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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st January 1870.

No. 222. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th November 1869, No. 8,480 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 1869, No. 1,392.

As the Chemical Analyser to the Government of Bombay has failed to detect any bitter taste in the Sinde Salt,* and considers it superior to that prepared by evaporation from sea-water, and usually purchased for the Government monopoly in this district, it is possible that the Salt, which appears to have failed to meet with ready acceptance when landed at Mangalore once or twice before, may not have been the identical article, or that its very novelty may have deterred the people from buying it at once.

* Government Order, 26th July 1869, No. 2,171, communicated with Board's Proceedings, 28th July 1869, No. 5,530.

2. I propose therefore to have a small quantity of the Sinde Salt offered for sale at some of the most frequented coast and inland depôts in the district as an experimental measure, should its price and cost of conveyance permit of its being sold at the same rate as the Bombay Salt, and with equal profit to Government. I have therefore the honour to request that the Board will be pleased to ask the Government to arrange for ten garces of the Salt being supplied to me for trial in January or February next, if it can be delivered at Mangalore at Rupees 49 per garce.

3. The Bombay and the Goa Salt we shall be selling in the coming year, will cost the Government Rupees 49 and Rupees 29, respectively, at the sale-depôts. We cannot therefore offer a higher price than Rupees 49 per garce, and I presume the Sinde Salt will scarcely be able to compete with the lower priced Goa Salt at Rupees 29 a garce.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. With a view to introducing Sinde Salt into South Canara, the Collector proposes that Government should arrange for a supply of ten garce being sent to him if its cost will permit of its being sold at the same price as Bombay Salt and with equal profit to Government.

3. The Board are not of opinion that this project is feasible. The cost of a given bulk of Sinde Salt is much greater than that of the same bulk of Bombay Salt, though its greater purity is said to make it really cheaper. Moreover, the cost of transmitting so small a quantity as ten garce would be heavy, because a vessel would probably have to be specially engaged for the purpose.

No. 223. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1870, No. 109.

Separate Revenue, No. 18.
Salt.

THE Government concur with the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 109.

From Govt. Chief Secy. with the Board
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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated January, 21st.

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Sindo Salt.—Proposal of the Collector of South Canara for the importation of a small quantity for sale in the district, negatived.