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10th August 1875.

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No. 86. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1875, No. 1,896:—

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2. On the 17th April 1868, the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department when submitting a list of salt works urged the importance of cutting a channel from the sea to the salt pans at Mutturegunadapatam, and an estimate was sanctioned by Government for the execution of the work at a cost of Rupees 2,170.

3. An allotment of Rupees 1,000 was made for the work in 1870-71, but the Deputy Collector then in charge of salt pointed out that the channel was liable to be filled up by sand during the south-west monsoon, and that the head of the channel required protection from the surf. The District Engineer was accordingly requested in a letter, dated 2nd September 1871, to reconsider the matter and to have the estimate revised, and a sum of Rupees 50 was granted for sinking trial pits.

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5. The advice and assistance of the District Engineer were therefore again requested, and his final decision is that the channel will cost more than Rupees 40,000, and that he cannot recommend its construction, because it will always be liable to be filled up by drift sand. The District Engineer states that the Sub-Engineer in charge of the Madura Range and Local Fund Overseer Sundra Row prepared the revised estimate for Rupees 5,940, and that it is impossible to believe that they can have used the sum of Rupees 50 sanctioned for trial pits when sandstone rock is met with before the excavation has been carried down a yard in depth.

6. In these circumstances, the only course appears to be to abandon the project; but the Public Works Department is responsible for the plan and estimate which we only attempted to carry out, and consequently for the waste of public money mentioned in paragraph 4.

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2. The project is not of sufficient importance to warrant the large outlay which would be necessary to complete it and must be abandoned. It is to be regretted that sufficient care was not taken to estimate the cost before operations were commenced, and the Board think that further inquiry should be made in the Public Works Department.

(A true Copyand Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th August 1875.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1875, No. 1,199.

Separate Revenue, No. 5.
Salt.

APPROVED. The latter part of paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings will receive notice in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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From

The BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.,

Dated August, 10th.

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G. O., 10th *August* 1875, *No.* 1,199.

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Nos. 86-87.

Salt pans at Mutturegunadapatam in Madura District.—Approving Board's Proceedings in abandonment of the project for supplying the — with sale-water, and requesting the Public Works Department to review the latter part of Paragraph 2 of the Proceedings.

Reg. Sec. &c.,

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Collector of Madura.

Erd. W. J. Lewis.

G.O. 11 June 1875 to P.W. Letter

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 9TH JULY 1875, No. 1,896.

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Received 17 July

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No. 1,896.

Salt Pans—at Mutturegunadapaṭam in Madura District.—Letter from Collector reporting the circumstances connected with an attempt to supply — with sea-water, submitted to Government with remarks.

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with Order.

Approved — The Letter, part of para 2 of the Board's Proceedings and record notice in the Public Works Dept.

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