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	...
Nowpidah		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	...
Woommervully		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	...	...	...
Total		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	15	...	...	...
Total including Sudderward		85	374	...	124	815	...	131	798	...	...	...	17	...
General Superintendent		...	...	...	...	...	...	1	300	...	300	...	...	...
Head Goomastah		...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	...	20	...	...	...
2d Goomastah		...	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	...	15	...	...	...
Peons		...	...	...	...	...	...	6	21	...	24	...	...	...
Sudderward		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	7	...	...	...
Total		...	...	...	...	...	...	9	366	...	366	...	...	...
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Nellemookoo	Ameen	1	80	...	1	70	...	1	60	...	...	...	10	...
	Goomastah	1	15	...	1	15	...	1	20	...	5	...	...	...
	Do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	12	...	...	...
	Gollah	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Duffadar	...	...	...	1	6	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...
	Shroff	1	4	...	1	10	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...
	Peons	8	24	...	15	60	...	15	60	...	...	...	...	...
	Measurers	2	5	...	2	5	...	2	6	...	1	...	...	...
	Total	14	88	...	21	166	...	22	174	...	8	...	...	...
Currassah	Ameen	1	85	...	...	...	...	1	60	...	60	...	...	...
	Goomastah	1	15	...	...	...	...	1	20	...	20	...	...	...
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	Shroff	1	6	...	...	...	...	1	8	...	8	...	...	...
	Duffadar	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	6	...	...	...
	Peons	14	42	...	...	...	...	12	48	...	48	...	...	...
	Measurers	3	7	8	...	...	...	3	6	...	6	...	...	...
	Total	22	125	8	...	...	...	19	160	...	160	...	...	...
Conadah	Ameen	1	80	...	1	30	...	1	50	...	20	...	...	...
	Goomastah	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	12	...	12	...	...	...
	Shroff	1	3	...	1	5	...	1	10	...	5	...	...	...
	Duffadar	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	6	...	...	...
	Naigue	1	6	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
	Peons	2	6	...	3	12	...	1	32	...	20	...	...	...
	Total	5	45	...	6	53	...	12	110	...	57	...	...	...
Coopilly	Ameen	1	25	...	1	70	...	1	90	...	20	...	...	...
	Goomastah	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	Peons	8	24	...	15	60	...	10	40	...	...	...	20	...
	Measurers	2	5	...	2	5	...	2	6	...	1	...	...	...
	Total	14	73	...	21	166	...	16	152	...	...	...	14	...
		55	331	8	48	385	...	69	576	...	191	...	...	...
Huzzoor	Goomasta	1	15	...	1	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...
	Total Establishment	56	346	8	49	400	...	69	576	...	176	...	...	...
Saderwared	Nellemookoo	...	4	...	...	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
	Currassah	...	6	8	...	8	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...
	Conadah	...	2	8	...	2	10	...	8	...	...	6	...	...
	Coopilly	...	...	10	...	5	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...
	Total	...	12	10	...	12	10	...	16	...	3	6	...	...
	Total including Saderwared	56	359	2	49	412	10	69	592	...	179	6	...	...
	General Superintendent	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	250	...	250	...	...	...
	Head Goomastah	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	20	...	20	...	...	...
	2nd do.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	...	13	...	...	...
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	Saderwared	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	7	...	...	...
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16. For the reasons stated above in connexion with the Ganjam District, the Board think 60 Rupees per mensem sufficient for the Kotaur Superintendent at Nellimookoo and Carassah under a General Superintendent, and would call the former Ameens.

17. The total charges per mensem for the establishment, as now recommended by the Board, will be 903 or Rupees 10,836 per annum. The Board would observe that they have fixed the salaries of Ameen at each Kotaur at the rates mentioned above in connexion with the proposition for a General Superintendent, and if such an Officer is not to be appointed, they are of opinion that the pay of the Ameens should be considerably raised.

18. In para 11 of the Board's Minutes Consultation of the 15th March last, the Government [illegible] suggestion of Colonel Cotton that the Salt store should be established at Calingapatam in lieu of at Womeravilly, and desire the Board to give attention to the subject.

19. Mr. Knox is opposed to the project. He observes that for the purpose of securing the sale it is not necessary, as we already dispose of without difficulty as much Salt as can be manufactured. To the Brinjaries also, who carry the Salt inland, he deems the change unimportant, as so long "as they "are not kept waiting they care little for a few miles more or less; they leave the empty bags at the "Kotaurs and send the bullocks away to graze, while they are getting the Salt measured and are filling "their bags and preparing their loads." "This," he adds, "they must do whether the store is at Calinga-"patam or at the Pans." As regards the trade by Sea, however, he considers some additional facilities advisable, and suggests, as the most feasible plan, "to connect Womeravilly with the river by a canal "sufficiently deep to allow small cargo boats to take in Salt and go over the bar and out to the ships."

20. The Board have no exact information of the nature of the approach to Womeravilly; but if it is like the country which surrounds the Kotaurs in general, described by Colonel Cotton as a swamp inaccessible during the greater part of the year, the Acting Collector, they think, rather undervalues the advantage which would accrue to the Brinjary, by a transfer of the store to a neighbouring sea port. But they quite agree with him, that the change would entail considerable charge to Government, "from the "expense of a separate guard, the cost of transports, and loss by wastage and pilfering in loading and un-"loading the boats, and also because the same party could not sell Salt at Calingapatam and watch the [illegible] Womeravilly. [illegible] a Salt store [illegible] [illegible] for cattle, which [illegible] [illegible]

21. Taking all the above circumstances into consideration, they are not prepared to recommend on this occasion that the Salt of the Womeravilly Pans shall be stored at Calingapatam; but would propose that Government should await the report which they observe from the Minutes of Consultation of Para. 10. Government of the 15th May, No. 631, R. D., has been called for from the D. P. W. "on "the relative advantages and expense of constructing good roads between the main communi-"cations and each of the Salt Pans and establishing new Depots on the main communications themselves."

(A true Extract.)

Secretary.

To W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., *Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.*

Copy to the Collectors of Ganjam and Vizagapatam.

Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of Council Under date the 24th July 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue Fort William 3d July 1858 in compliance with the requisition of Govt contained in para 30 of Govt Mins: 19th March 1859, №354, the Board of Revenue submit their views and a Tabular Statement, showing the past, existing, and future arrangements they would propose, in respect to the Salt Establishments in the Districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam, the chief element in the improvement being the appointment of an Uncovenanted Assistant to superintend the Depts in each District. As orders have however been since received from the Govt of India, directing early

31st May 1858, №939 in Ex. Mins.
Cons. 6th July 1858, №928.

Cons. 19 March 1859 №354
" 18 May — " 14 —
" 8 July — " 15 —

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 3d July 1858.

Rec'd 6th July 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 3d July 1858.

Adverting to the reference contained in Govt Minute Consultation of the 19th March 1859 on the subject of the Salt Establishments in the Districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam, the Board of Revenue have the honor to submit herewith a Statement, showing the past, existing, and future arrangements they would propose, in respect to the Salt Establishments in the said Districts.

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steps for gradually substituting the Bombay system of expence for the present system of manufacture throughout the Presidency, the Govt must request the Bd to reconsider their proposals in reference to the contemplated change, and report to what extent their arrangements for Surgeons and Hospitals will be necessary. An efficient establishment will have to be kept up even under the new system.

J. J.

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Dept. 2nd July 58.

Requesting the Board of Revenue to reconsider their proposals for securing the efficiency of the Salt Department in the Districts of Ganjam Vizagapatam with reference to the recent orders of the Government of India for substituting in this Presidency the Bombay System of rules for the present System of manufacture of Salt.

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