

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th August 1871.*

No. 107. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd July 1871, No. 3,066:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nizampatam, 24th June 1871, No. 1,820.

With reference to Board's Proceedings dated 12th May 1871, No. 1,968, in Government Order dated 3rd April 1871, No. 1,618, Revenue Department, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter from the Salt Deputy-Collector, dated 15th June 1871, No. 70. It will be seen that the large wastage discovered was chiefly in the salt of the older heaps stored in Fuslies 1276 and 1277, which was in stock from two and-a-half to three and-a-half years; and that while the salt was stored with the new machines before any mechanist was sent to look after them and put them in order, the salt was reweighed and sold after the machines had been put into thorough order.

2. The Board will remember that I addressed them on 26th October 1870, with regard to the falling off of wholesale transaction in salt in the district on account of the large wastage existing in the heaps, and obtained sanction to increase temporarily the rate of discount (*vide* Board's Proceedings dated 25th November 1870, No. 6,837). As, however, there was subsequently a very large increase in the quantity of salt sold wholesale, it was unnecessary to give effect to this concession (*vide* Board's Proceedings dated 6th March 1871, No. 980).

3. The subject of the salt-wastage has had my careful attention. I have each year tested the wastage at each station by measuring several heaps, some taken at random and some specially stored with a view to subsequent experiment. After this explanation, I trust that Government will permit the wastage of Fusly 1279, amounting to Maunds 36,167, to be written off the Salt Accounts.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Deputy-Collector in charge of Salt Department, to the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, dated Munganapudy, 15th June 1871, No. 70.

ADVERTING to paragraph 28 of the Government Proceedings dated 3rd April, No. 618, embodied in the Board's (12th ultimo, No. 1,968,) communicated to me with your endorsement of the 3rd instant, No. 1,618, I have the honour to forward a statement, showing the outturn of the heaps sold in Fusly 1279, from which it will be observed that the large percentage of wastage commented upon by the Government, chiefly occurs in heaps stored in Fuslies 1276 and 1277,

as a space of time as nearly three and-a-half and two and-a-half years) and not in those stored in Fusly 1278, in which the percentage of wastage is only three and-a-half, much below the average of the Fusly under review, as well as the standard rate of 5 per cent, as these heaps did not remain in store much longer than a year.

2. Besides, another reason for such a large wastage as in the former case is, that the heaps which had at first been stored with incorrect machines were sold with those since repaired by the Filer and Fitter on his first joining the district about the end of Fusly 1278.

3. Moreover, the ratio* of the preceding three Fuslies is nearly the same as that of the Fusly under review. Consequently I request that sanction may be obtained for writing off the wastage of Fusly 1279.

Fusly 1276	...	...	...	61111
" 1277	...	...	...	61111
" 1278	...	...	...	5111111

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STATEMENT showing the outturn, etc., of the Salt heaps sold in Fusly 1279, with particulars of the years of their storage in the Kistna District.

	Fuslies in which the salt was stored.	Contents of the heaps when received.	Outturn of the heap when sold.	Wastage.	Percentage.
1276	...	34,216	31,		
1277	...	4,03,864	3,71,243	31,084	7.718884
1278	...	73,728	71,143	2,585	3.50728
Total	...	5,11,808	4,74,104	36,167	7.07544

MUNGANAPUDY,
15th June 1871.

(Signed) P. VENKATA NARASIMHAROW,
Deputy-Collector

Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 28 of their Order in the Revenue Department, No. 618, dated 3rd April 1871.

2. Under the circumstances stated by the Collector the Board requires sanction for writing off the amount of wastage in Fusly 1279 in the Kistna District

No. 108. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1871, No. 1,378.

Separate Revenue, No. 10.

Salt.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. DEC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secy., P.W.D.,

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JULY.
No. 3,066.

Wastage of salt—in Kistna District in Fasl
1279,—Explanation of Collector in regard to
submitted to Government, with request to grant
authority for writing off this wastage.

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