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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd February 1875.

Read the following papers :—

No. 256. From WHITLEY STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Legislative Department, to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 4th February 1875, No. 114.

In continuation of my telegram of this date to the Revenue Secretary, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a revised Bill to amend the law relating to Salt in the Presidency of Fort St. George, which it is proposed to introduce at the meeting of the Council of the Governor-General on the 9th instant. I am to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council will favor the Government of India in this department with an early expression of his opinion on the provisions of the Bill.

Enclosure No. 1.

A Bill to amend the Law relating to Salt in the Presidency of Fort St. George.

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Preamble.

Short title.

1. This Act may be called "The Madras Salt Act, 1875 :"

Local Extent.

It extends to the territories under the Government of the Governor of Fort St. George in Council;

Commencement.

And it shall come into force at once.

Partial repeal of Act XXIV. of 1869.

2. The following portions of Act No. XXIV. of 1869 *(to enhance the price of Salt in the Presidency of Fort St. George and the duty on Salt in the Presidency of Bombay)* are hereby repealed, namely,

in the title the words "the price of Salt in the Presidency of Fort St. George,"

in the preamble the words "the price of Salt manufactured and sold in the Presidency of Fort St. George," and

section two

Power to impose duty on Salt manufactured or sold under orders of Madras Government.

3. The Governor-General in Council may from time to time impose a duty on Salt manufactured or sold under the orders of the Governor of Fort St. George in Council not exceeding one Rupee and thirteen Annas for every maund of three thousand two hundred tolas; and the local Government shall for every such maund sold by or on behalf of Government from time to time fix, by notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, such additional sum as it may deem sufficient to cover, in each district or group of districts, the average cost for the time being of the manufacture, storage, transport, sale and wastage of salt.

When any such additional sum has been fixed for any district or group of districts, it shall not be altered for such district or group until after the expiration of at least *three* years from the date of such notification.

Price of Salt sold by Madras Government.

4. The price to be paid in each district to the local Government for Salt so sold shall, for every such maund, be the total amount of the duty and additional sum so imposed and fixed as aforesaid.

The price at present so paid in each district shall be taken to be the price to be paid under this section until an additional sum is fixed under Section three for such district.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

In the Madras Presidency the salt-revenue is almost wholly raised by means of a Government monopoly. Government is the exclusive purchaser, at fixed rates, of all the Salt of proper quality made by the persons engaged in the local manufacture, and the Salt is then retailed throughout the Presidency at the price of two Rupees per maund of 3,200 tolas, which price is fixed by Act XXIV. of 1869, Section 2.

The average cost to Government on the East Coast of the Salt so purchased, including all expenses properly appertaining to manufacture and storing, is three Annas per Indian maund; and as the Salt is sold by Government at two Rupees per maund, it follows that the full Government duty of Rs. 1-13-0 is secured on every maund of Salt sold on the Eastern Coast.

On the Western Coast the systematic manufacture of Salt is carried on to a very limited extent in the northern part of South Canara only, and the bulk of the supply required in that district, and the whole of the supply required in Malabar, in order to meet the demands of the local population and for carriage inland, mainly to Mysore, are obtained from Goa and Bombay through contractors.

The manufactured Salt of Canara costs about four Annas, and the imported Salt of Malabar and part of Canara averages over seven Annas per maund, and as both are sold by Government at the rate of two Rupees per maund, the Government loses one Anna on the former and more than four Annas on the latter for every maund sold; and the people of these districts, though undoubtedly quite as well able to pay the salt-tax as their brethern on the East Coast, are favored to the like extent.

The object of this Bill is to enable Government to realise the full duty of Rs. 1-13-0 on Salt throughout the Madras Presidency, as it does now in all the districts of the Eastern Coast. It empowers the Governor-General in Council to impose a duty on Salt manufactured or sold under the orders of the local Government not exceeding Rs. 1-13-0 per maund, and it requires the local Government to fix from time to time such additional sum as may cover in each district the average cost of the manufacture, storage, transport, sale, and wastage of Salt. The price per maund will be equal to the duty so imposed *plus* the additional sum so fixed.

30th January 1875.

B. H. ELLIS.

No. 257. From C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 12th February 1875.

With reference to Government order of the 9th February, No. 215, I am instructed to annex a copy of the Board's Proceedings thereon, and to suggest that, as the precautions adopted to prevent the exhaustion of the Salt stores on the West Coast will certainly cause hardship in individual cases, and can have but a temporary effect, and as the publication in the local papers of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of India relative to the new Salt Bill has given intimation to the public of the measure which is impending, the Government of India should be urged to pass the Bill into law without delay.

Enclosure No. 1.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th February 1875, Miscellaneous No. 1,046.

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 9th February 1875, No. 215.

Abstract.—Calling Board's attention to the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of India relative to the Bill for the amendment of the Madras Salt Law, etc.

Resolved that the following telegram be despatched to the Collectors and Salt Deputy Collectors of Malabar and South Canara:—

"Stop wholesale sales of Salt, and limit retail sales to one maund lots till further notice."

(True Extract.)

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

No. 258. Order thereon, 22nd February 1875, No. 279.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.
Salt.

The revised Bill, forwarded by the Government of India, will be communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G. O., 3rd February 1875, No. 179.

2. Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Government of India:—

(Here enter 22nd February 1875, No. 280.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with copy of letter to Government of India.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE.

Dated February 22nd.

Read

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G. O., 22nd February 1875, No. 279.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 256—258.

Law relating to Salt in Madras Presidency.—Communicating letter from the Government of India, forwarding the revised Bill to amend the law relating to Salt in the Presidency of Fort St. George, which it is proposed to introduce at the meeting of the Council of the Governor General on the 9th instant. Requesting that His Excellency the Governor in Council will favour the Government of India in this Department with an early expression of his opinion on the provisions of the Bill.

Read the following papers:—

No. 114

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No. 256

From

Whitley Stokes Esquire,

Secretary to the Govt. of India,

Legislative Department.

To

The Honble. D. F. Carmichael,

Acting Chief Secretary to Govt. of

Madras.

Dated Fort William the 4th February 1875.

Sir,

In continuation of my telegram of this date to the Revenue Secretary, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of a revised Bill to amend the law relating to Salt in the Presidency of Fort St. George, which it is proposed to introduce at the meeting of the Council of the Governor General on the 9th instant. I am to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council will favour the Government of India in this Department with an early expression of his opinion on the provisions of the Bill.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Whitley Stokes.

Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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B. H. ELLIS.

The 30th January 1875.

Government of India.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Annexure

TO

Bill to amend the law relating to Salt in the Presidency of Fort St. George.

(Statement of Objects and Reasons.)

(Price one anna.)

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Government of India.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

A BILL

TO

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(Mr. Ellis.)

(Price one anna.)

Office Supdt. Govt. Printing.—No. 503 L. D.—4-2-75.—120.

MISCELLANEOUS No.

Revenue Board Office,

Madras, 12th February 1875.

No. 257. From The Acting Sub-Secretary Board of Revenue

To The Secretary to Government Revenue Department

Sir,

With reference to Government Order of the 9th February, No. 215, I am instructed to annex a copy of the Board's Proceedings thereon, and to suggest that as the precautions adopted to prevent the exhaustion of the salt stores on the West Coast will certainly cause hardship in individual cases and can have but a temporary effect and as the publication in the local papers of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council of India relative to the new Salt Bill has given intimation to the Public of the measure

measure which is impending, the Government of India should be urged to pass the Bill into Law without delay.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servant

C. A. Galton
Ag. Sub Secretary

Miscellaneous No. 1046 Revenue Dept.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12 February 1875. 279 S. Rica

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"Stop wholesale sales of Salt and limit retail sales to one Imamul Candy till further notice."

/True Extract/
/sigd/ C. A. Galton
Ag. Sub Secretary

Revenue 187[illegible] Dept
No. 516
From
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue,

To

The Secretary to
Govt WP&S

Dated 12 February 75
Despatched 12 — " — "
Rec'd 12 — " — "

Pods 279 22nd February 1875

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to forward herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of a letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated the 5th instant, with its enclosure, on the subject of the Salt Duty, and to request that the Board may be favoured with the orders of Government thereon at their early convenience.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 516

Bd of Revs

Dated 12th February 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

Have nothing more to say
the proposed tax is fair &
& as low as moderate &
& be realized in full -
Malabar & Canara
are not entitled to a drop
of expensive foreign Salt
on the same terms as the
people of the East Coast
for indigenous Salt
B.M. Broomfield Esq
will afford to pay the addi

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No. 1161 & 576.

No. 496 & 576.

trivial charges for the escape
and Supp.
The Govr of Idaho urges
Telegraph & asks the Bill
thro' all its Stages at once to
save expense.
GPL
13/2

Let the letter be sent
LofL
13/2

If I thought that, as ~~one~~ implied
at first sight appear, that the

Bill do not require the Sol. to
allege the service of Subp, for the
same as against the people
in any District of the Territory
as well as in Montana &
Canada, I shd oppose it by
any means in my power.
But the word proof of Service,
such as (Affidavit) or Certificate
thereof or the like
ought to be in the
parts of the Territory

[illegible] in the original
[illegible] in their Pet. of 12 June
No 275, and the remarks
[illegible] of Govt thereon will
[illegible] in Nos. 217. 218. 219. of
[illegible], of Govt of 17 October 1874

FOR ORDERS.

Salt Bill.

Some time ago a letter was drafted (but never sent) to the S. D. stating certain objections and principle but of detail — to the Bill. That draft is not with the papers: but it should be looked at to see if any of the objections are applicable to the Bill as now altered. Subject to that — I would submit that the heads of the Bill — but Govt. state the reasons which lead us to

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 491 to 576.

From Govt of India by Bd of Rev

Dated 4 Feb 1876 1875.

FOR ORDERS.

The Govt of India forward for merely expression of opinion the revised Bill to amend the law relating to Salt in the Presidency of Fort St George.

The wording of the Bill has been slightly altered since it was drafted in 1873 and additions have been made to it. These are marked with blue pencil on the printed Bill. A small alteration has also been made in the Statement of Objects & Reasons which accompanies it.

The observations of the Board of Revenue on the original Bill are contained in their Pro: d/ 12 July 1873 No 1275, and the remarks of members of Govt thereon will be found in Nos. 217. 218. 219. of Proceedings of Govt d/ 17 October 1874.

* Entry No 206 in Pro Govt 17 Oct 1874 & entry No 208

in consequence of the publicity given to the proposed alteration by the publication in the newspapers of the proceedings in the Council & the Q.S. in regard to this Bill the Bonds were desired & instructed the Collectors of the Head Coast
* Q. 26/75 Protects to prevent the
No 215 Extensive storing of salt
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(Pio 12 Feb 75 No 1046 this) and they
now suggest that as these precautions will certainly cause hardship & exchange but a temporary effect it will be
desirable to ask the House of
Lords to pass the Bill without delay.

Orders refused Sept Neither any further discussion on the Bill is necessary or that the House of Lords should be asked to pass the Bill as it stands
without delay

I would telegraph the Premier pt. Meeting Monday by 5 cl 2 of Sect 3 of the Bill. The timing is absurd - circumstances may alter very materially in 3 yrs.

And I would also advise the omission of cl 2 of Sect 4 as giving no necessary power.

These Sections if carried in & the pt should also be taken & marked & the Orkneys - & the Shetly heating of the Vote

urged. L.O.S.

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FOR ORDERS.

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Revenue Department.

No. 279

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 22d February 1875.

Read the following

papers.

Secy: to the Govt. of India
Legislative Dept.

Forwarding copy of a Revised Bill to amend the law relating to salt in the Madras Presidency and asking for an early expression of opinion on the provisions of the Bill ——— H.C. 4th Feby. 1875. No. 1114.

Actg: Sub Secy: to the Bd of Rev.

Requesting that the Govt. of India may be urged to pass the New Salt Bill into Law without delay ——— H.C. 12th Feby. 1875.

1. The Revised Bill forwarded by the Govt. of India will be communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G.O. 3rd Feby 1875 No. 179.

Ordered

2. Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Govt. of India.

(Here enter)

14 Board of Revenue with copy of letter to Govt. of India.

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G.O.

Revised Salt Bill

C 17 July 50. Put 20/2/50