

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th July 1868.*

No. 318. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th July 1868, No. 5,013.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1868, No. 1,479 :—

1. In Board's Circular Order, No. 209, it is laid down, that though the protection of the salt pans is now undertaken by the Police Department, it must be understood that the salt manufacturers are expected to aid in the protection of the salt previous to its delivery into store.

2. The Superintendent of Police requested me to issue instructions regarding the aid which should accordingly be afforded by the manufacturers in watching the pans, as he pointed out that the whole duty of watching the pans up to this time has fallen on the Police, and he was afraid that extensive salt smuggling resulted from the inadequate number of men allowed.

3. I accordingly consulted the Salt Deputy Collector, who reported that the salt ryots generally protested against the enforcement of this requirement :—

1st.—On the ground that it was opposed to long established custom.

2nd.—That they regarded it as dangerous to watch with the Police Constables at night.

3rd.—That the amount of Kudivaram allowed did not allow of their incurring any cost on this account.

4. The salt manufacturers of this district conduct the manufacture of salt by their laborers or coolies. Is it expected that they shall send a certain number of them every night during the manufacturing season to guard the pans with the Police? In this case, the ryots coming nightly to guard must be exempted from the ordinary rules of ingress and egress. There must be fixed times for the attendance and discharge of the guard, and ryots should never be allowed to guard independently, but always in company with the Constabulary.

5. The Salt Deputy Collector has, however, suggested that a preferable course would be to deduct 8 Annas from the Rupees 10 per garce allowed by Government as Kudivaram to the salt manufacturers, and to lay out the same in the retention of additional Constables during the manufacturing season. He has pointed out that as there are 4,000 garces to be manufactured this year, there would, by this means, be about Rupees 2,000 provided for an extra salt guard. This would allow of four additional Constables being entertained at each station on 6 Rupees a month for eight months.

6. I referred this proposal to the Superintendent of Police, who writes, that if four extra Constables to each salt station are given during the salt manufacturing season, he considers that the guard of ryots will not be necessary.

7. I have, therefore, the honor to submit this proposal for the consideration of the Board. If the salt ryots prefer to provide for the watching of the pans by a money payment instead of by furnishing a nightly guard, there does not seem any objection to this arrangement.

1. The Collector does not expressly state that the manufacturers have consented to pay for additional Constables.

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2. The aid which the manufacturers are required to render to the Police by the orders of Government is not, in the opinion of the Board, a regular watch and ward, or the entertainment of peons, but general assistance, such as giving the Police the information required to enable them to prevent or detect thefts, with regard to which the manufacturers have any knowledge, and so forth.

3. If the guards in Nellore are too weak, the expenditure necessary to render them efficient must be met from the Police Budget.

No. 319.

ORDER THEREON, 17th July 1868, No. 1,981.

Separate Revenue, No. 18.
Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 2402.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 8th July 1868.

Recd 14-7-68
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No. 5,013.

RECORDED

Informing Collector of Nellore that if the guards in district are too weak, the expenditure necessary to render them efficient must be met from the police Budget.

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