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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th September 1861.

No. 92. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd August 1861, No. 4,184 :—

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Chetterpore, 24th June 1861, No. 157.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward herewith a small bottle containing a sample of Salt obtained by placing a frame of split bamboo about two feet square in a Salt Pan. The frame was allowed to remain in the pan for about ten days, and when taken out was covered with salt to the weight of five lbs. and a half.

2. Under more favorable conditions the quantity would be greater, and I am experimenting further with a view to ascertain the probable weight per square acre which might be obtained by immersing in the pans frames of cheap and simple construction.

3. The advantage of making Salt by this method would be increased purity and size in the crystals, and facility in gathering the Salt without risk of scraping up sand or earth along with it.

4. The specimen now sent shows that the bamboo frame was not quite clear when put into the water.

5. Supposing the Pan to be 15 or 18 feet square, five or six frames each three feet wide and the same length as the Pan would cover the whole. The brine should be about four inches deep, and the frames immersed so as to be midway between the surface of the water and the floor of the Pan.

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1. The Board have received the specimen of Salt and congratulate Mr. Forbes on the great success that has attended this very simple expedient for the improvement of the Ganjam Salt, hitherto notoriously bad. The sample is of very good color, very clean, and well tasted, and the masses of crystals large and hard, although the individual crystals are small.

2. The Board will be glad to learn the results of his further experiments, and meanwhile will circulate his letter for the information of all Collectors of Salt Districts, and their Deputies in charge of the Salt Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 93. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1861, No. 1,792.

The Government approve of the Board's orders, and trust that Mr. Forbes' useful suggestion may prove successful.

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

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To G. S. Forbes Esq., Collector of Ganjam.

Copy to Collectors of Salt Districts.

,, to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., for information.

Exd. J. Wright.

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To the Collector of Ganjam; Copy to Collectors of Salt Districts; and to Secretary to Government, R. D.

Dated 3rd August 1861.
Received 12th Sept.

No. 4,184.

Submitting with remarks a letter from the Collector of Ganjam forwarding a specimen of Salt obtained at the Salt pans at Munsoorcottah.

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