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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
22nd February 1875.

No. 280.

No. 259.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Separate Revenue, No. 20.

Salt.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, No. 114, transmitting copy of a revised Bill to amend the law relating to Salt in this Presidency, I am

directed to bring to the notice of the Government of India that, in the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council, it is undesirable to fix any period as proposed in Clause 2 of Section 3, during which the "additional sum" shall remain unaltered, as inconvenience might be caused to the public on the one hand, or to the Government on the other, if, by any unexpected changes, the cost of manufacture and other similar charges was either diminished or enhanced during the three years or any other term which might be ultimately decided upon. It seems to His Excellency in Council preferable, by omitting the clause altogether, to leave it discretionary with the local Government, who would not hastily change the price once fixed.

2. It may be necessary to provide in Section 3 that distinct averages may be struck in each district or group of districts where a decided difference exists in the cost of imported or home-manufactured salt, *e.g.*, in Camara.

3. I am to add that, as His Excellency the Governor-General in Council is aware, this Government is, for the reasons which have been stated, opposed to the measure; but that, if it is to be passed into law, it is desirable that this should be done as soon as possible. The publicity, which has attended the introduction of the Bill, made it necessary to instruct the Collectors on the West Coast to adopt measures to prevent the exhaustion of the salt-stores in the likely event of a run upon them; but the precautions taken must certainly cause hardship in individual cases, and it is desirable to remove all obstacles to regular trade as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Legislative 1875 Department

Government of Fort St. George.

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3. Finally I am to suggest that the Bill should be passed into Law as soon as possible. The publicity which

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J. W.

for the reasons which have been stated above, I have proposed that the Bill be passed into Law as soon as possible.

W. H. D.

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