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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*23rd October* 1874.

No. 275. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th October 1874, No. 3,000 :—

Read the following letter from H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 8th October 1874, No. 563 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the favorable consideration of the Board and Government, and with a request that early orders may be passed thereon, a letter from the Deputy-Collector in charge of Salt in this district, proposing that advances, amounting to Rupees 33,782, may be allowed to the Salt manufacturers, to enable them to carry on the manufacture for next season.

2. The Board are aware not only that the cyclone of May 1872 destroyed considerable quantities of salt belonging to the ryots, but also that owing to rain throughout the latter part of the season; it was found impossible to re-commence manufacture. The ryots thus suffered heavy losses, and, as stated by the Deputy-Collector in paragraph 5, the stock of salt in the Madras Cotaur is now very low. If the out-turn in next season be a short one, the consequences will be very serious. The Government in making the advances proposed will run no risk of loss; and I am sure that they will recognize the necessity of omitting no precaution to ensure early and vigorous commencement of manufacture on which a good out-turn so much depends.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From D. V. NARASINGA ROW, Deputy-Collector, in charge of Salt, Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Madras, 7th October 1874, No. 668.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that the season for manufacturing salt is now approaching; and that speedy arrangements should be made to proceed with the manufacture of that article at as early a date as possible, so that a large quantity of salt may be stored, in conformity with the Order of Government, dated 23rd June 1874, No. 770, Revenue Department.

2. In this district, the manufacturers had sustained a great loss by the cyclone of 1872, and again during the current year, they met with a still heavier loss by a similar disaster in the month of May; a large quantity of salt which had to be conveyed from the manufacturing divisions to the Salt Cotaurs having been washed away, as reported in my letters to you of the dates noted in the margin.

22nd May 1874, No. 332.
26th June ,, ,, 412.

3. Subsequent to the cyclone, although every effort had been put forth to make salt, the attempt did not prove successful in any of the divisions, owing to the frequent fall of rain. I must confess that I have not experienced a season of the kind since I entered the Department.

4. After the cyclone of 1872, the weather proved favorable, and a large quantity of salt was manufactured which has not been the case after the late cyclone. Owing to the above disasters which followed so close upon each other, and within the short period of (2) years, most of the manufacturers are in a state of entire destitution; and I believe will not be able to proceed with their work at once when ordered to do so. I must here remark that generally when the manufacturers are ordered to commence with their work, they first go to Sowcars and borrow money, paying heavy interest, (the practice being universal) by mortgaging their pans or other property to them. In the ensuing season, I apprehend there will be great difficulty for some of the manufacturers to borrow money from the Sowcars, so that our works may be delayed and a sufficient quantity of salt not be procured. I therefore solicit that you will be good enough to recommend to the Board of Revenue to obtain the sanction of Government for advancing to the manufacturers

of all the divisions, during the month of December, the sum of Rupees 33,782, as per tabular Statement annexed, from which it will be observed at what rate per pan it is intended that the money should be distributed. The amount can be easily recovered from them in the months of April and May next, by which time a large quantity of salt could be made. The Government, in their Order of the 30th December 1868, No. 3,208, sanctioned Rupees 41,252 to be advanced to the manufacturers of the Northern pans alone, on a former occasion.

5. The quantity of salt now in the district is 1,366,005 Indian Maunds, as specified in the margin. At Madras there should be 1,100,000 of maunds more of salt according to the Rules of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1864, No. 216. The stock at Homes' Gardens and Cheyur is according to the above rule; but there being no salt in the South Arcot District, the demand in the Cheyur Division is increasing. From the Covelong Division a large quantity of salt has been supplied to the South Arcot District, and for exportations to Calcutta, so there is only a small quantity in that place to meet current demands. At the Ennore Depôt no salt was stored for exportation owing to the failure in manufacturing that article.

| | Maunds. |
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| Madras Cotaur ... ... ... | 1,152,561. |
| Homes' Garden ... ... ... | 135,874. |
| Covelong ... ... ... ... | 16,603. |
| Cheyur ... ... ... ... | 60,967. |
| Total... | 1,366,005. |

6. In conclusion, I beg to state that if a large quantity of salt had not been made before the late cyclone, matters would have been worse, and should the next manufacturing season prove unfavorable, it will be a matter of difficulty to supply the demand in the district. It is therefore, I consider, absolutely necessary that every precaution should be taken to avert such a catastrophe by adopting the measure I have suggested above.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Collector.

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Enclosure No. 2.—Statement.

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Submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. The Collector of Chingleput strongly recommends that advances to the extent of Rupees 33,782 be allowed to the Salt manufacturers to enable them to carry on the manufacture during the next season; on the ground of the heavy losses sustained by them through the cyclones of 1872 and 1874, and the unfavorable nature of the past season; in consequence of which it is stated that the manufacturers are in a state of entire destitution. The stock of salt in the district is deficient and this is also the case in the neighbouring district of South Arcot. An early commencement of manufacture is, therefore, much to be desired.

3. The Board concur with the Collector as to the urgent necessity of the advance. A similar concession was granted in G. O., dated 30th December 1868, No. 3,208.

4. The Collector will of course take proper precautions to ensure that the advance reaches the manufacturers and that it is applied to the purpose for which it is granted. The Board believe that in some places (especially at Cheyur, and in the case of some of the pan owners residing in Madras) the manufacturers are in good circumstances and in such cases it may not be necessary to grant advances at all. The Collector must exercise his discretion in the matter.

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*23rd October* 1874.

No. 276. Order thereon, 23rd October 1874, No. 1,358.

| Separate Revenue, No. 23. |
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| *Salt.* |

The advance of Rs. 33,782 is sanctioned as recommended.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Salt Deputy Collector's Office
Madura 7th October 1874.

No. 668

3,858

From,

D. V. Narasinga Row
Deputy Collector in charge of Salt
Chingleput District

To,

H. E. Stokes Esquire
Acting Collector of Chingleput District

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the season for manufacturing salt is now approaching; and that speedy arrangements should be made to proceed with the manufacture of that article at as early a date as possible, so that a large quantity of salt may be stored, in conformity with the order of Government dated 23rd June 1874 No. 770 R.D.

2. In this District the manufacturers had sustained a great loss by the Cyclone of 1872; and again during the current year, they met with a still heavier loss by a similar disaster in the month of May, a large quantity of salt which had to be conveyed from the manufacturing

Govt. of Madras.
REVENUE.
To
The BOARD of REVENUE.
&c, &c, &c.
Dated October 23rd.
Read.
Encl.
G. O., 23rd October 1874, No. 1,858.
OCTOBER.
Nos. 275-276.
Permission to certain Salt Manufacturers of Chingleput District—Sanctioning Rs. 33,783 as

Divisions to the Salt Colaires having been washed away as reported in my letters to you of the dates noted in the margin.

22d. May 1874 No. 322
26th June 1874 No. 412

3. Subsequent to the Cyclone, although every effort had been put forth to make salt, the attempt did not prove successful in many of the Divisions, owing to the frequent fall of rain. I must confess that I have not experienced a season of the kind, since I entered the Department.

4. After the cyclone of 1872, the weather proved favorable, and a large quantity of salt was manufactured which has not been the case after the late cyclone. Owing to the above disasters which followed so close upon each other, and within the short period of (2) years, most of the manufacturers are in a state of entire destitution; and I believe will not be able to proceed with their work at once when ordered to do so. I must here remark that generally when the manufacturers are ordered to commence with their work, they first go to sowcars and borrow money paying heavy interest (the practice being universal) by mortgaging their Pans or other property to them. In the ensuing season, I apprehend there will be great difficulty for some of the manufacturers to borrow money from the sowcars, so that our works may be delayed and a sufficient quantity of salt not be



be procured. I therefore solicit that you will be good enough to recommend to the Board of Revenue to obtain the sanction of Government for advancing to the manufacturers of all the Divisions, during the month of December, the sum of Rupees 33782 as per Tabular statement annexed, from which it will be observed at what rate per pan it is intended that the money should be distributed. The amount can be easily recovered from them in the months of April and May next, by which time a large quantity of salt could be made. The Government in their order of the 30th December 1868 No. 3208 sanctioned Rupees 4252 to be advanced to the manufacturers of the Southern Pans alone, on a former occasion.

5. The quantity of salt now in

in the District is 1366005 Indian Maunds as specified in the Margin. At Madras there should be 1100000 of Maunds more of salt according to the rules of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1864, No 216. The stock at Homes Gardens and Cheyur is according to the above rule; but there being no salt in the South Arcot District, the demand in the Cheyur Division is increasing. From the Covelong Division a large quantity of salt has been supplied to the South Arcot District, and for exportations to Calcutta, so there is only a small quantity in that place to meet current demands. At the Ennore Depôt no salt was stored for exportation owing to the failure in manufacturing that article.

Madras Colour 1152561
Homes Garden 135874
Covelong — 16603
Cheyur — 60967
Total 1366005

6. In conclusion I beg to state that if a large quantity of salt had not been made before the late Cyclone, matters would have been worse, and should the next

next, manufacturing season prove unfavorable, it will be a matter of difficulty to supply the demand in the District. It is therefore, I consider absolutely necessary that every precaution should be taken to avert such a catastrophe by adopting the measure I have suggested above.

I have &c.
(Signed) D. V. Narasinga Rao
Deputy Collector.

(True Copy)
(Signed) H. C. Stokes
Ag Collector.

(True Copy)

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Ag Sub-Secretary

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Ag Secretary to Govt R.D. dated 15th October 1874

No 3662/74

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Copy of Chingleput Dist Salt Deputy Collector's letter dated 7th October 1874 No 668

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No 563

Chingleput District Collector's office, Saidapet
8th October 1874

From

H. E. Stokes Esqre.
Ag Collector of the
Chingleput District

To

J. Grose Esqre.
Secretary to the Board
of Revenue, Madras

Sir

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advances amounting to Rupees 33,782 may be allowed to the Salt manufacturers, to enable them to carry on the manufacture for next season.

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I have &c

(Sgd) H. E. Stokes
Ag Collector

(True Copy)

C. L. Alton
Ag Sub Secretary

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Mrs Garden

Statement showing the number of Pans actually marked at each of the Salt Divisions of the Chingleput District during the Faslies 1282 and 1283 and the amount of advance recommended to be granted.

| Divisions | No. of Pans worked in Fasli 1282 | No. of Pans worked in Fasli 1283 | Average of Columns 2 & 3 | Rate per Pan at which advance is recommended to be made | Amount of advance to be distributed pro rata Division | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | | | | Rs a p | Rs a p | |
| Vellur | 1134 6 " | 1205 4 " | 1169 " " | a | 6 " " | 7014 " " (a) A pan is equal to half a Cawny |
| Attepat | 1052 3 " | 1051 15 " | 1052 " " | a | 6 " " | 6312 " " |
| Oulidivankam | 763 14 " | 734 6 " | 749 " " | a | 6 " " | 4494 " " (b) A pan is equal to one Cawny |
| Voyalur | 901 10 " | 968 14 " | 935 " " | a | 6 " " | 5610 " " |
| Kattur | 612 " " | 612 " " | 612 " " | a | 6 " " | 3672 " " (c) A pan is though equal to one Cawny |
| Conelong | 276 14 8 | 370 7 4 | 323 " " | b | 12 " " | 3876 " " the mode of manufacture is quite dif- |
| Vadasavenjeri | 73 1 4 | 71 1 8 | 72 " " | b | 12 " " | 864 " " ferent from that of the other Divisions |
| Cheyur | 100 " " | 94 " " | 97 " " | c | 20 " " | 1940 " " in this District consequently higher rate |
| Total | 4914 " 12 | 5107 15 2 | 5009 " " | | | 33762 " " is recommended. |

Salt Deputy Collector's Office
Madras 7th October 1874

/Sd/ D. V. Narasinja Rao
Deputy Collector

True Copy /Sd/ H. E. Stokes
Ag Collector.

Ag Sub Secretary

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government Revenue Department dated 15th October 1874

No 3662/74

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Statement showing the number of Pans actually worked at each of the Salt Divisions of the Chingleput District during the Fasliers 1282 and 1283 and the amount of advance recommended to be granted.

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No. 3662.

From the Board of Revenue Dated 15th October 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 15th October 1874, No. 3000

Read letter from the Ag. Collector of Chingleput, dated 8th Instant No. 563. forwarding for favourable consideration letter from Salt Deputy Collector recommending that an advance of Rs. 33/82 may be made to Salt Manufacturers.

Submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The Collector of Chingleput strongly recommends that advances to the extent of Rs. 33/82 be allowed to the Salt Manufacturers to enable them to carry on the manufacture during the next season, on the ground of the heavy losses sustained by them through the Cyclones of 1872 and 1874 and the unfavourable nature of

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(True Extract)

[signature]
Ag. Sub Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with Copies of Collector's letter with its 2 enclosures.

[signature]
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For orders

Addresses — Commissioners

Sd A Hamilton Secy
Clerks Office Board
Revenue Commissioners
Dublin 28th Oct 1874

I am directed by the Commissioners of Revenue to submit for the sanction of the Board the following proposal for the appointment of a Temporary Clerk in the Office of the Commissioners of Revenue

No 1358

An advance of Rupees 33½ '82
is sanctioned as recommended

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