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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th January 1870.

No. 153. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th January 1870:—

Read Government Order, dated 6th January 1870, No. 24.

A STATEMENT is submitted showing the increase or decrease of Salt-sales for November (excluding sales for exportation) in maunds and rupees. The quantity sold was less than that sold in November 1868 in every district.

2. The decrease in the sales is, no doubt, chiefly due to the enhancement of price, though temporary causes account for a large part of it. It must be observed, however, that this result is not conclusive as to the effect of the increase of price on consumption. All that can be inferred in the certainty is, that the retail dealers have deferred further purchases until their stock in hand should be expended.

Statement showing increase and decrease of Salt-sales in November 1869, *compared with those in November* 1868, *for each district.*

Districts.	Decrease in Indian Maunds.	Increase or decrease in rupees.	Explanation given by Collectors.
	MAUNDS.	RS.	
Ganjam	59,844	— 77,829	Attributed to the damp weather and the enhancement of the price of the article.
Vizagapatam ...	2,808	+ 838	
Godavery ...	17,266	— 22,338	In November of the year, previous boat-traders resorted in large numbers for fear that the channels would be immediately closed, but this year there has been no such necessity.
Kistna	67,368	—1,00,062	Due to the diversion of the attention of the ryots on agricultural operations and the recent heavy rains having rendered the roads impossible for traffic.
Nellore	25,719	— 25,642	Due to fall in the inland sales of salt at certain Kotaurs as the Lombardies have not as yet resorted.
Madras	12,145	+ 15,339	
South Arcot ...	23,922	— 35,243	
Tanjore	24,073	— 26,031	Owing to the heavy rains as also to the bad state of the roads which impeded the traffic in salt.
Madura	18,412	— 22,873	
Tinnevelly ...	23,658	— 37,018	
South Canara ...	8,648	— 9,219	Due to the rise in price. The inland sales which are also low may be expected to rise as Coffee will be imported from Mysore and Coorg.
Malabar... ...	34,767	— 49,218	Due to the rise in price, and to the people having in store salt purchased at previous rates, refrained from making further purchases at new rates.
Total...	3,18,660	3,89,296	

MADRAS,
8th January 1869.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Sub-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th January 1870.

No. 154. ORDER THEREON, 11th January 1870, No. 77.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.
Salt.

THE Government regret to learn that the sales of Salt in the month of November have so materially diminished. As observed by the Board, however, a considerable proportion of the reduction is ascribed to causes other than the increase of price. The explanation referred to in the concluding sentence of the Board's Proceedings is perhaps correct, but it is strange that the total sales during October should have been upwards of 24,000 maunds in excess of the average sales in the same month in previous years.

2. A copy of the Board's Proceedings will be forwarded for the information of the Government of India, and the following reply to their telegram, under date 5th January 1870, will be despatched :—

"The decrease of Salt-sales is chiefly ascribed by the Board of Revenue to "enhanced price which has probably induced retail traders to dispose of the whole "of their stocks before making further investments. The decrease is partially "owing to other causes which are referred to in a communication now despatched "by post."

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
11*th January* 1870.

No. 78.

No. 155.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Separate Revenue, No. 12.
Salt.

SIR,—With advertence to your telegram, dated 5th instant, I am directed to forward the accompanying Proceedings of Government on the subject of the Salt-sales in the month of November, for the information of the Government of India.

2. It has been ascertained that the sales for the month of December last are not likely to be below those of December 1868 in quantity, and that the revenue will be considerably in excess of that collected in the latter month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1870 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated January, 11*th.*

Recd.

G. O., 11*th January* 1870, *No.* 77.

JANUARY.

Nos. 153-154.

Salt-sales.—Board's Proceedings explaining the causes which led to the decrease in the month of November 1869, ordered to be forwarded to Government of India.

Revenue Department.

No. 77.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th January 1870.

Read the following Proceedings of the Bd of Revenue

Submg Statement shewing increase & decrease of Salt Sales in Nov^r 1869 compared with those in Nov^r 1868 for each District. } 8th January 1870.

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Financial 1870 Department.

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From Government of Fort St. George.

Dated 11th Jan. } No. 78. Factory & spare copy

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JANUARY. No. 155.

FORWARDING Proceedings relating to causes which led to the decrease in the salt sales in the month of November 1869.

Telegram from the Collr of Godavery Dated 21st May/70 Ord 242.

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The Secy to the Govt of India
Finl Dept.

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