No. 135. From the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Fort William, 16th January 1873, No. 342.

I AM directed to observe that the Statistics relating to Madras Salt, which are given in Account No. 40 at page 66 of the third volume of the Financial and Miscellaneous Statistics, were taken from your letters, noted in the margin, for the years from 1853-54 and for the antecedent period down to 1852-53 from the return by the Madras Board of Revenue, which is given in page 126 of the Appendix to Mr. Plowden's report on the Salt Revenue of the Madras Presidency. In that Appendix the monopoly price of Madras Salt is stated at so many rupees per garce. In reducing that price to a rate per Indian maund of forty seers of 80 tolahs each, the garce is reckoned at 120 maunds. But at this rate the monopoly price per maund agrees with the rates stated in paragraph 7, page 63, of the volume of Statistics, while those given in the Table No. 40 are higher by apparently the amount of cost-price of the Salt, which seems to have been added to the monopoly price. It is believed that the higher prices in Account No. 40 were adopted on the authority of a communication from the Government of Madras, but any such communication cannot be traced. I am to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to state whether the monopoly prices down to 1852-53, given in the Account No. 40, should stand, or whether they should be replaced by the rates in paragraph 7 at page 63, which agree with paragraph 2 of the letter from the Board of Revenue to the Government of Madras, No. 7,857, dated 5th December 1867.

No. 478, dated 28th Feb. 1869.
,, 39, ,, 7th [illegible]
,, 1,278, ,, 16th Aug. ,,

2. I am to request also that it may be stated whether the Salt Statistics, forwarded with your letter No. 478, dated 23rd February 1869, for publication in the volume of Statistics, include the quantities of Salt imported into Madras from foreign and (of private Salt) from other Indian ports.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Secretary to Government.*

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
*20th February* 1873.

No. 201.

No. 136
To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

| Separate Revenue, No. 15. |
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| *Salt.* |

SIR,—In acknowledging the receipt of your Assistant's letter dated 16th January 1873, No. 342, I am directed to inform you that the monopoly prices of salt down to 1852-53, given in the Account No. 40 at page 66 of the third volume of the Financial and Miscellaneous Statistics, should be replaced by the rates in paragraph 7 at page 63 of that volume.

There is no communication on the records of this Government advising the addition of the cost-price to the monopoly price.

2. The Salt Statistics forwarded with Mr. Acting Secretary Dalyell's letter dated 23rd February 1869, No. 478, do not include the duty collected on salt imported into Madras from foreign and other Indian ports on private account.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Secretary to Government.*

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department
20th July 1873.

No. 201.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Financial Department

Sir,

I acknowledging the receipt of your Assistant's letter dated 16 January 1873 No 342, I am directed to inform you that the Monopoly prices of salt down to 1852/53 given in the Account No 40 at page 66 of the third volume of the Financial and Miscellaneous statistics should be replaced by the rates in force at page 63 of that volume.

There is no correspondence [illegible] for

Record of this Govt
arising the reduction
of the cost price to
the Monopoly price -

2. The last statistics
forwarded with Mr Ritchie
Secretary Dalyells letter
dated 23d February 1869
No 478 do not mention
the duty collected
on bullion exported into
Madras from foreign
and other Indian ports
on private Account

See Mr Ritchie 24
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Revenue 1873 Dept

No 179.

From

The Govt of India
Financial Dept

Dated 16 Janry 1873
Recd 28 " "

No 342.

L&L No 201 - 30 February 1873

Requesting to be informed whether the monopoly prices of Madras salt down to 1852-53 given in Statement No 40 of the 2nd Vol of the Fin & Mis. Statistics from 1852-57, should stand or whether they should be replaced by the rates in force at page 63.

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