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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 5th December 1862.

Read the following

N^o 210

From

A. Smith Esq^{re}

Deputy Collector

in charge of Salt

To

B. Cunliffe Esq^{re}

Collector of Madras

Sir,

In their Proceedings of the 21st ultimo

N^o 7704, the Board of Revenue approved
of your proposal that salt should be stored
on the land lying between the Canal & the
Black Town wall, and recommended to
Government, that provision should be
made in the Budget of 1863/64 for converting
it into a flat farm.

2. The land being low, it was proposed
by you that the bastions and the inner
wall of the Tower should be dismantled,
and the debris used in raising the ground.

3. I find that people from the
municipal

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municipal department are busy at work removing the earth from one of the bastions, for the purpose of raising the road within the wall and as I do not know what other arrangements may be contemplated by the Commissioners, I have the honor to suggest that they may be requested to stop the work of demolition, until the question as to whether the land shall be appropriated as proposed by you, has been disposed of by Government.

I trust that there is no truth in the report made by the person who was sent to ascertain what the coolies of the municipal department were about that it is intended to erect a public spring on the site of the bastion. We are already surrounded by noxious effluvia; and a spring in close proximity to our proposed storing ground and the present Kacherri would be an intolerable nuisance, and would spread the seeds of dangerous diseases among several hundred coolies employed by the salt and Railway.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th December 1862.

No. 121. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th November 1862, No. 7,704:—

Read the following letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 18th November 1862, No. 402.

SIR,

1. The increasing sales at the Madras Kotars, and the rise which may be expected in them, render it necessary that additional ground for storage be secured.

2. The platform will hold about 16½ lacs of Maund. The sales of last Fasli were 11,33,000 Indian Maunds, the wholesale alone 7,68,000 Maunds, against 5,60,000 Maunds in Fasli 1267 when the Railway was opened, notwithstanding that the price of Salt has been raised 50 per cent. since that period.

3. When the Bellary and Bangalore lines are open, or materially extended, our inland sales will probably reach 12 lacs of Maunds yearly, and the retail sales and exportation to Calcutta may be put down at 3 lacs more, especially if the Bengal Agency is abolished or much restricted, as appears likely to be the case. The annual call upon the Madras Kotar may therefore be calculated at 15 lacs of Maunds.

4. To meet this demand and any short manufacture, which may take place in an unfavorable year, our store should be at least 22 lacs of Maunds, and space for 6 lacs must be found elsewhere.

5. The best available spot is that immediately east of the Kotars, between it and the Town wall, and marked A in the accompanying sketch plan.

6. A small portion of it is now used by the Municipal Commissioners for stacking straw, and as a platform for rubbish, but these might with small inconvenience be put down on sites towards the north.

7. The ground is low, and would require raising for Salt storage, and material for the same would be of difficult attainment, if the two bastions and inner wall shown in the sketch, are not levelled, and debris used in raising the land.

8. The advantages of this site are that the canal brings the Salt to its border, and from its vicinity to the Kotars that it may be superintended by the present Kotar servants with the necessary complement of Vettals and guards for the additional space under store.

9. The Salt might be reserved for retail and for exportation to Calcutta and Chittagong, but if it is found desirable to connect the platform with the Railway, the junction might be formed by a cheap bridge over the canal.

10. It may be thought objectionable to store Salt so near a populous town, but we should have the outer high wall between them, and moreover it is found that thefts of Salt do not take place after store.

11. There are other spots marked B and C in the plan, but the former is low ground and will cost more than A, in being converted into a platform, and from its distance from the Kotars will require a much larger extra establishment. From the nuisances of the chunam kilns, the shell boats, and the low and impoverished population around, it is an unhealthy spot.

12. The spot C, is also at some distance from the Kotars, and the Railway between, and will require an extra establishment, as well as a short canal, under the Railway line, to connect the two Depôts, and without which Salt cannot be stored on the new ground.

13. The site A will be much the most convenient and the most economical, and I would request sanction for entering in the Budget the cost of converting the land into a Salt platform, after an estimate of the same has been framed by the Presidency Engineer, and the necessary establishment of Vettals and Peons for storing and guarding the Salt.

14. The Municipal Commissioners should be consulted regarding the surrender of the land, to which I am sure they will not object, when they learn the great importance of the ground to the Government for other purposes, and if they can abandon it without much inconvenience to their own Department.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th December 1862.*

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

1. The Board fully admit the necessity for additional storage room, and concur in opinion with Mr. Cunliffe that the site A offers by far the greatest advantages.
 2. They resolve therefore to submit his letter through the Chief Engineer for the favorable consideration of Government with the Board's recommendation that the necessary funds for the proposed work be provided in the Budget for 1863-64.
- (A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 122. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th December 1862.

Read the following letter from A. SMITH, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Salt, to B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Madras Kotar, 2nd December 1862, No. 210.

SIR,

1. In their Proceedings of the 24th ultimo, No. 7,704, the Board of Revenue approved of your proposal that Salt should be stored on the land lying between the Canal and the Black Town wall, and recommended to Government that provision should be made in the Budget of 1863-64 for converting it into a platform.
2. The land being low, it was proposed by you that the bastions and the inner wall of the Town should be dismantled, and the debris used in raising the ground.
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(True Copy.)

No. 424.

Forwarded for the consideration of the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings No. 7,704, of the 24th ultimo.
Madras Collector's Office,
Sydapet, 3rd December 1862.

(Signed.) B. CUNLIFFE, *Collector.*

Ordered to be submitted for the consideration and Orders of Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings cited above.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 123. ORDER THEREON, 9th December 1862, No. 2,567.

These Proceedings will be communicated to the Public Department in view to the Municipal Commissioners being requested to suspend operations until the Government can pass final orders on the proposed extension of the Salt Dépôt.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 7,704.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th November 1862.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary.

To B. Cunliffe, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Copy to Colonel W. I. Birdwood, R. E., Chief Engineer, P. W. D., with a Plan.
" to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., for information.

Exd. J. Wright.

Railway Department.

I have the

Madras Kathar ...
2^d December 1862

Signed / A. Smith
(Deputy Collector)

True Copy!

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Forwarded for the consideration
of the Board of Revenue with reference
to their Proceedings 7704 of the 24th Ultimo.

Madras Collector's Office
Madras 3^d December
1862

Signed / B. Cunliffe
Collector.

Ordered to be submitted for
the consideration & orders of
Government in continuation of the
Board's Proceedings cited above.

(True Copy & Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary

To

J. D. Sim Esq.
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

[Signature]
Copied / [Signature]

The 1st letter
at certain time
the Madras
Canal when the
land in question
can be made

Dated 24th November 1862

By [Signature]

No. 7704

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

No. 3265-

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With and [Signature]

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No. 122

Nov 2 1862
Accepted by the
Secretary of the
Board of Revenue

Adopted by the
Board of Revenue
Dec 10 1862

A. D. M. 3579
J. H. P.

Forwarding a letter from
the Deputy Collector of Madras
requesting that the removal
of the canal from one of the
Booths north of the Canal
adjoining the Madras Station
may be put a stop to.

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Extension of the Ma-
draz Salt Depot.

N^o 1210/23.

Revenue 1862 Dept^t.
Off: of Govt^r & Sec^y.

Mr 2567.

Pro: of the Madras Govt^t.
Off: - December 1862.

Pro: of the Govt^t.
& Sec^y 63 Enro 894.

Pro: Board of Rev^y.

Regarding the necessity of
additional storage room
for salt at the Madras
Coast, with orders thereon.

2567.

First Sec^y
in Public Dept^t
who has
in any other