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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th July 1863.*

Read the following:—

No. 233. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th June 1863, No. 3,511:—

Read the following letter from A. P. HODGSON, Esq., Acting Collector of South Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 30th April 1863, No. 62.

SIR,

In forwarding a Tabular Statement containing the information called for in the Board's Proceedings dated 10th April 1863, No. 2,057 I have the honor to inform you that the Salt conveyed from Mangalore to Bantwal and Pane-Mangalore, is not, as a general rule, stored first at the Mangalore Depôt, but transferred from the Pattimars which bring it from Bombay, &c., to the boats which convey it to the abovementioned Inland Depôts. The Salt for Bajay is also transferred directly from Pattimars at Hangar Katta to boats, and taken to Bajay. Hangar Katta is a port, but there is no Salt Depôt there. The Halady and Wandasay Depôts are in the Cundapore Talook, and receive their supply from the Salt pans in that Talook. A Skeleton Map of the District is forwarded herewith.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th July 1863.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.
List of Inland Salt Depôts in the District of South Canara.

Names of Depôts.	Distance from the Depôt to the place from which supplies of Salt are drawn.	Fixed price of Salt at the Depôt — Per Indian Maund.		Annual Sales. — Average of 5 years.	WASTAGE										EXPENDITURE.			Nature of Carriage.	Remarks.
					In conveying Salt to Kotars.				In Sales.						Permanent Establishment.	Extra Establishment.	Expenses of Carriage.		
					Fasli.	Quantity forwarded.	Wastage.	Per Centage.	Quantity sold.	Wastage.	Per Centage.								
	Miles.	rs.	as.	In. Mds.		In. Mds.	In. Mds.	I. M. Seers.	In. Mds.	I. Mds.	I. M. S.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.					
Pane-Mangalore.	20 From Mangalore.	1	8	63,179	1267	73,521	933	1 10	5587	1,252	2 3	708 0 0	102 2 9	Average of 4 years. 1,239 6 3	By boat.	The excess of wastage above the quantity allowed, viz., 1 Indian Maund on every 100 is charged to the contractor, and the price thereof at the rate of sale levied from him. No Salt having been conveyed in Fasli 1271, no particulars are given for that Fasli.			
					1268	67,667	839	1 9	73062	1,161	1 23								
					1269	69,941	965	1 15	6925	807	1 9								
					1270	1,11,667	1,409	1 11	4517	1,383	2 33								
					Total...	3,22,796	4,146	0 0	24,7291	4,608	0 0								
					Average.....	80,699	1,036½	1 11	61323	1,152	1 31								
Bantwal ...	20 From Do.	Do.	Do.	56,363	1267	60,400	691	1 5	5588	1,394	2 30	1,314 0 0	116 9 0	1,280 6 9	Do.	Do. do.			
					1268	56,106	726	1 11	5245	981	1 30								
					1269	47,279	596	1 10	4451	908	1 39								
					1270	1,26,221	1,419	1 5	28753	257	0 35								
					Total...	2,90,009	3,452	0 0	18,037	3,540	0 0								
					Average.....	72,502½	865½	1 8	4259½	885	1 38								
Baje ...	24 From Hangar Katta Sea Port.	Do.	Do.	26,515	1267	35,293	1,690	3 3	3281	1,307	3 23	468 0 0	17 10 9	1,271 3 0	Do.	Wastage above 2½ Indian Maunds on every 100 is charged as above.			
					1268	37,677	908	1 30	31326	749	2 18								
					1269	17,771	441	2 11	2832	504	2 16								
					1270	41,695	1,182	2 31	24596	605	2 28								
					1271	10,320	381	3 21	24924	635	2 21								
					Total...	1,12,756	4,002	0 0	18,959	3,800	0 0								
Halady ...	18 miles average distance from Waderhobly Harad and Angally.	Do.	Do.	23,414	1267	23,210	580	2 19	2,906	2,136	5 19	744 0 0	41 7 0	Average of 3 years. 480 6 8	Do.	Do. do. As the accounts for Faslis 1269 and 1270 are in North Canara, the particulars for those Faslis are not given.			
					1268	21,345	653	3 21	2,050	738	3 13								
					1271	30,963	979	3 6	2,175	1,204	4 10								
					Total...	75,518	2,214	0 0	8,131	4,078	0 0								
					Average.....	25,173	728	2 57	2,710	1,359	4 23								
Wandasay ...	16 Do. do. do.	Do.	Do.	13,083	1267	14,266	423	2 30	2,248	755	3 29	468 0 0	61 4 11	527 7 7	Do.	Do. do.			
					1268	17,996	475	2 25	1,405	554	3 7								
					1271	14,161	365	2 23	1,096	430	7 2								
					Total...	46,423	1,268	0 0	4,749	1,739	0 0								
					Average.....	15,174	423	2 29	1,583	580	4 0								

MANGALORE, 23.h April 1863.

(Signed) A. P. HODGSON, Acting Collector.

3 *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
13th July 1863.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Map of South Canara.

Submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings dated 7th April 1863,
No. 615, Revenue Department.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th July 1863.

No. 234. *Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th June 1863, No. 3,656.—*
Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Head Assistant Collector in charge of South Canara, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 20th May 1863, No. 76.

Sir,

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 1st instant, No. 2,572, I have the honor to state that the proposed Depôts at Koccurni, Gurpur, and Bavunji will be supplied either from the Cundapur Salt pans, or by contracts for Goa or Bombay Salt brought by the Contractors to the ports of Hangar Katta, Mangalore and Kussargode.

2. I beg to enclose a Statement of the cost of transport (including wastage) from the coast to the proposed Depôts, which if added to the selling price on the coast would raise the price of the Salt to Rupees 186-8-0 a garce at Koccurni, Rupees 184 at Gurpur, and Rupees 184-8-0 at Bavunji.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the cost of transport (including wastage) of Salt to the undermentioned Depôts proposed to be open in the District of South Canara.

Proposed Salt Depôts.	Estimated yearly sale.	Place whence supplies are to be drawn.	Distance in miles.	Means of conveyance.	PROBABLE WASTAGE DURING CONVEYANCE.		COST OF CONVEYANCE.										Value of wastage at the average cost of Salt for the last three years, or Rs. 42-9-0 per Garce.				Total cost at the average cost of Salt for the last three years, or Rs. 42-9-0 per Garce.			
					On 100 Garce.	On 100 ditto.	Boat hire for one 100 Garce from the river bank to the Depôt.	Ditto for 100 Garce.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14											
1. Koccurni...	100	Hangar Katta ...	12	By water.	10	2½	4	8	0	450	0	0	0	0	12	0	75	106	631					
2. Gurpur ...	100	Mangalore ...	10		4	1	2	8	0	250	0	0	0	0	1	0	100	43	393					
3. Bavunji ...	100	Kassergode ...	7		10	2½	2	8	0	250	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	106	431					

MANGALORE, 20th May 1863.

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER,
Head Assistant Collector in charge.

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order dated 25th April 1863, No. 721. The Board would adopt the prices named in paragraph 2 of Mr. Webster's letter.

(True Copies and Extract)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, Sub-Secretary.

5 *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
13th July 1863.

No. 235.

ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1863, No. 1,263.

The Government consider it desirable before incurring further expense that the question of *Inland Salt Depôts* should be reported upon by Mr. Clarke after he has visited the District and consulted the local authorities. The important questions, now that the price of Salt is at its legal maximum, are whether the State gains by keeping up *Inland Depôts*, and whether the circumstances of the District render it expedient that Government should continue to sell Salt in the interior at the same price as on the coast.

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

No. 3656.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th June 1863.

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1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 1st instant, No. 2,572, I have the honor to state that the proposed Depôts at Kocurni, Gurpur, and Bavunji will be supplied either from the Cundapur Salt pans, or by contracts for Goa or Bombay salt brought by the Contractors to the Ports of Hangarkatte, Mangalore and Kasargode.

2. I beg to enclose a Statement of the cost of transport (including wastage) from the Coast to the proposed Depôts, which if added to the selling price on the Coast would raise the price of the salt to Rupees 186-8-0 a gurce at Kocurni, Rupees 184 at Gurpur, and Rupees 184-8-0 at Bavunji.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Statement showing the cost of transport (including wastage) of Salt to the undermentioned Depôts proposed to be open in the District of South Canara:—

Proposed Salt Depôts.	Estimated yearly sale.	Place whence supplies are to be drawn.	Distance in miles.	Means of carriage.	PROBABLE WASTAGE DURING CONVEYANCE.		COST OF CONVEYANCE.				Value of wastage at the average cost of salt for the last three years, or Rupees 42-9-0 per Gurce.	Total cost of transport, &c., or total of columns 9, 11 and 12.	Remarks.
					On one Gurce.	On 100 ditto.	Bont hire for one Gurce of Salt.	Ditto for 100 Gurce from the river bank to the Depot.	For conveying 100 Gurce from the river bank to the Depot.	A. P.	R. S.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1. Kocurni...	100	Hangarkatta...	12	By water.	Merchals.	Garce.	R. S. A. P.	R. S. A. P.	R. S. A. P.	R. S.	R. S.	R. S.	
2. Gurpur...	100	Mangalore....	10		10	24	4 8 0	450 0 0	0 12 0	75	106	631	
3. Bavunji...	100	Kasargode....	7		4	1	2 8 0	250 0 0	1 0 0	100	43	393	
					10	24	2 8 0	250 0 0	0 12 0	75	106	431	

MANGALORE, 20th May 1863.

Resolved that the above letter be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order dated 25th April 1863, No. 721. The Board would adopt the prices named in paragraph 2 of Mr. Webster's letter.

(Signed) A. McC. WEBSTER, Head Assistant Collector in charge.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with an enclosure.
Copy to A. McC. Webster, Esq., Head Assistant Collector in charge of South Canara.
Exd. J. Wright.

5.
Memorandum

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The system of
Salt Depots for the
sale of salt is peculiar to
the District of South
Canara. There are at
present 5 such Depots and
3 more are now proposed.
There can be no
doubt but that the sales
testify that these depots
are a convenience to the
people

1811 = 1503. Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

No 1621.

Date 19th June 1503.

By order of the

Revenue Officer.

No. 2656.

Submitting with the Board's remarks a letter from the Head Assistant Collector in charge of South Canara stating that the proposed Depots at Kocurni, Gurpur and Havunji will be supplied either from the Candapur Salt pans or by contract for Goa or Bombay Salt.

people but their operation
needs to be carefully
considered before their
number is increased.

The two great depots
in the Board's list are Calcutta
and Benaul, situated on opposite sides
of the same river and dis-
tant 20 miles from each
other, where their respec-
tive are drawn. The sales
of 4 years up to Decr
1870, have averaged 62,000
Indian Maund at the
first and 45,000 at the
second or 77,000 Indian
Maund at both. The
salt is sold at these stations
for the same price viz 1/2d
per Dill) as at Calcutta.
The Government therefore
pay all expenses of carriage,
sale &c and the purchaser
at these places gets his salt
virtually

Permanent Est. 66	3022.
Other do	218
Cost of carriage	3519.
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than the purchaser
virtually cheaper on the
Coast. These expenses incurred
and given in the margin
and amount to, some thing
more than 8 per cent - ex-
clusive of postage which
would amount to 1 per cent.
Under such circumstances,
the resort of traders to these
Depôts is intelligible enough.
In the order of Govt. dated 20
April/60 (M. 60/18) it was
ordered that all these ex-
tra charges should be
added to the selling price
at these depôts - whether
this was done and what
effect this had on the
sales is not apparent but
this course is no longer
open to the Government
as the selling price on
the Coast is now at its
legal maximum.
The question is
therefore

therefore remains as it
advantageous to the Govt
or necessary for the people
that these depôts should
be kept up - & a general
rule it is undeniably that
Government should meddle
with the conveyance and
sale of salt in the interior.
The private trader will
invariably conduct such
operations better and
more cheaply than the
State. The boats on
which, later, salt ^{up} is sent
account must bring
back merchandise and
return, and if private
agency can effect the one,
it surely can effect the
other operation. But the
History of previous years
shows that the interven-
tion of Government is not
necessary and that the salt
trade

trade - like other traffic
is best left to private enter-
prise - There is no reason to
suppose that Government
interference is at all more
necessary when the salt is
conveyed by water - or, to put
the case more fairly, that
Government should be carriers
of salt by water only and
not by rail on an ordinary
road.

Now can it be urged that
the people of Southern Canada
within the influence of these
depôts are in such circumstances
as to require a permission of
6 per cent on their salt - There
are certainly no worse off
than the people of the
Eastern Coast, and it is
difficult to find a reason
why ^{they} should enjoy a privilege
denied to every other District.

I should not hesitate
myself gradually to close
all these Depôts but as
they have been open so long
Government may perhaps
prefer

prefer that Mr. Clarke
should go carefully into the
subject when he visits the
District as he shortly will
do.

Meanwhile it
seems to me undesirable
that any more inland depôts
should be established. The
proper course is to improve
the means of communication
with the Coast Depôts.

For Orders

Ed. L.

23/6

I am strongly in
favor of these depôts
which have done great
good to trade in Canada.
The salt when ~~unloaded~~
from the Pottamers &
put into boats can be
conveyed to them with
less expense & loss than
if ~~they~~ ^{it} were first put
into great godowns on
the Coast & afterwards
removed there by private
herring, and such a no-
body as that of salt
should in my opinion
be carried on liberally,
& as much as possible
to the convenience &
welfare of the people.
These depôts are prin-
cipally useful in de-
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Loping the inland trade - Merchants who
bring their produce from the interior long de-
pend on reaching the heads of these back-
waters, that they can load their cattle with
salt & go homewards without delay - sending
their produce on to the Coast in boats. Trade
& public convenience have greatly benefited
under this system & I should strongly de-
precate its abandonment. If private
individuals had ever shown an inclination
to establish such depôts the experiment might
be made of leaving the matter to them, but
the expense, the large capital required & the
risk of having depôts in these remote places,
have discouraged them.

I am not myself in favor of salt depôts,
and take much the same view of them as
is taken in this Province - The present depôts
in South America may however be contin-
ued providing Mr. Clarke's report on
them - but I would not add to their
number.

Revenue Department

N^o 1268

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date 13th July 1863

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue.

Submitting a letter from the
Acting Collector of South Canara
forwarding list of Inland Salt
Depôts in the District.

(Here enter - 15th June 1863 No. 3511)

Submitting a letter from the
Acting Collector in charge of
South Canara and stating that
the Board would adopt the
prices named by the Collector
for salt at certain Depôts.

(Here enter - 19th June 1863)

The Government consider
it desirable before incurring
further expense that the ques-
tion of Inland Salt Depôts
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on the Coast.

J. J. V.

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1 - J. H. Clarke Esq.

Revenue 1868 Dept
No. of Govt for July.

10/12/68.

No. of the District Govt.
2/13 July/68.

Mr. Clarke requested
to report on the Inland
Salt Depots in South
Canara after he has
visited the District
and consulted the local
authorities.

N. 233 @ 235.