Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th February 1873.

No. 137. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th February 1873, No. 181:—

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Jeypore, 11th January 1873, No. 25:—

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith, for the sanction of the Board of Revenue, an estimate for repairing the salt pans at Balacheruvu amounting to Rupees 3,065.

2. The Budget allotment for the work was Rupees 1,500, of which, however, Rupees 150 were recently transferred for re-opening the Konadah Salt pans, leaving Rupees 1,350 for this work. The difference of Rupees 1,715 is proposed to be met from savings from other items as particularized below, and sanction is requested for the necessary transfer of funds:—

Budget number.	Items in the Budget.	Provision in the Budget.	Amount proposed to be transferred.
	Part II.—Repairs.	RS.	RS.
64	For clearing Channels at Karassa	1,500	1,380
66	Do. do. at Bimlipatam	900	50
67	Do. do. at Kuppili	1,500	235
68	Do. do. at Pentacota	800	50
	Total...	4,700	1,715

3. The present estimate provides for digging a feeder and enlarging the surrounding channels in order to obtain a sufficient supply of water for manufacture, the present supply having been found to be insufficient. It also provides for enclosing the area under manufacture by a broad and deep ditch, and for constructing pans within the enclosure to prevent smuggling as was the case last year.

4. The Superintending Engineer has countersigned the estimate, but remarked that the rates of earth-work were high. I have consulted the Salt Deputy-Collector, who states that he is unable to reduce the charge as the channels are to be cut through a swamp, and the earth dug out to be carried away to a distance, besides which the water has to be baled out in the course of construction.

5. In anticipation of the Board's sanction I have requested the Salt Deputy-Collector to proceed with the work up to the limit of the Budget grant.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Estimate

THE estimate will be submitted for the sanction of Government on receipt of which the Board will pass orders as to the transfer.

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2. The Collector's attention is called to Clause 1 of Standing Order, No. XVII. of 1869, ($\frac{207}{5}$). He should have explained why he ordered the work to be commenced.

No. 138. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1873. No. 209.

Separate Revenue, No. 16.
Salt.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

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

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