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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of March 1860.

No. 96. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1860, No. 1,300 :—

Read letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 6th March 1860, No. 52, requesting to know whether he may expect to receive any supply of Salt from the Eastern Coast for his District.

(In Con. 12th March 1860, No. 1,124.)

The Board regret extremely to learn that the Collector's need of Salt is so urgent. The Monthly Returns submitted by him showed the Board that his stock was very low, but they felt assured that the very high and rapidly enhanced prices offered by him would have secured sufficient for present requirements. The Telegraphic communications from the Commissioner of Customs at Bombay, however, show that quite independent of the competition of Cochin, there is really no old Salt procurable at Bombay, while the new Salt of this season will not begin to be received for some days, and at first of course in small quantities.

2. The only way in which the Board can aid the Collector is by inviting Tenders at Madras which will be done immediately. The manufacture on the Eastern Coast during the last two seasons has been partially deficient. And it is only in some Districts that Salt can be spared, notwithstanding the urgent instructions issued by the Board to press on the manufacture as much as possible.

3. Independently, however, of this, the Board apprehend that it will be extremely difficult to procure shipping, on account of the demand for tonnage to China. The season, moreover, is too far advanced for Native shipping to be procured.

4. The Board have Telegraphed to the Collector of Tinnevelly to send all the Salt he can safely spare to Malabar, discontinuing shipments (not already promised), to other places until the requirements of Malabar and Canara are met.

Telegraph to Tinnevelly, 12th March 1860.

This may be productive of inconvenience to the Travancore authorities, and will wholly prevent any supply to Ceylon, but the wants of our own Provinces are most pressing and must first be met.

5. The Board hope the Collector of Malabar may be able to obtain some Salt from Goa, but as the Canara supply from Bombay will also be affected both by the scarcity of the article, and the competition of Cochin, they fear much cannot be expected from this source.

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7. Ordered that copy of these Proceedings be submitted to Government and that the accompanying call for Tenders for conveying Salt to Malabar from the Ports where, (as the Board have ascertained by Telegraph), the requisite supply is immediately available, be published in the Gazette.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Secretary.*

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1860, No. 480.

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To
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Secretary to Government
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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 13th
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3 Encls. No. 1300 } Returned 16-4-60

Submitting copy of the Board's Pro. passed on a letter from the Coll. of Malabar applying for a supply of Salt from the Eastern Coasts to that District & requesting that the accompanying Cole for Tindus for conveying Salt to Malabar be published in the Gazette.

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