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Government of Madras.

Revenue. DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 282.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th February 1871.*

No. 156. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st February 1871, No. 488 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1871, No. 18.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the consideration of the Board, a letter from the Deputy-Collector in charge of the Salt Department, dated 5th instant, No. 3, advocating the grant of an advance to the salt ryots to enable them to carry on the manufacturing operations. I am of opinion that, under the circumstances therein set forth, the request of the ryots should be complied with. I would at present make the advance to the ryots of Morekulam* and Authengari† only.

RS.	
* 2,100.	
† 1,250.	
3,350	

2. The advance can be met from the savings out of the sanctioned amount for the salt manufacturers' share for 1870-71, and can be recovered in four monthly instalments.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Deputy-Collector, Salt Department, to the Collector of Madura, dated Ramnad, 5th January 1871, No. 3.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for your favourable consideration, the application of the salt ryots of Morekulam requesting an advance from Government to enable them to commence the

2. The ryots of the Authengari Division some time ago made to me a similar application, and their prayer is, in my opinion, deserving of the same consideration as that of the Morekulam ryots.

3. The ryots in these as well as in other Salt Divisions of the district are more or less dependent upon usurers for funds to begin their works with, especially in seasons when their harvest fails. The past season has not been favourable to agricultural operations. With a scanty harvest therefore, and the disturbed manufacture of the last season which did not yield the ryots a fair return, it must be vexatious to place themselves into the hands of money-lenders who would not scruple to take advantage of the ryots' difficulties. In the Morekulam and Authengari Divisions the disadvantages referred to are the greater, inasmuch as the manufacture at those stations was suspended last year at the ryots' own request, in consequence of the limited quantity of salt (20,000 Maunds each) proposed to be raised at those pans, and the heavy work that devolved upon the ryots for clearing the pans after their destruction by the flood in November 1869.

4. At the five Salt Stations* there are 20,000 beds in working order; at the rate of 8 Annas a bed, the advance will not exceed Rs. 10,000 for the five stations, and Rs. 3,350 for Morekulam and Authengari alone, which can be met from the unexpended portion, Rs. 14,000, of the sanctioned Budget grant on account of salt manufacturers' share for 1870-71.

5. It is desirable that the advance, if sanctioned, should be disbursed to the ryots by the end of the current month, in order that it might be of real use to them, and accordingly I beg to request your early consideration of the subject.

6. The ryots of the three Salt Divisions in the margin have not applied to me for an advance, but they seem to await the result of the application of the Morekulam and Authengari ryots.

Muttaregunadapatam.
Vairavanadapatam.
Vattanum.

	RS.
• Muttaregunadapatam	7,300
Morekulam	4,200
Authengari	2,500
Vairavanadapatam	8,000
Vattanum	3,000
Total ...	20,000

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7. In conclusion, I beg to recommend that the advance, if made, might be recovered from the ryots in four equal monthly instalments, commencing from April next.

THE Board object on principle to advances such as those for which sanction is now sought ; but they believe that the principle may be relaxed in the present case, and resolve to submit the application for the favourable consideration of Government.

	FASLI 1279.		FASLIES 1275-79.	
	Manufac- ture.	Kudiva- ram.	Manufac- ture.	Kudiva- ram.
	MDS.	RS.	MDS.	RS.
Morekulam...	10,385	973	53,302	4,998
Authengari...	13,527	1,268	23,483	2,202
Total...	23,912	2,241	76,790	7,200

2. The manufacture and Kudivaram paid to the ryots at the pans noted in the margin in Fasli 1279 was exceptionally low ; and the advances now proposed are less than half the average Kudivaram paid during the last five Faslies. The recovery of the advances thus appears certain.

No. 157. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1871, No. 282.

<i>Salt.</i>

SANCTIONED AND DETERMINED BY
the Board.

True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 488.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 1st February 1871.

Read the following letter from the Honourable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Madura, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1871, No. 18:—

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the consideration of the Board, a letter from the Deputy-Collector in charge of the Salt Department, dated 5th instant, No. 3, advocating the grant of an advance to the Salt ryots to enable them to carry on the manufacturing operations. I am of opinion that under the circumstances therein set forth, the request of the ryots should be complied with. I would at present make the advance to the ryots of Morekulam* and Authengari only.

* Rupees..... 2,100
† Rupees..... 1,250
Total... 3,350

2. The advance can be met from the savings out of the sanctioned amount for the Salt manufacturers' share for 1870-71 and can be recovered in four monthly instalments.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From N. RAMASWAMY MOODELLY, Deputy Collector, Salt Department, to the Collector of Madura, dated Ramnad, 5th January 1871, No. 3.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for your favourable consideration, the application of the Salt ryots of Morekulam requesting an advance from Government to enable them to commence the manufacture of salt for the current year.

2. The ryots of the Authengari Division some time ago made to me a similar application and their prayer is, in my opinion, deserving of the same consideration as that of the Morekulam ryots.

3. The ryots of these divisions as well as the Salt Divisions of the district, are more or less dependent upon usurers for funds to begin their works with, especially in seasons when their harvest fails. The past season has not been favourable to agricultural operations. With a scanty harvest, therefore, and the disturbed manufacture of the last season which did not yield the ryots a fair return, it must be vexatious to place themselves into the hands of Money-lenders who would not scruple to take advantage of the ryots' difficulties. In the Morekulam and Authengari Divisions the disadvantages referred to are the greater, inasmuch as the manufacture at those stations was suspended last year at the ryots own request in consequence of the limited quantity of salt (20,000 Maunds each) proposed to be raised at those pans and the heavy work that devolved upon the ryots for clearing the pans after their destruction by the flood in November 1869.

4. At the five Salt Stations* there are 20,000 beds in working order, at the rate of 8

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Muttaregunadapatam 7,300
Morekulam 4,200
Authengari 2,500
Vairavanadapatam 3,000
Vattanam 3,000
Total... 20,000

Annas a bed, the advance will not exceed Rupees 10,000 for the five stations, and Rs. 3,350 for Morekulam and Authengari alone, which can be met from the unexpended portion, Rupees 14,000, of the sanctioned Budget grant on account of Salt manufacturer's share for 1870-71.

5. It is desirable that the advance, if sanctioned, should be disbursed to the ryots by the end of the current month, in order that it might be of real use to them, and accordingly I beg to request your early consideration of the subject.

Muttaregunadapatam.
Vairavanadapatam.
Vattanam.

6. The ryots of the three Salt Divisions in the margin, have not applied to me for an advance, but they seem to await the result of

the application of the Morekulam and Authengari ryots.

7. In conclusion, I beg to recommend that the advance, if made, might be recovered from the ryots in four equal monthly instalments, commencing from April next.

Cost. of 1871 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Ac. Ac. Ac.

Dated February 1st.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 11th February 1871, No. 282.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 156-157.

Advance to Salt manufacturers in Madura District.—Recommendation of the Board of Revenue for its grant, sanctioned.

The Board object on principle to advances such as those for which sanction is now sought; but they believe that the principle may be relaxed in the present case, and resolve to submit the application for the favourable consideration of Government.

	Fusly 1279.		Fuslies 1275-1279.	
	Manufac- ture.	Kudiva- ram.	Average.	
	MDS.	RS.	Manufac- ture.	Kudiva- ram.
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(True Copies and Extract.)

H. C. Tolis

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Madura.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

*By the Order of Secy to Govt
6th March 1871*

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS. No. 488.

PROCEEDINGS, 1ST FEBRUARY 1871, No. 488.

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FEBRUARY.

No. 488.

Advances for Manufacture of Salt for 1870-71.
Application of ryots of Neerukulam and
Authengar in Madura District for, submitted
for favourable consideration of Government.

*Sanctioned 27th
Feb 1871*