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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 899 Press Mis.

Dated 19-4- 1866

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th April 1866.

No. 250. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1866, No. 2,392 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of Madras, recorded in Board's Proceedings, 27th November 1865, No. 7,578.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 22nd December 1865, No. 429.

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, No. 7,578 of the 27th November last, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a letter and a statement received from Mr. Smith, which afford full information on the points required in the Board's Proceedings.

From the Deputy Collector in charge of Salt, Madras, to the Collector of Madras, dated —— No. 431.

1. With reference to your docket on Board's Proceedings of the 27th ultimo, and to your subsequent docket of the 9th instant, I have the honor to state that eleven of the late Paiyanur and Kadumbadi manufacturers applied for and obtained 11¾ pans at Covelong, in lieu of their resumed pans at the former villages.

2. Of the eleven men above referred to, five have pans of their own at Covelong, one is an inhabitant of that village, two of Paiyanur, and the remaining three are residents of Manambatti, Alathur, and Arungundram.

3. Some of the manufacturers of the late Paiyanur pans expressed a wish, about two years ago, to obtain pans in substitution at Cheyur, but have not since applied for them. The existing pans at Cheyur already yield a far larger quantity of salt than there is a demand for; and unless the road recently constructed from that station to Sothupakum, has the effect of largely increasing the sales, which averaged only 25,545 maunds during the last three Fuslies, it will be necessary to enforce the recent order* of the Board, that where the demand at any set of pans is so small as to render manufacture necessary only in alternate years, (as is the case at Cheyur,) the number of pans attached to the station should be reduced. Under these circumstances, it does not appear desirable, for the present at least, to allot any pans at Cheyur to the manufacturers of the late Paiyanur pans.

* Dated 31st May 1865, No. 2,847, paragraph 4.

4. As called for by the Board, I have the honor to submit a Statement shewing the manufacture and sales at Paiyanur, during the fifteen years previous to the manufacture being discontinued at that place.

Statement shewing the quantity of Salt manufactured and sold at Paiyanur, from Fusly 1257 to Fusly 1271.

Fusly.	Quantity of Salt manufactured.	Quantity of Salt sold.
	IN. MDS. S. C.	IN. MDS. S. C.
1257	50,697 6 6	65,994 13 14
1258	67,829 28 13	33,161 12 14
1259	56,995 30 4	51,178 12 2
1260	49,767 18 2	23,691 20 5
1261	.....	36,113 8 6
1262	15,963 27 6	38,700 0 2
1263	75,583 0 14	27,986 12 13
1264	.....	14,908 26 1
1265	.....	25,511 2 8
1266	.....	12,408 26 1
1267	.....	9,307 1 9
1268	8,403 0 0	12,200 25 0
1269	48,577 0 0	35,561 10 1
1270	9,323 0 0	9,027 17 3
1271	35,889 0 0	6,745 15 0
Total...	4,19,228 31 13	4,02,495 3 15

(Signed) A. SMITH, *Deputy Collector.*

(True Copy.)

SYDAPET,
22nd December 1865.

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE, *Collector.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th April 1866.

1. Resolved that the foregoing papers be submitted to Government, with reference to their endorsement on Petition 951 of 1864.

2. In that endorsement, the Government desired that a report should be submitted on the steps which have been taken to compensate the Paiyanur salt manufacturers with reference to paragraph 8, Government Order, 19th September 1863, No. 1,725.

3. It will be seen that while the number of abolished pans was 121, only 11¾ pans have been allotted at Covelong, in lieu of the pans belonging to eleven salt Ryots of Paiyanur and Kadumbady.

4. The correspondence further shews that it is not practicable to proceed with the grant of compensation in this particular way. In the Board's opinion the grant of compensation at all is unnecessary, the fact being that the Paiyanur pans have been closed simply because there was no demand for the salt manufactured there. When the coast canal junction is effected, and of this there appears now some reasonable hope, the case will probably be altered, as the salt manufactured to the south of Madras can then be brought to the Madras Depôt; but at present nothing can be done.

5. It seems to the Board however that, considering the failure of the expectations entertained in 1861, and which led to a considerable expenditure, on the part of the Ryots of these abolished pans, in excavating channels by which their salt might reach the coast canal and so be stored at the Homes' Gardens Depôt, a refund should be made of the money so expended. If this proposal is favorably received, the Collector will be called upon to report the amount at issue. In their Order of 29th October 1861, No. 1,994, Public Works Department, the Government sanctioned an advance of Rupees 7,323 for the construction of these branch channels at Paiyanur and other places, desiring that the amount should be recovered from the Kudivarum of the Salt manufacturers.

6. The Board are unable to return the Petition under report, the Collector having failed to transmit it for that purpose though two Memoranda have been sent to him on the subject. It is probably mislaid.

No. 251. ORDER THEREON, 19th April 1866, No. 899.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.
Salt.

The Board will report the sum, referred to in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings, as having been expended by the Salt manufacturers on the channels in question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 7,578.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 27th November 1863.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 28th October 1864, No. 495:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Government Petition, (herewith returned,) No. 951 of 1864, requesting me to report on the steps which have been taken to compensate the Pyanoor manufacturers.

2. In connection with this subject, I beg to draw the Board's attention to Mr. Banbury's letter of the 3rd November, No. 470, embodied in Board's Proceedings of the 18th idem, No. 7,337, in which he states that no fresh pans can be allotted at Covelong, as already the uncertainty of sales in that quarter makes it unadvisable to increase the present dittam. The Salt Deputy Collector, Mr. Smith, is also of this opinion, as will appear from the annexed extract of his letter on the subject:—

"With regard to your inquiry, whether land at Covelong cannot be given to the Pyanoor and "Kadumbady manufacturers, in lieu of their abolished pans, as directed by the Board in their Pro- "ceedings of the 18th November last, No. 7,337, and to which I now beg to reply, I have the honor "to state that there is considerable difficulty in carrying out the arrangement. The total number of "abolished pans is 121. The holders of thirty-eight pans are willing to receive that number in sub- "stitution at Covelong, and of sixty pans at Cheyoor, while the owners of twenty-three pans declined "to accept land in any other village. I doubt whether it would be advisable to give out additional "land at Covelong, as there is reason to fear that the freshes from the Palar, to which the Southern "Canal has been recently extended, will render many of even the existing pans unfit for manufac- "ture. As regards Cheyoor, out of sixty pans required only forty are available; and these are claimed "by the manufacturers of the village on the ground that they have documents to prove that they "were former owners of the land, and ceased to manufacture salt therein, in consequence of the "limited dittam and sales. Under these circumstances, and for the other reasons stated in my "letter of the 1st September 1863, No. 200, it appears to me that the simplest and most satisfactory "mode of disposing of the claims of the Pyanoor and Kadumbady manufacturers is to grant them "a fair compensation for the abolition of their pans."

3. From this it will appear that it would be difficult to give to the Pyanoor, &c., manufacturers pans at Covelong, without injuring the rights of the pan-holders there, who can and are both willing and able to manufacture more, if a greater dittam were allowed. Again, the Pyanoor, &c., Ryots are unwilling to take pans at Kattoor, as it is too far from their homes.

4. Certainly these manufacturers deserve some consideration. Their pans have been in existence from a very long period, and much capital has been laid out on them; and the sudden closing of them has doubtless entailed much loss upon the proprietors. If compensation is to be allowed, it must be a money one. The sum that would yearly be required for this purpose, the late Acting Collector calculated in his letter above quoted at Rupees 1,386, as that might be fairly said to represent the average yearly profits of the manufacturers; this amount, therefore, is what I also would recommend to be given.

5. The Government, however, in their Proceedings of the 11th April 1864, No. 608, paragraph 17, state "The Government are in no way bound to give the pan-owners compensation. "Whatever quantity of salt may still be required will of course be ordered, but there is no obliga- "tion on Government to buy more salt than they can sell, with the alternative of compensation. "From the very outset of the monopoly, the 'dittam' or quantity ordered, has been fixed with "reference to the anticipated demand, being large in some years, small in others, sometimes inter- "mitted altogether, and if the demand falls off altogether owing to trade taking a new course, "the manufacture must of necessity cease, and certainly would not create any right to compensa- "tion."

6. The manufacture of salt at the Pyanoor pans may be considered as simply "intermitted," and coming, therefore, within the category of cases where no compensation need be given; but it is for the Board to consider whether such an interpretation can be applied to Pyanoor, especially after compensation had so often been almost promised to the manufacturers.

7. If it is considered unadvisable to give a money compensation, I would suggest that the pans be re-opened, with a small temporary establishment, and a very small dittam given next year; and in future years a dittam only according to the demand. If there should be no demand, the manufacture could be simply intermitted till such time as the extension of the coast canal, or the junction at Madras might cause a demand. If the pans are not abolished, no compensation can be asked for.

8. The despatch of this letter as well as of the one I lately sent, when forwarding Mr. Smith's report, was delayed in the hopes of having previously a personal conference with Mr. Clarke.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

The foregoing letter has been for some time overlooked in the Board's Office. The Collector will now be requested to state whether he has succeeded in providing any of the manufacturers of salt at the Pyanoor pans with fresh pans at Covelong or Cheyoor. He should at the same time submit a statement, showing the manufacture and sales at Pyanoor during the fifteen years previous to the manufacture being discontinued.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To E. G. R. Fane, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

No 3931

To the Right
The Rt
St. George

The humble Petitioners of Inhabitants of
Pynoor

Honored Sir

We beg most respectfully to bring to your kind notice that your Petitioners are suffering great distress from not having the usual order for salt pans at Pynoor. As the pans of Pynoor are in good state & well grassed to manufacture salt
The pans that are situated in the Zillah of Madras are in low grounds but at Pynoor are high land even in the rainy season and if your honor were to examine the said Pans at present you will come to understand better, except the pans of Pynoor, the others are standing water one yard. If your honor were to order to manufacture salts and we are ready to produce salts within twenty (20) days we do not know the reason for what your were rejected from producing salts and the state of Pynoor are well known to the present Honorable Salt Commissioner & Ly Collector for this we have petitioned at least ten times — for which we haven't got any good answer Therefore the people were reduced to poor state without annual order and starve
Consequence

Enclosure in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 2392 dated 9th June 1866.

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No.

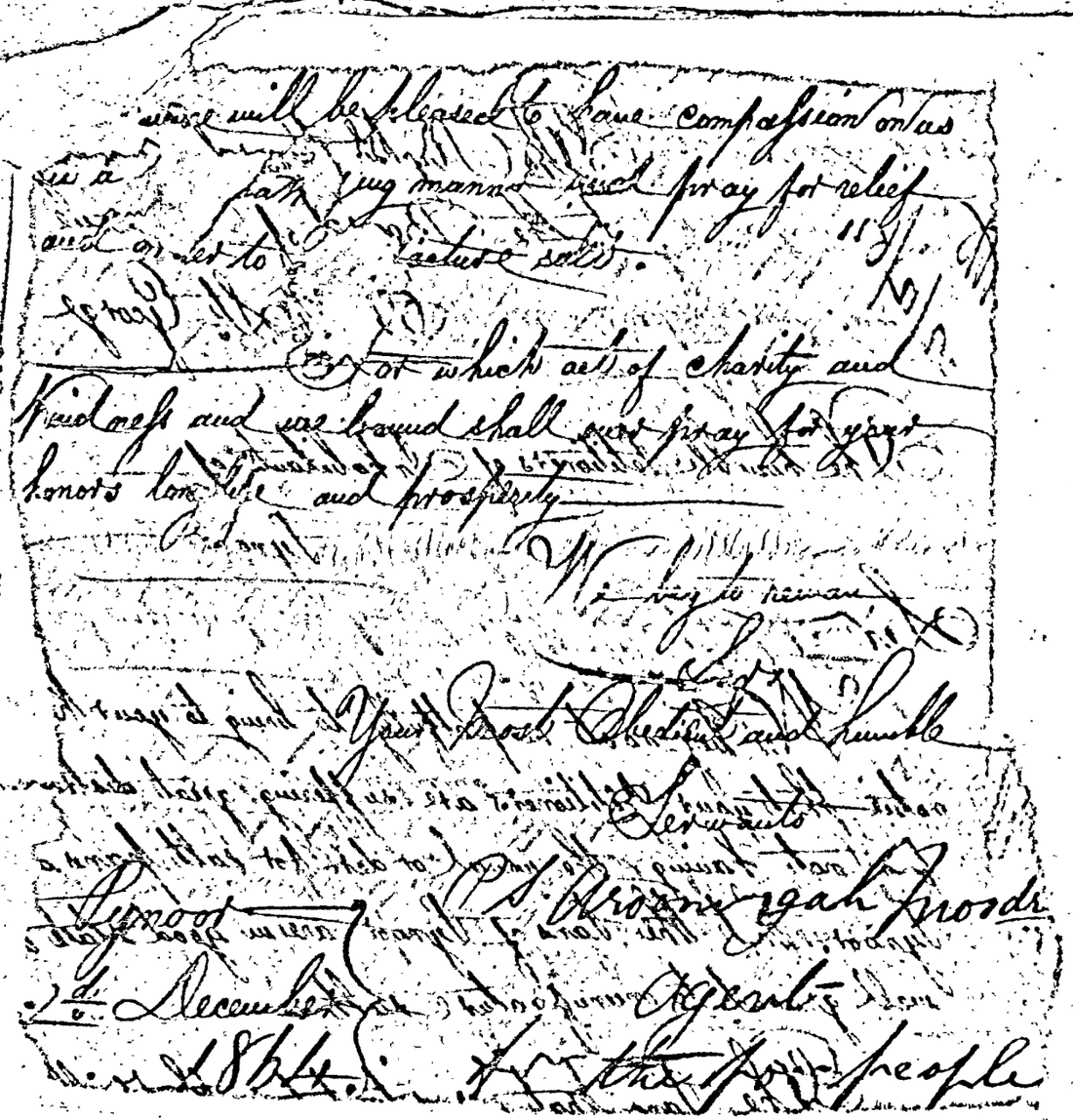
Fane to Chief Sec. 11th & 25th

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 27th November 1865.
Despatched
Received

No. 7,578.

Requesting the Collector of Madras to state whether any of the salt manufacturers of Pyanoor have been provided with fresh pans at Covelong or Cheyoor, and calling for a statement, showing the manufacture and sales at Pyanoor for fifteen years previous to the manufacture being discontinued.



since will be pleased to have compassion on us
as a [illegible] poor [illegible] may pray for relief
and order to [illegible] restore [illegible]
[illegible] for which act of charity and
kindness and we bound shall ever pray for your
honors long life and prosperity

[illegible]

I have the honor to remain

[illegible]

Your most Obedient and humble
Servants

[illegible]

[illegible]

2d December
1864

For the poor people

Collectr's No. 449 of 1865

Endt on Pet. No. 39314 B. No. 199 of 1864
& 158-228-1360-1361 & 3620 of 1865.

Forwarded to the Collector with
reference to the Boards' Proceedings dated
27th November 1865 No. 7578.

By Order,

Actg Subsecretary

Revenue Board Office,
Chepauk,
9th December 1865.

and 22 Decr 1865

957 of 1764

To The Right Honorable The
Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Our Lord

The humble Petitioner of
Inhabitants of Pyanaur

We beg most respectfully to bring
to your notice that we were liud ancently
very well off by manufactured of Salt
paid at the time of Rajas, Nawabs
and Nabob hitherto English Govt
but we are now very miserable without
annual order of Salt paid and lavished
much money upon comfortness of English
Government which deprived of our daily
food and clothing about 1000 people
by the Collector Mr. Ellis order therefore
we

having poor state by starve for two or three days with our families

If we say in your controling authority there is nothing inquire and reply but apply to the Government or Board we are unable to attend the Office as we are incapable to undergo the travelling expences, notwithstanding if not give order yet as year for manufacture of salt we will have to another Kingdom to get for food as Mr Ellis like therefore reported out true state and hope your honor will be pleased to grant order as former

For which act of charity and Kindness we have nothing to retaliate but we hope and pray that the almighty will shower down his heavenly blessings liberly upon your honor as dew from heaven and we bound shall ever pray for your honor's long life and prosperity

We beg to remain
Honored Sir
Your most Obedient & humble
Servants

Cyanur
5th April
1864

P. S. Coomoogatt Mor
and others

To
The Right Honorable the Governor
in Council
Fort Saint George
Madras

No. 951 of 1864.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report on the steps which have been taken to compensate the Paiyanur Manufacturers with reference to para. 8. Government Order 19th September 1863, No. 1725.

By Order

Fort St. George
2d. May 1864.

Dy. Secy. to Govt.

their Salt pans.

Forwarded to the Collector for report with reference to the order of Government noted within.

By Order,

W Walsh

Sub Secretary.

Revenue Board Office,
Chepauk,
26th May 1864.

Collr's Jurisdiction
No 46 of 1864.
No 951 of 1864.

From the Superintendent of Salt Chandys.

Dated 5 April 1864
Recd "

Complain that their long standing Salt Pans on which they spent much money have been abolished by Mr Ellis's order

Representing their miserable circumstances pray for an order for the re establishment of

To
The Honorable President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Madras

The humble Petition of the Salt Manufacturers of Tyagoor and Cadoomboady in the Tondeman District

Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioners ancestors of the above Villages manufactured Salt for the Last upwards of 200 years, and Maintained their Families and which was Continued by their Successors until the System of Coolivarum was introduced which has now allowed the usual privileges to other manufacturers of Salt for the purpose of bringing the Lands appropriated for Salt into fertility they have been at Considerable Sums of money besides having purchased their pans at the high rate of 500 to 1000 Rupees per pan

That in January 1864 when the Hon'ble Sir Sally Sanctioned Six new Shops for the manufacture of Salt in the various Villages he did not omit those of Tyagoor & Cadoomboady to which however the Collector has given orders to stop it.

That your Petitioners humbly beg to submit at the onset of the Salt Manufactory in 1820, Cawnpore, that the ground is a great deal above the level than all the other Manufactories in pound of salt, their simple Communications to prove that on the ground Salt can be manufactured on all seasons; during the heavy monsoon the manufacture Could be Carried on with perfect ease, from the ground being elevated & near the other villages Cannot be Compared to it; that moreover the Salt produced in this village has a little more of a dubious quality and the grains exactly of the Size required.

That your Petitioners further beg to submit that they have now for upwards of a season, these villages have been postponed as unworkable, but they respectfully beg to be understood, that in no case would the opinion of the Hon'ble Collector of Salt whereas the Salt produced, who was appointed as a special Salt Commissioner & a superior Officer on this matter, and fixed the rates & Duties, so framed Purposely that they are full fit for the Manufacture of Salt and observed that he will be duly subject to favourable Consideration; that he & Lauds the Sept'o Collector in Charge of the Cawnpore Salt Collay, as an experienced Officer and therefore his opinion of Consulted will be in favour of the villages in question

That your Petitioners take the liberty to state that while their villages are more productive they have been stopped to carry on the Cultivation, otherwise very favourable to them as the Lands are allowed to carry on the Manufacture, they trust that it will not be supposed that this remark is made in any way but merely to show how much they are benefited that their case should not come under the favourable Consideration of the Hon'ble Board

That having stopped the Manufacture of Salt in the Cawnpore Pargana, the Government has derived no benefit whatever, that on the Contrary there is a diminution of the Revenue the villagers have very materially deteriorated in their pecuniary Circumstances, so much so that most of them have been obliged to leave their houses in Starvation to seek livelihood Elsewhere

That according to the Hob. Mr. Kelly's scheme it was proposed that a new road should be made from these Villages to Cinnabouli to facilitate the transit of Salt and altho' the road has not been Constructed Owing to the Collectors order to stop the manufacture of Salt there yet it could be Conveyed for Home consumption under the Canal and also to the Inferior Cottage, to which the Northern & Southern Canals are to be Connected

That it was mercifully ordered by your Petitioners Land &c &c Long ago exchanged for those in Cyanore but not to be Cleared that these lands being so low it would assist the process to manufacture Salt there during March when the moisture of the ground will give an inlet by the time the other manufactures who have pans there already will already produce a sufficient quantum so as to render what your Petitioners manufacture perfectly unnecessary thereby the accumulated quantity on hand will distress them

That for your Petitioners to avail by the Cattle Village will not at all be Convenient owing to their number being so great and they having lived on the dry above Village for very many years where they have their own homes and otherwise entoined

That under these Circumstances your Petitioners entreat that your Hob. Board will be pleased to grant a favourable consideration to their peculiar case that they were not the manufacturers of two or three years but of time immemorial, that there labours have been devoted to the interests of Government & for their own livelihood and therefore they entertains the hope that they have Claim on a Paternal Government; and with this hope they solicit orders may be issued for the re-establishment of the Cyanore Salt manufactory that as there is the season to Commence Operations they be issued early & favourable orders for which your Petitioners shall as in duty bound

Dated 9 January 1805

Ewen Dray

No 22 dated

To

The Honble President

& Members of the Board

of Revenue

Fort St. George

The humble petition

of the Salt Manufacturers

of Pergunnah Kodumbaly

in the Madras District

Humbly Sheweth,

That your Petitioners ancestors

of the above Village manufactured Salt

for the last upwards of 200 years, &

as Manigars or Evans, and which

was continued uninterruptedly until

the System of Coolivaram, under which

they were allowed the same privileges as

other manufacturers of Salt.

That for the purpose of

bringing the lands appropriated for

Salt into perfection they have expended

considerable Sums of money, besides

having purchased the pans at the high rate

of 500 or 1000 Rupees per Cawnie

That in January 1864, when

the Honble Mr Pelly sanctioned his own

Scheme for the manufacture of Salt in the

Various

of time immemorial, that their labours have been devoted to the interests of Government & for their own livelihood and therefore they entertain the hope that they have some claim on a Paternal Government; and with this hope they solicit orders may be issued for the re-establishment of the Pynnee Salt manufacture; that as this is the season to commence operations, they respectfully & favorable orders; and for which your Petitioners shall as in duty bound.

Dated
17th January 1863

[illegible] Pray

N.B. [illegible]

Now the orders were given to all Salt-pans to Cultivate But for us there is no means. Therefore we humbly Crave to issued order to Cultivate as soon as possible; as the season being suitable for it.

that the pond has not been constructed owing to the Collectors order to stop the manufacture of Salt there, yet it could be conveyed to Tholinet garden by the Canal and also to the Madras Cotter to which the Northern & Southern Canals are to be connected

That it was mercifully ordered to your Petitioners Lands in Covering as exchange for those in Pynnee, but it is to be observed that these lands being so low, it is utterly out of the question to manufacture Salt there until & unless they are raised & the ground will give way, but by this time the other manufacturers who have pans there can already produce as sufficient quantities as to render it unnecessary for your Petitioners manufacture here & the lots therefore by the accumulated quantity on hand will distress them.

That for your Petitioners to avail of the Cahtoor village, will not at all be convenient owing to their number being so great and they having lived in the Pynnee Village for very many years, even the Head Man own houses and otherwise, situated.

That under these circumstances your Petitioners entreat that your Honble Board will be pleased to give a favorable consideration to their peculiar cases; that they were not the manufacturers of two or three years but of

Collr Madura

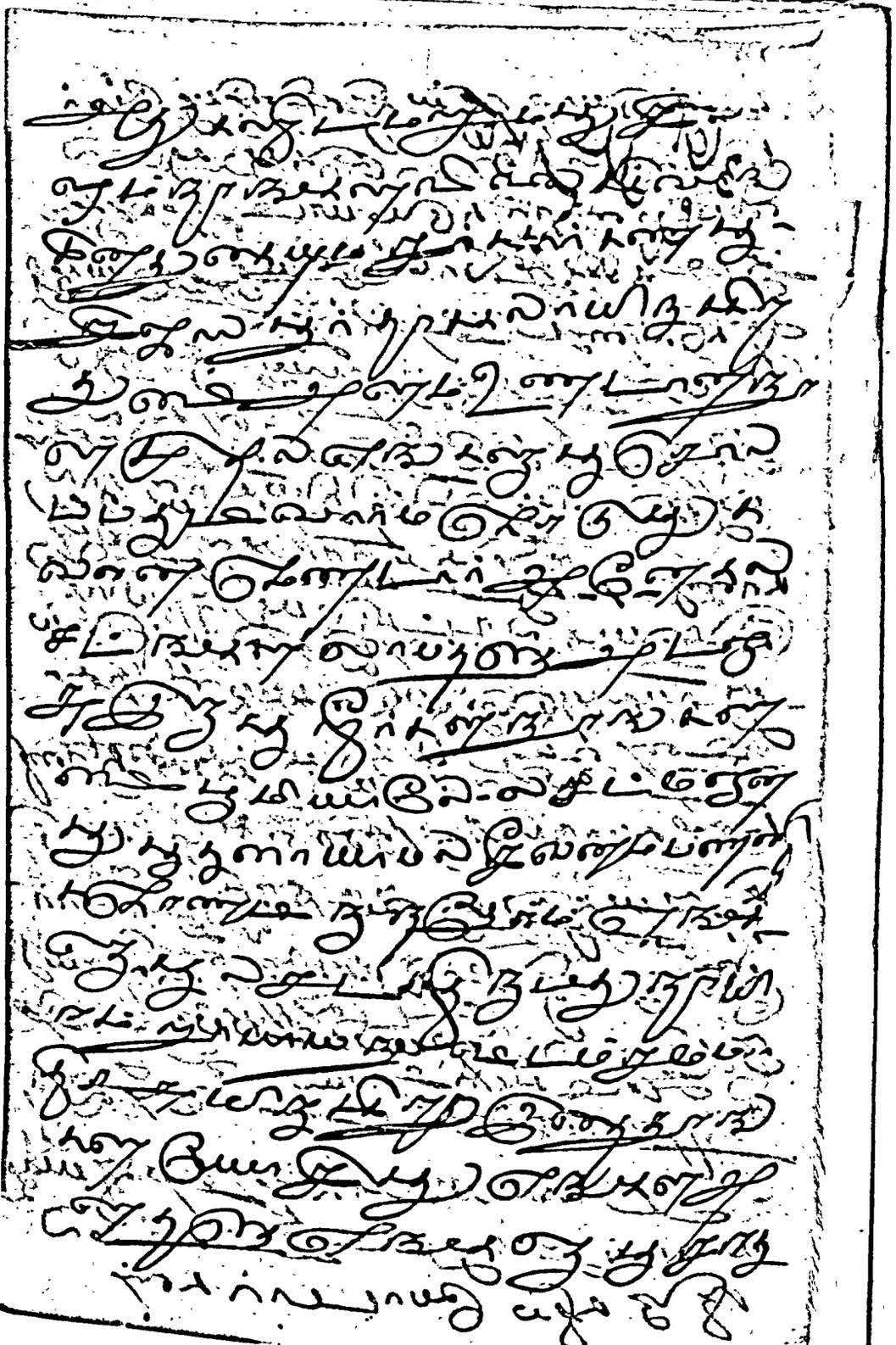
(84) 228 of 1865

From the Salt Examiner
of Pyaur & Cadumbady

Madras

Dated 19th January
Rect 20th do } 1865

Pray that the salt
pans at Pyaur may be re-open-
ed as Mr. Clarke who inspected
the pans of Lake is of opinion
that they are fully fit for the
manufacture



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Collr Tuticorin

No: 1261 of 1865

From Certain Salt Manufacturers of Cyanur & Caddamboddi in the Dt of Madura

Dated

Recd 5th May 1865

Pray for orders to allow them to manufacture salt in their pans which they purchased at 1500 Rs per Cany and laid out large sum of money in their improvement.

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Collr No 669

No 1360 of 1865

From Certain Rayats of Cadambadi Vilya-=nur in the Dt of S. Madras

Dated 3rd May

Rec'd 4 May 65

Pray for orders to allow them to manufacture salt in their pans in consideration of the loss already sustained by them.

of the Coal Coast Canara and Capable of Cultivation even in monsoon days while our labours and the fertile nature of the soil, yields such they had been unjustly and without the slightest cause taken away from us and left alone without Cultivation by the late Collector Mr Ellis

[illegible] presented several petitions to the Revenue Board praying for the restitution of [illegible] but none of [illegible] have met with any favourable reply upto date thus forcing relying upon your benevolent disposition which is fully known to the whole of the Coffrequlies and [illegible] to us and to those who have ventured to cultivate our Canara soil under and to subject them

you will in Consideration

of our poverty which is especially distressing in these hard days issue orders for the keeping of pans which have now been thrown waste to great loss to ourselves and to Government

We beg to Remain

Honored Sir

Your most obedient

Servant

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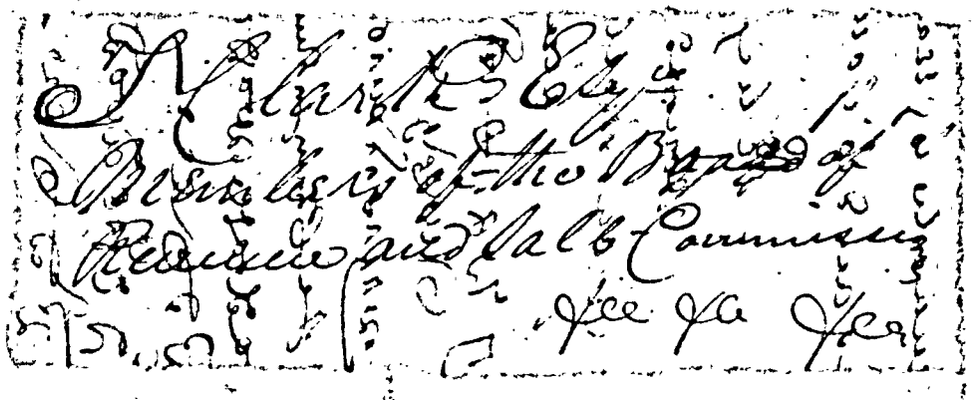
1st December 66



Coln Dr 669

No. 3620 of 1865.

From Certain Inhabitants of Paiyanoor & Ladam-body in Chingalpat Zaly in the Dt. of Madras.

Rd. 28th Ap.

Rd. 28th Nov. 1865.

Solicit early orders on their former Petitions, requesting to re-open the pans which have been thrown waste to great loss to themselves and to Govt.

Sandapet 14th April 1866. } Deputy Collector &c.

To

The Secretary to Government Revenue Department

No. 19th Apl. 0899.

B. 250 & 251

Memo R. 1850/66

The enclosed Petitions Nos. 3931 & 192 of 1864 & 158, 228, 1360, 1361 & 3620 of 1865 are forwarded to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department, with reference to Para 6 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 9th April 1866 No. 2392.

No. 899.

The Bd will report the
Sum referred to in para 5
of their Corr: as having been
expended by the Salt Manufacturers in the Chan.
Held in Question

L. D.

14 Feb. Bd of Rev. dec. 20 April 19 Apl 66