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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 204. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd April 1868, No. 2,424.

Read the following letter from A. NARAIN ROW, Deputy Collector in charge of Salt, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated Camp at Bodilingampad, 25th February 1868, No. 55 :—

1. Referring to the abolition of the Gangapatnam Kotar, which was closed on the 1st January 1868, and to the pans which have been left unturned from Fusly 1276, I have the honor to state that I learn from a report which I obtained from the Gogulapally Superintendent, that the pans of Gangapatnam are filled with water about half a yard deep, and that in two months more, when the water will dry up, salt crust and crystals will be formed and continue so till the monsoon season. In Fusly 1275, the selling establishment at the place seem to have attended to the destruction of such growth. In the present year, there being no establishment on the spot, it becomes necessary to have a guard of peons, so that the salt should not get into currency and use through smugglers. I, therefore, request you will be pleased to obtain sanction for entertaining three peons for the purpose, from April to August, that is, for five months at 5 Rupees each per mensem.

2. The pans being left unworked, and in the meantime guarded, will get filled up in course of time, but it seems desirable that at the closing up of any pans, the ryots should be required, at a fair remuneration, to fill them up as the last act of their connection with the pans. If you would approve of this, I shall be prepared to see what the ryots would require, and what may be fairly given for the work at Gangapatnam. Though fresh earth may not always be at hand, tamarind and other branches may be thrown in large quantities into the pans which, I imagine, will prevent the growth of salt and form themselves into a different kind of upper soil.

3. I have sent orders to report upon the state of other pans elsewhere abandoned likewise.

No. 599.

Submitted to the Board of Revenue for sanction.

NELLORE,
27th February 1868.

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

1. Submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that they will sanction a temporary establishment of three peons at Rupees 5 per mensem, to destroy spontaneous salt produced in the abandoned pans at Gangapatnam, from April to August.

2. The Collector will ascertain and report, in connection with the Executive Engineer, by what means and at what expense these and similar deserted pans can be defaced, so as to prevent the formation of salt in them.

