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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th October 1874.

No. 328. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st October 1874, No. 3,065 :—

Read the following letter from Dr. J. J. L. RATTON, M.D., on special salt duty, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 17th October 1874, No. 50 :—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I will avail myself of the privilege leave, granted to me in *Fort St. George Gazette* of 18th August 1874, on the 31st of this month.

2. My visit to Europe offers such a valuable and inexpensive opportunity of extending and completing the information on the subject of salt manufacture before the Board that I think it my duty to bring it to notice.

3. Salt is made in the south of France in much the same way as in India from sea-water exposed in natural pans in the open air. All I know of the process is gleaned from French chemical treatises procurable in Madras. These deal chiefly with its chemical aspects. They omit all reference to practical details, such as the laying out and preparation of the ground, the implements employed, &c., &c., a knowledge of which would be of the utmost importance to one employed as I am. It is possible, and even probable, therefore that great good might accrue from a thorough investigation on my part into the French system of salt culture. Chemists of European fame have given their attention to it, and its details should be as nearly perfect as they can be made by the scientific knowledge of the day.

4. If Government should approve of the suggestion, I might, next January, when returning to India from privilege leave, stop for a short time in the south of France. Less than a month would probably suffice to acquaint me practically with the details of the French system. The time so spent should count as service, and I would expect to receive pay, &c., as in India.

IN his letter above recorded, Dr. Ratton brings to the notice of the Board the favorable opportunity which his contemplated visit to England on privilege leave affords for the inspection of salt works in the south of France. The suggestion meets with the hearty approval of the Board, and they resolve to recommend, for the favorable consideration of Government, that Dr. Ratton should be permitted to prolong his absence for a period not in excess of one month, in order that he may devote the extra time to the investigation of the French system of salt culture. Such period should count as service, and Dr. Ratton should receive full pay and allowances as if on duty in India. The proposal entails no additional expense to Government, and Dr. Ratton's absence for an extra month will not interfere with the work on which he is engaged here. As Dr. Ratton understands French thoroughly, he will be able to make the most of the opportunity.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th October 1874.

No. 329. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1874, No. 1,382.

Separate Revenue, No. 28.
Salt.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council fully approves and sanctions the Board's proposals. The Secretary of State will be requested to furnish Dr. Ratton with the necessary credentials.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 3741.

From the Board of Revenue.
Dated 21st October 1874

FOR ORDERS.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated October 30th.

Read. *Encl.*

G. O., 30th October 1874, No. 1,382.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 328-329.

System of Salt culture in the South of France.—Approving and sanctioning the Board's proposals to depute Dr. Ratton to investigate the —, and intimating that the Secretary of State will be requested to furnish that officer with the necessary credentials.

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Asst Subsecretary

To
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

For orders

No. 1382 30 Oct 1874

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