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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th August 1863.

No. 279. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th August 1863, No. 4,884:—

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, dated 21st February 1863, No. 32, recorded in Board's Proceedings of 8th April 1863, No. 2,022.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 9th July 1863, No. 152.

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated 8th April last, No. 2,022, regarding the proposed alterations to the salt platforms at Chinna Ganjam and Buntoomilly, I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of the Board, a letter (copy) on the subject from my Deputy Collector in charge of salt.

2. CHINNA GANJAM.—The Board will observe that Mr. Marjoribanks proposes to enlarge platform No. 7 at an expenditure of about Rupees 3,000, to retain Nos. 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13, and to do away with Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14 and 15, that is to retain 6 out of 15: a slight modification of Mr. T. Clarke's proposal which was to retain only 4.

3. As I agree with Mr. Marjoribanks that these six platforms can be easily guarded by twelve Constables, I see no reason for incurring the very great expense of uniting any of them, and the enclosed sketch will show the Board that their relative distance is not inconveniently great.

4. BUNTOOMILLY.—The platforms at this Cotaur are in such a neglected state that I cannot recommend any reduction in the estimate framed for their repair.

5. Mr. Marjoribanks urges the necessity of this work being done as soon as possible, but a special allotment of funds will be required as there is no provision in the Budget of this year.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. A. MARJORIBANKS, Esq., Deputy Collector of the Kistna District, to E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, dated Buntoomilly, 2nd July 1863, No. 45.

SIR,

1. Referring to Board's Proceedings No. 2,022, dated 8th April last, regarding alterations proposed to be made to the Salt platforms at Chinna Ganjam and Buntoomilly, I have the honor to state that I have carefully considered the subject, and respectfully beg to offer my opinion as follows.

2. First, as to the guards. If the proposed reduction in the number of platforms be carried out at Chinna Ganjam 10 out of the 22 Constables now guarding the platforms there may be dispensed with, but I consider that 12 men will still be required to watch the salt on the three extended platforms.

3. Next as to the cost of the alterations. I do not think that in the present state of the labor market towards Chinna Ganjam, that the work could be performed by the Revenue Department for much less than it has been estimated for by the Department of Public Works.

4. The Board say they will be glad to receive any suggestion from you "for reducing "and concentrating the number of platforms not involving such a heavy charge on Govern- "ment."

5. Adverting to this suggestion I would beg to propose that the platforms Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and the pans belonging to them be closed. No. 4 and its pans have already been closed in pursuance of Mr. Clarke's suggestions. I believe it was in contemplation to close these four platforms and their pans, some time before the amalgamation of the Guntoor with the Masulipatam District, in consequence of the inferior description of salt which they yield. Nos. 14 and

15 will, agreeably to Mr. Clarke's suggestion, be closed as soon as the salt remaining on them is disposed of. These two platforms have no pans attached to them. I would also do away with platforms Nos. 8, 9 and 10, and propose that the salt from their pans should be conveyed to Nos. 7, 11 and 12 as may be convenient. There will then remain Nos. 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13. No. 7 only need be enlarged at a cost, say, of 3,000 Rupees, the others may be left without any alteration for the present, and 12 men will be sufficient to guard these six platforms.

6. The accompanying plan will show the situation of the platforms and their pans at Chinna Ganjam. If you think it necessary that a copy of it should be forwarded to the Board, I beg that the copy may be taken in your Office, and request that the original may be returned to me when no longer required.

7. As regards the estimate for enlarging and improving the platforms at Buntoomilly, I beg to observe that the platforms at this Cotaur are in very bad order as noticed in my Administration Report dated 18th January 1862. They appear to have received but little attention at any time. They have never been fenced in, nor has the earth used for raising them been taken up, so as to form a ditch around them. You are aware that the Superintendent of Police has also complained of their being inadequately protected. I consider the estimate of Rupees 11,000 for enlarging and putting them in order, though large, yet not excessive, and I would beg that sanction may be obtained for this work as early as possible.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. B. FOORD, *Acting Collector.*

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1. In his report to Government dated 25th October 1860, Mr. Clarke proposed certain alterations at the Salt platforms at Chinna Ganjam, which were sanctioned in paragraph 48 of Government Order dated 1st November 1861, No. 2,101. On further inquiry on the spot the local Officers reported that these proposals could not be carried out in their integrity, but that the cost of completing such a modification of them as was feasible would amount to Rupees 28,338.

2. The Acting Collector considered this sum very large, and Mr. Clarke and his colleagues agreed with him, and requested him to submit some other plan for the concentration of these platforms which was likely to prove less expensive.

3. Mr. Foord now brings forward another proposal which has the Board's approval, and which will involve an outlay of only Rupees 3,000. The Board resolve, accordingly, to request the sanction of Government to this plan as well as to his proposal to lay out a sum of Rupees 11,000 in improving the platforms at Buntoomilly. The estimate for the latter will be submitted with their Proceedings, and the Acting Collector will be requested to submit a detailed estimate for Budget for 1863-64.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

Chepauk,
15th August 1863.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 280. ORDER THEREON, 26th August 1863, No. 1,572.

1. The Government approve the modified proposals submitted by the Board of Revenue in these Proceedings for concentrating the Salt platforms at Chinna Ganjam. The number of platforms will accordingly be reduced from 15 to 6 and one of them will be extended. The estimate for this extension remains to be submitted.

2. The estimate amounting to Rupees 11,000 for improving the platforms at Bantumilly is approved. Orders will be issued from the Public Works Department for its entry in the Budget for 1864-65.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Public Works Department with enclosure.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2,022.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th April 1863.

Read the following letter from E. B. FOORD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to W. TUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 21st February 1863, No. 32 :—

1. In their Proceedings dated 1st November 1861, No. 2,101, the Government having sanctioned certain alterations to be made in the platforms, &c., at the Salt Depot at Chinna Ganjam, as suggested by Mr. T. Clarke, Member of the Board of Revenue, I have the honor to forward herewith for the consideration of the Board two Estimates prepared by the District Engineer, one for Chinna Ganjam, and the other for Pondraika Cotars, amounting together to Rupees 39,338.

2. CHINNA GANJAM—Mr. Clarke, in his report to Government dated 25th October 1860, proposed to close 11 out of 15 Salt platforms now existing, and to retain four, viz., Nos. 5, 7, 11 and 12, of which he suggested that No. 5 should be enlarged, and Nos. 7, 11 and 12 united.

3. Last year Mr. Thornhill inspected these platforms, and found that No. 7 is so far from Nos. 11 and 12, that it could not be conveniently joined with them. He accordingly requested the District Engineer to keep the same, as well as No. 5 as distinct platforms, and to unite Nos. 11 and 12 making the number of platforms three, each of which Mr. Thornhill proposed should be made large enough to contain 800 heaps of salt of 1,200 Indian Maunds.

4. The amount of the estimate for platforms, turfing and hedging, &c., is Rupees 28,338. It includes also a sum of Rupees 4,500 for paving with stone on one end of platform No. 7 so as to contain two rows of heaps as suggested by Mr. Thornhill.

5. KUNTUMILLY (PONDRAIKA).—Since his report to the Board on the Salt Depots of this District, Mr. Thornhill personally inspected the salt pans in the Pondraika Cotaur, and proposed to retain 13 of the 41 platforms now existing, and to close the rest. Of these 13, nine are to be repaired and extended, and four are to be newly erected. I have also personally inspected the platforms at this Cotaur. The amount of the estimate for this work is Rupees 11,000.

6. In forwarding the above two estimates Major Anderson has informed me that no provision was made for these works in the Budget estimates of the current and ensuing years. He suggests that they be entered in the Budget of 1864-65, unless a special allotment of funds can be granted to carry them out.

8. The amount of the estimates appears to me to be very large, and I doubt whether Government in sanctioning the alterations suggested by Mr. Clarke, contemplated spending so large a sum in carrying them out. The advantage of reducing the number of platforms, with a view to more efficiently guarding them is doubtless great, but I must confess that in my opinion, it would be dearly purchased, if so large a sum as Rupees 39,338 were expended with that object.

9. Should however the Board consider it necessary that these works should be undertaken this year, I must request they will be pleased to sanction their being carried out from the Reserve Funds of the Public Works Department.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Estimate of the probable expense of making certain alterations and improvements to the spontaneous Salt platforms at Buntumily.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Estimate of the probable expense of enlarging the platforms Nos. 12, 11, 7 and 5 of Chinna Ganjam Salt Depot.

1. The Board concur with Mr. Foord in considering the proposed outlay very heavy. He is requested to report what saving may be expected in the expense of guarding if the proposed reduction in the number of platforms is carried out, and whether the proposed alterations could not be made by the Revenue Department at a smaller cost.

2. The Board will also be glad to receive from Mr. Foord any suggestion for reducing and concentrating the number of platforms not involving such a heavy charge on Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To E. B. Foord, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. J. Wright.

Rec'd Dept.

No 1572.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Minutes dated the 26th August 1863

Read the following Extract
of the Board's Proceedings

Inclosure Copy of the
Proceedings of the Board
Revenue dated the 8th April
1863 with the Collector's Letter
Salt Revenue No 2022 dated
the 31st March 1863 and
Collector's Report dated
the 16th March 1863
Enclosed Plans and Estimates

(Read the Letter) 5 Aug. 63 No 4854

Mr. Secretary Reid

Requesting that the Board
Revenue may be informed
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Proceedings for recommending
the Salt Platforms at
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Provincial Proceedings of the Bd of Revenue to Rep to Govt. O.M.D. dated 8th Augt 1863 No 4854 -

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated 8th April 1863.

C. I. Salt

No. 2,022.

Requesting further information about the proposed alterations of certain Salt platforms.

be extended. The estimate
for this extension remains
to be submitted.

2 The estimate
amounting to Rs. 11,000 for
the Platforms
at Bantumilly is approved.
Orders will be issued from
the Public Works Depart.
for its entry in the Budget
for 1864/65.

To Bds

To Boards of Rev. Dept. 27 Aug. 64
" Pub. Works Dept. with Plan & Estimate. N

Revenue 1863 Deficits

Pro: of Govt for Aug.

No 1572

Pro: of the Madras Govt

Dt 26th August 1863.

Rd Bd Mins of 5 Nov 63

& No 3734 in Do.

Pro. No. 31

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Certain alterations

ordered to be made in

the Detail Estimate for

Abstracting Irrigation and

Bunds in the Kistna

No 279 & 280.