M.R.O. 1—30,000—16-10-40.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 2 5 0 Press Mark

Dated 4 11 December 1868

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No. 96. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th August 1869, No. 6,080 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th July 1869, No. 280.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 2,060, dated 31st March 1869, paragraph 51, I have the honour to forward copies of a letter and a revised statement of salt wastage from my Sub Deputy, explaining the causes under which per-centage of salt wastage rose as high as 7·68 in Fusly 1277, and to request the Board's sanction for writing off the accounts 24,464 Indian maunds and 18 seers of salt.

2. From the revised statement it appears that the per-centage of wastage is only 7·65 and not 7·68.

Enclosure No. 1.

From M. SURIYAMURTHY PILLAI, Sub Deputy Collector, to the Acting Collector of Tinnevelly, dated Tuticorin, 10th July 1869, No. 68.

With reference to your memorandum of the 7th May last, No. 1,289, and to the explanation called by the Board in paragraph 51 of their Proceedings, dated 31st March 1869, No. 2,060, for the wastage of salt in Fusly 1277, I have the honour to inform you that from the personal inquiries I made in the salt divisions and from the records of my office, it appears that the wastage in question arose from the following causes :—

1*stly*.—The salt that was sold in Fusly 1277 was not new, but of five or six years old. It was in store for many years and exposed to heavy rain.

2*ndly*.—The salt of Fuslies 1270, 1271, and 1273, which was now sold, has been *measured* by *measures* when stored, but sold by *weight measuring* by the *present weighing-machines*, which caused much difference between the quantity stored and that sold.

3*rdly*.—There had been heavy floods in the years 1862 and 1863, which caused an inundation at Manjankolam salt pan, where the loss is nearly 18 per cent. of the heaps of Fusly 1270, and 11 per cent. of Fusly 1271.

4*thly*.—The salt at Paiyaoodi and Kadaiyanallur salt pans, which have been lately abolished by the order of Government, were of low quality, damaged much by rain and deteriorated by storage. The loss in these two years amounts to 12½ and 21½ per cent. respectively.

2. The annexed statement will further show that the wastage was greater in the salt belonged to Fuslies 1270, 1271, 1273, and 1274, and in the abolished pans, than in that of other Fuslies and in the other pans :—

Name of the salt divisions.	Fusly in which salt stored.	Per cent. of wastage.	Remarks.
Manamadura	1270	13	Pans abolished.
Kalaiyarkoyil	1271	21½	
Paiyaoodi	1274	12½	
Tiruppuvanam	1270	11	
Arasadi	1270	11	
Tuticorin	1270	11	Pans retained.
Cuthalam	1270	11	
Cuthalangudi	1270	11	

3. Under the explanation now furnished I beg that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Board for writing off the wastage of Fusly 1277.

4. The Proceedings of the Board of Revenue and the statement received with your memorandum under reply, are herewith returned with another statement of wastage, prepared by me from the accounts of my office, as there was a slight difference in the number of *heaps* of Fuslies 1273 and 1274 entered in the former.

Enclosure No. 4.—Statement.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to paragraph 51 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 31st March [illegible] No. 2,000, with the recommendation that, under the explanation furnished by the Collector, sanction may be granted for writing off the salt wastage of Tuticorin amounting to Rupees 24,464-13.

No. 97. ORDER passed on 9th September 1869, No. 2,512.

Separate Revenue, No. 2.

Salt.

SANCTIONED accordingly.

(Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
" the Accountant-General.

Ext. 5. B. Annexure

1869.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 16TH AUGUST 1869, No. 6,089.

Encl.

AUGUST.

No. 6,089.

Subj.—Sanction of Government requested for Writing off Accounts Indien Mounds 24,464 13 of, as Wastage.