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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 100. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th November 1859, No. 4666.

Read letter from W. FISHER, Esq., Collector of Canara; to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Mangalúr, 3rd November 1859, No. 194.

The Board are doubtless aware that arrangements have again become necessary this year, for the purchase of a very large quantity of foreign salt for the use of the Government monopoly in this district.

2. The sources of supply are three, Bombay, Goa, and the Eastern Coast.

3. As regards Goa salt, I have been able to obtain little reliable information, and there is no probability, that, under any circumstances, my main supply could be obtained from the Portuguese territory, whilst the quality of the salt is such as to make it unpopular among up-country dealers in South Canara, where the salt is most required.

4. I have, therefore, turned my attention to Bombay and Tinnevelly, and have now secured, through the kind offices of the Commissioner of Customs, Bombay, two thousand garce (120 Indian maunds each) of Bombay salt, to be delivered here on board the "Pattamars" at Rupees 55 per garce.

5. The best offer received by the Collector of Tinnevelly, and that for a small quantity only, was Rupees 43 per grace, *freight*, leaving me to pay Rupees 15 per garce cost of salt, or a total charge of Rupees 58 per garce.

6. Having secured a large and immediate supply of salt, I shall now no doubt be able to make more favorable terms for such quantities of Goa produce as I may require, and as I deem from a letter received yesterday from Coonjee minon, shall have less difficulty than has been experienced hitherto in purchasing at reasonable rates a supply of Tinnevelly salt. Mr. Spooner informs me that he has found great difficulty in concluding the contract under which two thousand garce have been secured, and I feel that I am greatly indebted to him for the important aid he has afforded me in replenishing my empty cotaurs.

7. In addition to the Bombay salt above alluded to, I shall require about two thousand garce to emplete my stock up to December 1860, and I have now to request the sanction of the Board for the steps I have taken, their permission to make further purchases as opportunities offer, and occasion requires, and authority to pay for the salt now purchased either here or in Bombay as may be arranged by Mr. Spooner.

8. Having been obliged to address both Mr. Spooner and the Collector of Tinnevelly demi-officially, in order to prevent the nature of my communication becoming public, and being obliged to attempt to make contracts here and negociate elsewhere at the same time, I have not been able to report to the Board the steps I intended to take, or to obtain their previous sanction for my plans. With empty cotaurs, and a growing demand for salt, it was natural enough that the merchants here should hope to have me at their mercy, but I think both uncertainty and expense have been avoided by the measures taken, as my requirements were perhaps such as Mangalúr traders could hardly be expected to meet. The result of the Commissioner's negociations was, however, sufficiently interesting to them, to make it worth their while to learn the extent of the purchase and the rates paid, before Mr. Spooner's telegram reached me. In fact, all the information it contained on this point was repeated to me here some hours before the arrival of the Mercara post.

The Board approve of the Collector's proceedings as reported in the above letter, copy of which will be submitted for the information of Government, and they trust he may be able to obtain at reasonable rates the further quantity of salt that he may require for his district.

2. They think they may be able to assist the Collector in getting one large cargo of salt from Tinnevelly at reasonable rates, and will communicate with him by telegram on the subject.

3. They trust the Collector will use his best efforts to secure the fullest possible extent of manufacture in the present season.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1860, No. 50.

Ordered that the foregoing Proceedings be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 4666.

PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of REVENUE, dated 14th November 1859.

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Acting Secretary.

To

W. FISHER Esq., Collector of Canara.
Copy to Secretary to Government, R. D.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Submitting
for information Copy
of a Letter from the Chr.
of Canara & the Boards
Proceedings thereon report-
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of a very large quantity
of foreign Salt for the
use of the Govt. Monopoly
in this District.

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