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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th August 1874.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 22nd July 1874, No. 910, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Salt for the curing of Fish.*—Authorizing Revenue Board to try the experiment of supplying — at a little over cost-price at one place in each coast district, and requesting certain information preparatory to addressing the Government of India on the subject.

COMMUNICATED to the Collectors of Salt Districts.

2. The first thing to be done in pursuance of the Order of Government is to select the sites and erect enclosures and sheds. As the measure is confessedly an experimental one the Board think that the enclosures should in the first instance be of a temporary nature, but they must be sufficiently secure to render it difficult for thieves to enter at night. A rough thorn enclosure would perhaps answer the purpose, with a good gate well secured. The enclosure must be treated in every respect as an additional platform for the storage of salt, and should be placed in charge of a member of the Salt Establishment under the superintendence of the Salt Superintendent and furnished with a sufficient Police guard. An enclosure of, say, 150 yards square, with four sheds of about sixty feet by twenty feet erected within it, would probably provide all the space that will be needed. The sheds, however, might be put up as required. The enclosure should be open from sunrise to sunset.

3. Any fisherman desiring to cure fish should apply to the Superintendent, stating approximately the quantity he intends to cure. The Superintendent should then give him an order to the Assistant in charge of the yard, permitting him to take so much fish into the enclosure and to receive so much salt at the reduced rate. The exact weight of salt required to cure a certain quantity of fish properly cannot be definitely fixed; but from Dr. Day's letter of 25th June 1873, recorded in G. O., dated 13th September 1873, No. 985, it appears that the proportion of salt required is about half the weight of fish, and in the absence of any reliable data this may be taken as a guide to the quantity of salt to be allowed for a certain weight of fish. A small quantity of salt may be kept in the enclosure for issue and supplied daily to the fishermen by the Assistant in charge of the yard. All fish taken in for curing should be weighed both on entry and exit.

4. As regards the price to be charged for the salt it is impossible to say with any degree of accuracy what rate will suffice to cover expenses, as it depends in a great measure on the extent to which the fishermen avail themselves of the concession; but to encourage the trade the Board are disposed to fix a low rate, and resolve to direct that the charge shall be 6 Annas a maund for the present.

5. The Board think that it will perhaps be possible to work the system without any extra establishment; at all events at this time of the year when there is no manufacture going on except in the south. An endeavour must be made to manage with the ordinary establishment.

6. The Board resolve accordingly to instruct Collectors of Coast Dis at once to select one place for the experiment and to furnish estimates o cost of enclosing a suitable yard and of the necessary guard. They should in mind that, if possible, the existing establishment should do the work f present; if the trade should grow a special establishment will be sanctioned

7. The Deputy Collectors should understand that no interference wit fishermen beyond what is necessary to prevent fraud should be allowed, an the Government and Board attach great importance to the success of this me

8. Collectors are requested to bring to notice, when submitting thei mates and proposals, any further points upon which instructions are require

(A true Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secret

To all Collectors of Salt Districts, with Government Order.
Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Salt—for curing Fish.—Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, authorizing Revenue Board to try experiment of supplying — at a little over cost-price at one place in each coast district, and requesting certain information before addressing the Government of India on subject, communicated to Collectors of Salt Districts, with request to select one place for experiment and furnish estimates of cost of enclosing a suitable yard and necessary guard. Collectors to bring to notice, when submitting their estimates and proposals, any further points upon which instructions are required.

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