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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 155. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th June 1864.
Read Government Order dated 11th April 1864, No. 608:—

1. The Board have deferred disposing of the above Government Order until the return of the 3rd Member to Madras, it will now be communicated to the Collector of Madras together with a copy of Mr. Clarke's report. The Collector will be careful to give the necessary instructions to Mr. Smith and the other Officers employed in the Department that the system alluded to in paragraph 8, as causing a complication of accounts be discontinued; but he may defer doing so until the result of Mr. Clarke's futher representation to Government on the subject of these detailed accounts is known. The rise and fall of the Salt sales at Chunambat and Cheyur and the reasons which operated to prevent manufacture at the latter place in the years alluded to in paragraph 8 of the Order should be explained, and the information called for in paragraph 9 should be submitted by an early date.

2. The Collector's special attention is drawn to the remarks of Government in paragraph 12, regarding the bearing and demeanour of the Salt servants in their transactions with the public; in paragraph 14, regarding the early introduction at Covelong of the Cheyur and Chunambat system of manufacture; and in paragraph 16, regarding the protection of the pans. After the Deputy Collector has had a good opportunity of judging as to the best means of protecting the pans, the Board expect a report on this subject, as they attach great importance to the matter.

3. The improvements alluded to in paragraph 13 should be considered in consultation with the Superintending Engineer, and the necessary estimates should be submitted.

4. The Collector will please to bear in mind that, as pointed out in paragraph 24 of the Order, he is now responsible for bringing before Government the requirements of the Salt trade, whether in regard to communications or to other works in which the success of the trade depends. The grievance of the Covelong manufacturers should, as directed by Government, at once be redressed, and the Board will shortly address Government on the general question of the price now paid for Salt for export at the several ports, as well as on the subject of the Kudivaram now paid to the manufacturers in the several Districts.

5. The state of things at the Depôt at Home's Gardens is anything but satisfactory or creditable to the Officers in charge. The Superintendent should at once be called upon to explain why the Salt weighing machines were allowed to be in the state described by Mr. Clarke, and the directions given in paragraph 23 of the Order as to the removal of the Salt by purchasers should receive careful attention. The explanation called for regarding the foreign sales at this Depôt should at once be submitted, and the Deputy should be required to carry out the orders of Government regarding the re-weighing of the heaps, at his earliest convenience, the result being reported to the Board.

6. The Deputy Collector should be required to report distinctly what orders he has issued regarding passes and countersignature of receipts, to which allusion is made in paragraph 25; and to state on what authority he issued these orders. In future the directions of Government on the subject should be carefully obeyed, and all vexatious and unnecessary interference with the purchasers should be studiously avoided.

7. With reference to the remarks of Government on the subject of Salt Rowanahs, the Board observe that they read the orders of Government as contained in paragraph 3 of G. O. 10th July 1863, No. 1,249, to be conclusive on the point, and that their standing C. O. under date 9th November 1863, No. CXLVII, a copy of which will now be submitted to Government, was issued accordingly. The Inspector General of Police placed on the Government Order the same construction as the Board, as will be observed from his letter, dated 17th October 1863, No. 2,688, which is printed with the Board's Circular.

8. The Board learn, however, from the third Member, that in his opinion, these safeguards against smuggling have been dispensed with prematurely. He observes that the sale of smuggled salt is openly carried on in some of the Northern Districts, and that the authorities seem

powerless to put a stop to this illicit traffic, now that no pass is required for Salt when it has once left the Kotars. The Board therefore think it very desirable that an expression of opinion should be called for from the Collectors of Coast Districts on the subject, and the Collector of Madras should report his views.

9. The Board have already addressed the Mint Master regarding the Salt weighing machines. They will report further when they have received that officer's final report on the subject.

10. The alleged misconduct of the Cheyur Superintendent should be at once enquired into, and a report should be submitted to the Board. The Deputy Collector should report, as required, the number of occasions on which he has visited these southern pans during the last year, and the Collector should bear in mind the remarks of Government in the closing paragraph of the G. O., and should carry out the inspection of the Establishments as therein directed.

No. 156. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1864, No. 1,890.

Separate Revenue, No. 9.
Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

STANDING CIRCULAR, No. CXLVII.

Board No. 7,122.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 9th November 1863.

Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Mofussil Police, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kotaghiri, 17th October 1863, No. 2,688 :—

1. With reference to Sub-Secretary's letter dated 18th July 1863, I have the honor to state that orders will at once be issued to all Police Officers in accordance with the Order of Government.

2. The Police have been enjoined not to interfere with salt in transit.

3. I exceedingly regret that through an oversight this letter has not been sooner replied to.

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1. Communicated to all Collectors together with a copy of paragraph 3 of the Government Order referred to by the Inspector General.

2. The issue of Salt Rowanahs in the old form will be discontinued for the future, a simple pass being substituted for them. The special pass issued in Ganjam, for salt to be exported to the Bengal Presidency, will of course be retained (Government Order dated 16th July 1863, No. 1,307).

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. M. C. KELLY,
Second Assistant.

To All Collectors, with paragraph 3 of G. O., dated 10th July 1863, No. 1,249.

Copy to W. Robinson, Esq, Inspector General of Mofussil Police.

Paragraph 3 of Government Order, dated 10th July 1863, No. 1,249.

G. O. 12th May 1858, No. 625.

The Board make no allusion to the Orders marginally noted, directing the limitation of Rowanahs to a moderate distance from each depot. These orders do not seem to have been attended to in Ganjam. The Board will ascertain the cause of this. Now that the new Police have taken complete charge of the pans there seems to be no use in retaining Rowanahs in their present form. A simple pass showing the quantity to be allowed egress from the pan is all that is necessary, and these Passes should be handed over to the Police guard as the salt is removed and forwarded by the Police authorities direct to the Collector. The Board will communicate with the Inspector General of Police on the subject.

Exd. J. Wright.

Entered the Ord of the Bd of Rev. to the Salt Agents &c. &c. Dated 4th June 1864.

STANDING CIRCULAR, No. CXLVII.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

To All Collectors, &c.

Dated 9th November 1863.

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Directing the substitution of a simple pass in place of the salt Rowannahs now in use.

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Communicating to the Collector of Madras with Bd's Lr: marks G.G. on the subject of Mr. Clarke's report on the results of his inspection of the Salt Works in the Ambore district of the Madras &c: & submitting to Govt. certain explanation on the subject.
Dated 2nd 1890.

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