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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd May 1870.*

No. 284. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd April 1870, No. 2,706:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 21st March 1870, No. 359.

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith, for the orders of the Board and Government, copy of a letter addressed to me by my Deputy in charge of the Salt Department, recommending the abolition of the Salt Kotaur at the inland depôt of Baje, on the ground that the trade having established itself in our place, the time had come when this step should be made.

2. The sales at the depôt having entirely ceased, its further retention would only entail a monthly loss of Rupees 68, besides the expenditure incurred in the cost of Police-guards. I beg therefore to request that early orders may be issued for the abolition of the depôt, and the disposal of the stock of Salt at the rate proposed in Mr. Ball's letter, viz., Rupees 2 per Indian Maund.

3. The establishment will be dispensed with the moment the existing stock of Salt is sold off.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. BALL, Esq., Deputy-Collector, to the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated on circuit Vaderhobli, 7th March 1870, No. 18.

I HAVE the honour to bring to your notice that the sales of Salt at the inland depôt of Baje have of late fallen off to such an extent as to question the propriety of maintaining it any longer at a monthly charge of Rupees 68 to the State.

2. The total sales during the past fourteen months amount to 2,991 Indian Maunds, which gives an average of 213½ Indian Maunds per month.

3. The chief cause of falling off is the addition of the cost of carriage, establishment, etc., made to the selling monopoly price under the Orders of Government, dated 14th October 1866, No. 2,496, since which the sales have continued to fall off gradually, and have now altogether ceased.

4. This addition is no less than 3 Annas 3 Pies per Maund (Rupees 24-6-0 per Garce), which raises the price of Salt to the consumer to Rupees 2-3-3 per Maund, while certain merchants, after paying the Import-duty of Rupees 1-13-0 at the port of Mangarkotta, convey their Salt up the river, and sell it at Baje at prices varying from Rupees 1-15-0 to Rupees 2-1-0 per Maund, or what is considered its equivalent per Mura of 3 Kalsia Measure.

5. During the monsoon months of the past year, that is, from June to October, the sales averaged 412 Maunds, in November they rose to 497, in December fell to 133 Maunds; and during the past two months not a single Maund has been sold, owing, as above said, to the importers under-selling us on the spot.

6. This state of things was anticipated by the Honourable T. Clarke when recommending the addition of cost of carriage, etc., to the selling-price of Salt at all our inland depôts, vide his Salt Report of Malabar and South Canara.

7. The present stock of Salt at Baje is 2,726 Indian Maunds, and at the ratio of the sales of last year as given above, it will take upwards of another year before it can be sold off, and during the interim, the Salt establishment alone (independent of the Police-guard, protection of buildings, etc.,) will have cost Rupees 816.

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8. Under these circumstances I would beg to recommend that the present stock of Salt be sold off at the net monopoly price of Rupees 2 per Maund, that is, omitting the addition of 3 Annas 3 Pies, and the depôt at once abolished.

Soliciting that the early orders of the Board of Revenue and Government may be obtained in the matter, I have, etc.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government. The Board concur with the Collector.

No. 285.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1870, No. 761.

Separate Revenue, No. 17.
Salt.

SANCTION is accordingly granted for the abolition of the inland depôt at Bajo and for the sale of the present stock of Salt there at Rupees 2 per Indian Maund.

2. The Board will report in due course the date on which the stock is sold off and the establishment dispensed with.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 23rd May 1870.
Read the following. Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Submitting letter from the
Collector of South Canara District re-
questing sanction for abolition of Salt
Molash at inland depot of Baje and
disposal of stock of salt at rate of
Rupees 2 per Indian Maund. (H.E. 23rd April 1870 No. 2706)

Sanction is accordingly
granted for the abolition of the
inland depot at Baje and for
the sale of the present stock of salt
there at Rupees 2 per Indian Maund.

2 The Board will report
in due course the date on which
the stock is sold off and the
establishment dispensed with.

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G. O., 23rd May 1870, No. 731.

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Nos. 284-285.

Salt depot at Baje in South Canara.—In
abolition and the sale of the present stock at 2
Rupees per Maund, sanctioned.