

(1) Number of pages 14

(2) Date of repair 20-9-92

(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	51	Press
		Mis.
Dated	9. 1.	18. 71.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th January 1871.*

No. 104. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th November 1870, No. 6,473 :—

Read the following papers :—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 10th August 1870, No. 1,207.

ABSTRACT.—*Prices of Salt in Madras Presidency.*—Letter from Government of India calling attention to the retail-prices in various stations as quoted in the Notice of the Commissariat Department, and requesting explanation regarding it, forwarded to Board of Revenue for report.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 18th October 1870, No. 104.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to expedite the report called for by the Government of India, regarding retail-prices of Salt at certain stations in the Madras Presidency.

Memorandum from the Commissary-General, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 19th October 1870, No. 4,910.

WITH reference to official memorandum, No. 978, dated 6th September 1870, from the Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, the Commissary-General has the honour to state that at all other stations, except Kamptee, the Madras maund of 25 lbs. is meant, but at Kamptee the Bengal maund of 80 lbs. is used, *vide* annexed Memorandum, No. 173, dated 10th October 1870, from the Executive Commissariat Officer at that station.

2. He has, however, been requested to cause the future Lists to be prepared, showing the prices for the Madras maund of 25 lbs.

(Signed) E. E. MILLER, Colonel,
Commissary-General.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Assistant Commissary-General, to the Commissary-General, Madras, dated 10th October 1870, No. 173.

REFERRING to your memorandum, No. 3,856, dated 9th September 1870, has the honour to state that the prices of Salt, etc., therein alluded to, are fixed according to, at the Bengal maund of 80 lbs.

(Signed) R. A. MOORE, Major,
Assistant Commissary-General.

WITH the first order above recorded, the Government forward for the Board's report a letter from the Government of India in which they make the following inquiries :—

1st.—In the Notice of the Commissariat Department, No. 116, published at page 176 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette Supplement*, dated July 5th, 1870, the retail-prices of Salt in various stations in the Madras Presidency are given. The Government of India observe that in every instance the price of Salt is quoted in

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th January 1871.*

that Notice at less than the Excise-duty, and requests an explanation of this apparent anomaly.

2nd.—Explanation is required of the considerable variation in the wastage exhibited in the accounts of the past three years, viz., from 1866-67 to 1868-69.

3rd.—A Statement of the average retail-prices of Salt since 1st January 1870 at different places is also required.

2.—With reference to the first point, it will be seen from the letter from the Commissary-General recorded above that the prices of Salt published in the Notice are per Madras maund of 25 lbs. in all the stations, except Kamptee where it is per Bengal maund of 80 lbs.* The prices obtaining according to the above denominations are noted in the margin, and are all above the monopoly price (4½ Pies per lb.)

	A.	P.	
Bangalore	0	7½	per lb.
Bellary	0	8½	"
Cannanore	0	6½	"
Madras	0	6	"
Vizagapatam	1	1	"
Secundrabad	0	9½	"
Trichinopoly	0	6½	"
Wellington	0	9½	"
Kamptee	1	0½	"

3. With regard to the second question, the Board observe, that the amount of wastage shown for the year 1866-67 or Fasli 1276 is so much in excess of that given for the previous and subsequent years, because the wastage of the two previous Faslies 1274 and 1275 was added to it in consequence of the late receipt by Collectors of sanction to write off the wastage of 1274, and also because a very large quantity was destroyed by the cyclone in November 1864 in the Kistna and by a gale in South Arcot in 1865.

Wastage of Fasli 1274, but written off in the accounts of 1276	Ind. Mds.
Do. of Fasli 1275	269,367
do. do.	153,092
Kistna Salt destroyed by the cyclone of 1st November 1864	361,130
South Arcot Salt destroyed by the gale of November 1865	24,773
	385,903
	808,362

4. The wastage shown for the year 1867-68 or Fasli 1277 is composed of Indian Maunds 111,803, ordered to be destroyed in Nellore, the quality of the Salt having been so bad that it could not be sold, and of Indian Maunds 52,691 in South Arcot, which was the wastage of Fasli 1275, but was written off the accounts of Fasli 1277, as per special sanction of Government. (Government Order, dated 18th April 1868, No. 1,026.)

5. The wastage entered for 1868-69 (Fasli 1278) in the Return furnished to the Government of India with Government Order, dated 7th January 1870, No. 38, was Indian Maunds 524,890, while that shown in the Settlement accounts of that Fasli, which were closed subsequent to the submission of the above Return, was only Indian Maunds 226,447. This latter figure consists of the total wastage

* The Bengal maund of 82½ lb. is in general use throughout the Madras Presidency in the Revenue Department for Salt transactions.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th January 1871.*

of Fasli 1276, viz., Indian Maunds 171,053 and of a portion of that of Fasli 1277, both of which were actually written off the accounts of Fasli 1278. The quantity entered in the Return above alluded to improperly includes also the wastage that actually occurred, but was not sanctioned nor adjusted in the accounts at the time of the preparation of the Return.

6. A Statement showing the average retail-prices of Salt from the 1st January to August 1870 at the different places in the Madras Presidency, where statements of official Price Current are recorded, prepared as far as information is available in the Board's Office, is herewith submitted as required by the Government of India.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 9th January 1871, No. 51.

Separate Revenue, No. 9.

Salt.

ORDERED that copy of the Board's Proceedings and of the enclosed statement be forwarded for the information of the Government of India, with reference to the Financial Under-Secretary's letter, dated 27th July 1870, No. 2,225.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Average Bazaar Prices of Salt per Madras Garce 35

Districts	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Chicacole	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304	304
Berhampore	366	366	317	366	366	366	366	366	366
Russalkonda	332	332	332	359	359	332	332	332	332
Karasannapeta	286	286	299	286	286	286	286	286	286
Tekkali	323	323	352	323	323	323	323	323	323
Purshotpore	290	362	362	290	290	290	290	290	290
Aska	325	325	325	320	325	325	325	330	330
Purlakimidy	334	334	334	334	334	334	334	334	334
Itchapore	303	303	303	321	321	321	321	303	303
Ganjam	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290	290

Vizagapatam	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Vizianagaram	345	339	341	320	342	342	320	343	343
Chipurupalli	300	300	360	327	345	360	330	360	360
Gajapatnagarum	260	260	260	260	260	260	260	320	320
Palkonda	266	320	320	320	360	360	360	360	360
Salur	262	262	262	262	262	262	263	263	263
Viravilli	300	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320
Golezonda	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	320
Parvasiddhi	300	350	350	350	350	350	350	300	300
Parvatipur	320	266	266	266	268	267	267	267	267
Ankapalli	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300

Govt. of 1871

REVENUE.

TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated January 31st.

A. O., 6th January 1871, No. 51.

JANUARY.
Nos. 104-105.

Retall-prices and wastage of Salt in the
Madras Presidency.—Proceedings Board of
Revenue furnishing explanation on this subject
ordered to be forwarded to Government of India.

Districts	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Chittambaram	240	240	240	240	289	249	249	249
Porto Novo	320	320	320	320	320	320	241	320
Tindivanam	354	375	353	354	355	355	355	355
Tirunamalai	321	347	340	321	340	361	361	345
Tiruchellam	251	277	277	277	277	277	277	277
Tullakuruchi	349	335	317	317	317	335	335	335
Villapuram	335	326	317	316	335	335	335	335
Trikalore	343	332	328	332	342	360	360	343
Cuddalore	320	320	320	320	320	320	320	312
Punruti	378	378	355	355	371	400	386	386

Barunthataingudi	294	297	302	294	308	294	294
Trivadi	311	311	311	311	331	311	311
Tullum	294	293	294	294	311	302	302
Combaconam	294	311	294	294	294	294	294
Talangimam	331	331	331	331	311	294	294
Tyampettah	331	311	311	331	311	311	311
Negapatam	316	329	304	304	304	304	304
Nagore	312	312	312	312	312	312	312
Trivalore	297	312	318	318	312	318	318
Tritrapundi	378	378	378	378	378	378	378
Muttupettai	286	286	286	286	286	286	286
Toppatturai	331	331	331	331	331	331	331
Pattucottai	302	302	302	373	313	302	302
Arunthangi	307	306	307	307	307	307	307
Mannargudi	331	330	331	331	331	311	311
Nannilam	320	312	312	312	312	309	309

Districts	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Kodavasel	358	338	338	338	338	338	338	338
Koravadu	255	255	252	237	252	235	235	235
Kuttalum	275	275	240	240	240	240	240	240
Poringar	252	252	252	252	264	264	264	264
Sheally	264	252	220	240	235	252	252	252
Terumullavasel	264	264	264	264	264	264	264	264

Madura	332	357	326	357	332	321	321	312
Dindigul	364	379	340	342	347	340	345	323
Ramnad	336	337	337	320	320	320	320	320

Tinnevely	369	385	342	342	324	342	508	308
Tenkasi	380	360	344	344	359	338	369	359
Arutandanallur	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Kaistar	335	335	335	335	335	326	335	335
Tirudipatti	403	423	403	403	388	388	403	403

Districts

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August

Coimbatore	400	320	400	400	400	400	400	
Pattimungalam	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	
Collegal	427	400	400	400	400	400	400	
Pollachy	414	414	414	427	371	371	406	
Perundoray	337	400	355	356	337	337	356	
Bhowany	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	
Pulladum	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	
Dharapuram	346	337	320	320	337	328	337	
Baroor	400	400	400	400	388	388	388	
Udamulpettah	366	366	366	366	388	366	366	

Information not available

82

Palani	363	346	346	353	353			
Darampuri	317	337	337	329	330			
Tripatur	320	337	337	337	337			
Vanimbady	315	315	315	315	315			
Krishnagerry	355	400	350	356	375			

Information not available

Information not available

Districts

January
February
March
April
May
June
July
August

Malabar								
Cannanore	240	240	240	240	240	240	240	240
Tellicherry	315	315	315	315	315	351	315	315
Calicut	240	240	240	240	240	240	340	340
Palghat	369	369	369	388	388	388	369	369
Cochin	240	262	262	262	262	262	262	262

Revenue Board Office
Madras 4 November 1870

J. H. Remington
Acting Secretary

[Signature]

118

No. 6,473.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th November 1870.

Read the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 10th August 1870, No. 1,207.

ABSTRACT.—*Prices of Salt in Madras Presidency*.—Letter from Government of India calling attention to the retail prices in various Stations as quoted in the Notice of the Commissariat Department, and requesting explanation regarding it, forwarded to Board of Revenue for report.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 18th October 1870, No. 104.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting to expedite the report called for by the Government of India, regarding retail prices of salt at certain Stations in the Madras Presidency.

Memorandum from Colonel E. E. MILLER, Commissary General, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 19th October 1870, No. 4,910.

With reference to Official Memorandum, No. 978, dated 6th September 1870, from the Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, the Commissary General has the honour to state that at all other stations except Kamptee, the Madras maund of 25 lbs. is meant, but at Kamptee the Bengal maund of 80 lbs. is used, *vide* annexed Memorandum, No. 173, dated 10th October 1870, from the Executive Commissariat Officer at that station.

2. He has, however, been requested to cause the future Lists to be prepared, showing the prices for the Madras maund of 25 lbs.

From Major R. A. MOORE, Assistant Commissary General, to the Commissary General, Madras, dated, 10th October 1870, No. 173.

REFERRING to your Memorandum, No. 3,856, dated 9th September 1870, has the honour to state that the prices of salt, etc., therein alluded to, are fixed according to, at the Bengal maund of 80 lbs.

(True Copy.)
(Signed)

E. E. MILLER, Colonel,
Commissary General.

With the first order above recorded the Government forward for the Board's report a letter from the Government of India in which they make the following enquiries:—

1st.—In the Notice of the Commissariat Department, No. 116, published at page 176 of the *Fort Saint George Gazette Supplement*, dated July 5th, 1870, the retail prices of salt in various Stations in the Madras Presidency are given. The Government of India observe that in every instance the price of salt is quoted in that Notice at less than the Excise duty and requests an explanation of this apparent anomaly.

2nd.—Explanation is required of the considerable variation in the wastage exhibited in the accounts of the past three years, viz.: from 1866-67 to 1868-69.

3rd.—A Statement of the average retail prices of salt since 1st January 1870 at different places is also required.

2. With reference to the first point it will be seen from the letter from the Commissary General recorded above that the prices of salt published in the notice are per Madras maund of 25 lbs. in all the stations except Kamptee, where it is per Bengal maund of 80 lbs. The prices obtaining according to the above denominations are noted in the margin and are all above the monopoly price (4½ Pice per lb.)

3. With regard to the second question the Board observe that the amount of wastage shown for the year 1866-67 (or Fash 1276) is so much in excess of that given for the previous and subsequent years, because the wastage of the two previous Fashies 1274 and 1275 was added to it in consequence of the late receipt by Collectors of sanction to write off the wastage of 1274, and

* The Bengal maund of 82½ lb. is in general use throughout the Madras Presidency in the Revenue Department for salt transactions.

of the Board of Revenue
to the Acting Secretary
to Government Revenue
Department dated 4th
November 1870 No. 6
No. 3572/70

10/10/71

also because a very large quantity was destroyed by the cyclone in November 1864 in the Kistna and by a gale in South Arcot in 1865.

	Ind. Mds.
Wastage of Fasli 1274 but written off in the accounts of 1276	2,69,367
Do. of Fasli 1275 do. do. do.	1,53,092
Kistna Salt destroyed by the cyclone of 1st November 1864... ..	3,61,130
South Arcot Salt destroyed by the gale of November 1865	24,773
	<u>3,85,903</u>
	8,08,362

4. The wastage shown for the year 1867-68 or Fasli 1277 is composed of Indian Maunds 1,11,803 ordered to be destroyed in Nellore, the quality of the salt having been so bad that it could not be sold, and of Indian Maunds 52,691 in South Arcot, which was the wastage of Fasli 1275, but was written off the accounts of Fasli 1277, as per special sanction of Government. (Government Order, dated 18th April 1868, No. 1,026.)

5. The wastage entered for 1868-69 (Fasli 1278) in the Return furnished to the Government of India with Government Order, dated 7th January 1870, No. 38, was Indian Maunds 5,24,890, while that shown in the Settlement accounts of that Fasli, which were closed subsequent to the submission of the above Return, was only Indian Maunds 2,26,447. This latter figure consists of the total wastage of Fasli 1276, viz., Indian Maunds 1,71,053 and of a portion of that of Fasli 1277 both of which were actually written off the accounts of Fasli 1278. The quantity entered in the Return above alluded to improperly includes also the wastage that actually occurred, but was not sanctioned nor adjusted in the accounts at the time of the preparation of the Return.

6. A Statement showing the average retail prices of salt from the 1st January to August 1870 at the different places in the Madras Presidency, where statements of official Price Current are recorded, prepared as far as information is available in the Board's Office, is herewith submitted as required by the Government of India.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

M. Remington
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with Statement.

Copy to the Commissary General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Order that copy of the B.D. Report of the Enclom. Stat. be forwarded for the information of the Govt. of India with a copy of the Enclom. Stat. dated 27 July 70. No. 115.
14. To the Secy. of Govt. of India.
9. Aug. 71.

Stk.—Statement called for by Government of India, showing average retail prices of, from January to August 1870, at the different places in Madras Presidency where statements of official price current are recorded, submitted to Government, with explanation regarding prices of salt given in a notice of Commissariat Department and variation in salt wastage exhibited in accounts of years 1866-67 to 1868-69.

NOVEMBER.
No. 6473.

Received 19th Nov 1870
Encl. 1

PROCEEDINGS, 4TH NOVEMBER 1870, No. 6473.

MADRAS. No. 3512

Board of Revenue

Dec-1870. O/S

11. 51-9. 11/11