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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
3rd June 1870.

No. 805.

No. 26.
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Separate Revenue, No 3.
Salt.

Board's Procs, dated 3rd March 1870, No. 1,487.
" " 31st " " " 2,154.
" " 28th April " " 2,808.

SIR,—In continuation of my letter, under date 21st February 1870, No. 261, I am directed to submit, for the information of the Government of India, the Proceedings noted in the margin, showing the sales of Salt in each district for the months of January, February, and March.

2. You will observe that the gross quantity sold during the three months has amounted to 20,16,081 Indian Maunds against the average sale of Maunds 22,00,221 during the same three months in the five years from 1865 to 1869. There has thus been a decrease of nearly two lacs of Maunds in the quantity sold, and it will be seen that about three fourths of the decrease has occurred under "Salt for exportation," which is in no way affected by the duty on the article, being provided at cost-price. On making a comparison of the revenue realized, it will be found that a sum of Rupees 38,81,191 has been collected against an average collection of Rupees 32,29,667.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Financial 1870 Department.

From Government of
Port St. George.

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Government showing the sales of Salt in each
district for the months of January, February, and
March.

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To The Secretary to the
Govt of India
Finl Dept.

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my letter under date
21st Feb. 1870 No. 201,
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~~of~~ the sales of Salt
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the three months
has

Brads' Proc of 3 Mar. 1870 at 2154.
" " 31st do " " 2154.
" " 28th Apr. " " 2808.

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38,81,191 has been
collected against
an average collection
of only Rs 32,29,667.

3. This Government
view these figures
as

Assuming the object
to be to show the ef-
fect of the enhanced
Duty, I think, the re-
ports by sea should be
eliminated because, owing
to such salt being sub-
plied at cost price free
from Duty, they are not
influenced by changes
in the rate of Duty. Ap-
plying this correction
the sales in the 3 months
have fallen off by only
1,14,635, while
the revenue has increased
by Rs 671,899.

A comparison with
the corresponding sales
of 1878 would be
convenient.

S.D.S.
H.A.

I would omit the
last para. I don't
think the statement very
satisfactory and it may
be apprehended that
the decrease in
consumption is so many
districts has
something to do with
the increased price.
If the decrease in the
consumption shown in the
month of March is
continued throughout the
year the value of
Revenue on the whole
may well be
about 14 lacs instead
of 20, which is enough to
be of the rate of consumption
for maintained.

as satisfactory,
for the fluctuation
which has occur-
red in the consump-
tion of the several
Districts during
the months under
consideration, is
doubtless to be
ascribed to ordi-
nary causes rather
than to the recent
enhancement of
the price of the
article.

W. H. Ball

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