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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th July 1872.*

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1872, No. 1,269 :—

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 2nd July 1872, No. 276 :—

In forwarding a letter, No. 334, received yesterday, from the Superintendent in charge of the Salt Department, I have the honour to request early sanction for entertaining two temporary hands, on salaries of Rupees 50 each, to superintend the issue of salt by weighment to wholesale dealers. Until weigh-bridges can be supplied, the weighing involves much time and trouble, and should be strictly supervised.

2. I shall do my best to select trustworthy men, who, however, for obvious reasons, should not be under-paid.

3. After receipt of weigh-bridges, the Superintendent himself can easily personally conduct the weighments.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From M. CHINNASAWMI PILLAI, Superintendent in charge, Salt Department, to the Acting Collector of Chingleput, dated Covelong, 28th June 1872, No. 334.

WITH reference to the papers noted in the margin, Messrs. Cammiade, Martin and Co. having applied to me to deliver them salt by weighment so long as they sustain loss in purchasing it by Deputy-Collector's letter to Collector, dated 10th January 1872, No. 10. heaps, I have the honour to request you will be Board's Proceedings, dated 19th March 1872, No. 470. so good as to obtain early sanction of the higher authorities for the employment, temporarily, of two persons, one on a salary of Rupees 60 and the other on Rupees 50 per mensem for conducting the weighment of salt that may be purchased by that firm and Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., and other wholesale merchants who may follow suit.

2. The services of these two hands will only be required during the storing season, from March to August, in which all the Clerks at the Madras Cotaur will be at full work in storing salt and keeping additional accounts therewith connected, and that too till weigh-bridges are procured from England, when the Superintendent of the Madras Cotaur himself can easily superintend the weighment of salt which would occupy only an hour or two of his time. As ill-paid servants cannot be expected to resist all temptations, I have to solicit sanction for the employment of two hands on decent salaries of Rupees 60 and 50 per mensem. Their time will be wholly occupied in meting out salt to the wholesale merchants from 7 A.M. to 6 P.M. daily.

3. New weighing-machines are not now available at the Madras Cotaur, as more than twenty machines are at work in receiving salt into store, and if at all they can be availed of after the storage season, the shape of the pan is not suited to the quick despatch of the kind of work in question, as salt cannot be easily received as it is weighed into the gunny bags used by merchants.

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4. Owing to the want of the new weighing-machines, I intend delivering salt by triangular scales, which will wholly occupy the time of the proposed establishment.

5. As merchants are allowed no discount by this system and the establishment proposed by me is not excessive or more than what is absolutely required for the purpose, I suppose the higher authorities will not feel difficulty in sanctioning the establishment, and I therefore request you will strongly support my proposal.

6. As it would be very unsafe to entrust the responsible duty of selling salt to the wholesale merchants by weighment—a positive means of ascertaining whether a heap was originally correctly stored or not—into the hands of persons not borne on permanent establishment, I beg to suggest that arrangements may be made, when sanction is accorded, among the incumbents of the permanent establishment that they may receive the higher pay for discharging the more responsible duty, and their places filled up by competent persons.

7. Messrs. Cammiade and Co. require salt to be delivered to them by weight from Monday next, the 1st proximo, and I therefore have the honour to beg you will be good enough to favour me with your early instructions.

8. In conclusion, I request you will be so good as to adopt early measures for getting two weigh-bridges from England, one for daily use and the other for being used occasionally or for adjusting the correctness or otherwise of the weighment whenever the first gets out of order, so that the work may not be retarded.

In Board's Proceedings, 19th March 1872, No. 470, the Board directed that as there appears to have been great carelessness if not irregularity in the storage of the salt then on the Madras platforms, the remainder must be sold by weighment only; and they suggested that the salt should be delivered to the wholesale dealers on the Railway weigh-bridge by weight; an arrangement being entered into with the Railway Company in regard to the use of their weigh-bridge.

2. The Board understand, and the present application implies, that no such arrangement could be made, but the Collector should have given explicit information on the point.

3. It also appears that Messrs. Cammiade, Martin and Co. have demanded that "as long as they sustain loss in purchasing salt by heaps" (*i. e.*, it is presumed, as long as only 5 per cent. discount is allowed), the salt shall be delivered to them by weighment from 1st July; and as it is evidently impossible that the ordinary establishment, now fully occupied with storage duties, can cope with this work, the Board recommend for the sanction of Government the Collector's proposal to entertain two temporary hands on salaries of Rupees 50 each, to superintend the weighment. The proposed rate of salary is not more than is required to secure trustworthy superintendence, and the hands will not be required after the close of the storage season. The Collector is authorized to entertain the men in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

4. The Acting Collector will report as early as possible as to the propriety and possibility of reverting hereafter to sales by the heap, a point reserved for determination in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings above quoted, and, if his opinion be adverse to this measure, will submit, as directed in paragraph 3, proposals and estimates for the erection of a sufficient number of weigh-bridges at the Madras Cotours.

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No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1872, No. 1,126.

Separate Revenue, No. 20.

Salt.

THE Government sanction the employment of the proposed temporary establishment of weighers.

2. The Board will forward, for perusal, the correspondence recorded in their Proceedings of 19th March 1872, No. 470.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Salt Deputy Collector's Office,
On Circuit, Covelong
28th June 1872.

N^o 334

From, M. Chinnasami Pillai
Superintendent in Charge
To, R. W. Barlow Esq,
Ag Collector, Chingleput District

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January 1872 N^o 10
Board's Order dated
19th March/72
N^o 470

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(Signed) M. G. Chinnaaromic Pillai

Superintendent in charge -

(True Copy)

H. S. John

Asst. Sub Secretary

[Signature]
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Chingleput District Office
Paidapeta 2nd July 1872

N^o 276

From,

R. W. Barlow Esq^r

Ast. Collector of the Chingleput District

To,

J. Lyrose Esq^r

Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

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To be returned

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Enclosure in
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to the Chief Secretary
to Government No. 276
dated 10th July 1872

Copy of letter from the
Deputy Collector in charge
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of Chingleput dated 28th June
1872 No. 234, requesting
under the circumstances to
obtain early sanction of the
higher authorities for employing
two temporary hands on salaries of Rs 50 each per mensem for conducting the weighing of salt that may be purchased by the wholesale merchants etc.

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(Signed) R. W. Barlow

Acting Collector

(True copy)

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Acting Sub-Secretary

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 Enclosure in Proceedings
 of the Board of Revenue
 to the Chief Secretary to
 Government Revenue Dept.
 Madras 10th July 1872

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 REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 10th July 1872.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Shingur dated 2nd July 1872 N^o 278 requesting early sanction for entertaining two temporary hands on salaries of Rs 50 each to superintend the issue of salt by weightment to wholesale dealers.

In Board's Proceedings 19 March 1872 N^o 470, the Board directed, that as there appears to have been great carelessness, if not irregularity in the storage of the salt then on the Madras plat-forms, the remainder must be sold by weightment only; and they suggested that the salt should be delivered to the wholesale dealers on the Railway weigh bridge by weight; an arrangement being entered into with the Railway Company in regard to the use of their weigh bridge.

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(See Extract)

H. E. Stokes

Ag. Sub Secretary

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department.
with copy of Collector's letter and
enclosure.

L. H. Houghoff
Clerk

No. 2319

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Recommending to
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