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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th April 1866.*

No. 99. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1866, No. 1,731.

Read again letter from the Collector of South Arcot, dated 21st December 1865, recorded in the Board's Proceedings, dated 10th January 1866, No. 165.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 22nd January 1866, No. 13:—

As directed in the Board's Proceedings under date the 10th instant, No. 165, I beg herewith to submit a revised statement, together with a letter from my Salt Deputy Collector in explanation of the errors and omissions pointed out by the Board in the Statement previously submitted.

From the Deputy Collector in charge of Salt Department, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 18th January 1866, No. 10.

1. In reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 10th instant, No. 165, forwarded to me for further explanation of the Statement of loss sustained in our salt heaps by the late heavy gales, I have the honor to state that so far as Chunampet and Killay are concerned, column 4 of the Statement does shew the *number of each heap*, and column 5 the extent of *loss in that heap*. In regard to the Merkanum Division, these columns indicate the total number of heaps damaged on each platform, and the aggregate loss in those heaps. For instance, No. 25 in column 4 indicates the total number of heaps damaged on platform No. 7 in Merkanum, and Maunds 2,411 opposite to it in column 5 shews the aggregate loss sustained in these heaps. I regret this incongruity in one and the same Statement. It is an oversight, and I beg respectfully to apologize for it.

2. I have now the honor to submit a detailed Statement shewing the *number of each heap damaged*, and the extent of loss in it, in the Division of Merkanum, for the information of the Board. I should have submitted it in the first instance but for its prolixity.

3. In conclusion, I have only to add that, as the Board have rightly observed, each one of our salt heaps contains only the standard quantity, viz., 10 garces, or 1,200 Maunds.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Statement shewing the amount of loss to the salt heaps of Merkanum by the late heavy gale and flood of the 26th and 27th November 1865.

Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government. The revised Statement received with the Collector's present letter shews correctly the loss which was caused in the salt heaps by the late gale in November 1865. The quantity lost is 24,772 Indian Maunds, and as it is undesirable to retain it in the accounts the sanction of Government will be requested for writing it off the accounts.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 11th April 1866, No. 823.

Separate Revenue, No. 7.
Salt.

Sanction is accordingly granted for writing off the accounts of the South Arcot District 24,772 Indian Maunds of Salt destroyed by the gale in November 1865.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 165.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th January 1866.

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cuddalore, 21st December 1865, No. 297:—

1. On the 26th and 27th of last month, as the Board will know, a heavy gale, or cyclone, was experienced on the coast, and its effects were particularly severe in the localities of Tindivanam and Merkanum, rooting up very large trees, and destroying cattle and other property to a considerable extent.

2. The enclosed copy of a report from the Salt Deputy Collector shows the effect of the storm at Merkanum and the other salt depôts; but unfortunately the place named above suffered to the extent mentioned in the Statement submitted by Mahomed Esuff.

3. All has been done to repair the damage to the heaps and platforms, and everything is now restored to order.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From MAHOMED ESUF SAHIB, Deputy Collector in charge of Salt Department, to C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, dated Cuddalore, 20th December 1865, No. 133.

1. In continuation of my letter to you of the 29th ultimo, No. 125, I have now the honor to submit for your information, the accompanying Statement of loss sustained at our salt depôts by the late heavy storm and floods of the 26th and 27th ultimo.

2. At Goondalum and Theagavelly there has been little or no damage to our salt heaps, and at Kiliay and Chunampet the damage is very slight; but at Merkanum and its suburbs, where the gale appears to have raged with the greatest fury, attended with heavy rains, the damage to the heaps is, I regret to say, very heavy. The aggregate loss amounts to garces 206, maunds 52, value Rupees 3,076-13-10, calculated at the average rate of Coodevarum paid at these depôts.

3. The heaps have all been fully and completely re-thatched since, and made quite safe against further damage from the weather.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

Statement showing the amount of loss to the Salt heaps of Merkanum, Chunampet, and Killay by the late heavy gale and flood of the 26th and 27th November 1865 :—

Divisions.	Village.	Platform.	Number of heaps.	Amount of loss.	
Merkanum...	Merkanum.....	Oomerungadoo.	27	Maunds. 683	
	Do.....	Soorappa Naik..	47	1,013	
	Do.....	Arasalum	46	526	
	Do.....	Royasoorien	60	549	
	Do.....	Soogavasy.....	8	203	
	Do.....	Bagavathay	6	210	
	Do.....	Pooliengal.....	9	398	
	Do.....	Karumbalum	10	698	
	Do.....	No. 6.....	22	935	
	Do.....	" 7.....	25	2,441	
	Do.....	" 8.....	2	60	
	Cundad.....	" 2.....	17	2,340	
	Do.....	" 3.....	15	1,530	
	Do.....	" 5.....	16	2,940	
	Do.....	" 6.....	5	1,065	
	Nadoocuppum.	South Platform	46	904	
	Do.....	North Platform	25	695	
	Theroocanoor...		17	555	
	Oorny.....	Palaccadoo.....	33	2,520	
	Do.....	New Platform..	9	900	
	Do.....	Authecoopum..	20	937	
	Hanoomunday.		38	1,650	
				23,752	=197 Garces and 112 Maunds.
Chunampet.	Chunampet	No. 4.....	20	30	
	Do.....	Do.....	21	150	
	Do.....	Do.....	22	180	
	Do.....	Do.....	23	200	
	Do.....	Do.....	24	100	
				660	=5 Garces and 60 Maunds.
Killay.....	Killay.....	No. 1.....	3	105	
	Do.....	Do.....	5	60	
	Do.....	Do.....	7	45	
	Do.....	Do.....	8	30	
	Do.....	No. 2.....	1	45	
	Do.....	Do.....	3	75	
				360	=3 Garces.
Total maunds...				24,772	=206 Garces and 52 Maunds.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) MAHOMED ESUF,
Deputy Collector.

(Signed) C. W. READE,
Collector.

1. The Board request further explanation of the Statement.
2. Column 4 appears to show the number of each heap damaged, and Column 5 the extent of loss in each heap in Indian maunds.
3. The ordinary heap of ten garces contains only 1,200 Indian maunds; but the loss in single heaps, is, in several instances, shown to be greatly in excess of this total contents, and in some instances is in excess of the contents of even the double heap of 2,400 maunds.

(True Copies and Extract.)

To C. W. Reade, Esq., Collector of South Arcot.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

Ed. R. H. Lee.

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Sanction is accordingly
granted for writing off the accounts of
the South Arcot District 24,772 Indian
maunds of salt destroyed by the gale

W.D. in November 1865

J. P. S.

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To the Board of Revenue 13 April

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