

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th June 1864.*

No. 154. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th May 1864.
Read the following letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tritapoondy, 18th May 1864.
No. 153 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government, dated the 2nd instant, No. 750, communicated with that of the Board under date the 4th idem, I have the
To Board, 24th July 1863, No. 274. honor to refer the Board to my letters marginally noted, in
To do, 5th February 1864, No. 28. which the subject of the deficiency of stock at the Salt Depot
at Negapatam has been repeatedly reported upon with reference to similar complaints previously
made by the Agent of the Great Southern of India Railway.

2. I would, however, beg again to state that this deficiency has been caused entirely by the
failure of manufacture at this station during the last year, consequent on the extremely unfavor-
able character of the season added to the unremunerative rate of Kudiwarum allowed to the
manufacturers.

3. Endeavours were made to replenish the stock with the Veeraramain Salt, but for reasons
stated in my letter of the 5th February last, above quoted, this measure could not be carried out
to the full extent desired. The transport of the said Salt to Negapatam has, however, been again
resumed, and about 70 Garces have already been brought and stored, but the prejudice which
exists against this Salt precludes its being taken advantage of by the so-called Railway traders.

Letter to Board, 15th March 1864, No. 78,
paragraph 5.

This prejudice, I might observe, in passing, is more the
prejudice of those traders than of other merchants, who, as
I have already stated, purchase the Salt freely.

4. It is indeed a matter of regret to me that the Railway trade should have suffered
so much from the deficiency of stock at Negapatam, but at the same time I am unable
to see how the state of things complained of could have been avoided. This was indeed
already fully foreseen, and I obtained permission for bringing the Vedarniem Salt after strongly
and repeatedly urging the necessity for so doing to meet the more immediate wants of trade.

5. Now, however, that the manufacture at Negapatam is being vigorously carried on under
the encouragement afforded by the increased rate of Kudiwarum now allowed, and the measures
under contemplation for facilitating the transport of Salt from the Pans to the Vadi I confidently
hope that a quantity amply sufficient to meet the demands of the Railway trade will be stored this
season, and as it is this Salt which is in request for the said trade the cause of all complaint on
the part of the Agent of the Railway will be removed.

6. Already up to the end of last month 410 Garces of Salt have been made at this station

1859	...	...	65
1860	...	...	396*
1861	...	...	56
1862	...	...	186
1863	...	...	43

* This was a remarkably favorable season.

against the quantities as shown in the margin, manufactured
up to the corresponding period during the last five years.
Owing, however, to the difficulties explained in my letter of
the 23th ultimo, No. 128 (and for the removal of which I have
proposed effectual measures), this Salt could not be conveyed

the Vadi (No. III) within easy reach of the Railway and made available for sale. A portion
of the quantity above specified has, however, been stored in the other more accessible Vadi (No. 1)
and now is being sold.

7. With reference to paragraphs 9 to 7 of Mr. Betts' letter under consideration, I would
beg to observe that the Vedarniem spontaneous Salt has never been forced, nor is it intended to
force it on the merchants. It was simply because the stores at Negapatam were exhausted that
that Salt was brought and sold, and as I have already said the same was readily taken by other
than the Railway traders. The only rule enforced was the one always invariably observed of
not selling new Salt while the old Salt was in hand; thus the little remainder of the new
Salt manufactured at Negapatam last year was sold after the spontaneous Salt of the preced-
ing year brought to that station was disposed of.

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8. The arrangement proposed by Mr. Betts of selling one heap of the spontaneous with two heaps of the manufactured article with a view to induce merchants to take the former is unnecessary and undesirable, as the transport of Salt from Vedarniem to Negapatam is, as I have already reported, attended with much expense and loss by way of wastage, and further as under rigorous measures now taken to that end a sufficiency of the article will be had, made and stored on the spot.

9. Mr. Betts' suggestion that the spontaneous Salt should be conveyed and sold at Adrampatam is simply impracticable, more essentially at this part of the season. The rounding of Point Calmere as well as the landing and storing of the Salt at Adrampatam would be attended with no small difficulty and expense, and besides that station with the adjoining ones, marginally noted, possesses such vast capabilities, and facilities for manufacture that the Salt made and stored there at a cheap rate is more than sufficient to supply all possible demand on those stations.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order quoted by the Collector.

2. Mr. Cadell will please to take care that in expediting the storing of locally produced Salt at Negapatam the primary necessity of taking only good Salt is kept steadily in view. Frequent scrapings before the crystal has had time to acquire size and consistency is the error of most frequent occurrence in our Salt manufacture, and is fatal to all attempts at obtaining a superior article.

No. 155.

ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1864, No. 1,011.

Separate Revenue, No. 9.

Salt.

1. The deficiency of Salt at Negapatam appears to have been owing to the very unfavorable character of last season, and in a minor degree to the established rate of payment for the Salt having proved insufficient. The rate has since been raised and the manufacture this year is progressing very favourably and rapidly. The Collector will use every endeavour to lay in an ample stock of good Salt sufficient to meet all probable demands, supplementing the local manufacture so far as may be necessary with Salt from Vedarniem, but not otherwise sending the latter to Negapatam, if, as seems to be the case, it is more expensive owing to the heavy cost of transport and high rate of wastage. When the canal is open these expenses will be greatly reduced.

2. The Government wish to be furnished with monthly reports of the progress of the canal and of the stock of Salt of each description at Negapatam; the former will be furnished by the Superintending Engineer through the Public Works Department, and the latter by the Collector through the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Thos. St. George
14a June 1864

Without
intermittent
any month,
reports of the
progress of the
Canal & of
the state of
Salt Regeneration.

The
matter is one of very great importance
for the development of the Salt Works
at Tanjong. It is nearly all that can be done
to look to towards paying the guarantee

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James Lloyd

L. St. George

(A true copy and correct)

intended on the G. S. & Railway - 14th June
spontaneous salt of Padarnum which
taken by the people, any person to 15-4th
best salt could be manufactured there
Mr. G. L. Brown is told one sea coast salt

but Salt will please to
take care that you separate the other
ing of really produced salt at
negotiations the primary necessity
of taking only good salt is right
standing in view. It is not to be
put before the subject has been
time to acquire right and correct
sight. It is the basis of most frequent
recurrence in our salt bearing fac-
tory, and it is not to be attempted
at obtaining a higher price without

No. 2 May/64 No 1-2.

Copy of Letter to Eng.
of 11th June 1864 No 3 L.R.

Pro. Bd. Rev. of 1st October/64
C. No 2738

Pro. Bd. Rev. of 15 July 65
C. No 1931 - C. No 19 July 65
No 1869.

Pro. Bd. Rev. of 15 Jan'y 66
C. No 233

Pro. Bd. of 15 July 66 C. No 531

No. 154-155

C. 2 June/64 R. for Re-AM

Rev = 1864-65
Pro. of Govt for June
No 1388.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue
of 29 June/64 C. No 1709.

Dated 26
Desp. 26 May 1864
Recd. 27th

From the off. Sup. Eng.
to Director of 6 July/64 C. No 1824
Pro. Bd. of Rev. of 20 Aug. 64
C. No 2214
Public Works Dept. 25 Aug/64 C. No 2281

Submitting
letter from collector
of Sanjori on the
subject of deficiency
of stock at the
Salt Depot at
Nagapattam -

of 10th July 1864

With an Order

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by the Sup. Eng. through the
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the Board.

14th of Rev. Despt. 15 June
21 Public Works Dept
1 Consulting Eng. for Railways.