

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
COCHIN, INDIA,
30th August 1878.

No. 952.

No. 261.

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE AND COMMERCE.

Separate Revenue, No. 18.

Salt.

SIR,—In reply to your Official
Under-Secretary's letter No. 39, dated
7th March 1878, I am directed to
forward the enclosed Proceedings of
the Government, in which is incorpo-

G. O., 28th July 1873, No. 790.
rated the report submitted by the Member of the Board of Revenue, who was
deputed to make a special inquiry in connection with the manufacture of earth-
salt in the Ceded Districts and Kurnool.

2. It is estimated that three fourths of the population in the three districts
consume nothing but earth-salt, and that the consequent loss of revenue is between
eight and ten lakhs. It further appears that, owing to various causes, the levy of
an Excise-duty will be impracticable, and His Excellency the Governor in Council
has, therefore, felt constrained to issue directions for the entire suppression of the
manufacture.

3. In consideration, however, of the length of time for which this trade has
been permitted, His Excellency is of opinion that its suppression should be gradual,
and he has, therefore, instructed the Board of Revenue to proceed in the first place
by prohibiting the opening of any new manufactories, and next by raising those
that already exist to be licensed from 1874 at enhanced rates, which are to rise
by such annual increments that in the year 1879 the amount levied on the
estimated quantity of earth-salt manufactured at each shall equal the tax on a
similar quantity of marine-salt. His Excellency has but little doubt that, before
these rates are reached, the entire manufacture will be voluntarily concluded; but
to induce its cessation at as early a period as possible, he has sanctioned the offer
of compensation to those who are willing to close their salt-factories at once.

4. I am further to state that measures will be taken to prevent earth-salt
being smuggled from contiguous provinces and that the Administration of Mysore
has been addressed in view to some restriction being placed on the manufacture in
that province, as suggested in the letter from the Under-Secretary in the Financial
Department, dated 20th January 1871, No. 491.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Ed. F. M. Bantleman.

Revenue Department
30 July 1873

No.

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA:

Agricultural Department of

Sir,

In reply to your official letter under date 23rd March 1873, I have directed to forward the enclosed Proceedings of the Board in which is incorporated the report submitted by the Chamber of the Board of Revenue who was deputed to make a special inquiry in connection with the manufacture of earth salt in the Beaulieu District.

It is estimated that $3\frac{1}{4}$ of the population in these Districts consume nothing but earth salt and that the consequent loss of revenue is between eight and ten lacs. It further appears owing to various causes the loss

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His Excellency will be in-
formed that His Excellency
the Governor in Council has this
day felt compelled to issue
directions for the future suppression
of the manufacture

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gradual and he has therefore
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any new manufactories, and next
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Department dated 20 Jan 1874 No 401

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relinquish this avocation.

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to prevent east-salt being
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will be made to prevent there
also the restriction of the
manufacture

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