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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th August 1862.

No. 188. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th July 1862, No. 4,879:—

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Chetterpoor, 5th June 1862, No. 121.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit Estimates for opening Salt Pans at Itchapur to be worked from the commencement of the season next year, together with cost of establishment, &c.

2. In their Proceedings of 20th September 1860, No. 1,668, the Government approved my proposal to open pans at Munsoorcottah and Itchapur, but the experiment was for the time limited to Munsoorcottah in order that the effect of the measure on the sales at Ganjam might be observed. The result has more than answered my expectations, as the accompanying Memorandum showing the total sales at the two places during the past year in comparison with those effected at Ganjam alone in previous years.

3. The demand on Munsoorcottah has been very brisk chiefly for local consumption, and the vicinity of this depôt to the large town of Berhampoor has been a great convenience to its population.

4. At Itchapur the natural facilities for manufacturing salt are great, and the ground available is more extensive than at Munsoorcottah, or even Ganjam. Much spontaneous salt and salt earth is now surreptitiously obtained from the swamp and consumed in the surrounding country, which has not access to any Government depôt within easy distances. I anticipate that the population of Mundasa, Bodarsinghee, Jaluntra, Jaradah, Soorunghy, Pedda Kimedy, Chikaty, and the Government Táluq of Itchapur would draw its supply from these pans; and I am sanguine of being able to open a line of traffic through the hills due west from Itchapur into the open country behind them. A village road in this direction passing through the Soorungy Zamíndári, and then turning northward through the Pedda Kimedy Estate would be an important aid to the new pans, and I am requesting the Acting District Engineer to make a rough survey and estimate for such a line undertaking only to render nullahs and swamps passable by carts and skirting the base of the hills as far as possible.

5. We have at present an inland line through Russelcondah at the northern corner of the District, and another through Purla Kimedy in the south, but between these two a long line of seaboard has no where a line of access to the country behind the ghâts.

6. I anticipate not less than an increase of a lac of Rupees to our salt revenues from these pans.

P. S.—No provision has been made in the Budget of 1862-63 for the proposed Salt Establishment of Itchapur, as it has not received the sanction of Government; but if the Government think it proper this charge may be debited against the expected receipts which also found no place in the Budget of 1862-63; or if a Supplemental Budget is necessary both the charges and receipts should be given.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Estimate for cutting channels and making a platform for re-opening the Salt Pans at Itchapur.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—List showing the Establishment sanctioned for the Munsoorcottah Salt Pans and the one proposed to re-open the Itchapur pans.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Memorandum showing the sales of salt at the Ganjam and Munsoorcottah Cotars during the year 1861-62 as compared with the sales of Ganjam in the preceding year.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 15th August 1862.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to paragraphs 11 and 12 of their Order in the Revenue Department dated 5th May last, No. 976.

2. The Board quite agree with Mr. Forbes on the advisability of opening pans at Itchapur, and they request that sanction may be at once accorded for the expenditure necessary for this purpose in the way of cutting channels and making a platform, the cost of which has been estimated by the Collector at Rupees 1,507-12-0.

3. Mr. Forbes' proposition to charge the cost of Establishment against the expected receipts is quite inadmissible; it would be as well, however, to avoid, if possible, sending in a Supplemental Budget on this account, and the Collector will therefore report whether there is likely to be a saving in any item of his Budget for the current year which could be applied in liquidation of the proposed additional expenditure.

4. The Establishment to be provided for Itchapur will be determined upon in communication with Mr. Pelly, and submitted for the approval of Government in connection with the other matters upon which a report is called for in Government Order 5th May 1862. The present reference is made in order that no time may be lost in preparing the ground, &c.

5. Mr. Forbes is incorrect (paragraph 2 of his letter) in saying that the Government had approved of his proposal to open pans at Itchapur. They merely acquiesced* in his wish to see the result of opening the Munsoorcottah Pans before recommending the restoration of those at Itchapur.

* 20th September 1860, No. 1,668, paragraph 3.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 189. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1862, No. 1,732.

1. With these Proceedings the Board of Revenue submit a letter from the Collector of Ganjam forwarding estimates, amounting to Rupees 1,507-12-0, for opening Salt Pans at Itchapur.

2. The Collector anticipates, from the success which has resulted from opening Salt Pans at Munsoorcottah, that if these Salt Pans are sanctioned at Itchapur, there will be an increase of not less than a lac of Rupees to the Salt Revenues of the Ganjam District.

3. The Board of Revenue strongly support the proposal of the Collector of Ganjam, and request that sanction may be at once accorded for the expenditure necessary for the project in the way of cutting channels and making a platform.

4. No provision has, the Government observe, been made in the Budget of 1862-63 for this expenditure and for the proposed Establishment at the Itchapur Salt Pans, and the Board before preparing a Supplemental Budget have called on Mr. Forbes to report whether there is likely to be any saving in any item of his Budget for the current year, applicable in liquidation of the proposed additional expenditure.

5. Under the circumstances stated in the Board's Proceedings the Government resolve to sanction the estimate of Rupees 1,507-12-0 for the opening of the Salt Pans at Itchapur, and they will be prepared to consider the Establishment required at Itchapur upon the receipt of Mr. Pelly's report, with whom the Board are in communication.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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Proceedings of the
Madras Govt. 15th augt 62

Read Proceedings of
the Board of Revenue
d/ 28th July. 1862. -

With their Proceedings the
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a letter from the Collector
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Rs 1507. 12. 0. - for opening
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at Tchapour, there will be an increase of nett less than a lac of Rupees to the Salt Revenues of the Sanjam district.

The Board of Revenue strongly support the proposal of the Collector of Sanjam. and request that sanction may be at once accorded for the expenditure necessary for the project in the way of cutting channels and making a platform.

No provision has the first Instance been made in the Budget of 1862. 63. for this expenditure and for an increased Establishment at the Tchapour Salt Pans- and the Board before preparing a Supplemental Budget have called on Mr. Forbes to report whether there is likely to be any saving in any item of this Budget for the current year, applicable in liquidation of the proposed additional expenditure.-

Under the circumstances stated in the Boards

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