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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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10th September 1863.*

No. 149. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 4th September 1863 :—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Board to request you will submit, for the consideration of Government, the expediency of their causing a subsidiary Budget to be annually prepared of all works whether new or repairs, proposed to be executed, in connection with the Salt Department.

2. The vast majority of these works are not only as with the bulk of those included in the Department Public Works Budget, improvements which are more or less desirable for the convenience of the public, but are works directly influencing a branch of the public revenue, which is annually becoming of greater importance, and which in the last official year contributed nearly 15 per cent. of the whole revenues of the Presidency, and nearly 50 per cent. of the revenue from sources other than land.

3. The Board are constantly reminded from the Districts of the direct and serious injury caused to the revenue by the postponement of works which, though individually of small estimated cost, are calculated to produce marked beneficial results. Such as the improvement of a channel, the repair or extension of a platform, and the repair or formation of short branch roads to the depôts.

4. In many instances the postponing of the extension or repair of a platform has indirectly caused the destruction of much valuable public property in the shape of salt paid for, but unavoidably stored in unsuitable positions, or has led to a contraction in the quantity to be manufactured during the year, and to a consequent diminution in sales and revenue, and much the same may be said with regard to supplying channels and other subsidiary works. Numerous cases could also be given of the diversion or the restriction of the demand by defects in the approaches to the stores, but the Board are confident that the urgency of the case will be recognized without further details.

5. The Government have approved of the Board's suggestion to leave the execution of these minor works to the Salt Department, but it too frequently happens that the funds are not provided in the Budget, from, as the Board are convinced, a non-appreciation of the effect which neglect of such works has on the revenue.

6. The Department has until of late years been so comparatively neglected that improvements are urgently needed in almost every direction, and the Board believe that the subject will meet with the attention that its importance demands far more readily if the works connected with the Department are annually brought under notice in one view.

No. 150. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1863, No. 1,675.

The Government approve of the Board annually preparing, in communication with the Collectors, a list of the works considered necessary and desirable for the development of the Salt Revenue. They will take care to submit their list in ample time for consideration with the Department Public Works Budget.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

.. Department Public Works.

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Revenue B^d Office
Madras
4th September 1853.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

J. D. Smith
Secretary.

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Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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