No. 25. Read the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Hon. R. A. DALYELL, Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 3rd September 1873, No. 1,738:—

AGREEABLY to the instructions contained in the letter from the Government of India, dated 4th June 1852, communicated in G. O., dated 2nd July 1852, No. 639, I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit the accompanying statement of salt sales for home and inland consumption during 1872-73 compared with those of the two previous years.

Years.	Quantity sold.	Amount realized.
	IN. MDS.	RS.
1868-69	67,05,865	110,11,476
1869-70	63,84,210	115,35,909
1870-71	64,49,740	125,65,738
1871-72	66,53,472	129,99,049
1872-73	64,98,815	127,36,007

2. The sales for the past five years are specified in the margin. It will be noted that in 1872-73 the sales fell by a little above two per cent. below those of the preceding year. From the subjoined abstract it will be observed that six districts exhibit a decrease amounting in the aggregate to 3,05,878 Indian maunds.

Districts.	SALES OF 1871-72.		SALES OF 1872-73.		VARIATIONS.	
	Quantity.	Amount.	Quantity.	Amount.	Quantity.	Amount.
	IN. MDS.	RS.	IN. MDS.	RS.	IN. MDS.	RS.
Ganjam	8,46,174	16,63,908	7,06,041	13,93,842	—1,40,133	— 2,70,066
Vizagapatam	1,48,849	2,97,698	1,95,407	3,90,815	+ 46,558	+ 93,117
Godavery	2,87,770	5,75,542	2,89,275	5,78,551	+ 1,505	+ 3,009
Kistna	6,48,255	12,59,310	6,44,453	12,46,172	— 3,802	— 13,138
Nellore	6,87,581	13,48,762	6,53,644	12,85,448	— 33,937	— 63,314
Chingleput	12,90,407	24,64,637	12,92,545	25,14,928	+ 2,138	+ 50,291
South Arcot	3,31,526	6,63,052	3,54,009	7,08,017	+ 22,483	+ 44,965
Tanjore	6,84,668	13,16,656	7,16,760	13,85,280	+ 32,092	+ 68,624
Madura	2,74,089	5,47,362	2,59,045	5,16,760	— 15,044	— 30,602
Tinnevelly	5,07,729	10,12,218	5,54,174	10,87,225	+ 46,445	+ 75,007
South Canara	3,32,459	6,62,593	2,59,940	5,19,009	— 72,519	— 1,43,584
Malabar	6,13,965	11,87,311	5,73,522	11,09,960	— 40,443	— 77,351
Total...	66,53,472	129,99,049	64,98,815	127,36,007	—1,54,657	— 2,63,042

Nearly half of this gross decrease was in Ganjam and is attributable to the effect of the heavier rainfall of 1872-73, the prevalence of cholera during a portion of the year, as also to the deficiency of stock for some time at the beginning of the year at two depôts. In South Canara the decrease was due partly to the depressed state of the coffee market during the year under report and to a consequent decreased traffic between the coast and inland tracts, and partly to the large importation of salt by private traders. In Malabar, owing to failure of the salt

contractors to supply salt in time, sales to wholesale dealers had to be discontinued towards the end of the year. The demand from the Nizam's Dominions for Nellore salt was less in 1872-73 owing to the facilities which have lately been afforded for the transport of salt from Bombay by rail. In June 1872 the Madura merchants made large purchases at Tuticorin, whither they had taken their cotton for shipment, which was not the case in 1873, and hence the increase in Tinnevelly and decrease in Madura. The decrease in Kistna is small, and can only be attributed to the ordinary vicissitudes of trade.

3. I am to add, in conclusion, that the figures now reported for 1872-73 slightly differ from those reported in the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th April 1873, No. 2,272. Rupees 150, forming miscellaneous receipts in South Canara in March 1873, were erroneously included by the Collector in the amount then reported realized. The other differences both in quantity as well as amount are due to fractions of maunds and Rupees having been omitted in the monthly returns.

Comparative Statement showing the Quantity of Salt sold for Home and Inland Consumption, its price per Maund, and proceeds realized from the sale in the several Districts of the Madras Presidency for the Official years ending 31st March 1871, 31st March 1872, and 31st March 1873, respectively.

Districts.	From 1st April 1870 to 31st March 1871.			From 1st April 1871 to 31st March 1872.			From 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873.			Remarks.
	Quantity.	Rate per Indian Maund.	Amount.	Quantity.	Rate per Indian Maund.	Amount.	Quantity.	Rate per Indian Maund.	Amount.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	In. Mds. S. T.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	In. Mds. S. T.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	In. Mds. S. T.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Ganjam	5,43,505 37 0	2 0 0	10,87,011 13 7	5,61,774 5 0	2 0 0	11,23,548 4 0	5,23,641 0 0	2 0 0	10,47,282 0 0	
	2,43,600 0 0	1 14 4⅘	4,62,840 0 0	2,84,400 0 0	1 14 4⅘	5,40,360 0 0	1,82,400 0 0	1 14 4⅘	3,46,560 0 0	
Total...	7,87,105 37 0	... ...	15,49,851 13 7	8,46,174 5 0	... ...	16,63,908 4 0	7,06,041 0 0	... ...	13,93,842 0 0	
Vizagapatam	1,77,922 2 40	2 0 0	3,55,844 2 0	1,48,848 35 40	2 0 0	2,97,697 12 5	1,95,407 9 0	2 0 0	3,90,814 7 2	
Godavery	112 12 0	... ...	168 15 3	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	
	27,600 0 0	1 14 4⅘	52,440 0 0	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	
	2,40,175 20 0	2 0 0	4,80,351 0 0	2,87,770 30 0	2 0 0	5,75,541 8 0	2,89,275 20 0	2 0 0	5,78,551 0 0	
Total...	2,67,887 32 0	... ...	5,32,959 15 3	2,87,770 30 0	... ...	5,75,541 8 0	2,89,275 20 0	2 0 0	5,78,551 0 0	
Kistna	3,64,122 0 0	2 0 0	7,28,244 0 0	2,76,255 0 0	2 0 0	5,52,510 0 0	2,27,561 0 0	2 0 0	4,55,122 0 0	
	3,58,800 0 0	1 14 4⅘	6,81,720 0 0	3,72,000 0 0	1 14 4⅘	7,06,800 0 0	3,96,000 0 0	1 14 4⅘	7,52,400 0 0	
	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	20,892 0 0	*1 13 7⅕	38,650 3 3	*Board's Proceedings, dated 25th Oct. 1872, No. 2,079.
Total...	7,22,922 0 0	... ...	14,09,964 0 0	6,48,255 0 0	... ...	12,59,310 0 0	[illegible] 0 0	... ...	12,46,172 3 3	
Nellore	4,50,868 0 0	2 0 0	9,01,736 0 0	4,23,581 0 0	2 0 0	8,47,162 0 0	4,35,244 0 0	2 0 0	8,70,488 0 0	
	1,26,000 0 0	1 14 4⅘	2,39,400 0 0	2,64,000 0 0	1 14 4⅘	5,01,600 0 0	2,18,400 0 0	1 14 4⅘	4,14,960 0 0	
	3 19 0	... ...	6 2 3	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	
Total...	5,76,871 19 0	... ...	11,41,142 2 3	6,87,581 0 0	... ...	13,48,762 0 0	6,53,644 0 0	... ...	12,85,448 0 0	
Chingleput	1,63,934 35 0	2 0 0	3,27,869 12 4	1,28,636 5 35	2 0 0	2,57,272 5 9	5,90,931 31 9	2 0 0	11,81,863 9 3	
	12,54,000 0 0	1 14 4⅘	23,82,600 0 0	11,61,771 0 0	1 14 4⅘	22,07,364 14 9	7,01,613 0 0	1 14 4⅘	13,33,064 11 5	
Total...	14,17,934 35 0	... ...	27,10,469 12 4	12,90,407 5 35	... ...	24,64,637 4 6	12,92,544 31 9	... ...	25,14,928 4 8	
South Arcot	3,00,376 23 65	2 0 0	6,00,753 3 7	3,31,526 1 42	2 0	6,63,052 1 6	3,54,008 23 79	2 0 0	7,08,017 3 2	

Comparative Statement showing the Quantity of Salt sold for Home and Inland Consumption, etc.—(Concluded.)

Districts.	From 1st April 1870 to 31st March 1871.			From 1st April 1871 to 31st March 1872.			From 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873.			Remarks.
	Quantity.	Rate per Indian Maund.	Amount.	Quantity.	Rate per Indian Maund.	Amount.	Quantity.	Rate per Indian Maund.	Amount.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs. Mds. S. T.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. Mds. S. T.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. Mds. S. T.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Tanjore	78,485 10 0	2 0 0	1,56,970 8 0	1,57,963 0 0	2 0 0	3,15,786 0 0	2,34,360 0 0	2 0 0	4,68,720 0 0	
	5,52,000 0 0	1 14 4½	10,48,800 0 0	5,26,500 0 0	1 14 4½	10,00,920 0 0	4,82,400 0 0	1 14 4½	9,16,560 0 0	
Total...	6,30,485 10 0	... ...	12,05,770 8 0	6,84,463 0 0	... ...	13,16,656 0 0	7,16,760 0 0	... ...	13,85,280 0 0	
Madura	3,07,589 26 0	2 0 0	6,15,079 0 0	2,70,014 20 0	2 1 0	5,40,029 0 0	2,45,749 30 0	2 0 0	4,91,499 8 0	
	1,200 0 0	1 14 4½	2,280 0 0	4,074 0 0	1 14 4½	7,333 3 3	13,295 0 0	1 14 4½	25,266 8 0	
Total...	3,08,789 26 0	... ...	6,17,359 0 0	2,74,088 20 0	... ...	5,47,362 3 3	2,59,044 30 0	... ...	5,16,760 0 0	
Tinnevelly	3,91,661 0 0	2 0 0	7,83,322 0 0	4,90,929 0 0	2 0 0	9,81,858 0 0	4,14,839 0 0	2 0 0	8,29,658 0 0	
	38,800 0 0	1 5 7½	79,439 0 0	2,400 0 0	1 14 4½	4,560 0 0	72,985 0 0	1 14 4½	1,38,671 8 0	
	711 0 0	1 9 7⅙	1,137 9 7	14,400 0 0	1 12 8	25,800 0 0	66,360 0 0	*1 12 8	1,18,895 0 0	
Total...	4,31,172 0 0	... ...	8,63,888 9 7	5,07,729 0 0	... ...	10,12,218 0 0	5,54,174 0 0	... ...	10,87,224 8 0	*A few heaps sold for export were retained for home consumption.
South Canara ...	2,64,268 0 0	2 0 0	5,28,536 0 0	3,30,959 0 0	2 0 0	6,61,918 0 0	2,59,851 0 0	2 0 0	5,18,702 0 0	
	38 0 0	0 7 2¾	17 1 9	1,500 0 0	0 7 2¾	675 1 6	33 0 0	0 7 2¾	14 13 8	
	555 0 0	0 7 8⅝	208 4 5	... ...	... ...	... ...	556 0 0	0 8 4½	291 14 9	†For Aman Divi Island at prime cost.
Total...	2,64,861 0 0	... ...	5,28,821 6 0	3,32,459 0 0	... ...	6,62,593 1 6	2,59,940 0 0	... ...	5,19,008 12 5	
Malabar	1,63,335 0 0	2 0 0	3,26,710 0 0	2,07,774 0 0	2 0 0	4,15,548 0 0	2,02,654 0 0	2 0 0	4,05,368 0 0	
	3,80,107 0 0	1 14 4½	7,22,203 4 10	4,06,191 0 0	1 14 4½	7,71,762 14 5	3,70,833 0 0	1 14 4½	7,04,593 3 8	
Total...	5,43,462 0 0	... ...	10,48,913 4 10	6,13,965 0 0	... ...	11,87,310 14 5	5,73,593 0 0	... ...	11,09,960 3 8	
Grand Total...	64,49,740 19 25	... ...	125,65,787 13 5	66,53,472 17 37	... ...	129,99,949 1 7	64,98,814 34 8	... ...	127,36,606 10 4	

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1873, No. 1,062.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.
Salt.

ORDERED that the following letter be despatched:—

(Here enter, dated 4th October 1873, No. 1,063.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
OOTACAMUND,
4th October 1873.

No. 1,063.

No. 27.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

Separate Revenue, No. 2.
Salt.

Procs. of Govt., 4th Oct. 1873, No. 1,062.

SIR,—I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward, for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying letter from the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1873, No. 1,738, submitting a comparative statement of salt-sales for home and inland consumption for the official year 1872-73, compared with the preceding two years.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Rec'd 18th Sept. No. 2937

1873.

Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

FROM THE AG. SECY. TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

TO THE ACTG. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, R. D.

Dispd 18 Sept. 73.

Dated 3rd *September* 1873.

Received 20-9-73

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 1,738.

Salt Sales—for home and inland consumption during 1872-73 in the several districts of Madras Presidency compared with those of the two previous years.—Statement showing—, submitted to Government with remarks.

With Order

4 Oct. 73

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.

No 1062

4 Oct. 73

Rec'd 9 Oct. 73

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Revenue Department

No. 1063. 4 Oct. 73

To

The Secretary to the Government of India

Department of Agriculture

Revenue & Commerce.

Sir

I am directed by the Governor in Council to forward for the information of the Govt. of India the accompanying letter from the Board of Revenue dated 3rd September 1873 No. 1738 submitting a comparative statement of Salt sales for home and inland consumption for the official year 1872/73, compared with the preceding two years

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