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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th August 1866.*

No. 450. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1866, No. 5,363.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1866, No. 256:—

1. As requested in your Memorandum, No. 653, dated 5th instant, I have the honor to forward, herewith, my annual report on the salt roads.

2. I have seen but one of these myself, viz., that from Tuticorin to the Karei-padu pans, distant about three miles to the south; the road is metalled over a salt swamp, and water-way is afforded by means of Irish bridges; the first two miles and the last half mile are, however, deep sand almost impracticable for bandies; the sales for inland trade at these pans are consequently very small, but as the pans are well situated for exporting salt by sea, (as dhonies and boats can lay alongside the shore within 300 yards of the platform,) the salt produced is readily disposed of. I recommend that this road be completed as soon as possible; the estimate will be included in next year's Budget.

3. *Arasady*.—This road is five miles in length from the cotton road near Paduri; it has been metalled throughout, but is so narrow that two carts cannot pass; 3,500 Rupees have been sanctioned to widen it. Arasadi is a favorite pan for the inland trade, and the salt produced is purchased readily.

4. *Vypar*.—This road is sixteen miles in length from the cotton road near Etiyapuram. Three miles of this have been metalled; it is but little use for inland trade ~~owing to the impassable condition of the remaining thirteen miles~~; but a good deal of salt is exported by sea from Vypar. An estimate for the completion of this road will be entered in next year's Budget.

5. *Coilpatnam*.—This is the best salt pan in the District, and the road to it, three miles in length from the Trichendur and Palameottah high road, is very good; a portion of the road is, however, too narrow to allow of two carts passing; this defect can be remedied by a small outlay from the Local Fund.

6. *Viziapati*.—There is no made road to this pan, but an estimate has been sanctioned, and the work is now in progress.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to paragraph 53 of their Proceedings in the Revenue Department, 2nd October 1865, No. 2,379.

2. The road to the Vypar salt pans should be completed as speedily as possible; but the roads to the Viziapati, Arasady, and Tuticorin pans may be leisurely finished, if the roads to Vypar and Coilpatnam are first put in order.

No. 451. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1866, No. 2,122.

Separate Revenue, No. 20.
Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Recd. P. O. Letter 15th Dec 1866

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No. 2467.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 4th August 1866.
Sd/-
R. J. G.

No. 5,363.

Submitting with remarks letter from Collector of Tinnevely reporting on state of Salt roads in District for 1865-66.

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