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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 10th January 1867.

No. 138. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th December 1866, No. 9,006 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 13th November 1866, No. 3,073, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—Reviewing Board's Proceedings on the subject of the price charged for salt purchased for exportation by sea, and requesting them to re-consider their recommendations with reference to the remarks of Government.

1. The Board observe that in their former Proceedings Karapa was inadvertently omitted as one of the stations of export.

2. The Board have now again gone over the stations at which exports have been made, or which offer any facilities for export.

3. In Ganjam the Collector is averse to encouraging exports.

4. Hitherto exports have been made in this district from Ganjam and Nowpada ; at the former station in the years 1270 (1860-61) and 1271 (1861-62), and at the latter in 1271 (1861-62) and 1273 (1863-64).

5. No salt has been exported from this district for the last two years. The whole quantity exported during the three years the experiment was made was only 150 garces, of which quantity nearly half or 70 garces was exported in 1270, 63 garces in 1271, and only 16½ in 1273. The salt would have to be carried one and a half or two miles from the Ganjam Store to the port, and the last few hundred yards over heavy sand drift. At Nowpada the Deputy Collector was of opinion that a channel might be cut to connect the eastern platform with the port of Bavanapaud ; but the quantity of salt made at Ganjam and Nowpada finds so ready a sale, that the Board would be averse to indent more largely on those stores for exportation.

6. There has never been any export from Vizagapatam. If the Collector thinks it advisable, salt might be exported from Bimlipatam ; but the Board doubt whether he would encourage such a proposal, and the salt of the district is not good, and such as would do the Government credit to export.

7. Karapa, in the Godavery District, has long been a port of export, and might continue to be so long as dhonies can get into the creeks. The facility for export is great, but the coast is silting up so rapidly that the Board fear before long it will not pay to carry salt out to the shipping. The average quantity of salt exported from this district during the last five years is only 810 garces. It has fallen from 11 and 12 hundred garce in the two first years of the period, to 700 and 800 garces in the three last years.

8. Nizampatam, in the Kistna District, was opened especially with a view to exportation, but with the exception of the small quantity of 33 garces exported in the first year of the re-opening of this station, there have been no exports of salt thence. It offers facilities for export, but it is not a port liked by shippers. It might be declared a port of export, the price being fixed at Rupees 11-8-0.

9. The Board are of opinion that the port of Isakapally would suffice for the District of Nellore. Other ports have occasionally been resorted to, but so seldom as to render the keeping up stores of salt at them inexpedient, At Pakala 76

garces were exported in 1861 and 1862; at Binganapully 33 garces in 1862; at Gogulapully 222 garces in 1859; at Varani, in 1859 and 1860, 154 and 239 garces; but in 1861 only 39 garces. From Kistnapatam no salt has been taken since 1860, when 147 garces were exported, and in the previous year 207 garces. At Vadarniem the difficulties in the way of shipping salt are very great, and if all the salt made at this station is brought to Negapatam, as the Board trust it soon will be, the latter would be the port of export.

10. Salt might be exported from Cuttamavady, if it be thought desirable to have a port of export south of Negapatam in the Tanjore District.

11. There are difficulties in getting the salt in Madura to the coast, and the Board do not advocate any export being encouraged in this district.

12. In Tinnevelly the station of Vypaur has been tried as a place of export, but shippers object very much to going to this out-of-the-way place at which the difficulties and expenses of shipping salt are great. The station of Manjecolum is about to be closed, and the quantity of salt manufactured at the two southern stations of Coilpatnam and Colasagarapatnam is so small as to be barely sufficient for the home and inland trade. The Board would, therefore, propose that salt for exportation be declared procurable at the places and prices noted in the subjoined table.

13. Ordered that the above remarks be submitted to Government for their decision.

Districts.	Export stations.	Price at which salt is procurable on the salt platform, exclusive of export charges.
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Godavery	Karapa	17 per Garce of 120 Indian Maunds.
Kistna	Nizampatam	11½
Nellore	Ienkapally	13
Madras	Kunore	20
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	Covelong	14-8
South Arcot	Mercanum	15
Tanjore	Negapatam	13-8
	Cuttumavady	14-4
Tinnevelly	Tuticorin	13

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 10th January 1867, No. 71.

Separate Revenue, No. 8.
Salt.

1. The Governor in Council considers it desirable that there should be one export station in the Ganjam District, and that Bimlipatam should also be added to the list of such stations. The Board will decide what place shall be selected in Ganjam, and fix the price at it and at Bimlipatam. The Board will also ascertain and determine whether the pans at Ganjam and Nowpada should not be extended.

2. The Governor in Council approves, with the above modifications, of the stations and prices proposed by the Board.

3. It is of course to be understood that Collectors may sell salt for export at any place, if the stock admits of this being done; but a supply for exportation will be specially provided, only at the declared places of export.

4. The Board will determine the rates of batta to be charged for guarding the salt until shipped, and notify the new arrangements in the Fort Saint George and District Gazettes.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

10th Sept 67

The Govt will consider it desirable that there should be one Export Station in the Fayoum district and that Benisuef should also be added to the list of Export Stations.

The Govt will decide that Alexandria will be selected as Export & fix the prices at it, at Benisuef & Fayoum

2. The first will have to be notified, to the Authorities, the stations & prices so fixed by the Govt

3 It is of course the understood

I would add "The Board will also ascertain & declare whether the Fayoum & Nowshada should not be extended"

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Export of Salt

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Coast

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(No. 1 of the Abstract Book)
By the Revenue Board 1867

To Board of Revenue
Fort William / 18 Feby / 65

Original Letter

Duplicate Letter Despatched
Per Ship Sir Joseph Fenwick

Date

That Collrs may sell salt for Export at any place, Exceptions if the Stock already of Salt being deficient a Duty for Exportation will be specially fixed, only at the declared Ports of Export.

The 4th will determine the rates of Duties to be charged for granting the Salt Certificates and Bonds and settle the new Arrangement in the 2nd St George & District Soycotta.

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