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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th December 1870.*

No. 99. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th September 1870, No. 5,700 :—

Read the following replies from Collectors to the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August 1869, No. 6,307.

From the Acting Collector of Ganjam,	dated 19th Oct. 1869, No. 4,107.
" " Vizagapatam,	" 9th Sept. " " 545.
" " Godavery District,	" 16th " " " 223.
" Officiating " " Kistna District,	" 8th " " " 281.
" Acting " " Nellore	" 4th Oct. " " 1,885,
recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 8th Nov. 1869, No. 8,241.	
From the Acting Collector of Madras,	" 18th Jan. 1870, " " 8.
" " of South Arcot,	" 12th April " " 92,
recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 28th April 1870, No. 2,806.	
From the Collector of Tanjore	" 4th Sep. 1869, " " 189.
" Officiating " " Madura,	" 24th " " " 301.
" Acting " " Tinnevely,	" 14th " " " 351.
" Officiating " " South Canara,	" 3rd June 1870, " " 703.
" Acting " " Malabar,	" 21st Jan. " " 30A,
recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 24th Feb. 1870, No. 1,291.	

THESE letters will be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order marginally noted.
29th July 1869, No. 2,212.

2. The Board regret to observe that the instructions issued in their Standing Order No. 200 have been very imperfectly carried out.

3. Some few of the Collectors have, indeed, inspected some of their salt stations, but their inspections seem to have been of a very cursory description, and their reports are generally so meagre as to convey very little information as to the results.

4. Since the close of the year, to which the Government Order refers, Mr. Reade has made a very careful and minute inspection of the important station at Merkanum in South Arcot. The results of his observations which are embodied in the Board's Proceedings of the 18th November 1869, No. 8,514, are also submitted to Government as a specimen of what the Board believe to be intended by the report called for in the Proceedings of Government now under reply.

5. From very few of the other reports is any useful information whatever to be derived; and it is due to Mr. Reade to say that his report has again called serious attention to defects in the Weighing Machines now in use, which will probably lead to their being considerably altered.

6. With regard to the latter part of paragraph 2 of the Order of Government, the Board have to remark that the Collectors generally have entirely misapprehended the instructions regarding the employment of Assistants contained in Standing Order No. 389. Not a single Assistant was ever placed in charge of a salt station during the year to which these reports refer, and the reason generally

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given is, that their services could not conveniently be spared. Mr. Minchin, indeed, admits that the orders were overlooked; but he adds that his Assistant Mr. Johnson, had made "a useful report on the result of his inspection of the "different stations," so that practically he has carried out the intentions of Government more thoroughly than the rest. The Collector of Vizagapatam will be requested to submit a copy of Mr. Johnson's report for the information of the Board.

7. The Collectors of salt districts generally will be requested to pay more attention to this subject in future. They should depute their Assistants to visit the different salt stations from time to time, and *spend some days* in measuring heaps, and reporting on the system pursued in the manufacture and sale of salt.

8. Though they cannot well be put formally *in charge* of a station, they might do excellent service in this way by frequent tours of inspection; and in case of the Deputy-Collector being temporarily absent on leave, an Assistant should be put in charge of his Office, so as to familiarize him still further with the details of his duties. It is impossible to over-estimate the advantage to Revenue-officers of this familiarity with details, but there is very little chance of an officer ever acquiring it thoroughly, if he does not do so in the first few years of his service.

9. The periodical returns show that the Deputy-Collectors are, generally speaking, active in the discharge of their duties. Occasional instances of neglect have been duly noticed in sending in the Returns to Government.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1870, No. 1,937.

Separate Revenue, No. 6.

Salt.

THE instructions issued by the
Board of Revenue are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

From G. ELLIS, Esq., Acting Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatterpore, 19th October 1869, No. 1,107.

ADVERTING to paragraph 2 of the Board's Order on Government Order of 29th July last, No. 2,212, contained in their Proceedings, dated 23rd August, No. 6,307, I have the honour to report that the Acting Principal Assistant Collector is in charge of the Salt-pans of Nowpada and Womeravelly which are situated in the Sub-division, and these pans are annually inspected by him.

2. His last visit of inspection to Nowpada was on the 3rd February last and to Womeravelly on the 17th May following. At the latter station, besides inspecting the works, the Acting Principal Assistant had a heap of salt measured before him. He expresses entire satisfaction at all the arrangements he found at both stations.

3. The Salt-pans at Ganjam and Itchapur, in the Principal Division, were visited and inspected by Mr. Carmichael in 1867, and Ganjam, a second time, in 1868. He has not recorded the results of his inspection.

4. I should add that the periodical inspection of the Itchapur Salt-pans was a part of the duties required of the Acting *Senior Assistant*, but Mr. Carmichael soon after assuming charge of the district in May 1867, relieved the Acting Principal Assistant of this duty when re-distributing the charges of the Assistants, and reserved the Salt-pans both of Ganjam and Itchapur as part of his charge.

5. I have no Covenanted Assistants under training as contemplated by Government in their Order of 11th February 1861, No. 250, (Board's Standing Order, No. 389,) quoted in paragraph 2 of the Government Order contained in the Board's Proceedings under reply.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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REVENUE.

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G. O., 5th December 1870, No. 1,937.

DECEMBER.

Nos. 99-100.

Salt works in Coast Districts.—Instructions issued by the Board of Revenue for their inspection, approved.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1869, No. 545.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, * dated 29th July 1869, No. 2,212,

* Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August 1869, No. 6,307.

I have the honour to state that the instructions issued in the Board's Standing Order, No. 200-1, have been fully carried out in

this district, and that the salt-pans have been regularly inspected by myself and Mr. Johnson, the Assistant Collector, whenever we have been in their neighbourhood.

2. With regard to placing a salt station in charge of any unpassed assistant, I regret that these instructions were overlooked; but Mr. Johnson, who has since passed by the Higher Standard, has thoroughly acquainted himself with the duties connected with the Salt Department, and has favoured me with a useful report on the result of his inspection of the different stations.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

From J. FRASER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery district, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 16th September 1869, No. 223.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd ultimo, No. 6,307, I have the honour to state that, during the manufacturing season, that is, from January to June, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department remained at Penuguduru, and carried on the operations successfully. I have also practically tested his management by inspection of samples of the salt manufactured.

2. I further beg to state that I have not placed the Assistant Collector in charge of any salt division during the same period, because I have had none whom I could, without inconvenience, depute. Mr. Newman was also engaged in preparing for his examination in June.

Erd. E. C. Shunker.

From J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 8th September 1869, No. 281.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August 1869, No. 6,307, I have the honor to report that having joined the District in March last, on 6th April 1869 I published a Circular in the *District Gazette* regarding Tours of Inspection by Divisional Officers. In this I drew special notice to Board's Standing Circular No. $\frac{200}{1}$, and requested the Divisional Officers occasionally to visit the Salt Cotars in their Divisions, and have a heap or two of salt weighed before them to test the accuracy of the storage; examine the state of the salt pans, and the quality of the salt; the system of selling, the state of the heaps, and the machines and accounts; the condition of the roads and approaches; and I also requested that on such occasions they should report to me with any suggestion they might have to offer.

2. I have myself twice visited the station of Pondraka, and once that of Mungenapudi, and measured a heap at each station. The station of Chinna Ganjam is in the Sub-division, and I have particularly requested the Acting Sub-Collector to visit it from time to time. There is no unpassed Assistant in this district, but Mr. Cumming, the Assistant Collector, is in revenue charge of the Bunder Talook, and I have accordingly placed the stations of Pondraka and Mungenapudi under his immediate supervision. I propose personally to visit the remaining stations of Nizampatam and Chinna Ganjam very shortly.

3. The Salt Deputy Collector is in the habit of making constant tours, and visiting the four Salt stations in this district.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th November 1869.

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th October 1869, No. 1,885:—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 6,307, dated 23rd August 1869, calling for a report on the quantity of salt in store at Gogulapalli, and the date at which the station can be finally abolished, with the details of establishment to be maintained till then.

Vide Salt Superintendent's Arzi
No. 50-3.171, dated 23rd Sept. 1869.

	Maunds.
* Fusly 1275.....	10,630
" 1276.....	49,246
" 1278.....	56,848

1,16,724

Fusly 1274.....	54,697
" 1275.....	56,136
" 1276.....	57,314
" 1277.....	4,561
" 1278.....	29,263

Total... 2,01,971

Average... 40,394

2. The quantity of salt in store up to the 22nd ultimo is given at 1,16,724 Indian maunds.*

3. The average sale per annum, calculated from the sales during the last five years, is 40,394 maunds, as detailed in the margin.

4. At this rate, it will take some three years to dispose of the salt in question.

5. The sales during the last twelve months are given below, as entered in the Superintendent's Arzi:—

	Maunds.
September 1868	2,990
October "	1,577
November "	1,874
December "	2,304
January 1869	1,849
February "	707
March "	2,353
April "	2,156
May "	3,515
June "	4,157
July "	3,058
August "	4,046

Total... 30,586

Average... 2,548

6. The Superintendent reports that the sale of salt at Iskapalli has been suspended, pending the disposal of the 10,630 maunds appertaining to Fusly 1275 in store at Gogulapalli; and that, if sales at Iskapalli were suspended for a longer period, the Gogulapalli salt might be disposed of in two years; otherwise, the Superintendent considers it will take four years.

7. The present establishment consists of 13 persons as follows:—

1 Superintendent, on monthly pay of Rupees	50
1 Assistant Superintendent	15
1 Clerk	20
1 Shroff	10
2 Peons, on 6 Rupees each	12
2 Measurers, do.	12
5 Vettyans, on 5 Rupees each... ..	25

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8. I consider that it will not be possible to close this station in less than three years; the services of the Clerk, one Peon, one Measurer, and three Vettyans might be dispensed with, thereby reducing the monthly cost to Rupees 97.

9. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Government Order referred to by the Board, I beg to annex a Memorandum showing the examination made during the past official year 1868-69:

<i>By whom examined.</i>	<i>Date of examination.</i>	<i>Station.</i>
Mr. Boswell, Acting Collector.....	{ 21st April 1868. 9th September 1868.	{ Kistnapatnam. Dugarazupatnam.
Mr. Knox, Assistant Collector	{ 22nd April 1868. 23rd " " 24th " " 25th " "	{ Iskapalli. Gogulapalli.
Mr. Burnell, Sub-Collector.....	29th " "	Pakala.
Mr. Stokes, Acting Head Assistant Collector.	{ 2nd May " 23rd June "	{ Tummalapenta. Dugarazupatnam.
Mr. Boyle, Assistant Collector.	{ 2nd May " 3rd " " 4th " " 4th " " 25th June "	{ Padarti. Kanuparti. Tada.

10. It does not appear that any salt stations were placed in charge of Assistant Collectors during the year referred to.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 29th July 1869, No. 2,212, and in continuation of Board's Proceedings, 14th September 1869, No. 6,894.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Sub-Secretary

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Nellore.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

From W. T. BLAIR, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 18th January 1870, No. 8.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August last, No. 6,307, I have the honour to state that during the past official year, 1868-69, some of the Salt-pans in this district were visited by the Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Crole and by Mr. Maclean, Assistant Collector, lately attached to this district. Both these gentlemen have recorded their opinion favourably of the pans, heaps, roads, and platforms they visited.

2. With reference to the inquiry as to what Salt stations have been placed in charge of Assistant Collectors, I beg to state that although no particular station was placed in charge of Assistant Collectors, Mr. Maclean while in this district was deputed to inspect the pans, etc., at Cheyur and Covelong, and to acquaint himself with the system of accounts, etc., kept in the Salt Department.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

1869.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 5TH NOVEMBER 1869, No. 8,241.

Received

Exd.

NOVEMBER

No. 8,241.

Salt—in store at Gogulapalli in Nellore District.—Letter from Collector furnishing information as to quantity of, and date at which station can be abolished, with details of establishment to be maintained till then, submitted to Government.

No. 2,806.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 28th April 1870.

Read the following letter from C. W. READE, Esq., Collector of South Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Villapuram, 12th April 1870, No. 92:—

IN reference to the Proceedings of Government of date 29th July 1869, No. 2,212, conveyed through the Board in their Proceedings of the 23rd August 1869, No. 6,307, I have the honour to state that the occasional oversight of the Southern Salt pans of the district has been entrusted to the Sub-Collector, while the places of manufacture to the north, including the large station of Merkanum and Chunambet, are avowedly under myself. These latter have been visited by Mr. Lister during the year 1868-69, and were also visited by me in September of last year. (Vide my special Report, dated the 22nd October last, No. 239.)

2. One of my Assistants was recently for a while in charge of the Salt Department, but ordinarily I have not been able to depute an Assistant to the special charge of a Salt station. I might have so employed Mr. Gibson, now on sick leave, but while attached to this district he was too unwell to leave head quarters, and the Zillah Surgeon informed me that Mr. Gibson should have no work assigned to him which would expose him to the sun in any way. The time of Mr. Gribble, my only other Assistant, is at all times fully taken up with the detailed administration of the Land Customs and with miscellaneous work, and at present I have no other Assistant besides Mr. Gribble. Thus, as far as circumstances have permitted, the Salt stations have been duly inspected, and I had already arranged after the Jummahbundy now going on was completed to visit the extreme Southern pans myself, accompanied with the Salt Deputy Collector, as it will be in the very height of the manufacturing season, and therefore an opportune period for inspection.

3. I may add that the near station of Goondalum and the Old Town Depot has, on several occasions, been visited by me during the past official year.

ORDERED to lie over, pending the receipt of replies from other Collectors.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. B. PENNINGTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

From G. L. MORRIS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
dated Vallam, 4th September 1869, No. 189.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August 1869, No. 6,307, I have the honor to state that I myself visited and inspected the important Salt Depôts of Adrampatam, Vedaraniem, and Negapatam during the past year, and found everything in a satisfactory condition. No salt station was, however, placed in charge of Mr. C. A. Bird, my only unpassed Assistant, as his Magisterial work in the Tanjore Talook was heavy, and his services in the town of Tanjore were much required.

2. With regard to Mr. Rickets, my Salt Deputy Collector, I can assure the Board that his whole time is taken up in constantly visiting all the salt stations in the district, and that there is not one over which he does not keep the sharpest supervision.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

1870.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 24TH APRIL 1870, No. 2,806.

Encl.

Received

APRIL

No. 2,806.

Salt Works.—Reply of Collector of South Arcot to Board's Proceedings requesting all Collectors to report extent to which orders of Government for inspection of, by covenanted officers, have been carried out during 1868-69, and what salt stations have been placed in charge of Assistant Collectors during that period, ordered to lie over.

From J. R. ARBUTHNOTT, Esq., Officiating Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madura, 24th September 1869, No. 301.

ADVERTING to the 2nd paragraph of the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August No. 6,307, I have the honour to state that the Collector visited the district salt-pans during the past official year. The only Assistant Collector in the district, Mr. LeFanu, was fully employed at Madura, so that he could not be put in charge of the salt-pans during the year under report.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

From C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Courtallum, 14th September 1869, No. 354.

In reply to paragraph 2 of the Order of Government embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August 1869, No. 6,307, I have the honour to report that I visited Tuticorin and Cailpatam with my Salt Deputy in February last, and weighed heaps at each pan. I purpose visiting Vypar and Arasadi before the close of the official year.

* Viziapati and Kutangali.

2. The Sub-Collector visited the two* pans in his division.

3. Mr. Davies has not yet had any salt charge. I propose now to give him Arasadi.

4. My Salt Deputy is constantly moving about among the pans.

Erd. A. S. Rodgers.

From A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Officiating Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary
to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 3rd June 1870, No. 703.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of 23rd August 1869, No. 6,307, I have the honour to report that in the course of his official tours in the district, my predecessor, Mr. Thomas, personally inspected some of the Salt stations in the Kundapoor Talook, in the month of November 1868. No such inspection was, however, made either by the Head-Assistant Collector, Mr. Sturrock, or by the late Mr. Hall, the only other Assistant then in the district. Mr. Sturrock

• Circular Order, No. XII. of 1866.

states, that from the Board's Standing Order* No. 200-1, he did not understand that Covenanted Officers, below the rank of Sub-Collector, were expected to inspect Salt stations in their division without special instructions. I will, however, take measures to have Salt stations inspected in future by all Divisional Officers.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

No. 1,291.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th February 1870.

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cannanore, 21st January 1870, No. 30A:—

With reference to the Sub-Secretary's Official Memorandum, dated 14th instant, No. 35, I have the honour to report that the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd August 1869, No. 6,307, to which a reply is therein requested, do not apply to this district, as salt is not manufactured nor any Salt Deputy-Collector entertained.

2. At the same time, if the services of an additional Deputy-Collector, to look after the Salt and Sea Customs offices in this district, could be spared, I would strongly urge the advisability of the appointment being made.

We have, as the Board are aware, eight Salt Stations and eleven Custom-houses in the district. The Division officers have not sufficient time to thoroughly supervise the working of these establishments, and I cannot depute the only Assistant I have from head-quarters to make periodical tours to all the stations. There is no doubt that both the Salt and Sea Customs Departments require constant and careful supervision, and this can only be carried out by the duty being entrusted to

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• 1869-69.....	113,00,080	208,98,980	9,08,757

one officer who should be always on the move. Considering the importance of the trade* of this district and the length of our sea-board, I do not think the money would be thrown away were the appointment sanctioned.

The Board believe that there are two Assistant-Collectors at Calicut. One of them should be available for the duty referred to by the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

J. GROSE,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of Malabar.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

1870.
Board of Revenue
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 24TH FEBRUARY 1870, No. 1,291.

Encl

Received

FEBRUARY.
No. 1,291.

Salt and Sea Customs Departments—in Malabar District.—Collector informed that services of one of the two Assistant Collectors believed to be stationed at Calicut, should be made available for supervision of,

Enclosure in the Pro. of the
B^d of Rev. to the Secy
to Govt B.D. dated 13 Sept
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Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting, with remarks
for information, file of replies
from Collectors of all Districts
to Board's Proceedings,
requesting them to report as to
extent to which instructions of
Govt for inspection of salt works
have been carried out during 1868-69.

(R. & 13 September 1870 N^o 5700)

The instructions
issued by the Board of
Revenue are approved.

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