Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th September 1862.

No. 295. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th August 1862:—

Read again letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, dated 24th July 1862, No. 166, and recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 31st July 1862, No. 5,000.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 12th August 1862, No. 190.
(In Cons. 16th August 1862, No. 5,169.)

1. Resolved that the foregoing letters be submitted for the early consideration and orders of Government.

2. In paragraph 5 of their Proceedings of 3rd June last, No. 1,223, the Government in reviewing the Salt Administration Report of the Kistna District, desired the Board to make the necessary arrangements in accordance with their recommendation* on the question of opening Pans at Manganapudi, when replying to Government Order 5th May 1862, No. 976.

* Paragraph 17, Board's Proceedings 9th May 1862, No. 2,959.

3. This will accordingly be done, but as the Collector's letter above recorded show, that it is absolutely necessary that immediate notice should be given to the manufacturers (who have to come from a distance) in order that full advantage may be taken of the coming season, the Board beg to recommend that sanction be at once granted to open Pans at Manganapudi.

4. The establishment required will be entered in Mr. Pelly's revised Statement. In the meantime the Collector may be permitted to entertain a Superintendent and two Peons as proposed by him. The sums referred to by Mr. Thornhill as entered in the Budget of 1862-63, on account of Salt establishment and manufacture having been sanctioned by the Supreme Government there is no difficulty as to funds.

5. It seems desirable that manufacture should be carried on both at Manganapudi and Buntumilly during the approaching season.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 296. ORDER THEREON, 16th September 1862, No. 2,001.

1. The Government have already sanctioned the opening of Pans at Manganapudi. They now authorize the Collector to issue a Notification to that effect, and to commence operations without delay in order that full advantage may be taken of the ensuing season.

Government Order No. 1,223, dated 3rd June 1862.

2. For this purpose the immediate entertainment of a Superintendent and two Peons is also sanctioned, the question of the permanent establishment being reserved for final orders on the submission of Mr. Pelly's amended Statement. Provision for this charge, it is observed, has been made in the Budget.

3. Considering that Salt Pans are now to be newly established at Manganapudi and that the manufacture of the last season at the Pandraca Kotar almost entirely failed, the Government accede to the proposal that the Pans at Buntumilly should also be kept open for the ensuing season.

4. Mr. Pelly's revised scheme of Salt establishments should be furnished without any further delay.

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

No. 5,000.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENE, dated 31st July 1862.

Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Masulipatam, 24th July 1862, No. 166:—

1. In forwarding the accompanying report from the Deputy Collector in charge of the salt in this District, I have the honor to draw the Board's attention to the concluding paragraph of Mr. Marjoribank's letter, and to request their sanction for at once taking measures for opening the pans at Manganapudy next year.

2. The manufacture of salt at Buntumilly has of late years been often precarious. The swamps are, since the Anicut channels have been completed, under the influence, to a certain extent, of the Godavery floods. They are liable to be overcharged with fresh water, and in a wet season, as the last proved to be, total failure of produce is some times the case.

3. Manganapudy is entered in Mr. Pelly's new list of stations, and as manufacturers must be brought from a distance, and the ground will require much preparation for the first season, I earnestly beg the Board will give me their sanction at once to commence operations.

4. I also beg permission to manufacture both at Manganapudy and Buntumilly for next year.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. A. MARJORIBANKS, Esq., Deputy Collector, to G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 22nd July 1862, No. 20.

1. The manufacture of salt for the current year having been brought to a close at all the three Cotars of this District, I have the honor to submit the following report on the results of the season.

2. The manufacture at China Ganjam and Nizampatam was carried on without any difficulty. The quantity contracted for, and that stored at these Cotars, are noted below.

	Quantity contracted for Fasli 1271. Indian Maunds.		Quantity stored for Fasli 1271. Indian Maunds.		
China Ganjam.....	2,00,000	*	1,92,431	23	0
Nizampatam.....	1,00,000		1,01,329	20	0

3. The trifling decrease in the China Ganjam Cotar is of no consequence, as there is a very large quantity* of salt remaining in that Depot at present.

* On the 19th July 1862.
Indian Maunds.
8,36,616 37 2

† Indian Maunds.

Manufacture....	16,834	0
Swamp.....	6,402	0
	23,236	0

Dates on which rain fell.	Inches.	Tenths.
5th January	....	5
8th do.	2	2
9th do.	.....	1
19th do.	.....	1
28th April	....	5
6th May	3	....
31st do.	....	2
6th June	.....	1
7th do.	.....	3
16th do.	3	.....
23rd do.	....	1
24th do.	1	½
25th do.	.....	3½
26th do.	....	5

4. I have from time to time brought to your notice the unfavorable state of the weather at Pandraca for salt: and it is with much regret I have now to report that a very small quantity† of salt has been gathered and stored at this Cotar. The cause of this is chiefly owing to the very unseasonable showers of rain which fell during the months from January to June, as noted in the margin, and the same cause has operated to prevent the collection of any salt at the Manganapudy swamps.

5. The entire quantity of salt on hand at Pandraca Cotar on the 1st instant, inclusive of the small quantity collected this year, was 2,18,052 Maunds. This will probably suffice for Home and Inland consumption and for Foreign sales till March 1863, by which time I hope next season's salt will be coming in.

6. The Board I perceive are prepared to sanction the opening of new pans at Manganapudy, and I trust that early orders will be passed so that no time may be lost in commencing operations there. As Manganapudy, however, has never before been used as a place of manufacture, I think it will not be safe, in the present reduced state of the stores at Pandraca, to depend upon obtain-

ing an ample supply of salt at Manganapudy during the next season, and I would therefore respectfully beg to suggest that during next year salt should also be manufactured at Buntumilly.

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1. The Collector will please to state whether provision has been made in the Budget for the cost of Establishment, &c., which will be incurred by opening the manufacture at Manganapudi, and when he proposes to commence the work.

2. The phrases "during next year," and "for next year," used by himself and the Deputy Collector, are indefinite.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

1862 Department.

No.
Rec'd 24th July 1862.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 31*st July* 1862.

Despatched

Received

No. 5,000.

Requesting the Collector of the Kistna District to state whether provision has been made in the Budget, for the cost of Establishment, &c., which will be incurred by opening new Salt Pans at Manganapudy, and when he will commence the work.

c/ 1:190

From

G. Thornhill Esq.
Collector of Kistna District.

To

W. Hudleston Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort St. George

Sir,

3000. With reference to Board's Proceedings dated 31st July 1862, I have the honor to state that provision has been made in the Budget for 1862-63 for the Manganapudi Salt Establishment at Rupees 100 a month for the full year. The Establishment proposed in my letter to Mr Pelly now under despatch amounts to Rupees 138 exclusive of Sadeerawaree, but as the full Establishment will only be required for about 6 Months, the Rupees 1,700 provided will more than cover it.

2. It is absolutely necessary that immediate notice should be given to the manufacturers, as they will otherwise hardly have time to make preparations for the manufacture of 1862-63.

3. The persons who have agreed to undertake the manufacture are the Salt Nyots of the abandoned Aldeer of Pedda Janjam distant about 70 miles.

4. The ground is entirely new, and they will have after their arrival to make all their arrangements for draining the land, ploughing it, and laying it out in beds, digging brine pits and making

making Piccottahs.

5. This, the Board will see will entail upon them a large outlay, and unless they have the full season before them, they are likely to suffer serious loss.

6. The ordinary time for commencing operations is October, but under the above mentioned circumstances, I trust I shall receive the Board's permission to give the men until during the current month.

7. The superintendent and 2 Peons should be entertained so soon as the people arrive or say, from the 1st September, the remainder of the Establishment might be entertained from the 1st December.

8. The cost of making the salt can be met from the sum of Rupees 45000 entered in the Budget under that head for 1862-63. Owing to the total failure in the produce of the Pandrace Odaur during the current manufacturing season 1862. there will be a large surplus on hand to meet any expences that may be incurred prior to May 1863.

9. It is proposed to manufacture 100,000 of Maunds of Mangeneapuy, if can much

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can be obtained.

Kistna District
Collr's Kacheri
Masulipatam
12th August 1862.

Shaw & Co
pr[illegible] J. Thornhill
Collector

True Copy

C Glasse
Sub Secretary

Encr. No 2

Final Proceedings from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to the Chief Secretary to Govt. of 27th August 1862 No.

Rev: 2447/62.

Letter from the Collr. of the Kistna District to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 12th Augt. 1862 respecting certain Salt pans.

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of Mr Pelly's amended
statement. Provision
for this charge, if so
observed has been made
in the Budget.

3 Considering
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Mangalapudy ~~for the~~
~~first time~~, and that the
manufacture of the last
season at the Pandrava
Kolair

4 Mr Pelly's Re-
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establishments should
be furnished without
any further delay.

WM

JP

1 Copy to the Hon'ble C. Pelly Secy to Govt
11 " Supt Revs
3 " Collr Guntur
2 " Civil Paymaster