

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st February 1868.*

No. 447. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Marine Department:—

Ordering that Iskapalli, in Nellore District, be
relieved from the operation of the "Amended
Boat Rules" of 30th September 1857, and
that compulsory employment of fishing boats
at unremunerative rates should at once be
discontinued. (Here enter 8th February 1868, No. 42.)

No. 448. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1868, No. 490.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.
Salt.

1. Referred for report to the
Board of Revenue.

2. It would appear from the letter
of the Acting Deputy Collector of Nellore, that pressure has been used to compel
the owners of fishing boats at Iskapalli to ship salt.

3. The attention of the Board is directed to the Orders of Government, dated
13th November 1866, No. 3,073, Revenue Department, under which exporters of
salt, at the ports to which the export of salt is confined, are required to make
their own arrangements for conveying the salt from the platforms to the beach,
and for shipping it.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Marine Department, No. 42.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
8th February 1868.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 29. From W. FREER, Esq., Acting Deputy Collector, Nellore District, in charge of the Salt Department, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated Iskapalli, 3rd January 1868, No. 6.

I have the honor to forward a petition from the Arcuttus, or head fishermen, of Iskapalli, No. 2, dated 2nd January 1868, expostulating against their boats being registered.

2. There are 13 boats at Iskapalli, and nine at Kurru, a hamlet of Iskapalli, which have been built chiefly for fishery or throwing out the large net. Their planks are about half an inch thick, and they are ill adapted for carrying cargo. On the average they measure about 16½ feet in length, 4 feet in depth, and 6 feet in breadth, or 3 tons ; but there can be no doubt they cannot carry 2 tons of light weight.

3. The boat owners do not care about carrying cargo. They find it more remunerative to fish with their large nets, which they cannot use without boats ; still they come by rotation to help the merchants to land and ship cargo. We must register the whole of them or none. The evils which would arise from the former course are obvious.

4. The trade of Iskapalli for the past five Fuslies has been on the average annually

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Exports.....	18,068
Imports.....	10,206

affording occupation for three or four boats at a time for about two or three months in the year.

5. When from 40 to 50 boats are required to ship salt, they are brought from Tummalapenta, Zuvvaladinna, and Ponnepudi, and if need be from Wutukur, also in the Krishnapatnam range. Owing to their size and build, a garce of salt cannot be shipped in less than four trips, and they receive payment at the rate of only one rupee per garce, or 4 annas per trip, which is insufficient considering the distance off the port at which large vessels anchor. They do not come willingly, and much pressure is at times doubtless used to avoid delay to the ship. From this point of view, it does not appear to be desirable that the boats of Iskapalli alone should be registered.

6. Under the foregoing circumstances, I venture to recommend that Iskapalli should be relieved from the operation of the Amended Boat Rules of 30th of September 1867.

No. 75.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

NELLORE, COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
9th January 1868.

(Signed) J. A. C. BOSWELL,
Acting Collector.

Referred to the Superintendent of Marine for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14th January 1868.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 30. From the Superintendent of Marine, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 20th January 1868, No. 204.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the correspondence marginally noted (herewith

From the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 3rd January 1868, No. 6.

returned) on the question of the introduction of the Amended Boat Rules at Iskapalli, and to observe that the scope and intention of these rules

seem hardly to have been understood. They are intended to guard against unseaworthy and ill-manned boats being used for conveying goods and passengers to and from the shore. Fishing boats, if the owners are desirous of their being so employed, should be licensed under the rules, but I would never advocate the compulsory registry of such boats, a course which the correspondence leads me to suppose has occurred at the ports in Nellore.

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2. Nor do I think it just to press fishing boats from a distance for the purpose of shipping salt at a rate which cannot be remunerative. If necessity requires such boats to be taken for the service of Government, they should be paid for at a fair rate, whereas it appears they receive only one Rupee for a garce, or about 4 Annas a ton, which is one-third of what is paid at Madras.

3. Under the circumstances of the boat owners not caring to carry cargo, and to the apparent fact of their doing so as an accommodation to the merchants, I think it would be advisable not yet to introduce the Boat Rules at Iskapalli.

No. 31.

ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1868, No. 42.

The Government concur in the opinion of the Superintendent of Marine that, under the circumstances, it would not be advisable at present to introduce the Amended Boat Rules of the 30th September 1867 into Iskapalli. This port will accordingly be relieved from the operation of those rules.

2. The compulsory employment of fishing boats at rates unremunerative to the owners, which appears to have been the practice at Iskapalli, is objectionable, and should at once be discontinued. Whenever boats are required for the service of Government, a fair rate should be paid for them.

(True Extract).

W. Walker
Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Nellore.

„ Superintendent of Marine.

„ Revenue Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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No. 490.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21 February 1868.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Madras
Govt. Marine Dept.

Ordering that Ichapalli
in Nellore District be
relieved from the operation
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Proceedings of the
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Dated 8th Feb
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