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No. 267. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1875, No. 2,483 :—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Periacolum, 25th August 1875, No. 373.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,150, dated 30th July 1875, I have the honor to submit copy of a letter from the Acting Deputy Collector, Salt Department, dated 18th instant, No. 161.

2. The cost of conveyance to Morecolum, the nearest station, would amount to 5 per cent. on the value of the spontaneous salt at Kalimangundu; and, considering the difficulty of removing it, I agree with the Deputy Collector in thinking it better to sell it at the swamp. With a view to its speedy disposal, I think a discount of $15\frac{5}{8}$ per cent., or $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas a Rupee, should be allowed to retail purchasers, the wholesale dealers being allowed the usual discount of 5 per cent. in addition.

3. During the current year 10,457 maunds of spontaneous salt have been collected at Kalimangundu, which, together with the balance on hand of the salt collected last year, amounts to maunds 30,096.

Enclosure No. 1.

From A. RAMANUJA NAIK, Acting Deputy Collector, Salt Department, Ramnad, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated Ramnad, 18th August 1875, No. 161.

With reference to your letter, No. 1,768, dated 7th August 1875, and to the Board's foot-note to G. O., dated 13th July 1875, No. 1,056, Revenue Department, I have the honor to report that, in the direct line from Kalimangundu to Morecolum, there is no road or tract fit for carts to pass along. There is, however, at a distance of 200 yards north of the Kalimangundu swamp, an old coast road which branches off from Road No. 2 near Pirappamalasai to Tiruppullani whence carts can go to Morecolum. The distance of Morecolum from Kalimangundu by this route is $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles; but, as the road is very sandy, carts cannot be had for less than Rupee 1 a trip; and, as each cart will convey only 10 maunds, the cost of carrying the swamp salt to Morecolum will be 1 Anna and 7 Pies a maund, or 5 per cent. on the value of the salt.

2. I have weighed and measured 6 maunds of manufactured salt taken from each of six heaps at Morecolum, and I find on an average that 1 maund of manufactured salt contains 24 measures, while the same weight of the Kalimangundu swamp salt contains only 22 measures. The difference is 2 measures, or $8\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and corresponds nearly with the per-centage of difference in weight between spontaneous and manufactured salt as calculated by Dr. Ratton (*vide* paragraph 10 of the Board's Proceedings embodied in Government Order under reference). As dealers in salt buy by weight and sell to consumers by measure, and, as the crystals of the spontaneous salt have to be broken down to the size of those of the manufactured salt, it will be necessary to allow a discount of at least 9 per cent. even after bringing the spontaneous salt to Morecolum, in order to place the two kinds of salt on a par in the estimation of the dealers.

3. This plan is, moreover, otherwise objectionable as entailing a good deal of inconvenience, labor, and supervision over the salt during transit, all of which can be avoided by adopting the other course, *i.e.*, by selling the spontaneous salt at Kalimangundu itself at a reduced rate.

4. In these circumstances, and with a view to offer sufficient inducement to traders and consumers for purchasing the spontaneous salt, so as to enable us to dispose of it as soon as possible, I think it necessary to allow a discount of 16 per cent. to retail purchasers, and to give the wholesale merchants the usual discount of 5 per cent. extra to cover wastage.

5. During the current year 10,457 maunds of spontaneous salt have been collected at Kalimangundu, which, together with the balance on hand of the salt collected last year, amounts to maunds 30,096.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., dated 13th July 1875, No. 1,056.

2. Under the authority conveyed by paragraph 5 of the above Government Order, the Board sanction a special discount of $1\frac{5}{8}$ per cent., or $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas in the Rupee, in addition to the usual allowance of 5 per cent. to wholesale purchasers, for the disposal of the spontaneous salt at Kalimangundu. Efforts should be made to get rid of the stock before the monsoon.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 268.

ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1875, No. 1,434.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.
Salt.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Revenue Depart.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 3d Sept. 1875.
No. 2683

Read the following

No. 373.

From W. Mac Lukar Esq
Collector of Guntoor

To H. E. Stoker Esq
Acg Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

Sir,

With reference to the
Board's Proceedings of No. 2150 of
30th July 1875, I have the honor
to submit copy of a letter from
the acting Deputy Collector
Salt Department dated 28th
Instant No. 161.

The

Govt. of Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September, 29th.

Read.

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G. O., 29th September 1875, No. 1433.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 267-268.

Sanctioning Salt Kalasigamidis in the Madura District.—Receiving Board's Proceedings regarding the cost of conveyance to Mookolam station of the —.

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3. During the current year 10457 maunds of Spontaneous Salt have been collected at Kalimangundu which together with the balance on hand of the salt collected last year amounts to maunds 30096.

Madura Collector's office in Camp. Periaclenn, Peria Klenn Taluq 26th August 1875

J. Lane & Co.
Asst/ C. Inbae
Collectn.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O. dated 13th July 1875, No 1056.

2. Under the authority conveyed by para. 5 of the above G.O the Board sanction a special

special discount of 15 5/8 per cent or 2 1/2 annas in the Rupee, in addition to the usual allowance of 5 per cent to wholesale purchasers, for the disposal of the Spontaneous salt at Kalimangandu. Efforts should be made to get rid of the stock before the hot season.

/True copy & Extract/

C. H. Clifton
Actg Sub Secretary.

To

The Secretary to
Government C. D.
with copy of Enclosure.

C. H. Clifton
S. D.

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Salt Dy. Collr's office
Cannanore 18th augt 1875

No 161.

From
The Actg Dy Collector
Salt Department
Cannanore.

To
W. Mus. Dubose Esq
Collector of Malabar.

Sir.

With reference to your letter No 1768 dated 4th instant, 1875, and to the Board's footnote to G. O. dated 13th July 1875 No 1056. R. D. I have the honor to report that in the direct line from Kalimangundu to Mooreeleem there is no road or track fit for carts to pass along. There is however at a distance of

13 Aug 1875 Rec'd 12 Aug

Rec'd 18th Augt 1875
No 3497
Actg Dy Collr Cannanore

Read 3rd Sept 1875
No 1434 25 Sept 1875
Submitting with enclosure a letter from the Collector of Malabar, calling for a letter from the Actg Collr of Cannanore explaining the circumstances under which a Peon of the Puttanungadi Station was recalled.
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14th Sept Board Rec'd 12 Oct

Sent to Mus. Dubose 14 Sept 1875
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[sig] A. Ramanjulu Naik

Ag Deputy Collector.

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True copy

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[sig] W. Lee Warner

Collector.

True copy

[sig] A. Mitra

Ag Sub Secretary.

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A.D.

Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government N. D. dated 3rd September 1875.

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Copy of Sub Deputy Collector's Letter, Ramnad to the Collector of Madura dated 18th August 1875 No. 161.