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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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from 3d to 9th September 1859.*

No. 18. Read the following letter from Mr. ROBERT WATSON of Chandah, Nagpore ;
to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government Revenue Department Fort
Saint George ; dated Cocanada, August 1859.

With reference to a conversation I had with you in Madras relative to the disposal of salt on the upper Godavery, I have now the honor to lay my application before you and beg the favor of you bringing the same before the Governor in Council.

2d. I have before me a letter from Colonel A. Cotton to you on the subject of management of salt trade of Rajahmundry and the disposal of the trade with the upper Godavery ; I have also the order thereon by the Honorable the Governor in Council, by which I notice the appointment of Captain Stoddard to consider and report on the details necessary for carrying Colonel Cotton's views into effect.

3rd. Colonel Cotton recommends the adoption of salt depôts at various points on the upper Godavery where the salt may be stored and retailed to the inhabitants.

4th. With reference to the above, I have now the honor to inform Government that in the event of these depôts being established ; I will be glad if arrangements can be made to give me the entire quantity of salt at its wholesale price.

5th. As however a good deal of risk would attend the storing by private individuals of any large quantity of salt or other valuable commodity ; I trust the Honorable the Governor in Council may give me the salt on the following terms, viz.

1st. All salt delivered at the depôt to be disposed of to me.

2d. The salt to be stored and remain in the Government depôt at my risk, till I can dispose of it, I paying an agreed rent to Government for the use of the depôt and their care of the salt.

3rd. I purchase the salt on its arrival at the depôt paying only the non-duty rate, the extra rate for duty to be paid by me, as I may take salt from the depôt.

4th. In the event of any loss accruing to the salt, from evaporation or other natural cause when in the depôt ; I only to pay for such loss at the non-duty rate.

6th. In the event of the Honorable the Governor in Council being pleased to accede to these terms, all minor arrangements as to duty and non-duty rates, could be settled here by Captain Stoddard ; I believe the present price of salt in bond here is Company's Rupees 15 per Garce equal to 100 Indian Maunds of 82 lbs each, Government deliver the salt free of all charges on boardship, the duty rate for the same salt is I believe Rupees 1 per Maund, or Rupees 100 per Garce ; I estimate the cost of water carriage to be about 4 Annas per maund, up to Buddrachellum, and 8 Annas per Maund from Buddrachellum to any point up to Chinoor. Presuming therefore Government are disposed to entertain my proposal, I would be glad to take up the depôts from Buddrachellum, northwards, and would propose depôts at the following places viz. Buddrachellum, Mungapett, Madapora, Dabah, Chandah, Hingingaut, and Nagpore ; these places are situated about 50 miles apart respectively, and from these being large trading towns, they are admirably adapted as salt depôts. The 2 places Kayedthe and Rudroomcotta are below Buddrachellum, and at both these places salt depôts would be an immense boon to the inhabitants, as however Buddrachellum is as far south as I could give time to, I hope in the event of Government coming to any arrangement with me that my depôts may begin from Buddrachellum.

7th. Colonel Cotton in his letter to Government has fully pointed out the large increase of revenue, resulting from the adoption of his views, solely by the increased sale of the commodity, this revenue being obtained from the monopoly price ; I apprehend therefore that Government in this undertaking do not contemplate any extra profit to themselves as viewed commercially ; I am of opinion therefore that Government can have no objections to my retailing this salt at a moderate profit as in the event of Government being themselves retailers at its actual net value, I anticipate great confusion and detriment to trade hereafter when on the navigation being thoroughly completed, an extended amount of private enterprise and capital is brought to bear on these quarters.

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If in the foregoing I have said aught that my position as a non-Government servant will not guarantee; I trust the apparent pertinence may be pardoned, and that the deep interest, I take in all matter relative to the Godavery may plead as my excuse.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1859, No. 1192.

Resolved to inform Mr. Watson in reply to this application, that the Government cannot consent to give the monopoly of the salt carried up the Godavery by Government vessels to any person.

A copy of this order and of Mr. Watson's letter will be transmitted through the Chief Engineer to Captain Stoddard, in order that he may be fully acquainted with the sentiments of Government on this point.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue 1839 Report
of the Comptroller

Nov 1839

From the Comptroller
of Standard & Expense.

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