Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

27th October 1871.

No. 285. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th October 1871, No. 4,403 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 15th September 1871, No. 1,603, Revenue Department :—

ABSTRACT.—*Vedarniem Canal, Tanjore District.*—Passing orders on Revenue Board's Proceedings respecting condition of —, and requesting certain information in reference to the spontaneously formed salt at Vedarniem.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Tanjore, who will carry out the wishes of Government expressed in paragraph 2 of the above order; will state if the Government have rightly understood his remarks as to the relative excellence of the salt produced at Vedarniem and Negapatam; and will submit a report on the subject on which information is called for in paragraph 4, together with the opinion of the Salt Deputy-Collector.

2. In the Kistna District it was found that spontaneous salt, which was produced in large quantities at Buntumilly, was disliked by the inhabitants, but greatly preferred by the Brinjarries as being harder and bearing the long journey on pack-bullocks into the interior better than manufactured salt; and this salt would no doubt be found valuable for carriage by rail.

3. On this ground, therefore, it might be desirable to give it a further trial; but it must be remembered that it is a somewhat precarious crop, as there is only one crop a-year, and a heavy fall of rain, when it is near maturity, destroys the whole out-come of the year. In a dry year, on the other hand, the yield is enormous and the cost of collection insignificant.

4. It must also be considered whether the tariff fixed by the Madras Railway, with the express view of protecting their through-traffic, will not prevent this salt being carried beyond Errode. The Board learn that the cost of rail-carriage for salt between Errode and Coimbatore is 12 Pies per ton, while it is only 8 or 9 Pies per ton between Madras and Coimbatore.

No. 286. ORDER THEREON, 27th October 1871, No. 1,862.

Separate Revenue, No. 15.
Salt.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department (Railway).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
27th October 1871.

No. 287.

No. 1,863.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Separate Revenue, No. 16.
Salt and Stamps.

Procs. of Govt., 20th Oct. 1871, Nos. 217, 218.

SIR,—WITH reference to the letter from your department dated 18th July 1871, No. 2,002, I am directed to forward the accompanying Salt and Stamp Returns of the Madras Presidency for the year 1870-71.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 3409

Rev. 1871. Dept

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 16TH OCTOBER 1871, No. 4,403.

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No. 4,403.

Vedarniem salt.—Proceedings of Government requesting information as to whether spontaneous salt formed at Vedarniem in Tanjore District will not be more suitable than manufactured article for distant carriage by rail, and whether any trial of salt has been made since communication by rail and water between Vedarniem and interior was completed, forwarded to Collector for report —Certain information, submitted to Government on this subject.

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Commund to the P.W.D. (Railways)

27th Octr 1871.

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To

The Secretary to the Govt of India

Financial Dept

Sir,

With reference to the letter from your Dept dated 18 July 1871 No. 2002, I am directed to forward the accompanying Salt and Stamp Returns of the Madras Presidency for the year 1870/71.

I have &c

27 Oct

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