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8th January 1866.*

No. 108. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th December 1865, No. 8,012.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 7th October 1865, No. 205:—

1. In submitting herewith a copy of the letter from my Salt Deputy, addressed to Mr. Reade, under date the 5th August last, No. 82, I have the honor to report that until the new depôt proposed to be built at Old Town, Cuddalore, is available to admit of the salt from Teagavelly and Goondalum being conveyed and stored, the charges sanctioned by Government on Mr. Clarke's recommendation in the establishment of Teagavelly Division, cannot be carried into effect under the circumstances stated by Mahomed Esuf Saib.

2. The Accountant General objects to pass the salary of the Teagavelly establishment, and inquires why the new arrangement has not been brought into operation.

3. The opening of the depôt under notice requires some consideration, and as soon as Mr. Reade joins the District proposals regarding it will be duly submitted, and meanwhile I solicit that the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government to postpone the new arrangement and authorize the Accountant General to pass the salaries of the existing establishment without any objection.

4. Not only will the kind of structure to be built need careful consideration owing to the deteriorating effect of the saline particles upon brick and chunam, but the work must be duly sanctioned and duly budgeted, which will take time.

From the Deputy Collector, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Porto Novo, 5th August 1865, No. 82.

1. In reference to the orders of Government touching the various alterations and improvements proposed by Mr. Clarke in the Salt Works of this District, I have the honor to state that in accordance with your instructions, contained in your Official Memorandum of the 31st May and 13th June last, Nos. 519 and 550 respectively, Mr. Graham, the Assistant Engineer, and myself met at Merkanum about the end of July last. I pointed out to him the various alterations, &c., connected with the salt pans and platforms of Merkanum and Cundadoo; we also selected, subject to your approval, an eligible site for the Salt Cutcherry just outside the village of Merkanum, but not far from it, and facing the Sheikal platforms. The necessary plans and estimates have been carefully prepared by Mr. Graham, and will shortly be submitted by him for your approval. The estimated cost of these alterations, &c., aggregate to Rupees 19,900.

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Merkanum	11,010
Cundadoo	7,460
Salt Cutcherry	1,430
Total...	19,900

2. Mr. Graham told me that the estimate for extending the old coast road to the Chunampet pans, and the proposed road between Merkanum and Pondicherry were sent on by him long ago.

3. In regard to Killay, I called upon Lieutenant P. Thompson the other day (4th instant), and taking him with me pointed out the various alterations, &c., required at these pans. The necessary plans and estimates will in due course be submitted by him for your approval. The Salt Cutcherry requires likewise some slight improvements and alterations. This I have asked Lieutenant Thompson to include likewise in his estimates.

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4. In regard to the depôt which it is proposed to open in the Old Town, I have the honor to submit herewith a plan and estimate of the cost of erecting buildings suited for the purpose. They have been carefully prepared by your Maistry. The Government in their orders quoted above have sanctioned a sum of Rupees 10 monthly for the rent of any house which may be engaged for the depôt, but there are no buildings as you are aware suited for the purpose save those occupied by Messrs. Parry & Co., ; these as you are aware are in every way well fitted for the depôt, but the Firm are unwilling to part with them. Under these circumstances there is no alternative but to erect the buildings ourselves. With this view I have selected a piece of ground not far from the Sea Custom House, and in the immediate vicinity of the back-water. It is the same ground which I had the honor to point out to you when we were riding in the Old Town some time in last month. It belongs to a Lubbay merchant, named Mahomed Bavah Mercayer. The cost of the ground and that of the buildings proposed to be erected aggregate to Rupees 8,900. These buildings would contain from Garces 500 to 600, a quantity which it would be necessary to secure in the depôt specially as the Teagavelly depot would be abolished.

5. These works, I believe, could only be undertaken next year, but in order that they may be commenced as early as possible, I would beg that you will be pleased to procure the sanction of Government if possible before the close of the current year.

1. Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government with the Board's recommendation, that under the Acting Collector's explanation, the Accountant General be instructed to pass the salary of the salt establishments of the Goondalum and Teagavelly Divisions at the existing rates, until the Collector is able to give effect to the new arrangements sanctioned.

2. The proposals made by Mr. Clarke and sanctioned by Government in paragraphs 21, 22, and 23 of their Order dated 12th May 1865, No. 1,001, in regard to the salt stations above-mentioned are, that the sale of salt at them should be given up, and the produce manufactured there from time to time, be carried and stored for sale in the Old Town of Cuddalore in certain buildings to be provided for the purpose, at a rent not exceeding 10 Rupees per mensem; and that the establishments at the above stations should be reduced to one Superintendent with a few Vettyans at each station. The Government also observed that, if these new arrangements were found to work well, permanent buildings could be provided.

3. The Deputy Collector now reports that there are no suitable buildings in the Old Town of Cuddalore which could be rented for the purpose in view, except those occupied by Messrs. Parry & Co., who are, however, unwilling to give them up; and that there is no alternative but to erect new buildings, which can be done at an aggregate cost (inclusive of the purchase of the site) of Rupees 8,900 on a spot of ground conveniently situated not far from the Sea Custom House and close to the back-water.

4. The Board understand that Mr. Clarke proposed renting a building at Cuddalore, because Mr. Reade was confident that he could obtain, for the rent sanctioned by Government, the buildings belonging to Messrs. Parry & Co., which are well adapted for a store; but that if these cannot be had, it is not necessary that new buildings should be erected, as a good yard in which to store the required quantity of salt will be quite sufficient. The yard should be so situated as to admit of the salt brought up from Teagavelly being stored there,

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and be also easily accessible to the public, the salt being heaped and covered as usual.

5. The Collector will be requested to report further on this point, and in the meanwhile the sanction of Government is requested for the continuance of existing establishments in the Goondalum and Teagavelly Divisions.

No. 109.

ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1866, No. 56.

Separate Revenue, No. 4.

Salt.

Sanctioned as requested.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant General.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 12 May 1865 No 231-2

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

No. of the Board of
Revenue Jan. 1866
Jan 1869 -

Dated 15th December 1865.
Jan 19 - 1866
Jan 20 - 1866.

No. 8,012

Recommending that the Accountant General
be instructed to pass the salary of the Salt Es-
tablishment of the Goodallum and Teagavully
Divisions at the existing rates till effect is
given to the new arrangements sanctioned, and
making certain observations on the subject.

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Sanctioned as requested.

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