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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th May 1865.*

No. 271. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd May 1865, No. 2,185.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 27th February 1865, No. 27 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to state, that the price of 12,000 Maunds of salt at Rupees 1-2-0, supplied for sale at Manikdevu Kunta depôt in the years 1859 and 1860, under orders of Government noted in the margin, is still outstanding in the accounts of this Office.

23rd November 1858, No. 1,566.
22nd March 1859, No. 675.
15th November 1859, No. 1,548.

2. From a report received from Major Stoddard, Officiating Superintending Engineer, Upper Godavery Circle, dated 20th December last, No. 923, and the Statement which accompanied it, (copies of which are herewith forwarded,) it will be seen that out of 12,000 Maunds supplied to the depôt, the quantity actually sold was Maunds 10,945, Seers 17½, and that lost, both by wastage and inundation, was Maunds 1,054, Seers 22½. The amount realized by sales at the depôt appears to be Rupees 14,006-11-2, while the expenses connected with the management amount to Rupees 9,645-0-2. The balance, viz., Rupees 4,361-11-0, (which is the price of Maunds 3,877, S. 2, C. 3,) was remitted by Major Stoddard, and the same has been carried to the credit of "Salt" in the accounts.

2. The aggregate amount due for the quantity (Maunds 12,000) supplied is Rupees 13,500 of which Rupees 4,361-11-0 now received being deducted, there remains a balance of Rupees 9,138-5-0, being the price of M. 8,122, S. 17, C. 13, which is still to be accounted for. It seems that the amount of Rupees 9,138-5-0, together with the profits derived by the sales at the depôt, at a higher than the monopoly rate, (which will be seen from the Statement above referred to,) was appropriated towards the expenses of the depôt. The circumstances under which this expenditure was incurred have been explained by Major Stoddard in the report above alluded to. As the salt transactions at Manikdevu Kunta depôt have been finally closed so far back as 1861, there is no means for recovering the balance from the depôt.

4. Under these circumstances, I request the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for writing off the price of the unadjusted portion of the quantity in the accounts.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Major J. STODDARD, Officiating Superintending Engineer, Upper Godavery Circle, to J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, dated Dumaguliem, 20th December 1864, No. 923.

SIR,

1. Since writing my letter, No. 769 of the 24th ultimo, I have the honor to state that I have found copies of the accounts current sent to your predecessor by me from May to August 1860 inclusive, and have been able, therefore, to make up the accounts of the late salt depôt on the Godavery from its commencement up to the time when the sales ceased, viz., October 1861.

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2. I now beg to forward a Statement, compiled from the accounts current, showing that Maunds 10,945, Seers 17½ of salt were sold from May 1860 to October 1861. The receipts amount to Rupees 14,006-11-2, while the expenses of the depôt amount to Rupees 9,645-0-2, leaving a balance of Rupees 4,361-11-0, for which I beg to send an order on Mr. J. H. Denison at Cocanada.

3. The Statement now submitted differs from that forwarded by Captain Haig with his letter No. 441, dated 13th November 1862. In Captain Haig's account it is evident that he must have included salt which had been brought up subsequently to the receipt of the 12,000 Maunds supplied by your Department (without payment) for the depôt, for if the salt lost by wastage, and by the severe flood of July 1861, which Captain Haig's Statement shews to have been 4,134 Maunds, be added to the quantity sold from May 1860 to October 1861, the total will amount to 15,079 Maunds and 17 Seers, or nearly 3,079 Maunds more than you supplied to the depôt.

4. That the loss of salt by inundation was really 3,507 Maunds, there can be no doubt, for the number of bags in the sheds was known, as well as the number saved, but it would not be fair, if indeed possible to identify all the bags that were lost as belonging to the 12,000 Maunds received from you. I have, therefore, assumed only so many Maunds to have perished both by wastage and loss by inundation as would when added to the quantity sold from the beginning to the close of the depôt, (all which, be it observed, I have assumed to have belonged to the 12,000 Maunds received from you,) bring the total up to 12,000 Maunds. This quantity is 1,054 Maunds, Seers 22½ only.

5. The Statement now sent shews that the total receipts by sales amounted to Rupees 14,006-11-2, which distributed over the quantity sold, gives Rupees 1-4-6 as the average selling price per Maund, or Annas 2-6 over the monopoly price at the pans then, which was 1-2-0 per Maund.

This price was not remunerative enough as it has proved.

The expenditure during the same period when spread over the total quantity sold, is as high as 14 Annas per Maund.

This, however, would have been greatly reduced had the depôt been kept up longer. The largest expenditure was of course incurred when it was first set on foot.

"Manikdevu Kunta," where the depôt was first established, was found to be inconveniently situated afterwards, and "Rudramcotta," which was a far better place, was in the dominions of His Highness the Nizam, and, therefore, objected to.

6. In Captain Haig's Statement forwarded with his letter abovementioned, the amount to be remitted to you is stated to be Rupees 4,425-11-0, after deducting the sum of Rupees 2,125-4-6. He, however, seemed to have overlooked the sum of Rupees 4,000, which was advanced by the Collector for setting on foot the depôt.

In liquidation of this loan, I remitted, through the Tahsildar of Rajahmundry, Rupees 1,874-11-6—vide my letter to Mr. Purvis, dated 20th September 1860, and Captain Haig remitted the remainder by two instalments of Rupees 1,720 and 305-4-6, on 24th April 1861, and 1st October 1861, respectively. By his Statement, therefore, Rupees 4,425-11-0 is all that he could remit towards the value of the 12,000 Maunds of salt. This amount differs from that shewn in the enclosed Statement, and now remitted to you by only 64 Rupees.

7. Making deductions for "wastage" and "loss" by flood, therefore, it appears that the loss to Government on the salt sent up to the depôt is Rupees 9,138-5-0.

This, however, is more a nominal loss than an actual one, as the monopoly price at which it was supplied to the depôt is manifold greater than the price paid for the article to the manufacturers by the Government.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Officiating Collector.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of Salt sold from May 1860 to October 1861.

In whose time.	Year and Month.	Maunds and Seers of salt sold.		Total Receipts.	Total Expenditure.	Balance.	Remarks.
		MDS.	SRS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	
Major Stoddard.	1860.						
	May	578	20	1,084 12 6	4,963 7 0		Salt sold in these four months on average at Rupees 1-14-0 per Maund.
	June	657	28	1,233 3 0	56 10 0		
	July	590	0	1,089 4 9	353 3 0		
	August	298	39	560 9 3	359 9 9		
Captain Haig.	1860.						
	September ...	295	14	548 14 9	401 6 6		Average price of Salt sold in these fourteen months, is Rupees 1-2-0 per Maund.
	October	342	15	681 13 9	117 11 6		
	November	283	23	550 0 6	148 1 4		
	December	178	30	349 4 2	1,147 3 8		
	1861.						
	January	431	22	794 7 10	239 8 4		
	February	284	6½	546 6 1	204 4 0		
	March	243	7½	299 1 7	223 1 0		
	April	274	0½	518 7 9	695 1 7		
	May	356	2½	629 12 6	148 14 6		
	June	1,890	0	2,012 14 8	155 6 0		
	July	252	10	512 15 6	146 8 0		
	August	1,301	0	1,412 4 10	86 0 4		
	September	321	0	311 1 0	124 3 8		
	October	2,367	0	871 4 9	74 12 0		
	Total sold ...	10,945	17½	14,006 11 2	9,645 0 2	4,361 11 0	
	Wastage and loss from inundation ...	1,054	22½				
	Received from Collector, Godavery District.	12,000	0				

(Signed) J. F. STODDARD, Major,
DUMAGUDIEM,
20th December 1864,
Officiating Superintending Engineer,
Upper Godavery Circle.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. FRASER,
Officiating Collector.

1. In the Government Orders noted in the margin, the Government sanctioned the supply of salt by the Collector of the Godavery District, to the District Engineer, for sale as an experiment at Badrachellum and Manikdeo Kunta, on the understanding that the salt was to be paid for after its sale by the District Engineer.

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2. The result of the sale of 3,777 Maunds* of salt supplied to the District Engineer from November 1858, to September 1859, for sale at *Badrachellum* was duly reported by the Board to Government, and the Board's Proceedings and the subsequent report of the Chief Engineer were reviewed by Government in their orders marginally noted. It was then resolved that the experiment should be restricted to the depôt at *Kunta*, and that the sale of salt at other places on the Godavery should be left to private enterprise.

* 4,240 Maunds were supplied, but 463 Maunds were sold at Dowlaishweram, and excluded from the calculation of the cost of the experiment.

Board's Proceedings, No. 3,054, July 3rd, 1860.
Government Order, No. 1,222, Revenue Department, July 24th, 1860.
Government Order, Revenue Department, December 12th, 1860.

3. The operations at *Kunta* with 12,000 Maunds of salt are referred to in the correspondence marginally indicated, and the Collector's present final report above recorded (the salt transactions at the depôt having commenced in May 1860 and ceased in October 1861) shews the following results:—

Quantity of salt received from the Collector.	Quantity actually sold.	Amount of cash realized by sales.	Expense incurred in connection with the management.	Balance remitted to the Collector.
Maunds. 12,000	Maunds. 10,945	Rupees. 14,006	Rupees. 9,645	Rupees. 4,361
Wastage. Maunds 1,055.				

4. The monopoly price of the 12,000 Maunds transferred by the Collector for the experiment was at the rate of Rupees 1-2-0 per Maund, Rupees 13,500, from which, deducting the balance of Rupees 4,361-11-0 remitted to the Collector, there remains a balance of Rupees 9,138-5-0, which the Board recommend that the Collector may be authorized to write off to "Profit and Loss" in his accounts. This amount, together with Rupees 506, the profits derived from the sale of the salt, was expended in connection with the management of the experiment, as shewn in paragraph 4 of the above abstract.

No. 272. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1865, No. 1,021.

Serarate Revenue, No. 21.
Salt.

Sanctioned.
(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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	Wastage and loss from inundation	...	1,054	221	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Received from Collector Godavery District	...	12,000	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

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(Signed) J. F. STODDARD, Major,
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