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No. 179. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th July 1865 :—

Read letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 29th June 1865, No. 196.

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1. The Collector's proposal will be submitted for the favorable consideration of Government, with the Board's request that, if approved, a Telegram may be despatched to that Officer authorizing the arrangement.

2. The Board would however suggest that to prevent any fraudulent disposal of the Salt at Vedarniem, or in the neighbourhood, the discount be given in the form of a drawback on all Salt brought into Negapatam from Vedarniem.

3. The course proposed by Mr. Morris seems to the Board to be the only one open, in order to ensure a supply of Salt at Negapatam equal to the demand. Every effort has been made to push on the manufacture at Negapatam itself, but hitherto with but moderate success, and until the canal between Negapatam and Vadarniem is completed some such exceptional arrangement, as that now proposed, will be necessary.

From G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Point Calimere, 29th June 1865, No. 196.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring the following subject to the notice of the Board of Revenue.

2. The Dittam for the manufacture of Salt this year at Negapatam was fixed at 2,500 Garce, but of this no more than 1,250 Garce will be turned out before next monsoon, in consequence of the difficulties raised by the Salt Mirassidars, as stated in my letter No. 168, dated 31st May 1865.

3. The total sales of Salt at Negapatam during the past twelve months have been about 2,000 Garce, and as there is every reason for supposing that a similar quantity, if not more, can be easily disposed of before this time twelve months, 1,000 Garce of Salt at all events should be sent to Negapatam as soon as possible, there not being two months' supply there now in hand.

4. The amount of Salt both manufactured and spontaneous which can be turned out at Vedarniem this year is 2,200 Garce, of which 200 Garce is sufficient for local consumption, thus leaving 2,000 Garce available for Negapatam.

5. As the Board are aware an active Salt trade has sprung up between Negapatam and Trichinopoly, in consequence of the Great Southern of India Railway connecting the two places. The actual gain to the Railway, according to the Agent's statement, by taking one Garce of Salt from one of these towns to the other, is 20 Rupees, the charge being 4 Annas per Garce per mile, and the distance 80 miles.

6. As this Railway does not now pay a dividend of more than 3 per cent. at the outside, and the Government have guaranteed 5 per cent., it follows that, under present circumstances, the Government will be the gainers if Salt can be sent to Negapatam from any other station for less than 20 Rupees a Garce, and conveyed from thence by Railway to Trichinopoly.

7. In the early part of 1864 about 500 Garce of Salt were conveyed by Government on their own account from Vedarniem to Negapatam, and the cost was I find Rupees 38-2-3 per Garce, the loss by wastage being more than 20 Rupees a Garce.

8. I do not propose to try that plan again, but beg that I may be authorized to advertise to the following effect, viz., that until the 13th September 1865, persons buying a heap of 10 Garce of Salt at Vedarniem will be allowed a discount of Rupees 12-6-0 and Rupees 20 per Garce, in addition to the usual 5 per cent., for manufactured and spontaneous Salt respectively, such Salt being conveyed at once to Negapatam, and not being allowed to be sold at Vedarniem.

9. I have proposed Rupees 7-10-0 more discount for spontaneous than manufactured Salt, both because it costs Government so much less per Garce for obtaining it, and because it does not fetch by that amount at least so much in the bazaar.

10. The above amount of discount will, from all that I can learn, be quite sufficient to induce merchants to enter actively into the trade, and will enable the stock at Negapatam to be supplemented by 1,000 Garces in the next three months, thus supplying all the wants of the Railway and of Trichinopoly.

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11th July 1865.

11. As the present time is highly favorable for the conveyance of salt from Vedarniem to Negapatam, I beg that a Telegram may be despatched to me in reply to this letter if the Board sanction my proposal.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

No. 180.

ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1865, No. 1,590.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.
Salt.

The Government sanction the proposed special discount on sales of Salt to the extent of 1,000 Garce, purchased under the ordinary Rules for wholesale trade. The Collector will be instructed accordingly by Telegraph.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Tanjore.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

For orders.

The proposal is in effect to offer a premium for taking salt by the rail from Negapatam. It is not the interest of the rail from Vedarniem. but separate. Should the contrary, may be the most easy process. especially if the salt is conveyed by sea. in this case however any ordinary export by sea (which exists) must be stopped to prevent the risk of fraudulent applic.ⁿ for drawback on salt not purchased at the Revenue sale - Contract the export sale. i.e. Cost price.

The proposal seems fair enough upon objection.

In favor of it are the considᵒⁿ that the traffic by the rail tempts Govt. by reducing the amᵗ of interest payable under the guarantee. & that it is desirable to guard a growing trade from temporary discouragement - as it is likely to develope into a very extensive traffic with the extension of the Railway. & the opening of the Coast Channel from Vedarniem

& dec.ᵗᵒ -

I understand the Bd. to intend that the special discount is to be limited to 1000 Garces in quantity. & to 15. Sept. next in duration -

assuming that ½ of the quantity is wanted. salt. & ½ spontaneously. the total allowᵉ will be Rp. 18093-12 - but it does not follow that the ordinary rate will suffer this extent. because a distant town such special inducement it is improbable that the 1000 Garces of salt will be sold - If this be so. Govt would get Rp. 15290. more than wᵈ otherwise be rec.ᵈ at the same time reduce the guaranteed interest charge & encourage trade - Even supposing that ½ the quantity wᵈ be sold without this ½ discount there wᵈ still be a probable gain of Rp. 7500 to the ordinary rate - Let's say -

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From the 30 January 1866
No. 336

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With Order

Submitting for favourable consideration proposal of the Collr of Tanjore to increase the discount at present allowed to purchasers of Vedaranium salt.

Fort St George 11 July 1865

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Revenue Department

Read the letter from the Collector of Tanjore dated 4th instant, submitting for favourable consideration a proposal to increase the discount at present allowed to purchasers of Vedaranium salt.

Ordered, that the Collector be informed that the Board are unable to accede to the proposal.

(Signed) W. Oglivy
Chief Secy to Govt

Fort St George
Chief Secretary's Office
11th July 1865

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