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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th April 1872.*

No. 23. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1872, No. 486:—

Read the following letter from C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy-Collector, in charge of the Salt Department, to the Collector of Nellore, dated Krist-napatam, 26th February 1872, No. 17:—

THE Board having in their Proceedings, No. 208, dated 30th January 1872, decided that it is not "desirable that any more salt should be manufactured at Iskapalli for the Export trade" as "there is not likely in future to be any demand for salt for export from that place," I have the honour to ask that the two questions which it was resolved in Board's Proceedings, noted in the margin, to defer the disposal of, pending decision of

No. 3,964, dated 14th September 1871.
" 1,566, " 15th April 1871.

the above noted point, may be now again brought forward, in view to final orders respecting them being issued.

In the more recent order or Proceedings of the later date, the Board remark that "the necessity for Gogulapalli depends a good deal on the retention or abolition of the Export Platform at Iskapalli," and directed a reduction of the Gogulapalli establishment *ad interim*. This reduction of establishment was given effect to from the 1st October last, the Board's order in question having reached me on the 28th September, and the abolition of the Export Platform at Iskapalli being determined on by the Proceedings of the 30th ultimo, above quoted, the abolition for the land trade only being altogether unnecessary.

3. In the order of the 15th April, alluded to above, the Board deferred, pending disposal of the question as to whether Gogulapalli is to be retained or abolished, to pass orders with regard to certain changes I had suggested in the existing establishments of the Kanuparti, Iskapalli, and Dugurazupatnam Divisions, in reference to the altered condition of those Divisions. My letter* advocating

* No. 23, dated 23rd February 1871.

those changes was written just one year ago, and the altered circumstances of the two Divisions of Kanuparti and Iskapalli then dwelt upon by me at length are now still more forcibly perceptible, but I will make no repetition here, and leave the figures and facts I brought forward in that letter to speak for themselves. If the transactions of the past twelve months are added, as I have just said, they support the facts deduced from those figures still more forcibly.

No. 433.

SUBMITTED to the Board of Revenue with request that orders may be passed on the pending questions referred to. Export from Iskapalli having been permanently stopped, I cannot say that the retention of Gogulapalli is necessary to the land trade. The excellence of the salt and the security of the platform are points in favour of Gogulapalli, and I have compunction on the subject of abolition without compensation, a somewhat arbitrary measure, as it seems to me, that has in similar cases been enforced in this district.

NELLORE,
1st March 1872.

(Signed) S. T. MCCARTHY,
Ag. Head-Assistant Collector,
for Collector.

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On further consideration the Board are not satisfied with the reasons given for the decline of the export trade at Iskapalli, and request the Collector to report how it happens that Iskapalli salt is sold at so much higher a figure in Calcutta than that from Kurrachee.

2. In proposing the abolition of Gogulapalli he should state his own opinion more clearly, and make proposals for the disposal of the stock on hand.

3. The Board have no objection to the changes of salary proposed by Mr. Plunkett being carried out at once.

No. 24.

ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1872, No. 549.

Separate Revenue, No. 3.
Salt.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)
(Signed.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND MARCH 1872, No. 486.

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No. 486.

Salt.—Collector of Nellore requested to report how it happens that Iskapalli salt is sold at a much higher rate in Calcutta than Kurrachee salt, to state his own opinion more clearly than he has done on proposed abolition of Gogulapalli Salt Station, and to submit proposals for disposal of stock of salt there. Certain changes suggested by Salt Deputy-Collector in Establishments at Iskapalli, Kanu-parti, and Dugurazupatnam, may be carried out at once.

14. Board of Revenue. Depo 5 April 1872

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