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To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
REVENUE, AND COMMERCE.

Separate Revenue, No. 4.

Salt.

SIR,—Referring to your letter of 6th May last, No. 57, conveying the sanction of the Government of India to the employment of Dr. Ratton on

special duty connected with the improvement of the manufacture of salt in this Presidency up to the close of last year, and calling for a report on the results of his inquiry, I am now directed to submit Dr. Ratton's pamphlet, describing his inspection of all the salt-pans in six of the eastern districts, from Ganjam southwards, together with copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, summarizing its contents, and urging (paragraph 12) "that it is in the highest

No. 524, dated 5th April 1873.

promises most valuable results, should be put to the test of practice on a sufficiently large scale and by Dr. Ratton himself." On being subsequently requested to state what further period they would name for Dr. Ratton's employment, the Board say two years from 1st January instant. This proposal pending the sanction of the Government of India, he has desired that Dr. Ratton's services be retained on this special duty. It is contemplated that Dr. Ratton should carry out his system during the first season in the southern, and during the second in the northern districts, in places of differing conditions. Nothing short of this will suffice for the testing of the system and dissemination of its principles. The processes advocated by Dr. Ratton will, as observed by the Board, secure absolute purity in the salt, double the productive powers of the pans, produce a most important saving from reduced wastage, and, lastly, by showing that salt can be made and stored at far less than the present outlay incurred by the manufacturer under these heads, guarantee the Government against all necessity for an enhancement of the rates now ruling in the several districts as the price payable on the delivery of salt, commonly called "Kudivaram"—applications for which are now of periodical recurrence.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Exd. W. H. French.

Agriculture 1874 Department.

From

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FORWARDING Dr. Ratten's pamphlet describing his inspection of the salt-panns in the eastern districts, together with copy of Board's Proceedings thereon, and intimating that, pending sanction of the Government of India, Dr. Ratten's services have been retained for a further period of two years in view to his superintending his improved system of manufacturing salt.

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To Secy. Govt of India

Dept. of Agriculture

Referring to the letter of 6th May last, No 57, conveying the sanction of the Govt of India to the employment of Dr. Ratten on special duty connected with the improvement of the manufacture of salt in this Pres^y, and calling for a report on the results of his inquiry - I am now directed to submit Dr. Ratten's pamphlet, describing his inspection of all the salt pans in six of the Eastern districts, from Ganjam southwards, together with copy of the Progs of the Bd of Pres^y, summarizing its contents, and saying (para 12) "that it is in the highest degree advisable that ~~Dr. Ratten~~ his method of manufacture, which, in the Bd's opinion, promises most valuable results, should be put to the test of practice on a sufficiently large scale as by Dr. Ratten himself" - On being subsequently requested to state what further period may be named for Dr. Ratten's employment, the Bd say two years from 1st January instant. This proposal the Secy. desires me to state that he cordially

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supports, and pending the
sanction of the Govt of India,
he has desired that Dr Watson's services
be retained on this special duty. It is
contemplated that Dr Watson shall carry
out his department during the first season
in the southern, & during the second in the
northern districts, in places of differing
conditions. Nothing short of this will
suffice for the testing of the system &
dissemination of its principles. The
proposals advocated by Dr Watson will,
as framed by the Govt, secure absolute
purity in the salt, double the productive
powers of the pans, produce a most
important saving from reduced
wastage, ~~economise~~ and lastly,
by showing that salt can be made &
stored at far less than the present
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under these heads, guarantee the Govt
against all necessity for an enhance-
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several districts. For the price payable
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To Govt of India

Proposing the further
retention of Dr. Pichay's
services for 2 years, in view
to his superintending his
improved system of manu-
facturing Salt in various
districts.

List of Councils

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