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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th December 1865.*

No. 174. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th December 1865, No. 7,777.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 21st October 1865, No. 259 :—

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th May 1865, No. 2,816, containing Order of Government, No. 995, dated 11th idem, I have the honor, with reference to paragraph 9, to state that the estimates required are under preparation by the Engineer Department.

2. I beg to enclose copy of a letter addressed by me to Mr. Clarke, regarding the proposed salt station at Uppada, referred to in paragraph 10 of the above-mentioned Order.

From the Collector of the Godavery District, to T. Clarke, Esq., Member of the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 16th October 1865, No. 244.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th September 1865.

2. Immediately on receipt of it, I determined to proceed to Uppada to inspect the locality, as I doubted its fitness for a salt-manufacturing depôt. I believe you did not, while in this District, inspect that station yourself.

3. I went there on Thursday last, the 12th instant, with the Salt Deputy Collector, and in the course of the two next days carefully inspected the whole of the ground that is so situated as to appear fit for salt cropping, and I have no hesitation in saying that Uppada is in no respect fitted for the formation of salt pans. I am informed that some sixty or seventy years ago there were salt pans there, and that they were abandoned because of the bad quality of the salt produced.

4. I inspected the localities on which these salt pans formerly existed. There is no other spot where it would be possible to place them, and these are now unfitted for the purpose for the following reasons :—

1st. They are, I am informed, liable to be entirely flooded by the sea at high tides.

2nd. They are every year submerged by freshes in the streams, which rise in the hilly parts of the Peddapore Talook.

3rd. The soil is very sandy, with a very small admixture of clay, and is quite unfit to make good hard bottomed salt producing pans with.

5. I do not think it would be possible, even at a heavy outlay, to make decent salt pans at Uppada, and heavy outlay must be incurred to make them of any sort.

6. I am searching the records to see if there is any information in them about the old pans that did exist there.

7. As to the others proposed to the south of Cocanada, I think that it would be far better to revive the old ones at Mogultur than form them at a new place. At Mogultur the necessary buildings are in existence, and the Palkole channel, if lengthened a mile or two, would come up to the old platform.

8. I beg to state that my Salt Deputy Collector concurs in my remarks regarding Uppada.

1. Submitted to Government with reference to the Order quoted by the Collector.

2. Under the circumstances reported, it will not be advisable to open any pans at Uppada, but the Collector should consider and report, after due inquiry, whether pans might not be opened to the north of Cocanada, or somewhere in the

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neighbourhood of the Sub-Collector's station at Nursapoor. The Board think Mogaltur is too near the Kistna District, and the Salt formerly manufactured there was reported to be of an inferior description.

No. 175.

ORDER THEREON, 20th December 1865, No. 3,069.

Separate Revenue, No. 4.
Salt.

The Government concur with the Collector and the Board of Revenue in considering it unadvisable to open any salt pans at Uppada.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 7,777.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th December 1865.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

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(A true Copy.)

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. Fraser, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Wm. J. Johnson Secy.

No. 3571-
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 6th December 1865.
2008-2009
2009-2010

No. 7,777.

Submitting with remarks letter from the
Collector of Godavery district regarding the
advisability of opening a Salt Station at
Uppala.

Wm. J. Johnson Secy.

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The Govt. concurs with the Com.
Secy. and the Bd. of Rev. in considering
it inadvisable to open any
salt works at Uppala.

J. R. S.

2008 Dec 20/65

14/12/65 Secy. to Govt.