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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd September 1864.*

No. 318. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th September 1864, No. 5,834.

Read the following letters:—

From W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, 30th June 1864, No. 226.

1. I have the honor to bring under the consideration of the Board the subject of the price to be charged for salt supplied to the French Government.

2. As the Board are aware under the Convention* entered into with that Government, the salt is to be supplied at its cost price settled according to an average taken every three years, and the supposed cost price hitherto charged for salt supplied from this District to the French Settlement at Karikal, is Rupees 13-10-0 per garce; Rupees 10-10-0 being for Kudivarum, and Rupees 3 for the charge of superintendence.

* Dated 7th March 1815, and 13th May 1818.

3. The Kudivarum for the two stations adjoining the French Settlement, and from which salt is supplied thereto, has been raised for this year as shown in the margin, and the present cost of superintendence, guards, and contingencies for the whole District calculated on an average† of the quantity of salt stored during the five years is as follows:—

				Per Garce.			
				RS.	A.	P.	
Chendrapadi, formerly belonging to the Nidavasal	..	..	..	11	14	0	
Division	..	..	..	13	2	0	
Kavilput	..	..	..	13	2	0	
† 5,048 Garces.				2,725	—	—	
				125	—	—	

					Rate per Garce.		
					RS.	A.	P.
Salt Establishments according to the new scale including the Deputy							
Collector's salary	...	...	...	...	21,804	4	5 2
Police Guards	...	...	...	...	14,910	2	15 3
Saderwarid and Contingencies	...	...	...	...	1,762	0	5 7
Total	...	...	...	...	38,476	7	10 0

4. Thus the actual cost to Government including Kudivarum and superintendence, &c., comes to Rupees 19-8-0 per garce in one, and to Rupees 20-12-0 in the other of the two salt stations adjoining the French Settlement, while the price, as now collected from the French Government, is only Rupees 13-10-0.

5. It is clear therefore that under the Convention, this Government has a just right to raise, to the extent above specified, the price for the salt supplied to the French. In the year 1860, when an increased Kudivarum, viz., Rupees 12 per garce, was allowed for the whole District as a temporary measure, a proportionate increase was charged for salt supplied to the said Government, and on the necessary explanation being afforded, the price was paid that year accordingly. So far, therefore, as Kudivarum is concerned, there would appear to be no difficulty in raising the charge also this year, and I have accordingly raised it for salt already supplied out of this year's manufacture, but it is to be determined whether a further increase is to be made also in the charge for superintendence in proportion to the cost as now actually incurred, and I beg to solicit the instructions of the Board on this point.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 19th August 1864, No. 211.

1. I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from my Salt Deputy Collector, relative to the price paid at present by the French Government at Yanam for the salt supplied to them, under the Convention of 7th March 1815.

2. Under Article 2 of that Convention, it appears to me that the price should be raised to that which it costs the British Government here.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From G. PANTAIYA, Deputy Collector of the Godavery District, to J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, dated Cocanada, 18th August 1864, No. 91.

1. I have the honor to inform you that twelve Madras garces of salt are annually supplied to the French Settlement of Yanam from our stores in quarterly instalments (according to a Convention between the French and English Governments) at 6 Rupees* per garce, being the cost price fixed some years ago with reference to the low rate of Kudivarum then in force.

• Kudivarum..	..	..	..	..	RS.	A.	P.
Other charges..	..	..	..	..	5	8	0
					0	8	0
					6	0	0

2. The present cost price of salt amounts to Rupees 8 as noted in the margin.—*Vide* Board's Proceedings, dated 20th May 1862 No. 3,231, and I consider the same will have to be demanded from the French Government for salt supplied to them.

3. I therefore request you will be so good as to bring the matter to the notice of the Board, and obtain their orders on the subject.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER,

Officiating Collector.

1. The Board observe that in the Convention dated 7th March 1815 between the French and British Governments, relative to the trade in Salt and Opium, it is provided that the supply of salt to the French Settlements "shall be made at the price which the British Government shall have paid for the said article," * * * "according to an average to be taken every three years of the charges" * * * "incurred by the British Government for the salt manufactured in the Districts in the vicinity of the French Settlements."

2. The terms of this Convention were confirmed by those of 13th May 1818 and 18th July 1837.

3. From the letters above recorded it appears that in Tanjore the price hitherto charged for salt supplied to the French Settlement at Karical was Rupees 13-10-0 per garce, being Rupees 10-10-0 Kudivarum, and Rupees 3 cost of superintendence.

4. At present the Kudivarum paid at the two salt stations adjoining Karical is respectively Rupees 11-14-0 and Rupees 13-2-0 per garce, or an average of Rupees 12-8-0, while on the average of the whole District, the charges for Establishment, Guarding, Saderwarid, and Contingencies, come to Rupees 7-10-0 per garce of salt stored.

Rupees	11	14	
	7	10	
	19	8	
Rupees	13	2	
	7	10	
	20	12	
	19	8	
	20	12	
	210	4	
	20	2	

5. Thus the total cost to Government of the salt manufactured in the vicinity of Karical is, on the average of the two Districts, Rupees 20-2-0 per garce stored.

6. The Collector appears to have adopted the higher average rate of Kudivarum in calculating the price to be charged to the French Government for salt already supplied out of this year's manufacture, thus apparently raising the charge from Rupees 13-10-0 to Rupees 15-8-0, and he desires to know whether he is

to make a further increase with reference to the actual cost of Establishment expenses, viz., Rupees 7-10-0 instead of Rupees 3, as estimated in the present calculation.

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7 In the Godavery District, twelve garces of salt are annually supplied to the French

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Other charges	..	..	..	..	"	0	8
						6	0
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Other charges		..	..	..	"	0	8
						8	0

Rupees	10	0	0
	15	0	0
	15	10	0
	340	10	0
	13	8	8

Settlement at Yanam, and this quantity has hitherto been charged for at the rate of Rupees 6* per garce. The Deputy Collector estimates the present cost at Rupees 8† per garce, and proposes to charge at this rate in future. The Board however observe that according to Mr. Clarke's recent report on the Salt works of the District, the cost of the salt to Government, on an average of ten years, has been Rupees 10-10-0 per garce, and that on the average of the last three years it has been Rupees 13-8-8.

8. The Board learn from Mr. Clarke that in South Arcot the cost of the salt to Government is calculated to be Rupees 15-7-0 per 120 Indian Maunds, but that the French Government claim to receive 424 Mercals of salt for this price, while the 120 Maunds, as weighed out by the Machines on the spot, were found to measure only from 355 to 391 Mercals. It is very evident here that the Machines are not accurate, and of course the French Government must receive full quantity whether by measure or weight. The ratio of 424 Mercals to 120 Indian Maunds was adopted by order of Government, and until we are in a position to weigh our salt accurately, we cannot expect it to be received by the French Government otherwise than by measure as hitherto. In fact it will probably be found necessary to revert to measurement temporarily for all Government transactions until the Machines have been brought to a more efficient state.

9. The Board resolve to submit these Proceedings to Government, with their recommendation that the calculation of price be ordered to be made on the garce of 424 Mercals or 120 Indian Maunds, delivery being made by measurement as hitherto until the weighing Machines are found to work satisfactorily, and that in order to settle the price on uniform principles, the question be referred to Mr. Clarke for decision, to ensure that the same items are included in every case in calculating the cost of the article to Government. It would seem that in the case of Pondicherry no objection is raised to paying the cost, inclusive of all proper item, and that the sum of Rupees 15-7-0 is the entire cost. The Tanjore calculation appears excessive, and probably includes items not included in South Arcot. The Godavery Estimate on the other hand is evidently inadequate.

No. 319.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1864, No. 1,740.

Separate Revenue, No. 120
Salt.

Referred to Mr. T. Clarke for report.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To T. Clarke, Esq.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

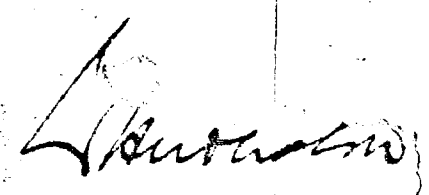
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Other charges.....	"	0	8
		6	0
† Kudivarum.....	"	7	8
Other charges.....	"	0	8
		8	0
	Rupees	10	0
		15	0
		15	10
		3	10
		13	8

8. The Board learn from Mr. Clarke that in South Arcot the cost of the salt to Government is calculated to be Rupees 15-7-0 per 120 Indian Maunds, but that the French Government claim to receive 42½ Mercals of salt for this price, while the 120 Maunds, as weighed out by the Machines on the spot, were found to measure only from 355 to 391 Mercals. It is very evident here that the Machines are not accurate, and of course the French Government must receive full quantity whether by measure or weight. The ratio of 42½ Mercals to 120 Indian Maunds was adopted by order of Government, and until we are in a position to weigh our salt accurately, we cannot expect it to be received by the French Government otherwise than by measure as hitherto. In fact it will probably be found necessary to revert to measurement temporarily for all Government transactions until the Machines have been brought to a more efficient state.

9. The Board resolve to submit these Proceedings to Government, with their recommendation that the calculation of price be ordered to be made on the Garce of 42½ Mercals or 120 Indian Maunds, delivery being made by measurement as hitherto until the weighing Machines are found to work satisfactorily, and that in order to settle the price on uniform principles, the question be referred to Mr. Clarke for decision, to ensure that the same items are included in every case in calculating the cost of the article to Government. It would seem that in the case of Pondicherry no objection is raised to paying the cost, inclusive of all proper item, and that the sum of Rupees 15-7-0 is the entire cost. The Tanjore calculation appears excessive, and probably includes items not included in South Arcot. The Godavery Estimate on the other hand is evidently inadequate.

(True Copies and Extract.)


Secretary.

- To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
- „ T. Clarke, Esq.
- „ W. M. Cadell, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.
- „ J. Fraser, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District.
- „ G. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

Exd. J. Wright.

Department of England
of 4th March 1865
Ld. Que.

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No. 2447.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Wm. B. St. John of the
B. H. H. H.

Dated 7th September 1864.

20/12/64

Wm. B. St. John of the
B. H. H. H.

No. 6,834

Submitting with remarks letter from the
Collector of the Tanjore and Godavery Districts
on the subject of the price to be charged for
salt supplied to the French Government.

20/12/64

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Received by Mr.
Wm. B. St. John for report

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