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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th April 1866.*

No. 71. Read the following translation of a letter from Captain L. WARNECK of the French Ship "L'Octavie," now at Vedarniem, to the Governor of Madras, dated Vedarniem, 2nd April 1866:—

1. I have the honor to inform your Excellency of the delay which I experience at Vedarniem in the delivery of the cargo of Salt, for which I have paid in advance at Negapatam, for transmission to Calcutta, where I have left instructions for its sale.

2. Added to the entire wretchedness of my position in a place where there is not a vestige of English authority, I am at the mercy of the boatmen over whom the Native officials at Vedarniem and Toptoray have no control.

3. I have preferred two complaints to the Salt Deputy Collector at Negapatam, and to the Master Attendant. I have received no replies. I informed those gentlemen that for several days together no salt is sent off to me, and that the ship was eating itself up on account of my protracted stay, and that if they did not quickly put a stop to this state of things, I had determined to give up the ship to the Government, who should re-imburse me for all losses on account of interest, &c., the ship might sustain, by the Government depriving it of the high rates of freight much beyond the profit I had hoped to derive from the present undertaking, and that if I would have foreseen such delays and difficulties I should have refrained from entering on a speculation which threatens ruin instead of profit to the ship; that in short, I cannot leave with less than the half of my cargo, but to avoid further delays I would, since they would not return to me the value of the quantity of salt I have not received.

4. Before my departure the Deputy Collector had promised to complete my loading in ten days. I have been here sixteen days and they have not given it a thought. For six days I have not received a single boat load, and I have not the half of my lading. On the other hand the rainy season is coming on, and then lading operations might be attended with disastrous consequences. I had, moreover, reckoned on some of the fine days which still remain before the rains for loading, otherwise I should not have ventured on a speculation, the advantages of which I am in a fair way of missing.

5. In this desperate posture of affairs I beg to look for justice at your Excellency's hands, and to solicit its exercise to save me from utter ruin, to which it must lead if matters are allowed to continue as at present.

By doing so, your Excellency will have perfected an act of justice, and verified the adage, that "it is always better to address oneself to God than to his Saints."

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, 7th April 1866, No. 809.

Separate Revenue, No. 6.

Salt.

Transferred to the Board of Revenue, who will issue the necessary instructions to the Collector of Tanjore.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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