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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th February 1864.

No. 239. Read the following letter from T. CLARKE, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 11th February 1864 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to enclose my report on the Salt Depôts and Salt works of the Madras District, lying to the south of the town of Madras.

2. I regret I have not been able to lay before Government my report on the Salt administration of the Western Coast. As soon as I had completed my circuit of the Malabar and Mangalore Districts, I embarked from Mangalore for Cochin, at which place and Trevandrum, I was engaged from the 19th October to 19th November, in treating with the authorities there, in regard to the extension of the benefits of the Interportal Act to the Ports of Travancore and Cochin. I then visited the southern Salt Depôts of the District of Malabar. As soon as my report on the Travancore and Cochin Customs question was completed, I drew up my report on my Salt tour, and on the 24th December forwarded it, at the suggestion of the Collectors of the Malabar and Canara Districts, for any remarks those Officers might have to offer upon it. My report has not yet been returned, but as soon as it arrives, I will hasten its despatch to Government. I had hoped to have left Madras by the Coasting Steamer of last month for the Northern Ports; but finding I could not submit my report on the Madras Salt works, without some accounts called for from the Deputy Collector of Madras, and being desirous of placing before Government my report on the Districts of Canara and Calicut, before leaving for the north, I have obtained the consent of the Agent of the British India Steam Navigation Company to postpone my passage till February.

3. I learn from Messrs. Dymes & Co. that Ganjam is not one of their ports of call, and that they must land me at Bimlipatam, unless the Government order the vessel to put into Ganjam. The most northern Salt works are at Ganjam, which is 160 miles, along the coast from Bimlipatam. The mere act of travelling this distance, with my tents and other impediments, will occupy me no less than eighteen days. I shall have to march the same distance back, and then to proceed to the South from 550 to 600 miles before I can complete my tour in the Northern Circars.

4. I therefore venture to ask that, unless there are objections of which I am not aware, the Government will be pleased to exercise their prerogative, and order the Agents to land me at Ganjam. Were I landed at Ganjam I might hope to complete my inspection of the Northern Circars so, as to reach Madras by the Coasting Steamer of May. If I land at Bimlipatam I could not reach Madras for a month later. I shall then have to visit the Southern Districts, which will occupy me four or five months longer. The distance to be travelled in the Carnatic is some 600 miles.

No. 240. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1864, No. 283.

1. Orders will be passed hereafter on Mr. Clarke's report on the Salt Depôts and Salt works of the Madras District lying to the south of the town of Madras.

2. Orders will be issued from the Marine Department, with reference to paragraphs 3 and 4 of this letter about landing Mr. Clarke at Ganjam.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Marine Department.
To T. Clarke, Esq.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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I have the honor to be
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Your most obedient Servant

Munro.
Member of the Rev: Board.

To
J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.

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From J. Clarke
Esq^re Member of
the Board of Rev.

Dated 11th Feby.
Received 13th " 1861.

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at Cuyjaur.

Fort St. George
16th Feby. 1861.

Copied to the Marine Dep^t. Dis^t 18 Feb^y 61.
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