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No. 141. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1875, No. 88 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 5th November 1874, No. 401.

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3. I would ask the Board's permission to send up now a small quantity, say 1,200 maunds. The steamers have ceased running now, but the Deputy-Collector thinks that it could be sent up for 8 Annas a-maund. If we add 4 Annas a-maund for wastage and other charges, we could sell the salt at Rupees 2-12-0 a-maund. The maund will give 38 or 40 seers, so we should be selling it at 13 or 16 measures the Rupee. It sells now at Bhadrachalam at about 10 measures the Rupee, and in the *Gazette of India* the price of salt is given in the Upper Godavery District at 1 Rupee for 7 or 8 seers.

4. If these 1,200 maunds were sold quickly, we could send up more, and when the merchants saw that it could be taken up they would find it worth their while to buy it here and take it up themselves, as they might be able to get it up at a less cost than Rupees 2-12-0 a-maund.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No 142.

ORDER THEREON, 10th March 1875, No. 399.

Separate Revenue, No. 23.
Salt.

THE Governor in Council is of opinion that these proposals are quite inadmissible.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
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To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Dated March 10th.

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MARCH.

No. 141-142.

Salt-trade with Upper Godavery.—Observing that the proposals of the Collector for sending 1,200 maunds of salt for sale at Bhadrachalam with a view to the development of the same are inadmissible.



G. O., dated 26th April 1860, No. 642.
 „ „ 22nd May 1861, „ 1,071.

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

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12. Dec 60. No 2379.

On that occasion

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No. 31st Jan'y 62 No 1644
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"Although the
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to have met with a
fair measure of
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officers at a price which
while yielding a considerable
profit to Government
is yet apparently below
what an ordinary dealer

could afford to ~~pay~~
charge cannot fail
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private enterprise
in this direction"

These remarks seem
applicable to the
present proposal.

It is submitted that
the Salt merchants
will take up all the
Salt there is a demand
for & will get it (as
everything else) at
the least cost.

The
Lyons officials
think only of their
own salt whereas
considerable quantities

are yearly taken from
the District
through the Central
Provinces.

Should however
the Government think
fit to sanction the
proposed experiment
it would seem advisable
to wait until the
Salt Bill now under
discussion becomes
law & till at least
all doubts as to the
legality of adding the
charges of transport
etc to the fixed price
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Memorandum
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