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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th October 1862.

No. 387. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th October 1862, No. 6,858:—

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 13th September 1862, No. 236.

SIR,

With reference to the Board's Standing Circular, dated the 20th May last, No. 3,231, communicating the Order of Government of the 12th idem, No. 1,043, I have the honor to request that the Board will take steps to add to the list annexed to the above Order the names of Munsoorcottah and Itchapore Kotars at Rupees 9-6-0 per garce, the price at present paid at the former Kotar being Rupees 9.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to the last clause of paragraph 5 of their Order quoted by the Collector.

2. The Board recommend that the rate proposed by the Collector of Rupees 9-6-0 per garce for the Salt at the Munsoorcottah and Itchapore Kotars, be approved.

3. The Salt Pans at the former station were in existence before the Order of Government above quoted, and those at Itchapore were sanctioned to be opened, subsequently to that Order, viz., on the 15th August 1862, in Government Proceedings No. 1,732.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 388. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1862, No. 2,314.

1. When the Salt Depôt of Munsoorcottah was first re-opened, the price to be paid to the manufacturers was fixed at 7 Rupees per garce, but the Government said that they would be prepared to raise it, if sufficient cause were subsequently shown.

Proceedings 19th June 1860, No. 1,015, paragraph 14.

2. This promise stimulated the manufacture, and at the end of the first season the Salt was pronounced to be of a very superior quality to that formerly produced at the same Pans. In reporting this result, the Collector brought to the notice of Government that labor was very dear, owing to the great demand in connection with the port, and that, unless the Government gave a larger price for Salt, it would be very difficult to get manufacturers for the ensuing season. It further appeared that while the Munsoorcottah Pans had been closed, the rate at all the Depots in the District of Ganjam had been increased by nearly one-half. The price at Ganjam itself had thus been raised from a little over 6 to 9 Rupees, while the old rate of 7 Rupees at Munsoorcottah, only 12 miles distant, was still continued. Upon a consideration of all these circumstances the Government consented to raise the rate at Munsoorcottah from 7 to 9 Rupees, on the understanding, however, that the superior quality of the Salt was to be fully maintained.

Proceedings 4th November 1861, No. 2,110.

3. Subsequently the whole question of the price to be paid for Salt came under the review of Government, and, among other changes, the price at the Ganjam Depôt was increased from 9 Rupees to 9-6-0. The Government now sanction the latter rate for Munsoorcottah also, the former stipulation as to the quality of the Salt remaining in full force.

Proceedings 12th May 1862, No. 1,043.

4. The Collector proposes that the same remuneration should be paid to the manufacturers at Itchapore, where Pans are being re-opened, and the Board support his recommendation. No reason however is given for this proposal, and, in the absence of any information as to the particular circumstances affecting the locality, the Governor in Council cannot authorize it. The rate prevailing at the other Depôts, south of Munsoorcottah, is Rupees $7\frac{1}{2}$ per garce, and the Government resolve to sanction this for adoption at Itchapore in the first instance. They will be prepared to consider any reasons for increasing it when the quality of the Salt has been ascertained, but the grounds of the recommendation must be fully stated.

Proceedings 15th August 1862, No. 1,732.

Proceedings 12th May 1862, No. 1,043.

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

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 29th October 1862

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the Coll.r of Ganjam, and recommending that the rate therein proposed by the Collector for the Salt at the Munsoorcottah & Itchapoor Kotars, be approved.

(Here enter 13th October 1862 No. 6858.)

Proc.s 19 June 60, No 1015, Para 14

Where the salt depot of Munsoorcottah was first re-opened, the price to be paid to the manufacturers was fixed at 7 Rupees per Garce, but the Govt. said that they would be prepared to raise it, if sufficient cause were subsequently shown.

2 This promise stimulated the manufacture, and at the end of the first season the salt ~~produced~~ was pronounced to be of a very superior quality to that formerly produced at the same place. In

reporting this result, the Collector brought to the notice of Govt. that labor was very dear, owing to the great demand in connection with the port, and that, unless the Govt. gave a larger price for salt, it would be very difficult to get manufacturers for the ensuing season. It further appeared that while the Mundoorcottah pans had been closed, the rate at all the depots in the district of Ganjam had been increased by nearly one-half. The price at Ganjam itself had thus been raised from a little over six to nine Rupees, while at Mundoorcottah, only 12 miles distant the old rate of seven Rs. formerly prevailing at Mundoorcottah, was still continued there. Upon a consideration of all these circumstances

Proct. 4 Novr. 64, No. 2110

Proct. 12 May 62, No. 1043

Proct. 15 Augt. 62, No. 1732

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14 Oct. Letters to Bd of Revl Desp No 30.

Sold at the Munsoorcottah & Ittchapoor Molars in Ganjam. —

* Rect 12 May 62, No 1043.

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No. 229
12-5-62

No. 188-189
15-8-62

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3-10-62

No. 1015
19-6-60

No. 2110
4-11-61

No. 2314.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dep.t 29th Octr. 1862.

Pro: Bd of Revr.
Submitting letter from the Collector of Ganjam recommending that Rs. 9-6. " per Garce be sanctioned for the Salt manufactured at Allumsoor cottah and Ichapoor, in the orders thereon.

No. 387 & 388.