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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 282. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1865, No. 3,881.

Read Board's Proceedings, No. 1,519, dated 17th March 1865.

Read also the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 7th June 1865, No. 91 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 17th March last, No. 1,519, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, from which the Board will observe that Kamaswara Row has satisfactorily proved his losses of Salt to the extent of about 1,950 Indian Maunds at Masulipatam and Ibrahimpatam.

2. In my letter, dated 15th February last, No. 19, the loss at Ibrahimpatam is stated as 600 Maunds. That figure was taken from the report of the Tahsildar of Bezorah Talook, who summarily inquired into the matter, but could not get accurate information on the subject.

3. As the Deputy Collector has now thoroughly gone into the details of the losses, I beg to recommend that salt to the amount of 1,950 Indian Maunds be issued to Kamaswara Row, from the stores at Nizampatam or Chinna Ganjam.

4. No other applications of the similar nature have been received, and should others come forward at so late a date, their claims would not be entitled to much consideration.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. A. MARJORIBANKS, Esq., Deputy Collector of the Kistna District, to G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, dated Manginapudi, 18th May 1865, No. 47.

1. With reference to your letter, dated the 27th ultimo, No. 1,519, forwarding Board's Proceedings, dated 17th March 1865, on the subject of Krootiventy Kamaswara Row's claim for Salt lost in the late Cyclone, together with an Arzi from that individual, in which he offers to produce evidence of his losses, I have the honor to state I have, agreeably to your request, inquired into the matter, and herewith beg to submit the Kyfeats, &c., taken before me, as particularized in the accompanying list* in Telugu.

* Not sent.

2. The losses which Kamaswara Row alleges to have sustained in the late Cyclone occurred in three different places, viz. :—

Two-hundred Pullas, or 600 Maunds, of Salt in the town of Masulipatam, stored in a Godown.

Four-hundred and fifty Pullas, or 1,350 Maunds, at Ibrahimpatam, laden on seven Dhonies, and

Two-hundred and fifty-six Pullas, or 768 Maunds, at Atapamla, laden on 32 bandies.

3. Regarding the first loss, there is no doubt that the godown with all its contents was washed away by the inundation of the sea on the night of the 1st November last, and three individuals testify to their having seen in the godown on the morning of that date in bags and loose Salt the quantity mentioned by Kamaswara Row, viz., 600 Maunds or thereabouts.

4. As to the loss at Ibrahimpatam, the parties examined are Kamaswara Row's Gumashta, Dhony people, and Kamaswara Row's Accounts, extract from which will be found amongst the accompanying papers. It would appear from the Accounts and the Kyfeats that 1,015¼ Pullas, or 3,045¾ Maunds, were exported at Chintagoontapollem and at Bezwada on 14 Dhonies; that of this quantity 565½ Pullas, or 1,695¾ Maunds, were landed at Ibrahimpatam from nine Dhonies, seven of which had discharged their cargoes entirely, and two partially, and that the two partially unladen Dhonies, and the other five with 450 Pullas of Salt on board, were wrecked in the Kistna during the Cyclone, and the Salt entirely lost.

5. Concerning the loss at Atapamla seven Kyfeats have been taken from two Peons of Kamaswara Row, four bandy people, and another individual. They state, that thirty-two bandies of Salt each laden with 8 Pullas or 24 Maunds, total 256 Pullas, or 768 Maunds were carried away on the 2nd November by the bursting of a tank while they were encamped near the Travellers' Bungalow at Atapamla, and that all the Salt was lost. If the evidence of these men can be trusted, the bandies in question must have been laden with a weight of nearly 2,000 lbs. each, which I can scarce believe, and there is nothing in Kamaswara Row's Accounts to corroborate the Kyfeats of the Peons and bandy people. Atapamla is beyond our frontier, and besides the evidence produced by Kamaswara Row we have no means of testing the truth of his statement.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th July 1865.

6. I consider that Kamaswara Row has satisfactorily proved his loss of about 600 Maunds of Salt at Masulipatam, and 1,350 Maunds on the Kistna at Ibrahimpatam, and if compensation is allowable in cases of this kind that he is entitled to consideration.

7. I think it right to add for your information, that if Kamaswara Row is allowed any compensation for his loss of Salt, other wholesale dealers in Salt, will probably come forward with a statement of their losses: as Kamaswara Row is not the only person who suffered in this way in the late Cyclone.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL, *Collector.*

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1. Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted for the consideration and Orders of Government.

2. These papers relate to a Petition addressed by K. Kamaswara Row to the Collector of the Kistna District for compensation amounting to Rupees 3,873, being the value of 2,718* Indian Maunds of Salt which the Petitioner purchased from the Government stores at Bantoomilly for exportation to Secundrabad, &c.; but all of which, he alleges, was lost in the Cyclone of the 1st November last.

* The whole quantity purchased was six heaps =7,200 Indian Maunds, value Rs. 10,260, but the quantity represented to have been lost is only 2,718 Indian Maunds.

3. On the receipt of the Collector's first letter contained in the Board's Proceedings above recorded, the Board declined to recommend the application unless more distinct evidence than was then offered could be adduced as to the destruction of the Salt, and the precise quantity destroyed.

4. The matter has been since referred by the Collector to the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department (Mr. Marjoribanks) for investigation, and this Officer's Report accompanies the Collector's second letter herewith submitted.

5. Out of the 2,718 Indian Maunds of Salt, for which compensation is claimed, 768 Indian Maunds, laden on thirty-two bandies are said to have been lost on the 2nd November at Atapamla by the bursting of a tank while the bandymen, &c., were encamped near the Travellers' Bungalow at that station. Atapamla is beyond the frontier of the Kistna District, and the Deputy Collecter reports, that there is no means of testing the truth of the above statement. Kyfeats (authenticated statements) were obtained from Kamaswara Row's bandymen, two peons, and another individual; but they are not corroborated by anything in his Accounts, and the Board cannot therefore admit that this portion of the alleged loss is at all satisfactorily proved.

6. A further quantity of 600 Indian Maunds is represented to have been stored in the town of Masulipatam in a godown which was washed away on the night of the 1st November by the inundation of the sea. This statement is so far confirmed by independent testimony, that three, apparently disinterested individuals, affirm that on the morning of the day on which the inundation occurred they saw this quantity of Salt (or thereabouts) stored in the godown in question, which, the Deputy Collector reports, there is no doubt was washed away with all its contents during the Cyclone.

7. The remainder, viz., 1,350 Indian Maunds, of the quantity alleged to have been lost, was, it appears, lost in five dhonies which were wrecked in the Kistna river at Ibrahimpatam during the Cyclone, and this statement is confirmed by the evidence given by the Petitioner's Gumashta and the crews belonging to the dhonies, and also by the entries in his Accounts.

8. The quantity lost, for which there is any satisfactory proof, would thus appear to be 1,950† Indian Maunds, and the Collector recommends that an equal quantity be issued to Petitioner from the stores at Nizampatam or Chinna Ganjam.

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9. The Board must confess that the proof of the actual loss is not very conclusive; but in a case of the kind under disposal it may be difficult to obtain better proof, and, considering that such a large quantity as 7,200 Indian Maunds (value Rupees 10,260), as mentioned in the margin of paragraph 2 above, was purchased at the time by the Petitioner from the same store, the Board beg to submit the application for the favorable consideration of Government.

10. The Deputy Collector remarks, that as other wholesale dealers in Salt have suffered similarly to the present Petitioner it is probable that they may put in similar claims to his, should he be successful; but the Board agree with the Collector that at so late a date their claims would not be entitled to much consideration.

11. The Petition received with the Collector's first letter was returned to him with the Board's Proceedings above recorded, and has not been again received in their office. The Board do not, however, consider it necessary to call for and submit it with these Proceedings, as the Collector and Deputy Collector's letters fully detail the claim.

(True Copies and Extract.)

W. Hudleston

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, 17th March 1865, No. 1,519.

Copy to G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Further Ct. 2207/65

Dated 10th July 1865.

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No 3,881.

Submitting for favorable consideration letter from Collector of Kistna District recommending that 1950 maunds of Salt be issued to Kamaswara Row on account of Salt lost by him in the Cyclone of 1st November 1864.

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With an Order,

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The Government desire to Know when the Saltmens purchased that is said to have been destroyed.--

17th July/65.

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