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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No.	1153	Press ~~Mis.~~
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No. 652. Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Negapatam, 20th April 1868, No. 375 :—

1. With reference to the Order of Government dated 17th April 1868, No. 1,004, I have the honor to state that 600 Garce of salt have been brought up by the canal from Vedaranium to Negapatam since the 15th January last, on Government account; and that about 100 Garce more have been brought up by salt merchants themselves on their own account, since that date.

2. Salt can be brought easily by way of the canal in its present state, from Vedaranium to Negapatam, for about eight months in the year, that is, when the freshes are down, or during the monsoon, which is from about the 15th of June to about the 15th February.

3. The Department of Public Works are at present engaged in widening the canal, and I trust that when this is completed, it will be navigable at high-tide during the remaining four months of the year also.

4. I must not, however, omit to add, that a liberal annual maintenance allowance will be absolutely necessary to make the canal freely and easily navigable in future, as parts of it will be apt to become silted up during each monsoon.

5. As regards boats, I have the honor to state that, up to the present time, port boats from Negapatam and river boats from Toptorai have been used for conveying the salt. They are available in sufficient numbers to meet the existing demand; but the former are too large and unwieldy, and many of the latter too small to be of so much use as could be desired, and there is no doubt that the canal could be taken greater advantage of if a suitable pattern boat could be procured at a reasonable cost.

6. I therefore propose sending Mr. Ricketts, the Salt Deputy Collector, to Madras, in order that he may see what is the system in force there, and whether it may be introduced with advantage into this district.

7. I beg, accordingly, that the Government will inform me whether they approve of Mr. Ricketts being deputed by me to Madras for the aforesaid duty.

No. 653. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1868, No. 1,153.

Separate Revenue, No. 24.
Salt.

1. Communicated to the Department Public Works and to the Board of Revenue.

2. The Government approve and sanction the Collector's proposal to depute Mr. Deputy Collector Ricketts to Madras, in order that he may make himself acquainted with the details of the system here in force for bringing up salt by canal from the distant works to the Depôt.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Collector of Tanjore.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Examiner of Claims.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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The Gov[r] assures
Lieut Col Hughes that
L[d] Aspinall & Lt Col Nicholls
L[d] Radnor is under that he
may make himself
quainted with the details
of the system here in force
for bringing up Cattle by
Canal from the distant
parts of the Colony.

29[th] Apr[l] 68

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