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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 158 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 30 —1— 1860.

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No. 116. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th January 1860, No. 52.

Read the following :—

From E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam ; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizagapatam, 19th December 1859, No. 1276.

I beg to report for the information of the Board of Revenue, that a severe gale was experienced in this district on the 5th and 6th instant, and that the salt heaps at Conada and Coopilly, situated towards the north of this district, have been considerably damaged, Mr. Davidson, my Acting Principal Assistant, estimates the loss to Government at 11 or 12,000 Rupees at both cotaurs.

2. The Tanadars sent in their reports, dated 7th, and Mr. Thornhill who was then in charge, directed the Deputy Collector, A. V. Nursingarow, to proceed to the spot and report upon the loss. This officer reported sick, and Mr. Davidson was subsequently deputed. A copy of this gentleman's report is herewith enclosed for submission to the Board.

3. The Board will no doubt notice with satisfaction the exertions of the Tanadar of Conada in securing the salt of his cotaur, while they will mark with displeasure the re missness in that respect of the Tanadar of Coopilly. The conduct of both these officers will recieve due notice from me.

4. The annexed statement shews the estimated quantity and value of salt remaining at each cotaur in this district, on the 10th instant, if from this be deducted the full amount estimated to be damaged, there will still remain more than enough for local consumption for the next half year previous to which time, it is hoped, that at least two or three lacs of maunds will be manufactured.

5. I beg to annex extract from two letters from the Master Attendant at Vizagapatam, and the Superintendent of the Santapilly light house, they will give the Board an idea of the severity of the storm. It seems to have been confined to the coast, as no reports of its effects elsewhere have as yet been received.

| Number. | Cotaurs. | Salt of Fasli 1268. No. of heaps, full and broken. | Quantity in Indian maunds. | | | Value. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | I maunds. | S. | T. | Rupees. | A. | P. |
| 1 | Carassah ... ... ... ... | 18 | 21,310 | 0 | 0 | 23,973 | 12 | 0 |
| 2 | Nellimookoo ... ... ... ... | 73 | 84,101 | 0 | 0 | 94,613 | 10 | 0 |
| 3 | Conadah ... ... ... ... | 16 | 19,035 | 0 | 0 | 21,414 | 6 | 0 |
| 4 | Coopilly ... ... ... ... | 31 | 36,000 | 30 | 0 | 40,500 | 13 | 6 |
| | | 138 | 1,60,446 | 30 | 0 | 1,80,502 | 9 | 6 |
| | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Nellimookoo ... ... ... ... | 33 | 36,853 | 32 | 65 | 41,460 | 8 | 9 |
| | Salt of Fasli 1267... ... ... | | | | | | | |
| | Grand Total... | 171 | 1,97,300 | 22 | 65 | 2,21,963 | 2 | 3 |

Submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Sub-Secretary.*

No. 117. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1860, No. 158.

Ordered to be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
*Chief Secretary.*

Extract from a letter from the Master Attendant at Vizagapatam to the Collector dated 9th December 1859.—

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"I have the honor to inform you
"that a severe Gale of Wind from North-
"East veering to North West was experienced
"on the 4th and 5th Instant. The Barometer
"on the 5th Instant was 29° 81', this was
"the severest part of the Gale; the Sea rose
"to a very great height at once."—

See: in orig:

Extract from a letter from the Superintendent of the Santapilly Light House dated 7th December to the Collector.

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"I have to acquaint you that the
"Light House was visited by a very severe
"Storm on the night of Monday the 5th
"Instant, doing a great deal of damage
both to the Lantern and Bungalow &c.

"The large lantern in use was
blown

"blown down at 10 O'Clock at night, &c *Sic in orig.
"smashing two of the glasses and injur-
"ing the lantern so as to render it
"useless for the present."-

"The Bungalow has been &c
"partly and the Cook-room has been
"entirely unroofed, scattering the tiles
"in all directions".-

/True Extracts/

/Signed/ E. Fane
Collector

/True Copy/

C. Hutchins
Sub Secretary

Compd
C Burton



Veraveapatam Fort
Agate Collector's Office
12th December 1859

From R. Davidson Esqr
Offg Asst Agte &c &c

To E. G. R. Fane Esqr
Collector of
Veraveapatam

Sir I have the honor to inform
you that in consequence of the damage
reported to have been occasioned to the
Salt at Coonadah and Cospilly by the recent
gale which swept over the coast on the
5th and 6th Instant, I repaired to Coonadah
and carefully inspected the heaps
of salt in store there, and am of opinion
that the actual loss to Government may
be estimated at between Rupees 3000
and Rupees 4000.

I was pleased to find that
the Salt Havildar & Commandeur had
exerted himself as far as possible, and
that although every heap had been en-
tirely stript of its thatch he had succeeded
in replacing it temporarily as the weather
continued threatening. All of this I had
reckoned to enable me to judge of the
extent of injury the heaps & light it was
replaced and I was glad to hear on
my return from Cospilly that rain had
had

had fallen at Coopilly the quantity of salt in store is much greater than at Canadah, the number of heaps in the former being 30, whereas at Canadah there are but 16.

3 The storm appears to have raged with much greater violence at Coopilly. The whole of the thatching was blown off the heaps and the rain descended in torrents, so that I estimate the loss at about 8000 Rupees it is however difficult to form a very correct judgment.

4 The Coopilly Jamadar had not been active in providing against a recurrence of rain so that when I arrived there on the 4th morning of the 11th I found that beyond opening orders for fresh straw to be brought in, which afterwards turned out to be not procurable, he had done next to nothing. as the weather had by that time cleared up, the salt was the better of the exposure, and as the greater part of the salt thatch was recovered. I have the satisfaction to report that before I quitted Coopilly yesterday the whole was carefully rethatched with the dried straw and secured. Nearly all the villagers in the neighbourhood

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are entirely unroofed, and I regret to say the crops and cattle have suffered to a considerable extent. The violence of the gale which set in from the North ward, but subsequently veered round to the South West lulled, may be conceived from the fact that besides enormous trees being uprooted and large branches hurled to great distances, the Travellers Bungalow at Coopilly is hardly habitable & safe being more than half unroofed, the doors and window frames blown entirely out of their sockets, and the substantial Brick wall round the Bungalow thrown down on one side and broken on the other. I have no doubt the Engineers Department will lose no time in repairing the damage and have to solicit the favor of immediate steps being taken to rebuild the plat. form Cutcherry at Canadah, as it is absolutely necessary, and though only constructed a few months ago, it is regret to say a perfect ruin.

I have &c &c &c

Signed R. Davidson

Offg Third Asst Collr

/True Copy/

S. Lane

Collector

Encld
J Thompson

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Revenue Departt

In a letter from the
Collector of Vizagapatam
dated 19th December 18
No 1276

In Pro 6489 of 1859

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Copy of Mr Davidson's
Report dated 12th Dec 59

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Submitting for information a letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam reporting on the damage caused by the gale, experienced on the 5th & 6th Dec. last, to the Salt heaps at Conada and Coopilly.

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30th Jany 1860

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