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No. 86. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd November 1875, No. 3,028 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 15th October 1875, No. 434 :—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th April last, No. 1,076, I have the honor to state that up to the present date, no one has applied for any salt to cure fish. I am further informed that, as long as the use of salt-earth and sea-water is permitted, the fishermen will not be induced to bring their fish to a Government curing-yard, by which, besides incurring a great deal of trouble and loss of time, they have got to undergo several restrictions; whereas with the salt-earth and sea-water, they can cure their fish as well as they care to do, and at their own place and time. I think, therefore, that we cannot have much better results even by establishing a yard at Ooppada, as was originally contemplated.

2. A European merchant of Cocanada says, that he would guarantee to cure monthly fifteen tons of fish, if he were allowed a monopoly for three years, that is, if in this district the Government would not issue salt at the reduced rate of 6 Annas per maund to any other person within these three years.

3. By allowing this, the native fishermen would be able to see the advantages derived by using good salt for curing the fish, of which they are at present totally ignorant. But on the whole, I am not inclined to recommend the measure. The quantity of salt that is to be taken would be too small to allow us or the people

price to one person. I do not like the idea of Government selling to one man at one price, and to another at another price.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. There appears to be so little disposition on the part of the fishermen to take advantage of the concession granted in G.O., dated 12th April 1875, No. 576, that the only way of securing a trial of the experiment in the Godavery District appears to be the grant of a monopoly to some one individual or Firm. The Board, therefore, recommend that the guarantee stipulated for by the merchant of Cocanada, whose name should have been stated, be granted for a period of two years on his entering into an agreement to cure not less than fifteen tons of fish monthly, and on the understanding that the privilege will be withdrawn in case of failure, and that the accounts relating to the experiment shall be open to the inspection of the Collector, or any one deputed by him to examine them.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1875, No. 1,761.

Separate Revenue, No. 7.

Salt.

The Government are not prepared to entertain any proposal of the nature of that now supported by the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

For curing fish.—Declining to entertain the
 proposal of the Board of Revenue to allow a
 certain amount of Cocanada the monopoly of
 curing fish for a period of two years on certain
 conditions.

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 THE BOARD OF REVENUE
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No. 3,028.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd November 1875.

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3. By allowing this, the native fishermen would be able to see the advantages derived by using good salt for curing the fish, of which they are at present totally ignorant. But on the whole, I am not inclined to recommend the measure. The quantity of salt that is to be taken would be too small to allow us or the people generally deriving any great advantage from restriction of salt at the reduced price to one person. I do not like the idea of Government selling to one man at one price, and to another at another price.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Calcutta
Acting Sub-Secretary.

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

Exd. W. H. French,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 4351

From B^d of Rev. Dated 3rd November 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

I think the proposal
is very objectionable
and not sanctioned
at all.

Jayaram
Pillai

Recd
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No 4351
Despatch 1875. depts
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 3RD NOVEMBER 1875, No. 3,028.

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Encl.

Received 8th Nov 75

NOVEMBER.
No. 3,028.

Salt for curing Fish.—Recommending that
the guarantee stipulated for by certain merchant
of Cocanada in Godavery District to cure fifteen
tons of fish monthly be granted for a period of
two years on certain conditions.

W. H. C. S. S.

The Government are not
prepared to entertain any
proposal of the nature of that now
submitted by the Board
of Revenue.
6 Dec 1875

FOR ORDERS.

Look for answer
from the away
District.

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