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Government of Madras.

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

No. 34. *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Dated 14th May 1860, *No.* 771.

1. Much progress has been made during the past year in improving the arrangements for the management of the Salt Revenue. Increased attention has been given to the subject by Collectors; Deputy Collectors have been appointed to the special charge of the Salt Department in every District but Malabar; the Salt Establishments are in process of revision with a view to improvement; and subordinate arrangements, such as the improvement of the Roads to the Salt Stores, are receiving attention.

2. The Government consider it to be now desirable that a Member of the Board of Revenue should make a circuit of all the Coast Districts, for the special purpose of inspecting the arrangements and practice in each District in connection with the Salt Revenue, and they resolve to depute Mr. T. Clarke on this duty. The Government do not wish to prescribe absolutely the order of the inspection, but it will probably be found most convenient to visit the Northern Districts first, and then those South of Madras to Tinnevelly; it will probably be proper to leave the Districts of the West Coast till after the approaching South-West Monsoon.

3. The inspection should not be a hurried one. Mr. Clarke will be instructed to give sufficient time to each District to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the Salt management. He will probe the arrangements and practice at the various places of sale, both as to storing and issue; he will test by actual examination in cases taken at random, the correctness of the Store Returns; and the quality of the Salt, as well as the causes of any inferiority that he may meet with; and he will note the qualities of the servants. He will examine in like manner the arrangements at the Pans. In communication with the Collector and other local Officers, he will consider the positions of the Pans and the Stores, and ascertain whether it is desirable to open new ones. He will also consider with the Collector, the best distribution of the "Stations" under the several "Divisions," in pursuance of Mr. Pelly's scheme, so as to unite efficiency with economy. He will also examine the efficiency of the arrangements for the storage of the Salt and its preservation from the weather and from floods; and he will give his attention to the important subject of improving the approaches to the Stores, as well as to the arrangement for supplying purchasers promptly, without subjecting them to detention or inconvenience. The subject of prompt payment for Salt received will also engage his attention.

4. The Collectors will be directed to assist Mr. Clarke to the utmost of their power, both in supplying information and in other ways; while Mr. Clarke is in their Districts they will make other business give way as far as possible to that of aiding his proceedings. The Deputy Collectors in charge of the Salt Department will in an especial manner be at Mr. Clarke's disposal.

5. The Government expect much benefit from this inspection. Mr. Clarke will make known everywhere how keen an interest the Government take in the matter, and thus increase the interest of the local authorities, and, in particular, stimulate the activity of the Deputy Collectors; he will be able to make various useful suggestions, many of which will be such as may be carried into immediate effect; and he will bring back with him a local knowledge which will be of great service to the Board and to Government, in dealing with matters connected with the Salt Revenue.

6. The Government consider it desirable also that advantage should be taken of Mr. Clarke's services as Inspector of the Land and Sea Customs Departments in the interior; and they resolve to instruct him to extend his enquiries to those Departments.

7. Mr. Clarke will report his Proceedings direct to Government either on each District as he visits it, or on two or more together, as he may find best. His Reports should state all that is important on the various points above enumerated, both as to the condition of things that he finds, and his suggestions for amendment; but they should be as concise as may be consistent with clearness. These Reports will receive prompt and hearty attention from the Government.

8. Mr. Clarke will consider and report to Government whether it is necessary to take any and what subordinate Assistants with him.

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

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 11th May 1860.

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to prescribe absolutely the order of the inspection, but it will probably be found most convenient to visit the Southern Districts first, and then those South of Madras to Tinnevelly; it will probably be proper to leave the Districts of the West coast till after the approaching South West Monsoon.

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5.— The Government expect much benefit from this inspection. Mr. Clarke will make known anything he sees how he can in interest the Government take in the matter, and thus increase the interest of the Collectors and Local authorities, in particular, of the Collectors and stimulate the activity of the Deputy Collectors, he will be able to make various useful suggestions, many of which will be such as may be carried into immediate effect; and he will bring back with him a local knowledge which will be of great service to the Board and to Government in dealing with matters connected with the Salt Revenue.—

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1 Copy to T. Clark Esq^re Div^n 16
4 " C. Pilly Esq^re
10 " Chief Engineer
3 " Civil Auditor
11 " Bd of Rev
1 " Coll^r of Sea Coast Districts

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Mr. F. Clarke Member of the Board of Revenue, to make a Circuit of all Coast Districts for inspecting the Arrangements and practice in each District in connection with the Salt Revenue.

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