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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	1624	Press ~~Mis.~~
89-90		
Dated	30 — 11 —	1859.

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No. 89. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department dated 16th November 1859, No. 4696.

With reference to my letter, dated 18th October 1859, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to report the measures which they have since adopted for despatching a further supply of salt to the Tanjore district.

2. As the Government are aware, the quantity of salt applied for by the Collector of Tanjore, was

	Ind. Maunds.
For Negapatam,.....	1,00,000
,, Tranquebar,.....	30,000
,, Adrampatam,.....	60,000
Total.....	1,90,000

and that for which the Board had procured tonnage, as already reported, was

	Ind. Maunds.
Per "Grasmere" for Negapatam, 550 tons, or	14,972
,, "Bride" for Tranquebar, 700 tons, or	19,055
	34,027

3. On 1st November 1859, the Board published an advertisement in the Fort Saint George Gazette, calling for further tonnage, and received several tenders, out of which they accepted only the three lowest on the following terms;—

	Ind. Maunds.
The "Blenheim," for Adrampatam, at Rupees 35-13-0 per 100 Indian maunds, to convey 600 tons, or.....	16,333
The "Melanie" for Tranquebar, at Rupees 35 per 100 Indian maunds, to convey about.....	10,000
The "Nell Gwyn," for Negapatam, at Rupees 34-14-4 per 100 Indian maunds, to convey 1,200 tons, or.....	32,666
Total.....	58,999
The total quantity which the Board have arranged to send is, therefore...	93,026

4. It is not the intention of the Board to engage any further tonnage at Madras for the Tanjore ports immediately, unless the Collector especially requests them to do so.

5. It should be mentioned that, as much difficulty was experienced in providing boats for shipping the salt to the "Grasmere" and "Bride," and the Agents of ships have generally greater facilities in such matters than the Collector's servants, the Board stipulated in their last advertisement that the tender should include the cost of shipping the salt at this port, and further that the freight would be paid only on the actual quantity of salt delivered at the Tanjore ports.

6. As these conditions were not stipulated in the contracts for the "Grasmere" and "Bride," the Board were prepared to accept tenders at enhanced rates, and accordingly concluded those reported above. The "Grasmere" and "Bride" were chartered at 7½ Rupees per ton invoice weight, or Rupees 27-8-9 per 100 Indian maunds.

ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1859, No. 1624.

No. 90. The proceedings reported in this letter are approved.

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

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Sec. of Govt. 30. November.
No 2135.

To The Secy. to the
Board of Revenue.

To The Secy. to Govt.
Revenue Depart.

Dated 16th Nov. 1859.
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From Bengal 28 Nov. 59. C. No. 218;
No 4686.

Reporting, with
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No 89 & 90.

No. 1624. 30th November

With an order

C 21 Nov. 1859

No. 1624.

The proceedings re-
ported in this letter are approved.

Sect. to Govt.
30 Nov. 1859

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