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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 88. 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 25th November 1859, No. 4839.

In continuation of my letter of the 16th November 1859, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to report for the information of Government, that they have engaged the ship "Blue Rock," tendered by Messrs. Miller and Sons, to convey about a thousand tons of salt from Cocanada to Adrampatam in the Tanjore district, and a second cargo from one of the Tinnevelly ports to Mangalore in the district of Canara, on the following terms.

2. Freight to be paid on the quantity to be delivered at each of the ports of import at 27½ Rupees per hundred Indian maunds. The salt to be supplied free of charge, and to be shipped and landed at the Government expense. Twenty running days to be allowed for landing the cargo at each port, after which demurrage to be paid at the rate of 100 Rupees per diem, and if the port of export in Tinnevelly be other than Tutacorin, then 20 days to be also allowed for loading, after which demurrage to be paid at the abovementioned rate.

3. The "Blue Rock" had commenced to take in a cargo of salt at Cocanada for Calcutta on account of Messrs. Miller and Sons, but at their request the Board instructed the Collector by telegram to load the ship on Government account, and to refund any sums received in payment of her cargo.

4. The Board were induced to engage the "Blue Rock" from the favorable terms offered for the double event. Messrs. Miller and Sons demanded 36 Rupees per 100 Indian maunds for conveying a cargo of salt from Cocanada to a port in Tanjore, but were willing to accept the reduced rate of Rupees 27-8, provided a second cargo could be given from Tinnevelly for Canara, and the Board were aware that the Collector of Canara was in want of tonnage for the conveyance of salt from Tinnevelly to Mangalore, none having offered save at exorbitant rates.

5. They trusted that the arrangement would have proved satisfactory, but they have since received a telegram from the Collector of Canara objecting to the size, though not to the rates of the "Blue Rock," and the Board presume that difficulty is found in discharging salt from vessels which cannot enter the backwater. Under these circumstances, and being, moreover, doubtful how far Rajahmundry salt may prove acceptable in Tanjore, the Board have been obliged to decline some tenders since received on the "Blue Rock's" rates.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1859, No. 1718.

The terms on which freight has been engaged to take salt from the East coast to Canara appear very favorable. From the Board's former proceedings of November 7th No. 4553 the Government learn that though much higher rates have been offered for Bombay salt imported into Malabar, it is doubtful whether they will be sufficient. It would seem expedient, therefore, to enlarge the operations from the East coast, if the freight includes the same things in both cases. On this latter point however, the Board's proceedings are silent; and the Government, therefore, can only request the Board to compare the cost from the two sources of supply, Bombay and the East coast, and proceed accordingly, so far as circumstances may permit.

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

No. 1718

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 20th December 1859.

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Reporting for the information of Govt that the Board have engaged the ship "Blue Rock" tendered by Messrs Muller & Sons to convey about a 1000 tons of salt from Katmadu to Adirampatam in the Tanjore District & a second Cargo from one of the Tinnevelly ports to Mangalore in the District of Canara.

(Here enter 25th Jan.y 1859 & No. 4589)

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