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18th July 1863.*

No. 342. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1863 :—

Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated Vallam, 3rd July 1863, No. 252.

SIR,

1. With reference to Extract from the Proceedings of the Board, under date the 19th ultimo, and calling upon me to report on paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Government Order, dated the 15th idem, No. 1,044, I have the honor herewith to submit the Statement called for in paragraph 2, and in reply to the remarks of Government in paragraph 3 of their Order, I would take leave to remark that the manufacture of Salt at Vedarniem is but an experiment, and made for the first time this year; owing to this and also to the very unfavorable nature of the season, the expenses attendant on the manufacture have been unusually large, but I have not the least doubt that in future years, and as stated by the Board, Salt of the finest description will be produced there more cheaply, speedily and extensively than any where else on the coast.

2. As the Board are aware the Salt made at Negapatam is of a very inferior quality, and even were the pans at that place capable of meeting the increased demand (and which they are *not*) it is to me very doubtful whether the present rates of Kudiveram are such as to induce the Mirasidars to continue to keep up the manufacture at that station. From its position both as a sea port, and as the terminus of the Railway, labour at Negapatam must always be dear, and when to this is added the fact that the soil is not favorable for the production of Salt, that the Salt pans are but limited in extent, and further that, from their situation, during the very height of the manufacturing season they are surrounded by fresh water brought down by the rivers, it is, I think, clear that the supply at Negapatam must always be precarious and cannot be relied on.

3. At Vedarniem, on the contrary, every facility exists for the manufacture of the best Salt, and it may be carried on to an unlimited extent. I have also reason to believe that the prejudices against the use of the Salt made here are gradually being dispelled, and the importance of affording every facility for its further introduction into the market cannot, in my opinion, be over-rated. While therefore hoping that the Government will sanction the lower rate of discount on the manufactured article, I would take leave to state that money could not be better spent than in improving the water communications between Vedarniem and Negapatam, and, if permitted, I would, with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer, gladly undertake the execution of such works as may be determined on. The working season has again passed away, and much valuable time has elapsed since I last addressed the Board on this subject, I trust, therefore, the Board will again urge on the Government, the extreme importance of completing the water communication between Vedarniem and Negapatam as early as possible, and if the project is taken up with vigor and energy, I see no reason why there should be any necessity for making any further applications for discount on the sales of Salt.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Proceedings quoted by the Collector.

2. The Board resolve to renew their recommendation that the continuance until the end of September of the corresponding discount on the Vedarniem manufactured Salt be sanctioned.

3. The primary object of the discount is to get the article into the market, and thus to dispel the prejudice against its quality, which is perfectly groundless. This end the Board do not doubt will be attained at the date mentioned, and thence-forward only the ordinary discount on wholesales will need to be allowed.

4. The Board submit that as the Negapatam pans cannot supply the demand for Salt to be conveyed by the rail into the interior, it is in every respect expedient to have recourse to the unequalled facilities afforded by Vedarniem.

5. The Board learn that all of this manufactured Salt goes by rail to Trichinopoly, and they trust that means may be found to expedite the improvement of the water carriage from Vedarniem to Negapatam, which they doubt not will induce an immense demand for this

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Salt, which can be manufactured more cheaply, speedily and extensively, and with greater consequent certainty of a sufficient supply than at any other set of pans in the neighbourhood.

6. It will thus be directly profitable to Government to establish and extend the manufacture at this place, and it is moreover indirectly profitable for them to increase by such a legitimate method the traffic on the Great Southern Railway, and thus to reduce the demand on the public funds under the guarantee.

7. The manufacture hitherto has been purely tentative, and the circumstances of the season have been somewhat unfavorable. The ultimate results will be reported by the Collector after September, and the question of placing it on a permanent footing will then be taken into consideration.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 343.

ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1863, No. 1,321.

1. As it appears that the heavy cost of Vadarniem Salt is owing to the circumstance of this being the first attempt to manufacture the article there, the Government sanction the proposed discount until the end of September next.

2. The papers will be communicated to the Department Public Works. It is observed that a Canal from Vadarniem to Topetoray was sanctioned in December last. The work should be prosecuted with energy or it will be both difficult and expensive to meet the demand for Salt at Negapatam, consequent on the completion of the Railway.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

18th July/63.

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18th July/63.

No. 1321.
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Submitting a letter from
the collector of Tanjore fur-
nishing certain information
relative to Vedarasur Salt,
with the Board's recommenda-
tion that the continuance, until
the end of September, of the cor-
responding discount on the
Vedarasur manufactured
Salt be sanctioned.
No 1921-18 July
With an Order

No 342 & 343.