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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th August 1875.*

No. 142. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th July 1875, No. 1,985 :—

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2. I beg strongly to support this recommendation. I consider it essential that the enhanced Kudivaram rates suggested should be given if we are to maintain the high class salt for which our pans are famous, and to rival which it is understood that most strenuous efforts are being made elsewhere.

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larger quantities; prices have risen;† the consequence is that many of the manufacturers emigrate to Rangoon and other colonies in large numbers. I understand that those who work a year or so in Rangoon return with Rupees 175 to Rupees 250 each unless they live extravagantly, whereas their earnings in the gully for the whole working season scarcely average Rupees 2-8-0 a-month. There was some competition among the Agents of the coasting steamers, which has resulted in a reduction of the rates of passage to Rangoon and the establishment of a bimonthly communication between Gopulpore and Calingapatam of this district and Rangoon. These arrangements have, in no small degree, facilitated the emigration of working classes, especially when the inducement offered in the gully is not sufficient to detain them. Thus, while the emigration of coolies to colonies and the high prices of grain have rendered labor dear, the extra duty levied at Ganjam and Itchapore under Act X. of 1874 has driven the Sambalpur traders to Nowpadah, the nearest salt division, where the rates are untouched; the ditto had, therefore, to be raised; but labor being dear and not procurable as shown above, it was not without great difficulty that the salt ryots could engage any sub-ryots to work their pans. In many cases the number of men employed to work a set of pans is insufficient; add to this an attempt made to improve the quality of the article produced in this as in the other divisions. Greater attention is paid to the manufacture of salt. The preparation of beds, on which chiefly depends the formation of good salt, is insisted upon, and no brine not sufficiently well concentrated allowed to be let in, and this, while resulting in the production of salt of a very superior quality, as will be observed from the samples sent, has entailed a heavy and additional work on the manufacturers, for which I propose to compensate them by giving Annas 1-3 a-maund, or Rupees 9-6-0 a-garce, which is, I believe, the maximum price paid in the Presidency, Nowpadah excepted. The extra price, if sanctioned, may be paid from savings of the district grant under this head.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

R. DAVIDSON,

Acting Collector.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.
13th August 1875.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. The Board recommend the increased rate of Kudivaram proposed for Nowpadah, Rupees 9-6-0 a-garce, on the distinct understanding that salt of a high standard quality only will be accepted.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 143.

ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1875, No. 1,227.

Separate Revenue, No. 9.

Salt.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council resolves to comply with the Board's recommendation to increase the rate of Kudivaram at the Nowpadah salt works to Rs. 9-6-0 a-garce.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

7th Dec 1875/76.

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Dated August, 18th.

Recd.

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No. 142-143.

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To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 2938

From B^d of Rev. Dated 16 July 1875.

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14th Decr of Decr Secretary
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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 16th JULY 1875, No. 1,985.

10 Aug 22 July 1875

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Received 28th July 75

JULY.
No. 1,985.

Salt Kudivaram--at Nowpadah, in Ganjam District. -- Recommendation of Collector in favor of Deputy Collector's proposal to raise the rate of -- to Rupees 9-6-0 per garce, submitted to Government with remarks.

Ch. 1227 to Ch. 1228 1875

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