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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 95. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th March 1860, No. 1,400 :—

Read the following letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated 15th March 1860, No. 53 :—

By the Board's Orders of the 12th instant, No. 1,277, my attention is called to the remarks of Government, paragraph 3, Proceedings 7th instant, No. 360, with reference to the Board's observations, Proceedings 18th ultimo, No. 883, paragraph 6.

2. The Kudivaram (10 Rupees per garce) granted to the Salt Manufacturers in this District is, I think, a sufficient remuneration: I might raise it, however, considerably, without making the Salt dearer than would be procured from other quarters. Covelong is the nearest Pans, some twenty-five miles south of the Madras Kottárs, and there the lowest amount of Kudivaram is 10 Rupees per garce, and the average nearly 15.

3. As I said before, ten Rupees is a liberal price, as it is estimated that the cost to the Manufacturer, even in these times of scarcity of labour, does not exceed 6 or 6½ Rupees the garce, and formerly it was 1 Rupee less.

4. In the present year, our wants are such that we have required the manufacture to be pushed to an extreme; and we find that to secure a full out-turn, it will be necessary to make certain advances, in order that the work may be entered into with vigor and without delay. All the Authorities concerned declared the circumstances to be quite exceptional, and the Raiyats understand them to be so.

5. I hope also to persuade the Raiyats to adopt an improved method of manufacture, by which the produce may be materially increased. The average out-turn per Pan is about three garce, whereas it would appear from the Report of the Inspector General of Civil Estimates to the Board, 21st October 1822, and given in page 127 of Plowden's Report on Salt, that the Pan of half a Káni should yield at least three times that quantity. The Inspector General gives some instructions as to procedure, and these I intend to abstract in a simple form, have translated into Tamil, printed and circulated among the Raiyats.

6. In the recent distribution of new Pans, fifty to each were granted to two gentlemen, who will, I believe, introduce many improvements in the present practice, and will show an out-turn far larger than ordinary. Their example will soon be taken up by others, and the result will, I hope, be a greater yield per Pan, by which it will not only be rendered more profitable to the holder, but the Government will also obtain their increased requirements from existing Pans, instead of opening out others at a distance from the place of store.

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 3 of their Order, dated 7th instant, No. 360, Revenue Department.

2. The Collector considers that the present rate of Kudivaram, at the Madras Pans is sufficiently remunerative, with an ordinary demand for Salt, and that the necessity of largely and immediately increasing his stock has been the only cause of the Manufacturers needing assistance in the shape of advances.

3. The Board in paragraph 6 of their Proceedings, dated 18th ultimo, No. 883, pointed out that the rate was liberal, and the Collector's Report above recorded satisfies them that there is no necessity at present for increasing it.

4. The Board attach great importance to the Collector's endeavors to increase the productive powers of the Pans, and request that he will report, at the close of the season, how far they have been successful.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, Secretary.

No. 96. ORDER THEREON, 5th April 1860, No. 548.

1. Under the opinion expressed by the Collector, the Government consider it quite unnecessary to raise the price paid for Salt to the Manufacturers in the Madras Collectorate.

2. The Government are much gratified to learn from the Collector's letter (paragraph 6) that gentlemen of station and property think it worth their while to engage in the manufacture of Salt; and this circumstance, in their opinion, is an additional reason in favor of the course directed in their Order of the 16th March, viz. to put up new Pans to auction.

3. Of the two gentlemen referred to by Mr. Cunliffe, the Government learn that one is Mr. Campbell, formerly Superintendent of the Salt Department at Madras, and now a Deputy Commissioner of Police. However desirable it may be that men of capital and intelligence should engage in this business, the Government consider the calling of Salt Manufacturer incompatible with that of an Officer of Police, and Mr. Campbell will be required to make his choice between the two. If any other person in the Government service has obtained Pans in this distribution, the Collector will be desired to report his name for the information of Government.

4. The question as to the mode of disposing of the new Pans being under reference to Government it is to be regretted that the Collector did not await the result. It will no doubt be his endeavour to give full and fair effect to the Order of the 15th March on the subject; and he will be instructed to report the result.

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 5 April

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Submitting with the Board's
remarks a letter from the Collector
of Madras furnishing the informa-
tion required by Govt as to whether the Stid-
warum (the Pa) force granted to the salt
manufacturers of his district is considered as
sufficient remuneration.

(More order 19 March 1860
at 14.00)

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5. The Board's Proceed-
ings now under notice are
dated March 19th, but they
did not reach the Govern-
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This delay which is ^{far from un-} ~~quite~~
usual, is very inconvenient,
and the Board will be re-
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~~the date of the Board's~~
~~meeting and the date of~~
~~the receipt of the~~
~~proceedings~~ it for the future, the

it is probably done in great
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their delivery; the Superin-
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[Signature]

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Comm. of Police with reference to P3
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