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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th July 1864.

No. 421. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1864, No. 4,390.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, dated 30th June 1864, No. 164 :—

1. I beg to report that since the transfer of the executive of the salt works to the Salt Deputy Collector, the estimates for all the necessary works were, with very few exceptions, prepared by him, forwarded through my office to the Department of Public Works for examination and counter-signature, and then returned for execution to the Deputy Collector, who drew the necessary funds from the advance to be adjusted hereafter, and after the completion of each work, submitted bills for the amount actually expended from the above advance which was adjusted by cheques given by the Department Public Works on receipt by them of the said bills.

2. This state of things continued until February 1864, when Captain F. G. Moberly, Superintending Engineer of the Division, having objected, in his letter dated 16th January 1864, No. 1,676, to such a practice, suggested that the necessary funds for expenditures on works during the ensuing month should be drawn from his department in the previous months ; this course is now observed as requested by him.

3. Now a difficulty has arisen for reimbursing the money drawn by the Salt Deputy Collector from the advance for the execution of works, for which money had already been drawn, when the above practice was discontinued. The amount thus to be repaid to the Advanced Fund is Rupees 3,277-2-3, as will be seen from the accompanying list.

4. The Budget allotment for salt works for 1862-63 and 1863-64 are Rupees 2,450 and 2,250 respectively, of which Rupees 1,073-0-10 only, including a sum of Rupees 500, spent by the Department Public Works for repairing a road leading to the Vottanum Salt Pan was actually expended from the Budget allotments, leaving a sum of Rupees 3,626-15-2 unappropriated, which is more than sufficient for adjusting the advance to be made good. The Board will perceive from the above that the amount allotted for the past two official years had not been exceeded by the expenditure incurred in those two years, but through some mistake the money sanctioned was not appropriated within each year.

5. The Superintending Engineer inquired of me as to the amount that would be spent on salt works within the past official year, but before the receipt of an answer from me, he carried the balance of that year's allotment to the credit of Government, and now refuses to pay the money due for works executed on estimates countersigned by the Public Works Department.

6. In the Budget Estimate submitted by me for the money required for expenditure on salt works during the present year 1864-65, I entered a sum of Rupees 4,825, viz., Rupees 3,825 for new works, and Rupees 1,000 for repairs, But Government have only sanctioned Rupees 1,000 which is not even sufficient to meet the requirements of the year. However had the whole amount been sanctioned, it would materially assist towards the payment of the money now required for adjusting the advance.

7. I regret to observe that owing to some oversight or ignorance of the Maramut Rules in the Revenue Department, the money expended within each year was not ascertained before the close of it, and paid from the Budget allotment, under a mistaken idea that money should be drawn from the Department Public Works on bills only prepared after the completion of each work.

8. Under the above circumstances, I beg the intercession of the Board to obtain the sanction of Government for the payment of Rupees 3,277-2-3, shown in paragraph 3, from the saving of the above Budget allotments carried to the credit of Government, without duly appropiating it, for re-imbursing the advance money laid out on Salt works, or from the Reserve Fund as promised in paragraph 8 of the Order of Government, Department Public Works, dated 6th February 1864, No, 281.

Enclosure No. 1.

Abstract.—List of the Salt works executed in 1862-63 and 1863-64, distinguishing those completed, and for which money was paid by the Department Public Works from those executed from the Revenue Advance Fund.

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No. 422. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1864, No. 1,327.

Separate Revenue, No. 58.
Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 4,390.

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(A true Copy and Extract,)

Secretary.

To Colonel C. A. Orr, R. E., Secretary to Government, P. W. D.,
with original enclosure.

Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
„ to V. H. Levinge, Esq., Collector of Madura.

Ed. J. Wright.

Dated 14th July 1864.

No. 4,390.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Madura requesting sanction for Rupees 3,277-2-3 drawn as advance for executing certain Salt Works in 1862-63 and 1863-64.

RECORDED.

Public, Revenue and Agricultural Department.

No. 1802.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.