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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 19th February 1873

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Read the following

From,

W. M. Ladele Esq^r
Officiating Collector of Tanjore

To,

J. Lyrose Esq^r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt this day of the Acting Sub-Sec-
-tary's Memorandum of the 7th Instant calling
my attention to the small stock of salt at
Negapatam and Vadaraviam and directing
me to report what measures I have taken
to guard against a failure of the supply
at the former station.

2. The matter had not escaped my
observation and it has been with much
concern that I have seen the stocks of salt
in the District falling so low as the Board
are

are, however, aware the causes of this failure have been altogether beyond our control. In the past year orders were given at its commencement for the manufacture of 12,00,000 Indian Manneds, but owing to the exceptionally unfavorable weather and to constant rains during the manufacturing season and notwithstanding the almost efforts of Mr. Ricketts and his subordinates, little more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of this quantity was brought into store. Seeing this state of things in the month of November last I recommended to the Board, the reopening of the old stations of Magalancottah and Tamaran Kottah and also took timely measures to recommence the manufacture as soon as the monsoon ceased.

In the month of Decr. last, and in anticipation of a more favorable season, I sanctioned a Ditto of no less than 14,40,000 Indian Manneds; the season opened favorably and manufacturing operations were commenced unusually early.

early and with every prospect of success when unfortunately and just at the time when the pans had been got into full working order, the heavy rain which took place at the beginning of this month fell and entirely baffled all our exertions. This unfortunate and unexpected occurrence coming, as it did after a season which in itself was exceptionally unfavorable has greatly disheartened the Mirasidars especially at Negapatam and who there is too much reason to believe, in the past year and notwithstanding the enhanced rates of Fudi-varian must have worked their pans at a loss.

The weather has however now again cleared up and the Board may rest assured that nothing will be wanting on my part or on that of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department to push on the manufacture with all possible expedition, every exertion will also be made to bring up to Negapatam all the salt now in store at Vedaraniyam by means of the Canal, but should

should these efforts still prove unsuccessful and the stock of salt be found insufficient to meet the current and immediate wants, application will be made to the Board within a week or 10 days for procuring a supply of salt from Madras as had to be done in the year 1859.

I think however experience has now amply shown that the closing of so many stations as was done in the year 1865 was altogether a mistake and I have always been of opinion that it is to our Southern Provinces we must look for an enhanced supply of salt both as regards quality as well as quantity and not to the Eastern.

I may also here mention that I have been given to understand that in the Bombay Presidency a branch line of Railway is about to be constructed at the expense of the Salt Department to connect the River of Kutch (and where salt is produced in large quantities) with the main line of Railway, and now that Tanjore is daily rising

rising into importance and that it is determined to be the terminal station of the Branch Railway to Combaconum, Cuddalore and Madras, I would very strongly urge the construction of a light Railway or tram-way from Tanjore to Adraupattam and thence to Muttupettah.

Such a line would run through an almost level country and chiefly through dry and waste lands; it might therefore be constructed at a comparatively small cost and while mainly available for the salt traffic it would also command the whole of the extensive Rice trade which is carried on between Ceylon and Muttupettah and at which port shipping operations are carried on with the most entire safety and this at any season of the year.

Tanjore Collector's Office } I have seen
Vallam 13th February 1873 } (Signed) W. M. Cadell
Off^r Collector
To, The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Chennai

The Collector will take steps for

for placing the new salt at the disposal
of — purchasers as soon as possible
after it is gathered, as in the event of
the supply being insufficient to meet
local wants salt can be sent from Madras.

2. The Board are ready to receive
favorably proposals which the Collector may
make for opening more pans in the District
to ensure full supply in future years.

3. Mr. Cadell's suggestion for the
construction of a railway in the South
of the District should form the subject
of a distinct communication.

(True copy & Extract)

(Signed) H. E. Stokes

Acting Sub Secretary

To,
The Collector of Tanjore

(True copy)

H. Stokes

Acting Sub Secretary

C. M. Varadachari

Dated 20th February 1873.

Read letter from *Proceedings of the Madras -
Government Revenue Department dated 17th
May 1873 No 190 forwarding to the P. Board of
Revenue, letter from the Consulting Engineer,
Railways regarding want of Manufactured
Steel Negapatam.*

Communicated to the Collector of Tanjore in
continuation of Board's docket 16th January 1873.

2 Copy of Board's Proceedings N^o dated
19th February 1873 will be submitted for the
information of Government.

True Extract,

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with copy of Board's
Proceedings 7/19th February 1873.

Capt. McCord Lawrence

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Enclosure in Proceeding
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Govern-
ment Revenue Department
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