

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2100	Press Mis.
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Dated	21-11-1918

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st November 1863.*

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

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Madras, dated 24th October 1863, No. 436, in Board's Proceedings No. 6,864.

Read also the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 29th October 1863, No. 457.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward the Statement of Salt receipts and sales at the Madras Cotar, for the last five Fuslies, as requested in paragraph 1 of Board's Proceedings dated 26th instant.

2. Although dittum is given at the northern pans, the Ryots are allowed to manufacture as extensively as the season will permit; so that the receipts entered in column 2 may be taken as the capabilities of these sources of supply.

3. The average supply from the present pans upon which the Madras Depôt is dependent amounts to 11,93,503 Maunds, and the average sales for the same period to 10,12,084. Owing to the extension of the Railway line to Cuddapah and Bellary, we may anticipate a considerable increase in the sales, which, under existing sources of supply, we should not be able to meet.

4. The Board will see that even with the present rate of sales, we shall be wholly unable to keep in store any thing like an adequate supply as a safeguard against adverse seasons.

1. Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation, that the sum of Rupees 7,300 be placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer or of the Acting Collector on emergency for the immediate commencement of the proposed works.

2. It is very evident from the Statement submitted by the Acting Collector that the present sources of supply for the Madras Cotars are altogether insufficient to maintain the stock in a stable position, even for the existing demand; and this demand is likely to be largely increased with the extension of the Railway.

3. The consideration is an additional argument in favor of the early junction of the Northern and Southern Coast Canal system, which would at once open up large additional sources of supply on emergency.

4. The Board see no objection to the sale by auction of the surplus new pans remaining over, after a fair proportion has been allotted to the resident villagers.

No. 280. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1863, No. 2,100.

1. The proposal of the Acting Collector of Madras for opening new Salt pans at Kattur is approved.

2. Immediate orders will be issued from the Public Works Department for the execution of the works referred to in paragraph 4 of Mr. Banbury's letter of 24th October 1863, No. 436.

3. The course indicated in paragraph 4 of these Proceedings for the disposal of the new pans is approved. The allotment of pans should be reported to the Board, who will adopt the course prescribed in paragraph 6 of G. O. 16th March 1860, in regard to the pans which are allotted as well as those sold, in order that the conditions on which the pans are opened may be placed beyond doubt. The Government are not prepared to admit that the permission of the Merassidars is necessary as Mr. Banbury implies.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Public Works Department.

„ Inspector General Madras Police.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th October 1863.

Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 24th October 1863, No. 436:—

1. Owing to the increasing demand for Salt at the Madras Cotar, I have the honor to address you regarding a proposition for extending the Northern Pans, whence the supply is furnished.

Faslis.	Sales. In Maunds.
1263.....	7,32,209
1269.....	10,66,568
1270.....	9,85,314
1271.....	11,33,014
1272.....	11,43,813

2. The marginal Statement shows the sales for the last five Faslis. We may confidently anticipate further demands with further extension of Railway communication, and in order to meet these demands, and put ourselves beyond the reach of unfavorable seasons like the last, it seems very necessary that our manufacturing operations should be conducted on a larger scale.

Vide accompanying plan No. 1.

3. To the north of the present Voyalur pans in the village of Kattur, there is a tract of ground measuring about 275 Cawnies. Mr. Smith, the Deputy Collector, has inspected the spot, and reports that it is admirably adapted for the required purpose; that large quantities of spontaneous salt are now formed thereon; and that comparatively little expense will be incurred in rendering this spot available for the necessary extension.

4. The proposed locality is well situated, it is in close proximity to the now existing pans, is by the side of the canal, and merely requires an extension of the present water communication to bring the pans into working order. The estimate for cutting the necessary communication channels from the main branch to the interior of the proposed tract, as shown in the accompanying plan No. 2, is Rupees 7,300. No expenditure need be incurred in raising platforms; the salt will only be stored there for only a brief period, before it is transferred to the boats; and the earth obtained when excavating the boat channels can be turned to account in making the necessary elevations.

5. The guarding would not involve any increase of the establishment already detailed for this duty. The force employed at the Pyanur pans just abolished might be transferred to this new scene of operations.

6. Since the project has come under discussion, applications from all classes to be allowed a share of this now waste tract have streamed into the Deputy Collector's Office. I would suggest that in the event of the project receiving the Board's sanction, the Mirasidars and the Payacarries of the village in which the proposed pans are situated, be liberally dealt with. They should have a handsome share allotted to them, and if this be done, they are, I am given to understand, willing to waive their claims to the remaining portion, and allow the Government to sell it by auction. This course was approved of in Government Proceedings dated 16th March 1860, No. 394, in the case of new pans granted on a former occasion. Apportioning this residue into lots and selling them by auction, would be the fairest method of disposing of the numerous applications even now on hand.

7. Finally, I would observe that as the manufacturing season commences in January, it would, in the event of this proposal being acceded to, be very necessary to have the channel excavated before the salt is reaped. Arrangements should therefore, if possible, be made for appropriating this sum of Rupees 7,300 from any available funds, otherwise this essentially necessary portion of the project will have to be postponed until the formal Budget sanction is obtained from the 1st of May next.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 & 2.—Plans.

1. When applying for an extension of the works Mr. Banbury should have stated the capabilities of the existing pans as well as the sales in past years.

2. He will please to supply this omission. The actual receipts of Salt for the years of which he has given the sales should be stated, and also the estimated average annual out-turn of the existing works, in a fairly favorable season:

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. Banbury, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras.

Ed. J. Wright.

21 1863
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2. ^{inmediate} Early orders will be issued from the Public Works Department for the execution of the works referred to in para 4 of Mr. Baulbury's letter of 24th October 1863 N. 436.

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14. Board of Revenue with Mr. Baulbury
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5. Inspector General M. Police

Forward the No. of the 1863
No. 6. 864. to the Govt. for the
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No. 2673/63

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Dated 26th October 1863.

Despatched

Received

E. 2. 864.

No. 6,864.

Calling for certain information regarding the new Salt Pans proposed to be opened at Kattur.

Southern and Southern Coast Canal system -
which would at once open up large additional sources of supply in emergency -

4. The Board see no objection to the sale by auction of the surplus new steam engines remaining over, after a fair proportion has been allotted to the resident millowners -

(Please Copy & Postcard.)

Thos. B. Smith
Secretary.

Dr. J. D. Smith Esq.

Secretary to Government
(Revenue & Fisheries)

W. H. Smith Esq.

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 14th
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(Recd. 5th)
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Submitting with re=
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Collector of Madras for
warding a Statement of
Salt receipts & sales at
the Madras Cotar for the
last five fushies.

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With an order