Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultations

7th September 1858

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Order No 1198 dt 1-9-1858

1198

No. 5. Read the following papers.

From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort Saint George, 9th August 1858, No. 2998.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Statement* exhibiting the wastage of Salt which occurred in the several manufacturing districts under the Madras Presidency for Fusly 1264.

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2. From this it will be seen that there was a wastage in Fusly 1264 of Indian Maunds 2,41,470-8$\frac{11}{16}$ on 53,99,553-32$\frac{5}{16}$ Indian Maunds of Salt which gives a per centage of 4$\frac{1}{2}$ Indian Maunds and is a little above the proportion of the preceding year. The value of the wastage at the prime cost to Govt. is Rs. 21,692-15-6, and at the selling or monopoly price Rs. 2,35,201-7-5.

Fusly 1263-4$\frac{5}{16}$ *per cent.*

3. The average in this District is about 5$\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The wastage on the Salt of Fusly 1263 is considerably higher than on that of Fusly 1262, the former ranging as high as 8 per cent. at Moonsoorcottah.

Ganjam.

4. In Rajahmundry, the wastage is very high, viz. 7-34 per cent. The amount however is swelled by losses which do not come properly within the meaning of that term. Up to December 1854 the Salt was stored with mercals long in use containing, from some mistake in their construction, 2$\frac{1}{2}$ seers less than they should have done. These measures having been worn, fresh measures were forwarded from Madras, and these, though nearer the correct dimensions, are reported to have contained half a seer less than a Maund. The Salt received by the old was sold partly by the new measures and partly by weight, and the loss of from 2 to 2$\frac{1}{2}$ Seers per Maund appears as wastage in the accounts. The rate is also higher that it should have been, owing to the receipt of some Salt before it was sufficiently dried.

Rajahmundry.

5. The Masulipatam wastage is also high but nearly half of it is not properly wastage, being the difference between the quantity which a contractor was bound to supply and that which he actually furnished. This deficiency was of course not paid for, but it is entered as wastage.

Masulipatam.

6. In Nellore the rate is generally moderate but on some old Salt at Paudurty 18 and 13 per cent. occurred. This happened from the heaps having been insecurely thatched and injured by heavy rain. The Board have directed the Collector to have the heaps thatched by his Establishment, a proportionate deduction being made from the Coodewarum, as the expense of thatching the heaps has always been borne by the manufacturers.

Nellore.
From Nellore 2*d in Cons.* 25*th July* 1856.
Pro. to Collector 25*th July* 1856.
From Nellore 30*th Dec.* 1856 *in Cons.* 4*th March* 1857.
Pro. to Collector 4*th March* 1857.

7. The average in Chingleput is swelled by losses consequent on the heavy rains which fell in March 1853, and subsequently.

Chingleput.

8. In South Arcot the high rate of wastage at the Cuddalore pans was enquired into by the Collector, and found to have been partly occasioned by the carelessness of the servants in charge.

South Arcot.
From Collr. 5*th June in Cons.* 15*th Dec.* 1856.

9. In Canara the average wastage is below that of last Fusly. In two instances where higher rates than usual occurred, the conduct of the servants was enquired into and they were duly punished. The wastage statement however of this district is prepared in a peculiar manner, precluding a fair comparison with other Zillahs. The Salt is not stored in heaps of 10 Garce as elsewhere but in Cotays containing much larger quantities. Some of these only have partitions and it is only when the whole Cotay or each partition is emptied that the wastage can be ascertained. Hence the wastage is not that of a single year but of several. Again Salt transferred from one Depôt to another appears in the statement a second or third time, the wastage on each transfer being deducted before re-entry and in transit of course the loss is heavy. For these reasons as well as from the unfavorable climate of Canara, the rate in that district will always be comparatively high.

Canara.

10. The wastage in the other districts does not call for special remark. It will be seen that in Malabar, Madras and Guntoor, it has been unusually low.

11. In the statement now submitted sales by the heap are excluded as no wastage occurs in such transactions, the heaps not being re-measured and the five per cent. remission covering all deficiencies.

12. The Board regret that from an oversight the submission of this Return has been so long delayed. Owing to the faulty preparation of the Returns a second reference to the Collectors was rendered necessary.

Nellore by storm of 1851.....*Indian Maunds* 302-28
Canara by ship-wreck... .....*Indian Maunds* 720- 0
Indian Maunds...1,022-28

13. The total amount of wastage requiring the sanction of Government is Indian Maunds 2,41,470-8$\frac{11}{16}$ which includes two small items of special loss in Nellore and Canara.

A—*Statement shewing the Wastage of Salt in the several Maritime Districts under this Presidency in Fusly* 1264.

Districts.	Contents of the Heaps when Stored.		Out-turn of the Heaps when sold.		Wastage.		Centage of wastage on col. 2.	Value of the wastage salt at the prime cost.			Value of the wastage salt at the Monopoly price.			Remarks.
1	2		3		4		5	6			7			8
	I. Mds.	S.	I. Mds.	S.	I. Mds.	S.	I. Mds.	Rs.	A	P	Rs.	A	P	
1 Ganjam	4,21,946	11 3/4	3.98,804	3 3/4	23,142	8	5·48	1,206	8	4	23,142	3	3	
2 Vizagapatam	1,82,607	24	1.77,013	27 1/2	5,593	36 1/2	3·06	279	7	1	5,593	14	8	
3 Rajahmundry	4,80,323	20	4,45,051	..	35,272	20	7·34	1,641	2	10	35,272	8	..	This wastage was partly occasioned by the sale by weight and by measures received from Madras of some Salt which had been received into store by measures previously in use in the Depôt, and found to contain 2½ Seers less than a *weighed* Maund and 2 Seers less than a Maund measured in the Madras measures.—Vide, Collector's letter dated 9th May 1856.
4 Masulipatam	1,28,071	20	1.19,404	20	8,667	..	6·90	296	13	8	8,667	..	..	
5 Guntoor	1,64,257	20	1,62,572	16	1,685	4	1 02	136	11	3	1,685	1	3	
6 Nellore	5,78,741	16	5,52,306	26 3/4	24,824	19	4·52	2,556	5	6	22,636	14	3	
					*302	28								
					25,127	7								
7 Chingleput	3,27,053	28	3,06,296	19 3/4	20,757	8 1/4	6·34	3,148	6	4	20,757	3	4	
8 South Arcot supply to French Government	2,62,622	28	2,45,361	15 3/4	17,261	12 1/4	6·57	1,531	9	9	14,855	1	1	
	34,215	..	32,718	..	1,497	..	4·37	172	5	3	172	5	3	
9 Tanjore	4,13,188	32	3 99,313	20	13,875	12	3·36	1,156	4	5	13,875	4	10	
10 Madura	3,43,200	..	3,31,750	20	11,449	20	3·34	1,001	15	4	11,449	8	..	
11 Tinnevelly	2,22,494	28	2,17,391	34	5,102	34	2·29	425	3	9	5,102	13	7	
12 Canara... On sales of salt	4,06,659	2 13/16	3,91,955	16	14,703	26 13/16	3·61	7,328	..	..	67,354	13	7	
On salt cleared for transportation	3,45,458	1 3/16	3,11,862	24	33,595	17 3/8	9 72							
On the delivery of salt into the several Depots	4,47,080	28	4,28,744	38 1/2	18,335	29 1/2	4·10							
	11,99.197	32 3/16	11,32,562	38 1/2	66,634	38 1/2 16	5·61							
	720				†720	..								
	11,99,917	32 3/16			67,354	33 11/16								
13 Malabar	1,50,911	..	1,49,891	..	1,020	..	·68	260	5	..	972	7	4	
14 Madras	4,90,002	13	4,86,338	..	3,664	13	·75	551	15	..	3,664	5	..	
Total..	53,99,553	32 13/16	51,56,776	2	2,40,447	20 11/16	4·47	21,692	15	6	2 35,201	7	5	
					*320	28								
Nellore, Loss by storm of 1851	.....	..	....	..	†720	..								
Canara, do. by shipwreck	....	..	....	..	2,41,470	8 1/16								

(Signed) J. D. SIM.

Secretary.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
9*th Augt.* 1858.

No. 6. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government; dated Fort St. George, 12th August 1858, No. 3045.

SIR,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Statement* exhibiting the wastage of Salt which occurred in the several manufacturing Districts under the Madras Presidency in Fusly 1265.

* *A.*

2. The total wastage amounted to Indian Maunds 3,06,107-6-0 which on 54,19,672-28½ Indian Maunds the quantity originally stored, gives a per centage of 5-6 or about one per cent. above the preceding year. The value of the wastage at the prime cost to Government is Rs. 27,601-13-9 while at the Monopoly price it would have been Rupees 2,85,052-12-3.

Fusly 1264-4½ *per cent.*

3. The Board recommend that sanction be granted for writing off the wastage of Salt amounting to Indian Maunds 3,06,107-6-0.

A.—Statement shewing the Wastage of Salt in the several Maritime Districts under this Presidency in Fusly 1265.

Districts.	Contents of the Heaps when Stored.		Out-turn of the Heaps when sold.		Wastage.		Centage of the wastage on col. 2.	Value of the wastage of salt at the prime cost.			Value of the wastage of salt at the Monopoly price.			Remarks.
1	2		3		4		5	6			7			8
	I. Mds.	S.	I. Mds.	S.	I. Mds.	S.	I. Mds.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
1 Ganjam	3,15,223	26	2,95,529	33/4	19,694	221/4	6·2	1,108	13	0	19,694	8	11	
2 Vizagapatam	1,50,479	271/2	1,44,524	43/4	5,955	223/4	3·9	297	12	5	5,955	9	2	
3 Rajahmundry	4,34,726	61/2	3,80,923	20	53,802	261/2	12·3	2,547	1	6	43,587	9	6	This wastage is owing partly to the Salt having been stored earlier than usual, and partly to Salt being stored by the old, and sold by the new measures as explained in the last report.
4 Masulipatam	2,50,971	20	2,43,523	143/4	7,448	51/4	2·9	124	14	6	7,448	2	1	
5 Guntoor	2,54,325	18	2,48,042	3	6,283	15	2·4	556	11	0	6,283	6	0	
6 Nellore	7,63,330	18	7,10,849	5	52,481	13	6·9	5,756	1	3	47,065	7	6	
7 Chingleput	3,07,272	103/4	2,80,573	211/4	26,698	291/2	8	3,332	4	7	26,698	11	10	Caused by the heavy rains of March 1853.
8 Southern Division of Arcot.	3,46,543	11	3,18,620	...	27,923	11	8	2,608	14	0	24,672	7	0	
Supply to French Government.	43,200	...	40,732	3	2,467	37	5·7	295	5	0	295	5	0	
9 Tanjore	5,68,238	5	5,44,887	3	23,351	2	4·1	1,945	14	9	23,351	0	10	
10 Madura	3,26,399	37	3,13,603	21	12,796	16	3·9	1,160	3	1	12,796	6	5	
11 Tinnevelly	2,64,217	37	2,57,790	121/4	6,427	213/4	2·4	567	12	0	6,427	10	0	
12 Canara... On sales of salt	4,44,458	93/4	4,29,456	243/4	15,001	25	3·4	6,112	7	2	53,658	2	0	
12 Canara... On salt cleared for transportation	2,71,547	16	2,46,096	36	25,450	20	9·4							
12 Canara... On the delivery of salt into the several Depôts	3,29,048	28	3,15,842	28	13,206	...	4							
	10,45,054	133/4	9,91,396	83/4	53,658	5								
13 Malabar	1,24,730	...	1,23,249	...	1,481	...	1·2	373	10	6	1,481	0	0	
14 Madras	2,24,959	38	2,19,322	22	5,637	16	2·5	814	1	0	5,637	6	0	
Total	54,19,672	283/4	51,13,565	221/2	3,06,107	6	5·6	27,601	13	9	2,85,052	12	3	

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
12th August 1858.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 7th September 1858.

No. 7. From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government; dated Fort St. George, 18th August 1858, No. 3151.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request that you will submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Statement* exhibiting the wastage of Salt which occurred in the several Manufacturing districts under this Presidency for Fusly 1266.

* *A.*

From this it will be seen that there was a wastage in Fusly 1266 of Indian Maund 3,15,147-31-0 on Indian Maunds 51,73,652-6-0 the quantity *Fusly* 1265—5·6 *per centage.* originally stored, giving a per centage of 6·1 or nearly one per cent. above the proportion of the preceding year. The value of the wastage at the prime cost to Government is Rupees 33,245-12-0 while at the monopoly price it would be Rupees 2,91,075-2-4.

2. Under the explanation contained in the Column of remarks of the Statement now transmitted, the Board recommend that sanction be granted for writing off the wastage, amounting to Indian Maunds 3,17,229-22-3, which includes four items of special† loss in Masulipatam, Canara and Madras.

Masulipatam.—Wastage on Salt which was exported to Calcutta but was relanded owing to stress of weather..... 239 38

Canara.—Loss by shipwreck..... 464 283/4

Madras.—Wastage while in transit from the shore to the shipping..... 1874 0

Do. Salt sent to Mint Office for trying the correctness of scales..... 3 5

† 2081 313/4

A.—Statement shewing the Wastage of Salt in the several Maritime Districts under this Presidency for Fusly 1266.

Districts.		Contents of the Heaps when received.		Out-turn of the Heaps when sold.		Wastage.		Centage of the wastage on col. 2.	Value of the wastage of salt at the prime cost.			Value of the wastage of salt at the Monopoly price.			Remarks.
1		2		3		4		5	6			7			8
		I. Mds.	S.	I. Mds.	S.	I. Mds.	S.	I. Mds.	Rs.	A	P.	Rs.	A	P.	
1	Ganjam	1,98,640	2	1,94,834	37⅞	3,805	4⅛	1·9	217	12	10	3,805	1	8	The salt was all new, of the manufacture of Fusly 1265-66.
2	Vizagapatam	1,79,457	18¼	1,72,864	20⅛	6,592	37¾	3·7	349	6	3	6,572	15	2	
3	Rajahmundry	3,00,576	25	2,64,895	20	35,681	5	11·8	1,864	12	0	30,508	0	0	The Collr's. attention has been called to this large rate.
4	Masulipatam	1,67,412	25	1,55,498	38	11,913	27	7·1	207	15	1	11,913	10	9	Occurred chiefly on salt of Fusly 1262.
		*848	38	609	...	239	38	2·5	321	10	6	3,073	10	0	
5	Guntoor	1,23,454	1	1,20,380	16	3,073	25	10·1	9,458	14	4	60,270	11	8	Heavy wastage occurred at Paudurty on salt of Fuslies 1261 and 1262, the heaps having been injured by heavy rains.
6	Nellore	7,46,533	25⅛	6,71,045	38¼	75,487	26⅞	11·4	3,972	10	8	32,250	10	0	Part of the salt sold was stored in Fuslies 1261-62, the heaps having been injured by heavy rains.
7	Chingleput	2,81,562	29⅛	2,49,312	37⅝	32,250	25¼	5·8	2,258	2	0	19,643	10	0	
8	South Arcot	3,94,899	33	3,71,901	19	22,998	14	6·5	380	11	0	380	11	0	
	Do.	48,000	...	44,860	2	3,139	38	3·6	1,777	7	0	20,074	13	0	
9	Tanjore	5,49,315	35½	5,29,241	3	20,074	32½	3·1	855	0	7	9,218	13	1	
10	Madura	2,98,709	13	2,89,490	20	9,218	33	2·5	584	10	0	6,618	1	0	
11	Tinnevelly	2,63,656	39¼	2,57,038	37	6,618	2¼								
12	Canara... On sales of salt	5,03,658	21½	4,84,893	3¾	18,765	17¾	3·7							
	Canara... On salt cleared for transportation	2,96,361	28¼	2,62,503	4½	33,858	23¾	11·4	8,261	6	0	70,094	3	0	Vide, last return. The Tanahs suffered from unusually heavy rains.
	Canara... On delivery at Depôts	3,34,000	34	3,16,995	17¼	17,005	16¾	5·1							
	Total	11,34,021	3¾	10,64,391	25½	69,629	18¼	...							
	Loss by Shipwreck	†464	28¾	.....	...	464	28¾	2	939	15	9	4,534	13	0	
13	Malabar	1,91,002	...	1,87,080	...	3,922	...	3·6	1,795	6	0	12,115	7	0	The Collr's. attention has been called to this high rate.
14	Madras	2,96,409	36	2,85,668	14	10,741	22								
						‡1,374	...								Wastage on salt which was exported to Calcutta, but was relanded owing to stress of weather.
						§3	5								Loss by Shipwreck.
	Total	51,73,652	6	48,58,504	15	3,15,147	31	6·1	33,245	12	0	2,91,075	2	4	Wastage while in transit from shore to the shipping.
Special Loss.	Masulipatam	*848	38	609	...	239	38								Salt sent to Mint Office for trying the correctness of scales.
	Canara	†464	28¾	.....	...	464	28								
	Madras	.....	...	.....	...	‡1,374	...								
	Do.	....	...	.....	...	§3	5								
						3,17,229	22¾								

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
18*th August* 1858.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1198; dated 1st September 1858.

The Revenue Board's Proceedings recorded above, dated respectively 9th, 12th, and 18th August 1858, report the wastage of salt in the several manufacturing Districts of the Madras Presidency in Fuslies 1264, 1265, and 1266.

2. In Fusly 1264, the total wastage was 2,41,470 Indian Maunds, of which 302 Indian Maunds in Nellore and 720 Indian Maunds in Canara were special losses; in the former case, by the occurrence of a storm in 1851; in the latter, by shipwreck. The average per centage of the wastage was 4·47; the highest being 9·72 in Canara, occurring however in the clearance of salt for transportation, and the lowest ·68 in Malabar. In Madras the per centage was only ·75, and in Guntoor 1·02. The value of the wastage at cost price is given at 21,693 Rupees, but at the Monopoly or selling price 2,35,201 Rupees.

3. In Fusly 1265, the total wastage was 3,06,107 Indian Maunds, the average per centage on the manufacture being 5·6. In this year, the largest per centage of loss occurred in Rajahmundry, being no less than 12·3; and this, it is explained, is partly due to the salt having been stored earlier than usual, and partly, as in the previous year, to the salt being stored by the old and sold by the new measures. The per centage in Canara is shewn to have been very nearly the same as in the former year; but in Madras, Guntoor, and Malabar, there appears an increase in the loss, the per centage being respectively 2·5, 2·4, and 1·2. The cost value of the wastage is 27,602 Rupees, and the selling value 2,85,053 Rupees.

4. In Fusly 1266, the total ordinary wastage amounted to 3,15,147 Indian Maunds, shewing an average per centage of 6·1, being one per cent. more than the last Fusly, and 2 per cent. more than Fusly 1264. The per centage of loss ranges very high in certain Districts, being no less than 11·8 in Rajahmundry, 11·4 in Chingleput, 11·4 in Canara on clearance of salt for transportation, and 10·1 in Nellore. It even increased very much in Madras, having risen to 3·6, whereas it was only ·75 in Fusly 1264; and this result, it is observed from the Return, has attracted the notice of the Board, who have accordingly drawn the attention of the Collector to it. Besides the ordinary wastage, there have been special losses, of 239 Indian Maunds in Masulipatam, from relanding on account of stress of weather, of export salt shipped to Calcutta; of 464 Indian Maunds in Canara, by shipwreck; of 1374 Indian Maunds in Madras, in the transit of the salt from shore to ship; and of 3 more Indian Maunds in the same place, consisting of that quantity of salt sent to the Mint, for testing the correctness of scales. The cost value of the ordinary wastage is given at 33,246 Rupees, and the selling value at 2,91,075 Rupees.

5. In granting sanction, agreeably to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, for writingoff the above wastages of salt, of 2,41,470 Indian Maunds $8\frac{1}{16}$ seers in Fusly 1264, 3,07,107 Indian Maunds 6 seers in Fusly 1265, and 3,17,229 Indian Maunds, $22\frac{3}{4}$ Seers in Fusly 1266, Government must express their regret that the wastage, as shewn above, has year by year increased, instead of diminishing as might reasonably be expected under improved arrangements for supervision.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary

Revenue Department

No. 688.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 4th March 1857.

Read letter from the Collector of Nellore under date the 30th December requesting instructions as to the thatching of Salt heaps.

(See enter No. 267)

The Board observe that in their Proceedings of 25th July 1850. They directed that the Salt heaps should be covered at the expense of Government in the first instance. that is to say at the time the Salt is received into store. a proportionate deduction being made from the Coodewarum.

2. After the Salt has been placed in keeping of the Government servants it would, as remarked by the Collector, be clearly unjust to make the Manufacturers bear the expenses of repairing or renewing the thatch should such

such be subsequently necessary.

3. They accordingly authorize the Collector to disburse such sums as may from time to time be necessary on this account, as a contingent charge subject to audit by the Civil Auditor.

4. From the replies lately received to their Circular under date 17th March 1856 it appears that Nellore and Madura are the only districts in which the expenses of storing and thatching salt when received on the platforms are borne by the Manufacturers. The Collector will be pleased to ascertain and report whether the Ryots have always borne these charges, or if not, when the practice originated and under what circumstances.

5. In their Proceedings 28th July 1856 already adverted to, the Board remarked that in Madras and other districts it is the practice to secure the thatch by means of mud. This mode of protection appears never to have been fairly tested in Nellore, and as the means at present employed for the purpose have proved ineffectual, they desire to have the Collector's opinion upon the advisability of introducing the mud covering into his district.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) L. Forbes

Ag Sub Secretary.

To

The Collector of

Nellore.

(A true Copy)

Sub Secretary.

Rev Dept

No 1496

Extract from the Mins of Consultation
Under date the 1st August 1858

Read the following
letters from the Secretary
to the Board of Revenue

(Here enter 9th, 12th and 18th Aug/58
Nos 2998, 3045 & 3157)

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Ltr from Bd's Letter to
the Chief Secretary to
Govt Rated 9th Augt/58
No 2998.

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F 13 & Rev 2814 & Letter
Rated 4th Novr 1857
No 888.

Report the explanation
called for.

the of wastage was 4·47; the highest being 9·72 in Canara, occurring however in the clearance of salt for transportation, and the lowest ·68 in Malabar. In Madras the percentage was only ·75, and in Guntoor 1·02. The value of the wastage at cost price is given at 21,693 Rs, but at the monopoly or selling price, 2,35,201 Rs.

In Fusly 1265, the total wastage was 3,06,107 Indian Maunds, the average percentage on the manufacture being 5·6. In this year, the largest percentage of loss occurred in Rajahmundry, being no less than 12·3; and this, it is explained, is partly due to the salt having been stored earlier than usual, & partly, as in the previous year, to the salt being stored by the old and sold by the new measures. The percentage in Canara is shewn to have been very nearly the same as in the former year; but in Madras, Guntoor, and Malabar, there appears an increase in the loss, the percentage being respectively 2·5, 2·4, and 1·2. The cost value of the wastage is 27,602 Rs, & the selling value 2,85,053 Rs.

In Fusly 1266, the total ordinary wastage amounted to 3,15,147 Indian Maunds, shewing an average percentage of 6·1, being one per cent more than the last Fusly, and 2 per cent more than Fusly 1264. The percentage of loss ranges very high in certain Districts, being no less than 11·8 in Rajahmundry, 11·4 in Chingleput, 11·4 in Canara on clearance of salt for transportation, and 10·1 in Nellore. It even increased very much in Madras, having risen to 3·6, whereas it was only ·75 in Fusly 1264; and this result, it is observed from the Returns, has attracted the notice of the Board, who have accordingly drawn the attention of the Collr to it. Besides the ordinary wastage, there have been special losses of 239

Wastage of Salt in Godowns 1264, 65 and 66.

Indian Islands in Masulipatam, from relanding on account of stress of weather, of exported salt shipped to Calcutta; of 464 Mds in Godowns in Canara, by Shipwreck; of 1374 Mds in Godowns in Madras, in the transit of the salt from shore to ship; and of 3 more Mds in the same place, consisting of that quantity of salt sent to the Mint, for testing the correctness of scales. The cost values of the ordinary wastage is given at 33,246 Rs, and the selling value at 2,91,075 Rs.

In granting sanction, agreeable to the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, in writing off the above Wastages of Salt, of 2,41,470. 8/11 in Fasly 1264, 3,06,107. 6 in Fasly 1265, and 3,17,229. 22/4 in Fasly 1266, first much expressing their regret that the wastage, as shewn above, has year by year increased, instead of diminishing as might reasonably be expected under improved arrangements for supervision.

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