

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th May 1866.*

No. 458. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1866, No. 3,443:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tenkarai Talook, Lakshmipuram, 24th April 1866, No. 162.

1. With reference to paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,505, dated 12th April

* I am put down as more or less opposed to the old system of Rowanah. 1866, submitting the opinions* of officers consulted on the effect of the abolition

of the Salt Rowanahs, I have the honor to point out that I expressed no opinion against the system of Rowanahs as formerly in vogue, but only a doubt as to the efficiency of present use made of them. My Deputy was strongly in favor of their retention.

2. The fact was that the Rowanah had not been abolished, but instead of covering salt in transit over the District, it only covered it to the salt pan gate, where the Rowanah, used as a gate ticket, was given up; on the impression that Rowanahs has been condemned by experience, I advocated their retention in an approved form, to suit the purpose then contemplated.

3. As regards the principle of Salt Rowanahs compared with liquor permits, there is this difference to be considered, viz., that the liquor permit covers a foreign production, not likely to be supplemented locally, whereas a trader with a Salt Rowanah might sell part of his covered salt, and make up the balance with spontaneous or smuggled, so as to have the protection of the Rowanah, upon the full quantity.

1. Submitted to Government, with reference to the Board's Proceedings quoted by the Collector.

2. The Board may have misunderstood Mr. Wedderburn, but so far as his Deputy Mr. Underwood is concerned, he distinctly stated that the abolition of Rowanahs had done no harm, and that he saw no necessity for their re-introduction.

No. 459. ORDER THEREON, 25th May 1866, No. 1,247.

Separate Revenue, No. 24.

Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

