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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th July 1862.*

No. 360. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1862, No. 4,462 :—

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated 28th May 1862, No. 93.

SIR,

1. I am in receipt of the Board's Circular Proceedings (Standing), dated 20th instant, No. 3,231, forwarding the Proceedings of Government, No. 1,043 of the 12th idem, passing final orders on Mr. Pelly's report on the subject of the price to be paid for salt to the manufacturers.

| | Present rates. | | | Future rates. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
| Teagavully... ... | 6 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 0 |
| Killay ..... ... | 8 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 0 |
| Cuddalore..... | 8 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 12 | 0 |

2. Annexed to paragraph 5 is entered the scale of the present and future rates of salt, and at the three places noted in the margin the entry stands as I have given it.

3. I think both Mr. Pelly and the Government must have overlooked the former Proceedings of the latter held in the Revenue Department, and dated 27th February 1860, No. 301, because in paragraph 7 of those Proceedings, at the instance of the Collector backed by the recommendation of the Board, the Government sanction a uniform rate of Rupees 10 per garce at all the above three places of manufacture; and they would appear to condemn the different rates there prevailing, and for which it is stated no reason was given.

4. I beg to call the Board's attention to the former orders of Government adverted to; and as I am of opinion that no change should be made, but as sanctioned two years ago, that the uniform rate of Rupees 10 per garce should in future be paid at the three places abovenamed, I solicit instructions accordingly; meanwhile I shall hold in abeyance those just received.

5. I observe that Government declined to restrict themselves to Mr. Pelly's rates, or to the gradations prepared by him, so that even in the present Proceedings they left it open to increase those rates where necessary.

6. Paragraph 6 of the Government Orders shall have my attention; and inquiry on the subject has already been directed; meanwhile I think it of consequence to solicit early correction of an apparent oversight on the particular point which has called for my present reference.

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1. Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to the correspondence quoted by the Collector.

2. Mr. Reade is mistaken in supposing that Mr. Pelly had overlooked the Proceedings of Government, dated 27th February 1860, No. 301. An extract from Mr. Pelly's communication to Government is annexed, and from this it will be seen that the rate, which he proposed for the Cudivarum of these pans, was 1½ Anna per Indian Maund equivalent to 11¼ Rupees per garce.

Enclosure No. 1 in a letter from Mr. Pelly to Government, dated 18th January 1861, No. 689.

3. The Board would recommend that the Collector's proposal to continue paying at the rate of 10 Rupees per garce should be allowed. This will be 1 Anna and 4 Pice the Indian Maund.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER, *Acting Sub-Secretary.*

## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th July 1862.*

Abstract of the reply from the Collector of South Arcot to Mr. Pelly's Circular, dated 12th May 1860, on the subject of rates of Cudevarum.

Notes on the Collector's remarks by Mr. Pelly.

I would recommend that, as in the case of the Madras District, the Meerasy rights if any should be separately inquired into, and disposed of according to their merits. The manufacture being restricted only to certain pans, some have been virtually closed without compensation, and it is not clear in what manner the Meerasy right is recognized.

The Collector's proposition seems to abolish some pans by granting some slight compensation and fixing the rates at Rupees 13-2-0 per garce for Murkanum, 15 Rupees for Candadu, and Rupees 10-6-0 for Cuddalore, &c. The Collector's proposition is not definite, and some of the rates suggested by him appear to be excessive.

It is not intended that the cost of covering the heaps should be borne by the manufacturer as proposed by the Collector, and I have therefore fixed 1¼ Anna per Maund, which I consider quite sufficient. I see no reason to make any distinctions between the Southern and Northern pans of the District.

H. Wood, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated 29th July 1860.

The rates of Coodevarum vary very considerably not only in the northern and Southern Divisions, but even among the villages composing the Northern Division, and also in different pans of some villages ranging there between Rupees 17-12-0 and Rupees 6-11-0 per garce. These rates were originally fixed in 1803, and were slightly modified in 1829; a Meerasy right in the pans seems always to have been recognized. The rates were fixed on the same principle as the Land Revenue, half the average value of the produce of the salt being allowed to the Ryot as his share. The Collector apprehends some difficulty in equalizing the rates. The Collector proposes to raise all the lower rates to Rupees 15 for the Northern Division with the understanding that all expenses of covering and measuring into store and any ordinary repairs of the channels be borne by manufacturers and to retain the higher rates at certain pans in some of which there is no manufacture for the last few Faslies and in others it is very small. The Collector is of opinion that if a slight compensation is given to the owners of these pans, the rates may be fixed at Rupees 13-2-0 at Murkanum and 15 at Candadu. In the Southern Division the rates have this year been raised to 10 Rupees per garce throughout, under the Order of Government dated 27th February 1860, and the Collector now suggests an increase to Rupees 10-6-0 per garce, or 1¼ Anna per Indian Maund in order to cover the cost of covering and measuring into store, the expense of which is now borne by Government. These proposals are, however, at variance with the Collector's figured Statement in which the rates proposed are 2 Annas per Maund for the Northern Division and 1 Anna 4¼ Pie for the Southern, or 15 Rupees and 10 Rupees 5 Annas per garce respectively.

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No. 361. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1862, No. 1,605.

1. The Board submit a letter from the Collector of South Arcot, on the subject of the price to be paid to Salt manufacturers in the South Arcot District, recommending that in accordance with the sanction accorded two years ago, a uniform rate of 10 Rupees per garce should be continued. The Collector, as pointed out by the Board of Revenue, is in error in supposing that Mr. Pelly had overlooked the Proceedings of Government dated 27th February 1860, No. 301, by which the uniform rate of 10 Rupees per garce was sanctioned. The rate proposed by Mr. Pelly was 1¼ Anna per Indian Maund.

2. The Government concur with the Board of Revenue that the rate of 10 Rupees per garce, or 1 Anna 4 Pice the Indian Maund, should be continued, and sanction the payment of Salt at that rate in the South Arcot District.

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

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt. 28th July 1862.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dd 11 July 1862.

The Board submit a letter from the Collector of S. Arcot, on the subject of the price to be paid to Salt manufacturers in the S. Arcot district, and recommending that in accordance with the sanction accorded two years ago a uniform rate of 10 Rs. per garce should be continued.

as pointed out by the Board of Revenue in their Proc.

The Collector enclosing that

Mr. Pelly had evaded

the Proceedings of Govt dd

27 July 1860 No 301. by

which the uniform rate

of 10 Rs began was sanc-

tioned. The rate hitherto

by Mr. Pelly was 1½ Annas

per Indian Maund.

The Govt concur with

the Board of Revenue in

~~proceedings~~ that the

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Maund should be continued

~~and sanctioned~~ and sanction

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district. Md.

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Passing orders on Board's Proceedings submitting South Arcot Collector's letter on the subject of price to be paid to Salt Manufacturers in that District.

Proc: Nos. 62-63
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11-3-60

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