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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2944 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 31- 10 - 1866.

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No. 715. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th October 1866, No. 7,388.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 16th August 1866, No. 237 :—

1. I have the honor to forward, for the favorable consideration of the Board, copy of a letter from Mr. Marjoribanks, Salt Deputy Collector, advocating an increase in the rate of Kudivaram paid for salt in this District. The rate now paid, viz., Rupees 8-2-0 per garce, was fixed in 1863. Since that time the price of every article of consumption has greatly risen, and the rates of labor have also advanced.

2. During the past season, I was frequently petitioned by the salt manufacturers on the subject, and, I believe, that nothing but the fear of losing their rights in the salt pans, induced many of them to persevere in the manufacture.

3. I believe that, in Nellore, the rate now paid is 10 Rupees, and I trust, therefore, the Board will see fit to recommend that a similar price may be paid here from next year.

From the Deputy Collector, in charge Salt Department, Kistna District, to the Collector of the Kistna District, dated Mangenapudy, 10th August 1866, No. 93.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice that, during last season's salt manufacture, the ryots made frequent representations to me, that the Kudivaram rate* allowed them at present is not sufficiently remunerative, and begged that it might be raised to 10 Rupees per garce, the rate given at Madras and elsewhere.

* Rupees 8-2-0 per garce.

2. The reason assigned by them for soliciting this increase is the steady rise, of late years, in the prices of food and labor, whereby they find it extremely difficult to maintain themselves and hire coolies to assist in working their pans, without getting themselves inextricably into debt.

3. Most of the salt pans in this District are mortgaged to money lenders, who are very hard upon the ryots. Many of the manufacturers last season came very reluctantly to their work. Some were so indifferent as to leave their pans waste, and, though I offered such pans to others for the season, I could not get any one to take them up.

4. We are also, as you are aware, very particular in accepting the salt made. All inferior salt is unhesitatingly rejected and destroyed.

5. Under all these circumstances, I think the request made by the salt ryots is deserving of consideration ; and I trust that you may see fit to forward, with your kind support, my earnest recommendation to the Board, to obtain the sanction of Government for raising the Salt Kudivaram rate in this District from Rupees 8-2-0 to Rupees 10 per garce, to commence from the ensuing official year 1867-68.

Submitted for the favorable consideration of Government. The Board annex a Statement of the rates of Salt Kudivaram now paid in all the manufacturing

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st October 1866.

Districts except Madras, in regard to which they beg leave to refer to Government Order, dated 27th November 1865, No. 2,919, Revenue Department:—

Districts.	Per Indian Maund.			Per Garce of 424 Mercals.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Ganjam	0	1	3	9	6	0
	0	1	0	7	8	0
Vizagapatam	0	1	2⅔	9	0	0
Godavery	0	1	0	7	8	0
Kistna	0	1	1	8	2	0
Nellore	0	1	4	10	0	0
South Arcot	0	1	4	10	0	0
Tanjore	0	1	5	10	10	0
	0	1	7	11	14	0
Madura	0	1	6	11	4	0
Tinnevelly	0	1	5	10	10	0
South Canara	0	1	9	13	2	0

No. 716. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1866, No. 2,944.

Separate Revenue, No. 21.
Salt.

Sanctioned.

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" The Accountant General

Exd. S. T. Augustin

Rec: 24th Nov. 1866 at 507 & 508

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No. 3674.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 13*th October* 1866.

No. 7,388.

Submitting for favorable consideration proposal of Collector of Kistna district to raise rate of Kudivaram paid for salt from Rupees 8-2-0 to Rupees 10 per garce.

Sanctioned.

A. 7158 & 716