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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 8-9- 19 1868

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th September 1868.

No. 89. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Simla, 31st July 1868, No. 1,483 :—

1. I am directed by the Governor General in Council to forward, for submission to the Government of Madras, copies of letters* which have been received by the Government of India from the Government of Bengal on the subject of a practice, which is said to exist in the Ganjam District, of selling Government salt for exportation to Bengal at Rupees 3-4-0 per Maund, the Bengal duty rate, apparently free of the cost of manufacture.

* No. 871, dated 12th March 1868, with enclosures.
No. 2,136, dated 7th July 1868, with accompanying letter from the Board of Revenue.

2. It seems evident that such a practice must seriously affect the sale of the home-made Orissa salt, which is charged with the cost of manufacture in addition to the duty.

3. The Governor General in Council would be glad if His Excellency the Governor of Madras in Council would take this matter into his early consideration, with a view to rectifying the practice, if it be found to exist. It is also requested that any orders which His Excellency may see fit to pass on the subject, may be reported to the Governor General in Council.

Copy to Government of Bengal, with reference to their letter, No. 2,136, dated 7th July 1868.

From the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, to the Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 12th March 1868, No. 871.

To Government of Madras, No. 2,470, dated 17th June 1863.
From do. ,, 1,308, ,, 16th July ,,

1. Referring to the correspondence noted on the margin, I am directed to forward, for the consideration of His Excellency in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter† from the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, with enclosure, reporting on the injurious effect on the excise manufacture in the Cuttack Province caused by the practice, prevailing in the Ganjam District, of selling Government salt for exportation to Bengal at the Bengal duty rate of Rupees (3-4-0) three and Annas four per Maund, no charge being apparently made for the cost price of the salt.

† No. 857-C, dated 18th ultimo.

2. I am to observe, the principle which the orders of the Government of India accepted obviously was that, in addition to cost of production and carriage, the Madras salt should have paid exactly the same amount of duty as the Bengal salt, before it was admitted for sale into Bengal.

No. 872.

Copy of this letter and of the one with enclosure from the Board of Revenue,‡ forwarded to the Government of India in the Financial Department for information, with reference to their letter, No. 4,431, of the 10th September 1863.

‡ No. 857-C, dated 18th ultimo.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

FORT WILLIAM,
12th March 1868.

(Signed) H. L. HARRISON,
Junior Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

From the Officiating Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort William, 18th February 1868, No. 857-C.

1. Referring to Government Order, No. 3,680, dated 22nd September 1863, I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor, a copy of a letter from the

Commissioner of Cuttack, No. 147, dated 29th December last, reporting a practice which seems to prevail in Ganjam of selling Government salt, for exportation to Bengal, at Rupees 3-4-0 per Maund, the Bengal duty rate, no charge being apparently made for the cost price of the salt.

2. The injurious effect of this practice on the excise manufacture in the Cuttack Province is very considerable, as explained by the Commissioner in his 2nd paragraph, and its continuance is calculated seriously to interfere with the excise manufacture. As the Board believe that the intention of the orders of the Supreme Government, No. 4,431, dated 10th September 1863, copy of which was forwarded to this office with your letter above cited, was that the full Bengal duty should be levied on all Government salt exported from Ganjam to Bengal, *plus* the cost of manufacture, I am directed to solicit that the Government of India may be moved with the view to the necessary orders being issued to the Collector of Ganjam through the Government of Madras.

From the Officiating Commissioner of the Cuttack Division, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, dated Camp at Keonjhurgur, 29th December 1867, No. 147.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice an irregularity prevailing in Ganjam, which seriously affects the salt revenue of Orissa Province, and tends to bring Madras salt into undue competition with that locally manufactured under license, and with Government stock still remaining in hand in Pooree Golahs.

2. I have ascertained that salt is generally sold from Ganjam Golahs for export at Rupees 3-4-0 per Maund; from this the Madras monopoly price, Rupees 1-11-0 per Maund, is deducted, and the balance, being the Bengal differential duty of Rupees 1-9-0, is remitted to the Cuttack Collector. The result is that whereas Bengal excised salt is consumed at Rupees 3-4-0, *plus* cost of manufacture and carriage, Madras salt is charged for at Rupees 3-4-0 only, excluding cost of manufacture, and the only additional expenditure, before it reaches the consumer, is that of carriage. It is true that the coarse-grained Ganjam salt is looked on by the people of Orissa with disfavor, but the possibility of being undersold at any future time has been raised by salt merchants in Pooree, as a ground of objection to embarking in manufacture under license.

3. It appears to me that the proper principle is to levy the full Bengal duty of Rupees 3-4-0 per Maund, *plus* the cost price of manufacture; and should the Board agree in this view, I would request that orders on the subject may be communicated to the Madras Government; meanwhile, I have addressed the Collector of Ganjam direct on the subject.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) THOMAS JONES,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

From the Officiating Junior Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, to the Officiating Secretary to the Government of Bengal, dated Fort William, 16th June 1868, No. 2,744C.

1. In continuation of my letter, No. 857C, dated 18th February last, I am directed to state, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, and for further reference to the Supreme Government, that the Board have learnt from the Commissioner of the Cuttack Division, by his letter of the 4th instant, that beyond calling on the Collector of Ganjam for a report in connection with the irregular practice obtaining in his district of selling Government salt for exportation to Bengal at Rupees 3-4-0 per Maund, the Bengal duty rate, apparently free of the cost of manufacture, the Government of Madras have not as yet issued any orders on the subject.

No. 2,136.

Copy forwarded to the Government of India in the Financial Department for information, in continuation of the Endorsement from this Office, No. 872, dated the 12th March last.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

FORT WILLIAM,
7th July 1868.

(Signed) H. L. HARRISON,
Junior Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) R. H. HOLLINGBERY,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 8th September 1868.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1868, No. 2,335.

Separate Revenue, No. 4.
Salt.

Resolved that a copy of this Government's letter to the Government of Bengal, of 16th June 1868, from which it will be observed that the necessary orders have already been issued, be furnished to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th September 1868.

No. 2,336.

No. 91.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

Separate Revenue, No. 5.
Salt.

In reply to your letter, dated 31st July 1868, No. 1,483, I am directed to forward, for the information of the Government of India, copy of this Government's letter to the Government of Bengal, dated 16th June 1868, with the Proceedings therein quoted, from which you will observe that the necessary orders have already been issued for charging an extra two Annas the Maund on salt purchased for export to Bengal.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Financial 1868 Department.

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From Government of Fort St. George.

Dated 8th Sept. } *No. 2,336.*
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Forwarding, for the information of the Government of India, copy of this Government's letter to the Government of Bengal, dated 16th June 1868, with the Proceedings therein quoted, regarding the question of charging an extra two Annas the Maund on salt purchased for export to Bengal.

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Resolved that a copy of this Govern-
-ment's letter to the Government of Bengal
of 16th June 1868, from which it will
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8th Sept. 68

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Copy to Government Bengal
with reference to their letter
No. 2136 dated 7th July 1868. —

8th Septr 1868.

Revenue Department

No. 2336.

To

The Secretary
to Govt. of India
Financial Dept.

Sir,

In reply to your letter
dated 31st July 1868 No.
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forward for the informa-
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India, copy of this
Government's letter
to the Govt. of Bengal
dated 16th June 1868,
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To The Government of India
Finl Dt

Dt 8 Septr 1868

No. 91

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No. 447

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
4th September 1868.

From The Accountant General,
to the Government of Madras.

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

In forwarding the enclosed appeal received from the Collector of Madura through the Board of Revenue against a retrenchment ifficed by this Department on account of travelling allowance, passage money &c. drawn by Mr. W. H. Bliss on the occasion of his joining his appointment as Head Assistant Collector of Tinnevelly, between December 1867 and February 1868, I have the honor to report that the claim to such allowances is inadmissible upon the principle affirmed in Proceedings of Government No. 4464 dated 26th November 1866 that when an Officer who is appointed permanently to a higher situation than that previously held by him travels to join that appointment he is entitled for the transit time only to the lower pay of the previous appointment.

For the period in question Mr. Bliss was allowed the lower pay of Assistant Collector only, and as that of Head Assistant is

is one of superior emoluments, his claim to travelling allowance for joining it is opposed to the ruling contained in para 67 Chapter III of the Civil Auditor's Manual.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

F. Huntington

Accountant General

Capt. Arthur Harrison

Vide 26 Nov. 1866 No. 68-69
& 17 Aug. 1868 No. 260-261

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Rev. 1868 Department
Proc. of Govt. for September
No. 2868.

From
The Accountant General
To The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 6th
Rec'd 9th September 1868

Ans

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States that Mr. Bliss is not entitled to travelling allowance for joining his appointment as Head Assistant Collector of Tinnevelly.

With Order
No. 2337 - 8th Sept.