

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th July 1871.*

No. 72. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th June 1871, No. 2,456:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Mangalore, 26th May 1871, No. 682.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the early orders of the Board of Revenue and Government, copy of a letter from my Deputy in charge of the Salt Department, recommending the abolition of

* 1. Vandase } in the Kundapur Talook. two other inland Salt-depôts* in this district for reasons similar to those

which led to the discontinuance of the Salt-depôt at Baje under the orders of Government, dated 23rd May 1870, No. 761, communicated with Board's Proceedings of 27th idem, No. 3,666.

2. Mr. Ball's proposal that the existing stock of salt be sold at the net monopoly price of Rs. 2 per Indian Maund

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† 1. Vandase	...	...	...	2	2	10	instead of at the present enhanced
2. Halady	...	...	...	2	3	0	rates,† which include extra charges for

carriage of salt to the depôts, will facilitate the early disposal of the salt, and I beg therefore to recommend its adoption.

3. The Salt Establishments at the respective depôts will be dispensed with as soon as the stock is sold.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. BALLS, Esq., Deputy-Collector, to the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated Mangalore, 11th May 1871, No. 31.

WITH advertence to my letter No. 66 of the 31st October last, in reply to yours, No. 1,372, of the 20th idem, I have now the honour to recommend the abolition of the inland depôts of Vandase and Halady in the Kundapur Talook, as the sales have (as you are already aware) gradually fallen off since the addition of the cost of carriage, establishment, etc., was made to the selling monopoly price, under the orders of Government, dated 14th October 1865, No. 2,496, and the sales this year are below those of last year.

2. The abolition of these depôts would not be attended with any inconvenience to the traders, as the salt-roads, the opening of which I recommended in my letter above alluded to, have been entered in the sanctioned budget list just received.

3. The addition to the selling monopoly price is Annas 2-10 per Indian Maund, or Rs. 21-4-0 per Garce, at Vandase, and Annas 3 per Indian Maund, or Rs. 22-8-0 per Garce, at Halady.

4. During the three years (Fusly 1272 to 1274) preceding this addition to the selling price, the sales averaged 15,731 Indian Maunds at Vandase and 27,391 Indian Maunds at Halady. In the year (Fusly 1275) the addition was made, they fell to 12,863 Indian Maunds at Vandase and 13,060 Indian Maunds at Halady; while, during the three subsequent years (Fusly 1276 to 1279), they averaged but 3,297 Indian Maunds at the former and 3,919 Indian Maunds at the latter depôt. Last year (Fusly 1279) they were but 663 and 1,748 Indian Maunds, respectively, and up to the end of last month, the 10th of the current Fusly (1280), they are but 579 and 612 Indian Maunds.

5. The present stock of salt is 2,928 Indian Maunds at Vandase and 4,733 Indian Maunds at Halady, and at the present state of the sales it will take about five years before it can be sold off, and during this period the salt establishment alone (independent of Police guards, etc.,) will have cost the State no less a sum than Rs. 7,325.

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6. If the present addition to the selling price be reduced by about two-thirds, that is, retaining but 1 Anna at each depôt in addition to the selling monopoly price of Rs. 2 per Maund, we may be able to sell off the stock in hand within a year or so, as it costs the local consumers about the same amount to convey a maund of salt from the coast or manufacturing depôts.

7. I would not, however, recommend this, but the selling off of the stock at the net monopoly price of Rs. 2 per Indian Maund as lately sanctioned, with regard to the inland depôt of Baje in the Udipi Talook, as by this means we shall be able to clear off the stock of salt at an early date.

8. Begging that the early orders of the Board of Revenue and Government may be obtained, I have, etc.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

2. The Board support the Collector's proposal for the abolition of the inland Salt-depôts at Vandase and Halady, the stock in hand being sold at 2 Rs. per maund as in a similar case at Baje.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 7th July 1871, No. 1,173.

Separate Revenue, No. 3.
Salt.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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23 May 70. 284-5

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14 To the Collector of South Canara

JUNE.
No. 2,456.

Salt Depots—at Vandase and Halady in South Canara District.—Collector's proposal for abolition of, and sale of stock of salt in hand there at Rupees 2 per Maund, submitted for sanction of Government.

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C. S. June 71. R. S. P. S.

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