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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 1278 **Press** ~~Mis.~~

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 31st July 1860.

No. 387. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th July 1860, No. 3,138 :—

Read letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, dated 22nd June 1860, No. 87.

(In Cons., 29th June 1860, No. 3,144.)

Govt. Order, No. 1,548, *R. D., 15th, in Cons., 17th November* 1859, *No.* 5,759.
Govt. Order, No. 97, *R. D., 19th, in Cons., 20th January* 1860, *No.* 264.
Govt. Order, No. 294, *R. D., 25th, in Cons., 27th February* 1860, *No.* 920.
Govt. Order, No. 607, *R. D., 21st, in Cons., 23rd April* 1860, *No.* 1,849.

1. Resolved that the above letter be submitted for the Orders of Government, with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin.

2. The Salt Depôt at Manik-deo-Kunta in the Godavery District was placed by Government under the general charge of Captain Stoddard, the local Superintendent being Mr. Norton.

3. Captain Stoddard has informed the Collector that he will shortly leave the District, and orders are now required as to the future management of the Depôt.

4. The Collector speaks in satisfactory terms of Mr. Norton's conduct and fitness for the office of Superintendent, and anticipates no difficulty in managing the Depôt without the intervention of any other Officer.

5. Considering the position of the Depôt and the fact that the Officers of the Engineer Department are likely to visit the place with most frequency, and are more cognizant of the difficulties of the navigation, &c., the Board think it best that the general superintendence should be vested in an Officer of that Department than in the Collector, whose control must of necessity be less personal. The only difficulties to be overcome are connected with the transport of the Salt, and with such the Engineer Department can best cope.

6. The Collector reports that at the close of last month Mr. Norton completed his six months' probation, and recommends that his salary be raised from 75 Rupees per mensem, its present amount, to Rupees 100, as sanctioned in Government Order 19th January last, No. 97, Revenue Department. To this recommendation the Board give their support.

In Cons., 20th January 1860, *No.* 264.

7. The sales of Salt during the first two months of the experiment have been very small but the Board consider this result to afford no criterion, for not only was existence of the Depôt little known in the interior, but considerable opposition has been experienced from the local Officers of the adjoining Native States.

8. Captain Stoddard recommends that in the infancy of the experiment, the salaries of the Depôt servants be charged to the general Salt Revenue of the District. These charges, however, are incurred solely on account of the Depôt, and the Board do not think that sufficient experience has yet been gained to warrant what virtually amounts to a reduction of the sale price. The expected profit of Rupees 6,421 is large, but the calculation makes no allowance for wastage, future charges of superintendence, &c. The Board have already stated the principle on which in their opinion the sale price should be fixed and still adhere to that view.

Board's Procs., 11th Feb. 1860, *No.* 6, *para.* 2.
Govt. Order, No. 294, *R. D., para.* 2, *25th, in Cons., 27th Feb.* 1860, *No.* 920.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 388. ORDER THEREON, 31st July 1860, No. 1,278.

1. In this paper the Board of Revenue request Orders as to the future management of the Salt Depôt at Manik-deo-Kunta on the Sevari river, as Captain Stoddard hitherto in charge is likely shortly to leave the Godavery District. They also notice one or two other matters connected with the Depôt.

2. The Government agree with the Board that the Depôt ought to be under the superintendence of an officer of the Engineer Department, as having better means of control than the Collector, and they are of opinion that such officer should be one connected with the Upper Godavery Navigation. They resolve therefore to place the Depôt under Captain Haig the Engineer of the Upper Godavery. That officer will have it in his power to give Mr. Norton the necessary support, in case of any further local opposition, or any renewed attempts to levy a tax on the Salt on the passage to the Depôt.

3. In their Order of January 19th, (No. 97) the Government promised to raise the pay of Mr. Norton the Superintendent of the Depôt, to 100 Rupees after six month's trial, if he gave satisfaction. In pursuance of that engagement, they now authorize his pay being raised accordingly, from the 1st July.

4. The sales in the first three months from the establishment of the Depôt amounted only to 578½ maunds, on which the Government duty at one Rupee a maund was 578½ Rupees. But the Board truly remark that these first months afford no means of judging as to the future, and the Government hope that the Return for the succeeding three months will be more favorable. Captain Haig will be requested to send in a statement up to the 31st August, showing the sales during the three months, and the charges of all kinds during the same period. He will at the same time submit a statement of the servants maintained both at Manik-deo-Kunta and at Rudram Rotta, for the custody and the sale of the Salt.

5. The Board properly object to the Depôt being relieved of its actual charges. It is quite necessary that these should be debited to the Depôt, in order that the real gain or loss by it may be known. Adopting Captain Stoddard's account current, the Board anticipate a profit of 4,621 Rupees on the ten thousand maunds, subject to deduction for wastage. But the account current is not correctly prepared. The statement following shows the whole transactions and the result, for the period included in the present report :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Value of Salt received from the Collector 10,000 maunds at Rupees 1-2 each...	11,250	0	0
Charges for its transport, &c...	4,963	7	0
Total.....	16,213	7	0
Salt sold 578½ maunds at 1-14 per maund...	1,084	11	0
Stock remaining 9,422 maunds at Rupees 1-14 per maund... ...	17,666	4	0
Total.....	18,750	15	0
Profit...	2,537	8	0

6. It thus appears that on the 31st May the value of the Salt on hand according to the accounts, exceeded the charges up to that date by Rupees 2,537-8. But this statement allows nothing for waste, either on the passage up or in store, and the real quantity of Salt was therefore certainly less than the statement shows. And not only will it be further diminished by waste before the whole is sold, but large additional charges will be incurred for the Establishment and other current expenses. It seems probable therefore, that the price of Rupees 1-14 will not be found to cover the charges.

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

Dr. Balance Sheet

	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p
To Collector, value of 10,000 Maunds of salt at 1-2-0 per Maund	11250	"	"			
To Collector advanced at different times	4000	"	"			
To Collector loading charges	62	8	"			
To Money realized by sale of 5781/2 Maunds of Salt at 1-14-0 per Maund	1086	11	6			
				16397	3	6
To Profit and Loss	6421	4	"			
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Total Rupees 23818 ⅞ 6

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Salt Depôt under Cuddalore Collectorate — Cr. — 34

	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p
By cash paid for 5000 Gunny bags at 3 annas each bag	937	8	"			
By Freight for 10000 Maunds of salt to Arundrummkottai at annas 3 ¾ Pice 8 per Maund	2291	10	8			
By Freight for 2266 Maunds of salt from Arundrummkottai to Kuntai @ 1-8¼ ₱ Md	239	"	"			
By Superintendence for 4 Months including extra expenses incurred for persons going up in charge of salt boats	138	4	4			
By Contingencies	493	12	7			
By Sundries	262	9	5			
				4963	7	"
By cash in hand 31st May	188	12	6			
By value of salt still in hand						
Viz.t at Arundrummkottai 7562 Maunds.						
at Kuntai 1860 "				17666	4	"
Total 9422 Maunds.						
at Rs. 1-14-0 ₱ Maund.						
				17855	"	6
Total Rupees				23818	7	6

(signed) I. Stoddard Captain
A true Copy
A. Brail.
Collector.

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In letter No 87

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In Con., 29th June 1860, No. 3,144.

From A. PURVIS, Esq., Collector of the GODAVERI DISTRICT,
dated Cocanada, 22nd June 1860, No. 87.

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Captain Stoddard, the officer who, in addition to his other duties, has, under the Orders of Government, had the superintendence of the arrangements connected with the establishment of the salt depôt at Manikdrokunta.

2. Captain Stoddard points out that he will shortly leave this division, and asks for instructions regarding the transfer of the management of the salt depôt.

3. Mr. Norton, the officer in immediate charge of the depôt, has hitherto acquitted himself very well, and with his aid I do not anticipate any difficulty in carrying it on without the intervention of any other officer, should Government see fit so to direct.

4. Mr. Norton will have completed his six months' service at the close of this month and has fully entitled himself to the salary of 100 Rupees approved by Government,* which I request I may be authorised to pay him from the 1st proximo.

* Under date the 19th January 1860, No. 97.

5. It will be seen from Captain Stoddard's letter that the sales in the first two months have not averaged more than 6½ maunds per diem, but there can be no doubt, as the depôt becomes generally known, they will greatly increase.

6. A statement showing the financial position of the depôt on the 30th ultimo, is submitted by Captain Stoddard. I do not see that any particular advantage is to be gained by adopting the expedient suggested by him of charging the salaries of the depôt servants to the general salt Revenue accounts of the district.

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Enc. 1.

Abstract.—Copy of Captain Stoddard's letter of the 6th June 1860.

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Enc. 2.—Balance sheet.

Bxd. J. Tulloch.

R. D.

No. 1278.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 31st July 1860.

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(Here enter 27th July 1860
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The experiment will have
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Encl. in Letter to Sec. to Govt.
Dept. dated 22nd Aug. 1860

Enclosure No. 1 in Proceed-
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to the Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
July 1860 No. 3138

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Letter from the Coll.
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Salt Depôt

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