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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1138 Press Mis.

Dated 12 5 1866.

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No. 233. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th May 1866, No. 3,181 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 11th April 1866, No. 311.

1. Owing to the re-modelling of our Salt Pans, the manufacture was commenced somewhat behind the usual time, and it has now been found necessary to supplement the deficiency estimated as likely to occur at the three places marginally noted, by manufacturing in a few pans at Balcheruvu.

Karisa.
Bimlipatam.
Kuppilli.

2. The Ryots at all the pans are, moreover, extremely dissatisfied with the present rate at which the salt is purchased from them by Government, (viz., Rupees 7-8-0 a garce,) and we had to promise them that we would make a strong recommendation in their favor; indeed, at Bimlipatam, half the manufacturers have struck work, impatient of any delay in the consideration of their prayer for an enhanced rate of payment. Considering the famine prices of food in the District, and the consequent rise in the wages of the laboring classes, I am of opinion that the rate should be raised from Rupees 7-8-0 to Rupees 9-0-0 per garce, to take effect on the transactions of the present manufacturing season. The additional outlay will be Rupees 1,425 only or thereabouts for this season, and can be met from the savings in the Budget grant of Rupees 20,000, under the head of "Purchase of salt and manufacturer's share."

1. Submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the price paid to the salt manufacturers in the Vizagapatam District be raised, as desired by the Collector, from Rupees 7-8-0 to Rupees 9-0-0 per garce; the additional outlay of about Rupees 1,425, required for the purpose this season, being met from the provision pointed out by the Collector.

2. The Board consider that the manufacturers are fully entitled to the increase recommended; and they are of opinion that not less than 10 Rupees a garce should be given for salt of really good quality. They trust that Mr. Carmichael insists on the good quality of the salt manufactured in his District, for Mr. Clarke found it to be very inferior when he visited the Vizagapatam pans.

No. 234. ORDER THEREON, 12th May 1866, No. 1,138.

Separate Revenue, No. 8.
Salt.

The Government sanction the proposed increase of 1½ Rupee per garce in the rate of Coodewarum, on the understanding that salt of good quality is supplied.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant General.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Surfaces of circular &
1/2 Ø. per Foot in
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for unobstructed
Salt of first Quality
in Sackfuls -

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N. 12th May 1801.

14 Feb. Board of Commissioners
6. Mo. Recommend Report