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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th November 1861.

No. 48. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1861, No. 5,487 :—

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Chetterpúr, 28th August 1861, No. 239.

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 19th June 1860, No. 1,015, sanctioning hire of 7 Rupees for every 120 Indian maunds of Salt manufactured at the Munsoorcottah Salt works, I have the honor to observe that the hire formerly paid at the above Kotar when Salt was formerly manufactured there of wretched quality, and at a comparatively small amount of labor was the same 7 Rupees. Subsequently the rate of hire was raised in all the Kotars of this District by one-half of the former rate under the Orders of Government, dated the 19th March 1858, No. 354, and I therefore request that the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government to raise the rate of hire at the Munsoorcottah Salt Kotar to Rupees 9, the amount now paid at Ganjam its neighbouring Kotar where formerly only 6 Rupees were paid a garce.

2. A copy of the letter received from the Salt Deputy Collector is herewith sent.

3. The experiment at Munsoorcottah both as regards quality of Salt and extent of sales has been very successful.

From D. VENKATANARSINGA RÁU, Deputy Collector in charge of Salt Department, to G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, dated Berhampore, 24th August 1861, No. 8.

SIR,

1. The Government in their Order of the 19th June 1860, No. 1,015,* sanctioned 7 Rupees for Kudiváram or hire to be paid to the manufacturers of the Munsoorcottah Salt pans, for making one garce or 120 maunds of Salt. At Ganjam 9 Rupees are paid for manufacturing a garce of Salt. The former rate was 7 Rupees only, but in 1858 it was raised to 9 Rupees.

* Paragraph 14.

2. At first I suggested to you that (7) seven Rupees only should be paid to the manufacturers of the Munsoorcottah Salt pans, so that they may be induced to manufacture good Salt with the hope of getting a higher rate. If I had originally recommended giving them 9 Rupees per garce, they would not be contented with it, but would begin to manufacture an inferior quality of Salt and then expect a higher rate. I have therefore commenced with a low rate on a promise to get them more if they make a good quality of Salt.

3. The quantity (maunds 44,000) and the quality of Salt manufactured in the past Fasli is superior to that ever produced at that place. There was never more than 25,000 maunds manufactured, and indeed we expect to make more in the same beds in the coming season.

4. The port of Munsoorcottah being close to the pans great difficulty was experienced in procuring manufacturers, which I thought would not be the case.

5. At the port of Munsoorcottah, when exportation is going on, a cooly gets 4 Annas per day on contract work. As labor is dear, I would under the above circumstances beg to recommend for sanction to the higher authorities for the coming season, or for Fasli 1271, the rate of 9 Rupees per 120 Indian maunds to the manufacturers of Munsoorcottah Salt pans, the rate obtaining at Ganjam, which Kotar is only distant twelve miles from the Munsoorcottah Salt pans.

6. In conclusion I cannot conceal the fact that if the rate of hire be not raised as suggested we shall not be able to get manufacturers for the coming season.

7. The sales up to this has already come up to Rupees 11,087.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Collector.*

Copy to G. S. Forbes, Esq., Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. J. Wright.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 4th November 1861.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the increased rate of Kudiváram proposed by the Collector be sanctioned.

2. The Board are decidedly of opinion that in view of the great rise in prices of commodities and labor throughout the country, the rates of Kudiváram generally need revision, and in most cases to be raised to ensure the manufacturers a fair return for their labor, and to reduce the temptations to illicit operations.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1861, No. 2,110.

The Government sanction the proposed increase; but on the condition that the superior quality of the Salt is fully maintained.

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

No. 5,487.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to G. S. Forbes, Esq., Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 9th October 1861.
Despatched. 22 do
Received. 26th do

No. 5,487.

Submitting a letter from the Collector o
Ganjam, and recommending that the increase
rate of Kudivarum proposed to be granted t
manufacturers of salt be sanctioned.

From Clarke Esq^r Member of
the B^d of Rev^e dated 5 April 1861
No. 1258.

Written under
No. 2110. 1st Nov^r

Fort St George
4th November 1861

The Copies
To the Board of Revenue

No 2110

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