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No. 256. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1866, No. 5,055.

Read the following papers :—

From the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vellum, 16th June 1866, No. 151.

1. I have the honor to furnish the report, as requested in foot-note, dated 4th June 1866, to Government Proceedings, dated 22nd May last.

2. As stated in paragraph 5 of my letter comprised in the above Government Proceedings, the Committee have taken the matter into their consideration, and Mr. Hutchins has furnished me with the results thereof, which I will now lay before the Board.

3. The present rates for export at Vedarniem, where the difficulty is felt, are Rupees 2-8-0 per garce for boats conveying salt to ships of less than 300 tons, as they can come comparatively near shore, and 3-8-0 per garce for boats putting off to ships over the above tonnage, as they have to anchor further away. In addition to these rates of hire, batta at four Annas per diem, and "travelling allowance," it may be termed, at the rate of three Rupees per day for the time really occupied in going to and fro, as laid down by the Master Attendant, was allowed to boats sent for from other ports, when such necessity arose. Regarding this extra remuneration, Mr. Hutchins, in his report, very justly remarks :—

"It has been found that the allowance of four Annas per diem to boats of other ports working in Vedarniem, has bred ill-feelings and jealousies in the minds of the local or Thopputhorai boats, and in fact they struck work till this extra four Annas should be paid to them also. We propose therefore to allow, as before, three Rupees per diem, on a liberal calculation, according to the state of the weather for going and returning; but that, whilst actually at work, boats of other ports shall receive the same rates as local boats."

4. "The rates for local boats" the Committee have fixed at three Rupees for trips to ships under 300 tons, and four Rupees to those vessels over that capacity; and considering the present state of prices, and the present state of the labor market, this increase of half Rupee per trip seems fair and judicious. I trust that this enhancement, together with the travelling batta fairly and liberally calculated, will meet all the requirements of the case.

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From the same Officer, dated Vellum, 19th June 1866, No. 152.

1. In continuation of my letter, dated 16th instant, No. 151, I have the honor to forward, herewith, copy of a letter since received from the Acting Sub-Collector, referring to the case of detention to boats, which have been requested to be kept in readiness by the shippers of salt, but detained without work owing to non-arrival of the vessel.

2. I quite concur with Mr. Hutchins in the propriety of granting the additional remuneration proposed by him for boats during the time of their detention. The cost, I may add, should of course be met by the House of Agency or the ship-owners, who have made the application, should the vessel not eventually touch

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for the salt cargo. Should she arrive after the prescribed date, the daily detention batta should be added on to the price of the salt per garce.

3. I have, therefore, finally to request the Board's approval of the three following items, as detailed in the foregoing correspondence:—

- 1.—Boat hire at three and four Rupees per trip, according to tonnage of vessel to be loaded.
- 2.—Travelling hire at three Rupees per diem for boats en-route to another port. Time allowed in transit to be fixed by Master Attendant.
- 3.—Detention allowance for boats supplied at shippers' request, but remaining idle owing to non-arrival of vessel:—
 - 4 Annas per man per diem.
 - 5 „ for Tindal per diem.
 - 12 „ for Boat-owner per diem.

From the Acting Sub-Collector of Tanjore, to the Officiating Collector of Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 15th June 1866, No. 132.

1. In continuation of my letters, Nos. 123 and 127, dated 12th instant, I have the honor to report that a case has arisen of boats being sent from their own port to a strange port for salt exportation work, and the ship not having turned up in time, the question of their detention hire, whilst not at work, has to be settled.

2. I have consulted with the Deputy Collector and Master Attendant, and we have fixed the under-mentioned rates to meet such cases, namely,

For each man of the Crew and Tindal, four Annas per diem.

For the Tindal, one Anna extra per diem.

For the Boat-owner, twelve Annas per diem.

3. As these rates are outside rates, and are fixed after careful inquiry made by the Master Attendant, I trust they may be formally sanctioned with the other rates and published.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Officiating Collector.

1. Ordered that the foregoing letters be submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 1 of their Proceedings, dated 22nd May 1866, No. 1,216.

2. The Board approve the revised rates of boat-hire proposed by the Collector and local Committee, and recommend them for adoption. They also concur with the Collector that the detention of the boats procured from other ports should be at the cost of the shippers, or other parties applying for their use.

3. The Board are averse to the present system of shipping salt. They are of opinion that Government should divest themselves of the duty, and leave purchasers to make their own arrangements for shipping their salt; but on this subject, the Board will address the Government separately.

No. 257.

ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1866, No. 2,032.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.

Salt.

Batta for detention of boats procured from other ports for shipment of salt should be

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paid by the parties on whose account they may be brought, but a written engagement to this effect must first be obtained.

2. The Government wait for the report promised by the Board in paragraph 3 of their Proceedings, on the subject of leaving the purchasers of salt to make their own shipping arrangements.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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