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## Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th July 1864.*

No. 212. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd May 1864, No. 3,188.

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1. Under date the 12th March last, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department reported, that having received intelligence that a large quantity of Salt was being smuggled at the villages of Peta Chalivendra and Arangam on the Coromandal side of the Pulicat Lake he proceeded to the spot suddenly and found the information he had received was correct.

2. He describes the smuggling thus detected and the locality as follows ;—Behind the row of Bungalows on the lake at Coromandel is a low swamp* about 1,200 yards long by 600 wide, through which the land-floods are discharged into the lake, and the mouth of which 225 yards broad, is called the Musamone Oday. On the eastern bank of this swamp is a large village ; called Petta with two hamlets and a large quantity of Salt spontaneously produced to an estimated annual extent of 20 garces by the salt water from the lake washing into the swamp through the mouth in question is smuggled and illicitly sold by the people of the adjoining villages ; and a flagrant case of smuggling of this Salt appears to have been brought last year to the notice of the Collector of Madras and to have been tried magisterially.

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3. To remedy the above the Deputy Collector suggests that a dyke be thrown across the mouth of the Musamone. A [illegible] yard he states will be sufficient, and he estimates the cost at 60 Rupees ; a small portion being cut every year for the discharge of the drainage during the monsoons he says will soon reclaim the swamp, a portion of which might be used as a fresh water reservoir, and by annual repairs at one-fourth the original cost an embankment across the mouth of the swamp will soon be formed and the swamp thus finally cut off from the lake.

4. The formation and smuggling in the two villages of Chalivendra and Arangam higher up than Petta the Deputy Collector attributes to leakage when the waters of the lake fall after the monsoons and oozing through the sandy ridges west of Coromandel forms what is called "Uta-Uppu," or leakage Salt. The quantity produced annually he estimates at 10 garces, and recommends the appointment of two temporary Peons for four months in the year to watch the salt produced and destroy it under the supervision of the Salt Superintendent of Sannapu Gunta.

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† No. 42, dated 14th April 1864.

6. Of the utility of the work there appears no question, and being in the neighbourhood of Sunnupu Gunta, and for the security of the sales of that Depôt which are doubtless effected by the smuggling and illicit sale of the Salt produced as above, it is proposed to carry it out by the servants of the Salt Establishment of this District ; and for this purpose I have the honor to solicit the Board's sanction and orders.

7. The cost of the embankment can be met this year from the Savings in the amount allowed for the dyke across the Pulicat lake ; whilst for the two Peons required for guarding at Chalivendra and Arangam sanction has been duly applied for in my Estimate of additional establishments for 1864-65, submitted with my letter dated 9th instant.

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1. With reference to your letter of the 19th ultimo, No. 185, requesting my opinion on the proposals contained in your Salt Deputy Collector's letter of the 12th idem therewith forwarded, I have the honor to inform you that it appears to me that the proposed dam will have the effect anticipated by that Officer; and its construction therefore appears to be desirable. As it is greatly to the immediate interest of Government that this dam should be constructed, it is but fair that its cost should be wholly borne by the State and not by the Kazi, as stated in paragraph 4 of Narainsami Mudali's letter. It is not likely that this Mahomedan gentleman would agree to contribute anything.

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(True Copy).

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES, *Collector.*

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Sketch.

The Board sanction the proposed measures as an experiment, the result of which the Collector will report at the close of the season.

No. 213. ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1864, No. 1,223.

| Separate Revenue, No. 39. |
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| *Salt.* |

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

*Deputy Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Secretary.

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Copy to E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.
,, to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., for information.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

~~Sanctioned as proposed by the Board.~~

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No. 1744 &c.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 23rd May 1864.

Dispatched [illegible]

Received [illegible]

No. 3,188.

Sanctioning, as an experiment, the plan suggested for the prevention of the smuggling of spontaneous salt in certain villages in the Nellore District, and requesting a Report on its result.