

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1207	Press ~~Mis~~
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th August 1870.*

No. 146. Read the following letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 27th July 1870, No. 2,225 :—

I AM directed to request that you will call the attention of His Excellency the Governor in Council to the retail prices of Salt in various stations in the Madras Presidency, as quoted in the Notice of the Commissariat Department, No. 116, published at page 176 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette Supplement*, dated Tuesday evening, July 5th, 1870. It will be observed that in every instance the price of Salt is quoted at less than the Excise-duty.

2. His Excellency the Governor-General in Council would be glad to receive an explanation of this apparent anomaly.

3. In Part III. of the Financial Statistics lately published by this department at pages 68 and 69, will be found a Statement of the yearly amounts of Salt sold and of the wastage. Taking the last three years of that Statement, the figures for which were obtained from the Madras Government, it will be seen that the following amounts of wastage are entered :—

	Mds.
1866-67	8,08,362
1867-68	1,64,494
1868-69	5,24,890

These amounts are not only large in themselves, but vary so considerably that His Excellency in Council would wish for an explanation of this item.

4. It is requested that with your reply a Statement may be furnished showing the average retail prices of Salt, since the 1st January 1870, at the different places in the Madras Presidency where official prices current are recorded.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1870, No. 1,207.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.

Salt.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for report. The prices quoted in the Commissariat Price Current apparently refer to the Madras Maund of 25 lbs.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 1207
 Forwarded to the Bd of Revenue for report.
 J. D. The prices noted on the Commercial Price Circular
 apparently refer to the Madras Standard of 25th.

[Signature]
 10 August 1870

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August, 10th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 10th August 1870, No. 1,207.

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Prices of Salt in Madras Presidency.
 Letter from Government of India calling attention
 to the retail prices in various stations as quoted in
 the Notice of the Commissariat Department, and
 requesting explanation regarding it, forwarded to
 Board of Revenue for report.

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