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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*3rd September* 1862.

No 25. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department, dated 30th August 1862, No 466 :—

Communicating orders passed on letter from Madras Railway Agent and Manager, offering for sale a building belonging to the Company for a Salt Store at Beypoor. (Vide Financial Proceedings, 30th August 1862, Nos. 117, 118.)

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1862, No. 1,865.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
*Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.*

## FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

### *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

l the following letter from R. B. ELWIN, Esq., Agent and Manager; to Captain H. L. PRENDERGAST, Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways in charge, dated 13th August 1862, No. 545.

As the South West monsoon is drawing to a close, I have the honor to bring under the ce of Government, the question of making Beypore a Depôt for Salt in the District of abar.

1. Ponany is at present the site of the Government Salt Depôt for the Western Coast, in sequence, I presume, of its easy access by water; but now that the South West Line of this way is opened throughout, I trust Government will consider the necessity of transferring the pôt to Beypore.

3. The Company cannot of course expect that Government will incur the expence of removthe stock at present at Ponany, but I may venture to hope that all fresh supplies will be stored Beypore instead of at the former place.

4. Beypore, I should say, is quite, if not more, convenient than Ponany for inland consumpn, and by depositing Salt at that place it can be delivered by Railway at Palghaut and Coimbae much cheaper than by road and back-water from Ponany.

5. I may here remark that Mr. Grant the late Collector of Malabar in his letter No. 399, ted the 7th of February 1862, addressed Lieutenant Colonel Johnston, a copy of which was warded to me by that Officer on the 12th idem, strongly advocated the transfer of the Salt down from Ponany to Beypore; and the thorough knowledge which Mr. Grant possessed of the nts of the people in Malabar, will doubtless carry great weight with the Government when the estion comes before them for consideration.

6. Up to this time we have been able to command for the Western Coast but a very small rtion of this important traffic, and upon enquiry I learn that this is attributable to some conssion made by the Madras Government to that of Cochin in regard to duty, which has placed e Rajah in a position to sell Salt to the public at a considerably reduced rate, to that at which could be obtained from the Government Salt Stores at Ponany.

7. The result of such an arrangement is, that Salt can be and is purchased at Cochin, brought by bandy to Palghaut, and sold in the bazaars there at nearly the same price as the Governent obtain for it at Ponany, which place is situated 70 miles from Palghaut.

8. It is evident therefore that so long as this arrangement lasts, the Railway Company nnot expect to obtain any appreciable part of the Salt traffic.

9. At Beypore we have a large building which was erected for the safe custody of Stores, but hich I think it probable will never be used for that purpose, and therefore I shall be prepared recommend my Directors to dispose of the building to the Government to be used as a Salt odown, if the proposition I now submit be entertained.

10. The building is conveniently situated for landing Salt from boats lying in the backater, and can at a small cost be converted into a Salt store. It is also admirably situated for rwarding Salt to stations on our line, being close to the goods shed.

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On the receipt of this letter, on the 14th instant, I applied to the Secretary to the Board of evenue for information as to whether any decision was come to by the Board on the subject of moving the Salt Deôpt from Ponany to Beypore, and to be favored with a copy of their Proceedgs for submission to Government, together with the correspondence which had taken place etween the Agent, this Office, and the Collector.

2. I learn, in reply, from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,507, dated 21st ugust, received yesterday, that the Board have approved of the proposal to establish a Salt otar at Beypore, and that they have instructed the Collector to take speedy measures for giving effect.

3. From a copy of the Board of Revenue Proceedings, dated the 12th August, a copy of which I received this day, I find that they have forwarded a letter from the Collector of Malabar to the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, for consideration and early submission to Government.

4. The Collector, in his letter, proposes that sanction be accorded *at once* for the erection of a substantial Golla, capable of containing about 500 garce of Salt; but as the Agent and Manager in paragraph 9 of his letter is willing to transfer a building belonging to the Railway Company, advantage might, I think, be taken of it, if the building should be found to be a suitable one.

MADRAS, 27*th August* 1862. (Signed) HEW L. PRENDERGAST, Captain,
*Ag. Dy. Cong. Engineer for Railways in charge.*
*To the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George.*

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ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1862, No. 466.

Ordered that a copy of the foregoing letter and of the remarks of the Acting Deputy Consulting Engineer thereon be furnished to the Collector of Malabar, and that he be requested to state whether the building offered by the Railway Agent and Manager for a Salt Store at Beypore would not be preferable to erecting a separate Godown for that purpose—and at what sum it can be purchased from the Railway Company.

(True Extract,)

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Collector of Malabar.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways,
(with enclosures returned.)
" Revenue Department √

Exd. F. Cartledge,

1/9/62

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Nos. 2495.

Proceedings of the
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the Financial Dept.
Dated 30th August 1862
Received 1st Octr.
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Communicating
orders passed on a letter
from the Madras Railway
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fering for sale a build-
ing belonging to the Co.
for a Salt Store at
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J P

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