

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1730	<u>Press</u> <u>Mis.</u>
Dated	12-7-	1866

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th July 1866.*

No. 248. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1866 :—

Read letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated 14th June 1866, No. 181.

Govt. Procs., 1st May 1865, No. 889A, para-
graph 24.
Board's Procs., 19th Dec. 1865, No. 8,163.
Govt. Procs., 19th March 1866, No. 673.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted for the consideration and early orders of Government, with reference to the correspondence noted in the margin.

2. The Board agree with the Collector of Malabar in his views in respect to the evils of a double system of measuring and weighing salt, and are of opinion that it would be better to receive and sell by the same process, viz., by weighment. If the Bombay Government cannot make it convenient to alter their arrangements, the Malabar officials must to in the salt imported from Bombay by weight, at the number of Indian Mauna mentioned in the certificate; but the Board would urge a reference to Bombay as suggested by the Collector.

No. 249. ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1866, No. 1,730.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.
Salt.

1. Under the circumstances stated by the Collector, the Government yield to the recommendation of the Board and authorize the receipt of the

Bombay salt *by weight* in the coming season.

2. The Government of Bombay will be requested to take into consideration the expediency of substituting weighment for measurement in the export of salt.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No 181

Malabar collector's office
Calicut 11th June 1876.

From
G. A. Mallard Esq.
Collector of Malabar

To
R. A. Dalrymple Esq.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Fort St George

With reference to the corres-

pondence noted in the margin,
I have the honor to submit the
subject thereof for the considera-
tion and orders of the
Board and Government.

Government direct that salt
should be received by measure-
ment by the Parah in which it
measures it is shipped at Bom-
bay, but that it should con-
tinue to be sold by weight.
Apart from the inconvenience
of introducing this double
system, and of providing a set
of Parah measures and persons
accustomed to measure in addition
to

60 8/10th May/65 =
No 889 A para 24
Letter to B^d of
2nd Nov/65 No 233
B^d No 28 Nov/65
10/6/66
20 B^d 4th Dec/65
No 259
Order of Govt
8/19 March/66
No 673.

to the present measures at all the Salt stations, especially when all existing arrangements are contingent upon the system of Salt Administration which may be ultimately decided upon for this District, I see such serious objections to the change proposed that I am constrained to solicit the reconsideration of the subject.

3 Salt used to be received and sold by measure in this District till 1856 when weightment was introduced not without much opposition from those accustomed to the former system. Weightment is now thoroughly established, and this system is not so open to ~~the~~ frauds and speculations on the part of the Salt servants as the other. But the opening for these frauds will be still greater if Salt is received by measure and sold by weight.

4 On the Eastern Coast where

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Where the Salt of local manufacture is pretty uniform in its specific gravity, the equivalent of the garce of 120 Indian Maunds in measures may be fixed with tolerable accuracy. But on this Coast where Salt of different specific gravities is imported from various places in the Bombay Presidency and it may hereafter be from Arabia and other quarters, the equivalent of the Salt received by measure in weight cannot be accurately determined, or being various for the different descriptions of Salt would open a wide door to fraud. Moreover though the Salt is measured out in Bombay the accounts are sent to us in Indian Maunds and a further complication is introduced if we have to compare measurements again

In South Canara the addition of a local manufacture of very different specific gravity

gravity must add still more to the complication. Nothing short of a system of weighing both in the receipt and sale of Salt as has hitherto been the practice of this District can effectually remove all the complications resulting from the use of Salt of different descriptions.

5. I cannot see the force of the objection made to this system. The price paid for the Salt to the importer being determined by competition will always adjust itself to what is proper in whichever mode it may be received. The only objection that can be raised is that the importer taking advantage of the larger parakh measure as compared with the assumed equivalent weights, can sell

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a portion of the Salt illicitly on the way. Such frauds however on the part of the wholesale importers are more easily guarded against than fraudulent practices in the daily sales from the Salt stores for which no opening should be allowed. But I submit with deference that the proper way to remove this objectionable feature of the system which holds good as regards Salt taken from Bombay to Bengal as well as to this Coast is to urge on the Bombay Government the propriety of introducing, if not weighing, at least a smaller parakh of measure which will more accurately represent an Indian maund than the present one which must entail a loss of 20 per cent upon the Salt Revenue of that Government

Government.

to I request early orders
upon this reference as tenders
have to be issued at once
for the supply of salt for
this season.

I have &c
Signed G. A. Ballard
Collector

/ True copy /

W. H. Allen
Acting Secretary.

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Under the circumstances stated of the fact the Govt. given to the 24th. 2. resolution of the H. and authorize the receipt of the Pottery salt by weight in the coming season.

The Govt. of Pottery will be requested to take into consideration the expediency of substituting briquetted & granular salt in the export of salt.

L.H.
12 July 1887

in answer to the P. of Res. Sept 13 July

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Nov = 1889/1890

Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secy Secretary to Govt. - under Revenue Dept. dated 27th June 1886 of 2

Nov-12" July 1886 No 248.

Copy of letter from the Collector of the District to the Secy Secretary to the Board of Revenue dated 14th June 1886. No 187, regarding the introduction of the system of weighing salt both in the receipt and sale of salt in the District.

12th July 1887
1889-90

Pro. 1st May/65 to 10th 1863
" 19th March/66 to 29th 1868

Rev. 1st July
Pro of Govt. 11th 1869
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 27th
Decr 27 } June 1866
Recd 28

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Submitting for early
orders with remarks, letter
from the Collector of Malabar
requesting the introduction
of the system of weighmen,
both in the receipt and
sale of salt in that
district -

N^o 248-249

26 July 1869

With order -
11th 1869 - 12th July