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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd July 1862.

No. 292. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 22nd May 1862, No. 3,309:—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, dated 7th May 1862, No. 999, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the accompanying Statement (A) of Salt sales in the first quarter of the current year 1862.

In Cons. 8th May 1862, No. 2,756.

2. Compared with the sales of the first quarter of the previous year 1861, it will be seen that there is a large falling off in the Kistna and Nellore Districts, which had already attracted the notice of the Board, as exhibited in the monthly accounts, and further explanation was called for from the Collector of the Kistna District.

3. The letter* received from the Collector of the Kistna District, is herewith submitted with its enclosures for the information of Government. It will be seen from the Deputy Collector's report that the large decrease occurs in the Division of Chinna Ganjam, which is attributed to the Brinjari and other tribes preferring certain neighbouring Stores of the Nellore District. This is, however, not borne out by the returns received from Nellore, as no corresponding increase has occurred in that District, but on the contrary there is a decrease. The Deputy Collector finally states that if the sales at the neighbouring Cotaurs in the Nellore District are not proportionately greater, he can only ascribe the decrease in the foreign sales to the price having been raised and to the levy of a heavy duty, equal to the price of the article itself on Salt carried to the Nagpore country. A similar complaint on this point was received from the Collector of Ganjam, and the subject has been referred to the Commissioner at Nagpore.

* Dated 11th April 1862.

O. G., dated 28th February 1862, No. 416.
Do. ,, 12th March 1862, No. 551.

4. With respect to Nellore, the explanation of the Deputy Collector was submitted to Government with the Board's Proceedings, dated 18th March 1862, No. 1,787, and another report† was lately received from the Collector in connection with the accounts for March 1862. The Deputy Collector ascribes the large decrease chiefly to the rise of price and to the manufacture of earth Salt in the western Districts. In a former Report the increased importation of Salt by Railway from Madras into the tracts usually supplied from the Nellore Cotaurs, was stated as one of the probable causes for the decrease in the sales of Salt in Nellore. This, as well as the rise in price, and the imposition of the enhanced taxation in the Nagpore Province on the Salt traders, appear to have affected the sales in Godavery, Kistna and Nellore. From the enclosed Statement (B), which shows the sales of Salt for nine months, or from July to March in each of the last five Faslis, in the Northern East Coast Districts, it will be seen that the sales in Madras are considerably larger than in any of the previous Faslis, while there is a decrease in all the other Districts except Ganjam and Vizagapatam, in which a small increase is observable. The total sales are about on a par with those of Fasli 1269, and in excess of the previous years, though about two lacs of maunds less than Fasli 1270.

† Dated 6th May 1862 (herewith submitted).

This result, which is chiefly observable in the Godavery and Kistna Districts, would seem to show that the price in the inland market is reducing sales, and as the Nagpore duty must materially influence the price, it is deserving of further consideration whether the Imperial Revenues are benefited or the contrary by the impost.

The total deficiency in the three Districts of Nellore, the Godavery and the Kistna amounts to about three and a half lacs of maunds, which at the present Government selling price, represent five and a quarter lacs of Revenue.

It would be well to ascertain if the increase in the collections of duty in the Nagpore Territory for the same period bear any proportion to this loss of Revenue on the Coast.

5. In paragraph 3 of the Order, dated 7th May 1862, No. 999, Government point out a large variation in the Godavery and Kistna Districts in respect to the sales of 1861 compared with those of 1859. The Board regret to observe that an error in their Statement led to this remark. The sales of Salt in 1859, in the late Masulipatam District, were wrongly included in those shown for the Godavery District, instead of in the Kistna District as they should have been. This error has now been corrected and an amended Statement is herewith forwarded, from which it will be seen that there is no such large variation between the two Districts in respect to the sales of 1859 and 1861, as was supposed.

A.

Statement showing the quantity of Salt sold for Home and Inland consumption in each month of the first quarter of the year 1862.

Districts.	January 1862.	February.	March.	Total.	First quarter of 1861.	Comparison of the first quarter of 1861 and that of 1862.
	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.
Ganjam	76,227	1,11,579	1,28,905	3,16,711	3,16,798	— 87
Vizagapatam	15,320	14,113	17,712	47,145	45,127	+ 2,018
Godavery District	6,862	12,243	10,441	29,546	39,500	— 9,954
Kistna do.	62,964	92,623	86,131	2,41,718	3,24,699	— 82,981
Nellore	73,437	1,01,141	52,423	2,27,001	2,96,771	— 69,770
Madras	97,888	93,974	86,088	2,77,950	2,68,547	+ 9,403
South Arcot	15,477	18,505	20,649	54,631	68,402	— 13,771
Tanjore	35,144	38,851	49,646	1,23,641	1,26,824	— 3,183
Madura	21,159	23,978	35,856	80,993	85,680	— 4,687
Tinnevelly	25,671	20,148	29,312	75,131	83,037	— 7,906
North Canara	34,412	24,881	31,459	90,752	1,05,312	— 14,560
South Canara	37,991	39,711	37,457	1,15,159	1,15,603	— 444
Malabar	46,304	44,501	46,530	1,37,335	1,12,615	+ 24,720
Total	5,48,856	6,36,248	6,32,609	18,17,713	19,88,915	— 1,71,202

B.

Statement showing the quantity sold for Home and Inland consumption in the Northern East Coast Districts, from July to March, from Faslis 1267 to 1271.

Districts.	Fasli 1267.	Fasli 1268.	Fasli 1269.	Fasli 1270.	Fasli 1271.	Comparison of Faslis 1270 and 1271.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.
Ganjam	4,50,038	5,18,664	5,14,142	5,14,418	5,32,730	+ 18,312
Vizagapatam	1,44,207	1,23,967	1,40,842	1,31,599	1,56,487	+ 24,888
Godavery	1,41,116	1,62,890	1,63,466	2,04,135	1,28,782	— 75,353
Kistna	4,90,297	4,21,346	5,29,658	4,79,291	3,51,931	— 1,27,360
Nellore	3,72,161	4,87,771	4,09,429	6,11,258	4,60,913	— 1,50,345
Madras	7,02,498	6,12,725	7,54,777	6,93,605	8,19,873	+ 1,26,268
Total	23,00,317	23,27,363	25,12,314	26,34,306	24,50,716	— 1,83,590

No. 293. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th May 1862, No. 3,429 :—

Read Report from the Collector of Ganjam, dated 13th May 1862, on the Administration of the District for 1861-62.

(In Cons. 22nd May 1862, No. 3,089.)

Resolved that an extract from the foregoing report, paragraphs 9 to 11, relating to the sale of Salt in the Ganjam District be now submitted to Government, in continuation of the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd May 1862, No. 3,309, and in anticipation of the General Administration Report to be submitted to Government shortly.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 294. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1862, No. 1,570.

1. These papers relate to the sales of Salt in the first quarter of 1862. The sales during that period fell short of the sales during the same period in 1861, by Maunds 1,71,202. This result is ascribed to the increase of the monopoly price in June 1861 from Rupees 1-6-0 to Rupees 1-8-0 the Maund, and to the levy of a heavy duty on Salt carried into the Nagpore country. The following table shows that the proportion of the decrease to quantity sold was greater in the Northern than in the Southern Districts:—

Districts.	Sales in the first quarter of 1861.	Sales in the first quarter of 1862.	Decrease.	Percentage of column 4 to column 3.
	1	2	3	4
Ganjam	3,16,798	3,16,711	87	.....
Godavery	39,500	29,546	9,954	34
Kistna	3,24,699	2,41,718	82,981	34
Nellore	2,96,771	2,27,001	69,770	31
Total ...	9,77,768	8,14,976	1,62,792	20
South Arcot	68,402	54,631	13,771	25
Tanjore	1,26,824	1,23,641	3,183	3
Madura	85,680	80,993	4,687	6
Tinnevelly	83,037	75,131	7,906	11
Total	3,63,943	3,34,396	29,547	9

To Commissioner dated 28th February 1862, No. 447.
To do. „ 12th March „ No. 552.
From Deputy Commissioner, dated 12th March 1862, No. 434.
To do. 24th March 1862, No. 650.

2. The Government have lately been in correspondence with the Commissioner of Nagpore on the subject of the rate of duty levied in Nagpore, but under the circumstances explained in the Deputy Commissioner's letter, dated 12th March 1862, No. 424, and upon the grounds stated in the Order of Government, 24th June 1862, No. 1,386, the Government have withdrawn their objections. Copies of these papers will be furnished to the Board of Revenue.

3. The low rate of consumption in South Arcot has already received the attention of Government in their Order, dated 11th February 1862, No. 262. The Board will urge on the Collectors of all the Maritime Districts the necessity of keeping the roads to Salt stations in good order, and of rendering all possible facilities to traders in Salt so that the revenue from that source may not fall off.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Acting Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd July 1862.

Statement showing the quantity of Salt sold for Home and Inland consumption in each quarter of the last three years.

Districts.	1859. January to March.	April to June.	July to September.	October to December.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.
Ganjam	3,82,427	1,43,524	46,637	1,00,870	6,73,458
Vizagapatam	37,986	46,955	41,998	54,660	1,81,599
Godavery District	49,365	54,054	52,891	51,256	2,07,566
Kistna do.	2,39,527	1,09,337	30,926	2,21,265	6,01,055
Nellore	2,39,048	1,16,059	94,476	1,30,102	5,79,685
Madras	2,35,716	2,07,259	2,76,508	2,47,584	9,67,067
South Arcot	86,519	67,380	42,713	17,309	2,13,921
Tanjore	1,42,126	1,59,055	1,86,045	1,33,739	6,20,965
Madura	1,02,366	1,03,111	1,12,338	88,575	4,06,390
Tinnevelly	80,920	84,909	98,570	86,664	3,51,063
North Canara } South do. }	2,10,379	1,54,516	31,839	1,05,572	5,05,306
Malabar	1,48,986	1,13,295	98,413	1,48,116	5,08,810
	19,55,365	13,59,451	11,16,351	13,85,712	58,16,885

Districts.	1860. January to March.	April to June.	July to September.	October to December.	Total.
1	7	8	9	10	11
	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.
Ganjam	3,66,634	1,64,456	66,768	1,30,952	7,28,810
Vizagapatam	44,180	35,296	33,219	53,253	1,65,948
Godavery District	59,319	49,434	84,593	80,142	2,73,488
Kistna do.	2,77,467	1,04,452	26,185	1,28,407	5,36,511
Nellore	1,84,851	1,19,954	1,02,962	2,11,522	6,19,289
Madras	2,30,685	2,33,933	2,10,426	2,14,634	8,89,678
South Arcot	37,393	63,476	1,08,503	84,580	2,93,952
Tanjore	1,08,899	1,43,897	1,77,015	1,55,607	5,85,418
Madura	1,17,325	87,142	94,541	97,861	3,96,869
Tinnevelly	83,598	85,570	1,11,511	90,584	3,71,263
North Canara	1,38,796	73,250	4,825	82,628	2,99,499
South do.	99,259	62,963	21,904	56,834	2,40,960
Malabar	1,32,325	1,29,603	76,581	1,26,162	4,64,671
	18,80,731	13,53,496	11,19,033	15,13,166	58,66,356

Districts.	1861. January to March.	April to June.	July to September.	October to December.	Total.
1	12	13	14	15	16
	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.	Ind. Mds.
Ganjam	3,16,798	2,03,335	61,578	1,54,438	7,36,149
Vizagapatam	45,127	54,838	52,980	56,362	2,09,307
Godavery District	39,500	53,910	38,167	61,067	1,92,644
Kistna do.	3,24,699	1,47,008	40,800	69,413	5,81,920
Nellore	2,96,771	1,17,413	1,05,009	1,28,901	6,48,094
Madras	2,68,547	2,45,890	2,67,559	2,74,363	10,56,359
South Arcot	68,402	71,627	81,435	83,996	3,05,460
Tanjore	1,26,824	1,58,970	1,56,735	1,42,851	5,85,380
Madura	85,680	1,13,511	96,299	1,18,653	4,14,143
Tinnevelly	83,037	96,513	1,02,325	1,13,061	3,94,936
North Canara	1,05,312	60,599	10,426	70,906	2,47,243
South do.	1,15,603	55,788	20,319	64,353	2,56,093
Malabar	1,12,615	91,160	88,485	1,11,407	4,06,667
	19,88,915	14,73,562	11,22,117	14,49,771	60,34,395

IN CONS. 23RD APRIL 1862, No. 2,335.

From G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the KISTNA DISTRICT,
dated Masulipatam, 11th April 1862, No. 67.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 4th ultimo, No. 1,469, calling for further explanation of the falling off of Salt sales in this District, I have the honor to forward copy of a Report* on the subject from Mr. Marjoribanks, Deputy Collector in charge of that Department.

*Dated 10th April 1862, No. 14.

2. The deficiency at Pandraca is so nearly made up as to need no further remark. With regard to that at Chinna Ganjam, I have requested the Collector of Nellore to furnish me with a Comparative Statement of the sales at the Northern stores in his District, with a view to test the accuracy of the reports that traders have gone there for Salt in preference to Chinna Ganjam. I have not yet received any reply from Mr. Dykes, but will, on receipt of his answer, communicate the result to the Board.

3. With regard to the concluding part of paragraph 6 of Mr. Marjoribank's Report, it would appear that an import duty is levied by the renter of Customs in Nagpore on Salt passing into the Nagpore country from Hyderabad.

4. This must, I imagine, be an unauthorized proceeding on the part of the renter, and I beg the Board will take the necessary steps to bring the case to the notice of the Nagpore authorities, with a view to the impost being removed.

ENC. 1.

From J. A. MARJORIBANKS, Esq., Deputy Collector,
To G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District,
dated Masulipatam, 10th April 1862, No. 14.

1. With reference to your letter, dated 17th ultimo, No. 71, forwarding copy of the Board's Proceedings of the 4th idem, and calling for a report on the large falling off in the Salt sales, I have the honor to enclose a Statement of the sales from the commencement of the Fasli up to the end of last month, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, showing a decrease of 1,37,803 maunds in the quantity sold at Chinna Ganjam, and 11,088 maunds in that sold at Pandraca.

2. The difference of 31,881 maunds in the sales for Home consumption at Chinna Ganjam, is partly made up by the quantity of 19,132 maunds sold under the same head in the lately re-established Cotar at Nizampatam. The remaining decrease in the Home consumption, and the large falling off in the sales for Foreign consumption, is attributed to many of the Brinjarri and other traders who were in the habit of coming to Chinna Ganjam, having this year gone to the neighbouring stores at Kanuparti and Biramgunta in the Nellore District, where they say they have the advantage of purchasing new Salt, that is, Salt of last year's manufacture; whereas at Chinna Ganjam in consequence of the large stock of old Salt on hand, new Salt has not been made available for sale.

3. It has hitherto been the practice at Chinna Ganjam, in order to encourage traders to resort to it, to allow them to select and purchase any heaps they pleased irrespective of the order in which they were stored, or of the year in which the Salt was manufactured. This practice being at variance with the rules and open to abuse, is now no longer permitted, and the traders are of course very much dissatisfied at the change.

4. At Pandraca Cotar there was a decrease of 23,598 maunds in the Home and 17,370 maunds in the Foreign sales, partly balanced by an increase of 29,880 maunds in the sales to the Godavary District, or a net decrease at the end of March of 11,088 maunds, which I am glad to say has been reduced to 421 maunds on the 9th April (yesterday) the date of last report from Pandraca.

5. The extraordinary increase in the sales to the Godavary District is, I believe, owing to the easier access which Salt dealers of that District have to the Pandraca Cotar, than that which the Corapa Cotar in their own District offers to them.

6. There will, I think, be no falling off in the total sales at the Pandraca Cotar at the end of the Fasli; but I fear there will be a large decrease at Chinna Ganjam. If the sales at the neighbouring Cotars in the Nellore District are not proportionately greater, I can only ascribe the decrease in the Foreign sales to the price having been raised, and to the levy of a heavy duty, equal to the price of the article itself, on Salt carried to the Nagpore country as will be seen by the enclosed Maratta Rowanah which Lambadi trader has handed over to the Salt Superintendent at Pandraca, and forwarded by the latter to me.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Collector.

ENC. No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the sales of Salt in the Cotars of the Kistna District, from the commencement of the Fasli up to March 1861 and 1862.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

IN CONS. 9TH MAY 1862, No. 2,772.

FROM J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of NELLORE,
dated 6th May 1862, No. 105.

In continuation of my letter of the 28th January last, No. 16, and with reference to the Board's remarks in paragraph 2 of their Proceedings of the 15th February 1862, No. 1,086, I have the honor again to bring to the notice of the Board, the decrease in the consumption of salt in four of the divisions of this District.

2. In the four divisions of Tada, Dugarazapatnam, Iskapalli and Pakala, the average sales during the last four years, from 1st July to 31st March, have been in round numbers two and a half lacs; whilst for the corresponding nine months of the current year, the sales are very little more than two lacs, the falling off being nearly half a lac or more, exactly 19 per cent.

Divisions.	Average sales from 1st July to 31st March for the four Faslies of 1267-1268-1269 and 1270.	Sales in the current Fasli 1271, from 1st July 1861 to 31st March 1862.
	Maunds.	Maunds.
Tada...	64,374	62,211
Dugarazapatnam... ...	23,286	11,991
Iskapalli.....	90,099	77,667
Pakala...	71,517	50,295
	2,49,276	2,02,164
	2,02,164	
	47,112 decrease in current year.	

3. In the two remaining divisions of Padarti and Krishnapatnam, the results are again different for the reasons given in the 3rd paragraph of my letter of the 28th January, referred to above.

4. I beg to annex copy of the usual Report for the month of March 1862, of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, dated 17th ultimo, No. 24. It is probably the existing high prices which encourage the smuggling of earth salt, but no cases have yet been brought to a conviction. On inquiry, the cases referred to in the last paragraph of my letter of the 28th January were dismissed. It was found to be not earth salt that had been seized, but saltpetre in an early stage of manufacture.

5. Although the falling off is so heavy, there is an upward tendency. And probably the next Report will be an improvement.

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ENC. 1.

From C. NARAYANASAMI MUDALI, Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, Nellore,

To J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore,

dated Sunnapugunta, 17th April 1862, No. 24.

With reference to your orders of the 4th July last, on paragraph 2 of the Board's Standing Circular, No. 3,325, dated 26th June 1861, I have the honor to subjoin a Statement showing the sales of Salt in the several salt divisions of this District during the past month, as compared with those of the corresponding month of the preceding year.

Divisions.	Fasli 1271.								Fasli 1270.								Difference.			
	Home sales.		Inland sales.		Total.				Home sales.		Inland sales.		Total.				Increase.		Decrease.	
	MDS.	S. C.	MDS.	S. C.	MDS.	S. C.			MDS.	S. C.	MDS.	S. C.	MDS.	S. C.			MDS.	S. C.	MDS.	S. C.
Tada.....	9,845	37 5	50,722	25 5	62,211	0 11			11,488	15 6	59,645	13 8	69,491	10 13			0	0 0	7,280	10 2
Dugarazapatnam	17,279	28 12	1,756	34 11	11,991	20 5			10,237	25 10	5,039	17 3	22,319	5 15			0	0 0	10,327	25 10
Krishnapatnam...	36,110	30 4	21,256	27 6	56,846	9 10			35,589	22 4	13,671	21 0	49,782	17 4			7,063	32 6	0	0 0
Iskapalli.....	32,759	17 5	45,487	3 2	77,667	18 1			32,180	14 15	77,426	35 5	1,10,186	12 10			0	0 0	32,518	34 9
Pakala.....	35,849	17 3	14,527	36 15	50,295	22 9			35,769	25 10	43,671	9 6	79,520	26 9			0	0 0	29,225	4 0
Padarti.....	26,729	17 2	1,69,531	38 10	2,03,297	9 9			33,765	10 15	2,54,918	19 1	2,81,647	36 3			0	0 0	78,350	26 10
Total..	1,58,574	33 15	3,03,280	6 14	4,62,309	0 13			1,59,028	34 12	4,54,372	35 7	6,12,947	29 6			7,063	32 6	1,57,702	20 15

2. From the above Statement, which does not include the salt exported,* it will be seen that there has been an increase of Mds. 454, S. 0, C. 13, in the Home sales, and a decrease of Mds. 1,51,092, S. 29, C. 6, in the Inland sales, actual decrease Mds. 1,50,638, S. 28, C. 9. This falling off is said to be ascribed chiefly to the rise of price and to the manufacture of earth salt in the Western Districts.

*27,934 Maunds.

3. I beg to state that as there has been no decrease, but increase of Mds. 1,030, S. 2, C. 10, in the sales of the month under report, as compared with the sales of the corresponding month of the preceding year, the Comparative Statement called for in your letter of the 22nd ultimo, No. 165, has not been submitted.

4. I have also the honor to append for your information another Statement showing the sales of Salt in the several divisions in each of the last five years, beginning from the 1st July and ending with the 31st March 1862.

Divisions.	1267. Quantity.			1268. Quantity.			1269. Quantity.			1270. Quantity.			1271. Quantity.		
	MDS.	S.	C.	MDS.	S.	C.	MDS.	S.	C.	MDS.	S.	C.	MDS.	S.	C.
1 Tada.....	60,959	5	11	70,115	3	11	56,933	18	6	69,491	10	13	62,211	0	11
2 Dugarazapatnam...	23,690	36	14	23,810	36	13	23,325	21	11	22,319	5	15	11,991	20	5
3 Krishnapatnam.....	45,641	22	3	44,076	20	15	45,848	31	8	49,782	17	4	56,846	9	10
4 Iskapalli..... ...	79,720	25	3	86,980	39	5	83,509	31	11	1,10,186	12	10	77,667	18	1
5 Pakala.....	73,121	4	6	67,798	11	7	65,630	6	6	79,520	26	9	50,295	22	9
6 Padarti	1,24,295	24	13	1,81,539	11	2	1,34,173	11	1	2,81,647	36	3	2,03,297	9	9
Total...	4,07,428	39	2	4,74,321	3	5	4,09,421	3	11	6,12,947	29	6	4,62,309	0	13

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES,
Collector.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Extract from the Report from the Collector of Ganjam dated 13th May 1862 on the Administration of the District.

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11. Para 9. The sales of the year under report yielded a Revenue of Rupees 973499 being Rupees 15266 in excess of that of the year preceding. The increased Revenue however has not kept pace in appearance with the enhanced Monopoly price. The sale of the year is about 50587 Indian Maunds less than last year. This quantity of salt represents a loss of 84,880 Rupees to the Revenue and is attributable to the imposition of an enhanced tax in the shape of a transit duty of 1½ Rupee per Maund on all salt imported into the Agency territories. The Peninsular trade down the Province of Nagpore to the coast to the south of some lacs of rupees annually paid this transit duty added to the enhanced price on the coast, prohibitive to future traffic in salt.

Rec'd 15th May 1862

Pursuant to letter from the Secretary to Govt dated 15th May 1862 No 3309.

Letter from Mr Collen to Collector & Agent dated 10th May 1862 Rec'd 15th ditto.

I know of one individual alone among the Banyans who is said to own 40,000 stack cattle which are usually employed in the Salt trade, the whole of these have in consequence of this measure been withdrawn from the trade and sent back in the direction of Bude-

10. These 40,000 bullocks would carry to the seaboard produce to the annual value of 4 or 5 Lacs of Rupees on Gallons or 2 or 3 Lacs of candy or other cereals. They would take back in return salt which the owners had paid 12 or 13 Rupees a Candy at our depots so that the absence from the Coast this year represents a loss to that amount to the revenue of this district and a similar falling short of anticipated receipts in Singhoney the former about four Lacs of Rupees the latter equal to our whole yearly sale price. These are legal enactments declaring this contract and Alliance is entirely adjudged and miscreations in its effects.

11. Be it enacted that next year those of the Banyan brethren who

were carrying down an equivalence of this sort have they year been sent up Salt and will also have to the trade and Rations in lieu of a Revenue of 11 Lacs from Salt one shall hereby punishment the returns of the present year.

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(True Extract)

Secretary.

Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
to Mr. Secretary Taylor
No. 89 dated 29th May 1862
& No 3429

Read 15th July 62.

Collector of Salt Revenue
Northern Division
Cuttack 13th
May 1862

Sir

I have the honor to submit for the information of the Board of Revenue the following statement of the Salt sales effected in the Northern Division during the month of April last.

Balasore	2	1 6

Although the high rate of duty levied in Hijelee has been one of the causes of the diminution of sales in the Northern districts, the high Govt selling rate has most materially affected the general sales of salt throughout this Presidency.

While the Government selling rate was not higher than 1 R 4 per Maund the Salt sales exhibited a steady increase and it seems worthy of the serious consideration of the Govt of India whether a reduction in the present high rate of selling of salt which will

almost certainly be followed by an increased consumption of their most necessary article, is not expedient.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 22d June 1862

Read the following

Con: of the Board of Revenue

Submitting Statement of Salt Sales in first quarter of the current year 1862 — (Recd 22d May 1862 No 3309.)

Furnishing Extract from the Report of the Collector of Tanjore respecting the Salt Sales (Recd 27th May/62 No 3429.)

These papers relate to the sales of Salt in the first quarter of 1862. The sales during that period fell short of the sales during the same period in 1861, by Maunds 1,71,202. This deficiency is ascribed to the increase of the monopoly price in June 1861 from Rs 1-6-0 to Rs 1-8-0 the Maund and to the levy of a heavy duty on Salt carried into the Tanjore country. The following table shews that the proportion of the decrease in quantity sold was greater in the Northern than in the Southern Districts, (and that

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~~is conclusive proof of the fact of the duty levied in Rangoon County.~~

Districts.	Sales in the first Quarter of 1862.	Sales in the first Quarter of 1861.	Decrease.	Percentage of Column 4, to Col. 3.
	1.	2.	3.	4.
Ganjam	316,798.	316,711.	87.	"
Godavery	39,600.	29,646.	9954.	34.
Vizagapatam	324,699.	241,718.	82,981.	34.
Nellore	296,771.	227,001.	69,770.	31.
Total	977,768.	814,976.	162,792.	20.
South Arcot	68,402.	54,631.	13,771.	25.
Tanjore	126,824.	123,641.	3,183.	3.
Madura	83,680.	80,993.	4,687.	6.
Tinnevelly	83,037.	75,131.	7,906.	11.
Total	363,943.	334,396.	29,547.	9.

2. ~~The Govt have taken~~ been in correspondence with the Commissioner of Rangoon on the subject of the duties levied in Rangoon alluded to but under the circumstances explained in the ~~by~~ Commissioners letter dated 12th March 1862 No 424 ~~The Govt~~ the Govt have withdrawn their

Lr Comm.r of 28th Feby 1862 No 447.
Lr to do 12th March 1862 No 662.
Com.r to do 12th March 1862 No [illegible]
Lr to do 24th March 1862 No 650.

and upon the grounds stated in Minute of Govt 24th June 1862 No 1386

~~ir objections. Govt~~ these papers will be furnished to the Board of Revenue with the remark that the Govt do not deem it expedient further to move in the matter.—

3. The low rate of consumption in South Arcot has already received the attention of Govt in their order dated 11th February 1862 No 262 — The Board will urge on the Collectors of all the Maritime districts the necessity of keeping the roads to salt stations in good order and of rendering all possible facilities to traders in salt so that the Revenue from that source may not fall off —

14th June Bd of Rev. Desp No 288 with the foregoing letter to

Sales of Salt—

Revenue 1862 Dept.
Pro: of Govt for July

No 1570.

To
Pro: Fitte Madras Govt
dt 22d July 1862.

Pro. Bd of Rev. dt 31st July 62
No 2169 - in Pro.
Forwarding the duty to the Boards of Revenue
Mdas & Bengal 6th March 1860
Passing orders on 1 Bd
Pro: relating to the Sales of
Salt in Ganjam in the
first quarter of 1862. —

Pro. No. 567-568
28-2-62

" 200-201
12-3-62

" 244-245
15-4-62

" 138-140
7-5-62

f. 292 at 294.

July 25th 1862