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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 59. Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector and Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 8th April 1860, No. 408:—

I have the honor, with reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 5th ultimo, No. 1,127, to forward herewith an application in original from a Mr. Dawson, offering to rent the Salt Pans of Konáda and Kuppilli at once, and requesting to know the terms upon which the Board would be prepared to grant the same.

2. I have informed Mr. Dawson that he cannot expect the rent this season, as the manufacture is far advanced.

3. I have, however, reason to know that Mr. Dawson and other respectable parties in this District are willing to take up a few, if not all the Salt Pans, if they did but know the exact terms upon which the Pans would be rented out to them; and it is for this purpose principally that I send the enclosed application.

4. Messrs. Sloan and Grant's scheme was simply to make as much Salt as they could, and store it wherever the Government ordered; and on the sales, the Government were to take 12 annas, and allow them 4 on every Indian Maund; all maramat and charges of manufacture being borne by them.

5. I perceive by the Godáveri District Gazette, that a Salt Depôt has been established at the mouth of the Saberi River in the Nagpore Territory.

6. If Depôts of a similar description are likely to be sanctioned, I should strongly recommend one or two in this District: the same considerations that induced Government to establish the Saberi Depôt would hold good in this District, especially at such places as Parvettipur and Salúr. The Brinjaries at both places informed me during my circuit in January, that they would be enabled to make two trips a year, instead of one only as now, if Depôts were established, and would also be saved the loss that they always sustain by moving from the foot of the hills to the Salt Pans on the Sea Coast.

7. As it is now, so anxious are they to avoid the journey to the coast, that they buy Salt at Parvettipur or such like places, paying 5 Rupees to the few merchants who there store it, for what at the Pans would cost only 3. Without, however, any prospect of Government sanctioning a system of Depôts, a detailed account of the expected advantages of the numbers recommended and of the places best adapted for them, would only be labor in vain. Whatever scheme the Board may think most feasible, that should be quickly decided upon; as if renting the Pans be approved of, the renters should enter on their rents by November or December at latest.

From T. A. DAWSON, Esq., to E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, dated Chittivásah, 2nd April 1860.

As I have heard that Government are disposed to let out the manufacture of Salt in this District, I have the honor to request to have the privilege of renting it, and to know on what terms I shall be allowed to do so. If it is the intention of Government, as I hear also it is, to extend the manufacture of this article in the District, I shall be happy to carry out their intentions, but for the present, to make a trial of it, I beg to be allowed to take up the business at Konáda and Kuppilli for this year; and should I find that their terms are liberal and remunerative, and that on trial I shall be enabled of carrying on the work, I shall very probably renew my application for an extension of operations, by asking for other places in the District where the manufacture is already carried on, and by introducing it in fresh places where Government wish to have it commenced. I beg you will take my application into favorable consideration; and as this is the time of the year to carry on the work, you will kindly, as early as possible, forward it with your recommendation to Government, and let me know on what terms they will, for the present, allow me the privilege of renting the abovementioned places.

No. 60. ORDER IN COUNCIL, 25th April 1860, No. 634.

1. This letter ought to have been addressed to the Board of Revenue; and it will now be transmitted to the Board.

2. The information furnished by the Collector as to Mr. Dawson's offer is too limited to admit of an answer being given to it, and at all events no action could be taken on at this season. The Government will be prepared to give attention to any thing that the Board may submit on the subject at a future time, after full enquiry.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON.

Secretary to Government.

Revenue Dept

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 25th April 1860.

Read the following
letter from the Collector of
Vijayapattanam.

Towards an application from
Mr. A. Dawson proposing to
rent two salt pans of this District. (See entry 5th April 1860 No 48)

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J.A.

Received of Mr. C. P. 26
the Collector of Cozaga Petnam