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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd July 1874.*

No. 179. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of India in the Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Fisheries), dated 4th July 1874, Nos. 25/27:—

READ—

A report on the Sea-fish and Fisheries of India and Burma, by Dr. Day, Inspector-General of Fisheries of India.

RESOLUTION.

COPIES of the report should be distributed to the Governments of Madras, Bombay, and Bengal, and the Chief Commissioner of British Burma.

2. The Governor-General in Council is not at present prepared to accept altogether Dr. Day's views as to the injurious effect of the salt-tax on the salt-fish trade of India. The tax has doubtless had its share in preventing that development of the trade which might have been looked for; but other causes, such as the general poverty and want of enterprise of the fishermen and their inability to purchase boats and deep-sea nets, have also unquestionably contributed to dwarf this industry.

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in the enclosure; and the Governor-General in Council is prepared to receive any suggestions for further improving the position of the salt-fish trade, a careful watch over which will, it is hoped, be maintained by the local maritime Governments and Administrations.

4. Should it ultimately be found, however, that such remedial measures as have now been applied, and may hereafter be devised, are ineffectual to stimulate the trade, and that the existing rate of duty on salt is really incompatible with its full development, the Government of India must accept this evil as a small set-off against the advantages of a tax which produces a revenue of seven millions sterling, with the least possible sensible pressure, and consequently at the cost of a minimum of discontent.

Government of Madras 30 Copies.
" of Bombay 30 "
" of Bengal 30 "
Chief Commr., British Burma . . . 25 "

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of these remarks, together with copies of Dr. Day's report, be sent to the Governments and Administration noted on the margin.

Ordered, also, that copy, with copies of the report, be transmitted to Her Majesty's Secretary of State.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. O. HURD,
Secretary to the Government of India.

No. 23.
To the Government of Madras.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd July 1874.*

No. 180.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1874, No. 911.

Separate Revenue, No. 13.
Salt.

ORDERED that 20 copies of Dr. Day's report referred to in this Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Revenue on their receipt.

2. It is observed that experiments similar to those sanctioned in Bengal and Bombay, alluded to in paragraph 3 of the Resolution, have been ordered to be carried out in the coast districts of this Presidency in G. O., dated 22nd July 1874, No. 910.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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C. B. Lawrence

Secretary to the Government of India.

The Secretary to the Government of India

1874.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE.

FISHERIES.

RESOLUTION

To

Nos. 23-27

Madras, Calcutta, the 1st July 1874.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tragedy of the 1st July 74
plus 20 pages of paper
My report refers to the
letter to Government to the
Minister in this respect
My report has referred to
particulars of the conditions in
the Bombay all the 20 pages
the letter has been what I
understand as the Government
of the Bombay in 1874
My report has been
understand as

Signed,

Resolution, with remarks, on Dr. Ory's report on the
State of Fisheries of India and Burma.

G. R. P. No. 807. H. R. & C. - 07/11/16.

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