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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23th September 1876.*

No. 352. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th September 1876, No. 2,374:—

Read the following letter from H. S. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1876, No. 3,120.

In their Proceedings, dated 28th January 1874, Miscellaneous No. 578, the Board have communicated the order of Government sanctioning the opening, experimentally, of the salt station at Valanganny. The necessary funds were placed at the disposal of Mr. Ricketts, and the work was put in hand to ensure immediate manufacture. But the experience of the past two and half years is not such as was anticipated, and there is no prospect of better results.

The quality of salt, if it has improved, is still very poor and so far depreciates the other salt with which it is heaped and sold, and the quantity produced is very meagre. In 1874, *i.e.*, the year in which the station was opened, the yield was 684 Indian maunds; in 1875 the results were 12,121 Indian maunds; and in 1876 (up to 15th July 1876) the outturn is 7,200 Indian maunds; making on the whole since the opening of the station 20,005 maunds, while the results anticipated by my predecessor (in his letter embodied in Board's Proceedings, No. 1,784, of the 9th September 1873) were 180,000 Indian maunds per annum. The failure of the outturn, as my Salt Deputy Collector says, is chiefly owing to the failure of sufficient supply of sub-soil brine.

2. The pans consist of two contiguous plots in the villages of Chinnatamboor and Prataparamapuram. There are forty-five voikals in the former and fourteen in the latter prepared for salt manufacture, each voikal or ullum consisting of twenty salt beds, two condensers, and one reservoir or brine pit. This year, at the commencement of the season, the ryots began to work the whole number of these voikals with the aid of the brine from the adjoining stream which supplied their reservoirs up to the latter part of April 1876; when the stream was filled with fresh water, and they had to depend exclusively on the sub-soil brine which, proving unequal to their wants, some have totally ceased to manufacture, while others have retained only a few voikals, leaving the rest waste; and only half the number of voikals are now being worked, and many of the wells or brine pits have hardly brine enough to supply their respective voikals. But the manufacture is carried on with the aid of the wells attached to the beds left waste, and there is every reason to believe that even the present supply will not be permanent as the pans are worked with poor results.

3. As the stock at Vedarniem has considerably increased since the extension of the new pans and the salt thereof is superior, and as the Valanganny manufacturers have no claim to compensation (*vide* paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, No. 100, dated the 21st January 1874), I have the honor to request that the Board will be pleased to accord their sanction to the abandoning of Valanganny station.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th September 1876.*

4. I further request sanction for the transfer of the Valanganny station establishment* to Vedarniem for the following reasons:—

	RS.
1 Assistant Superintendent.	30
1 Clerk	15
2 Vettians, at 5 Rs. each...	10
2 Peons, at 6 " " ...	12
Total ...	67 per mensem.

At present there are two Assistant Superintendents at Vedarniem on Rs. 25 and Rupees 20, respectively. The first is intended to supervise the collection

storage, loading, &c., of salt in connection with spontaneous salt; and the other is employed solely in business of the above nature as respects the manufactured salt. As the salt pans at Vedarniem have since been increased from ten to twenty thousand and are situated in several localities distinct from one another, and as the existing staff is unequal to conduct the manufacturing, &c., operations satisfactorily, and together with superintending the immense area occupied by the spontaneous salt, I beg to state that an additional establishment is necessary. I request, therefore, that the Board will be pleased to transfer the existing establishment at Valanganny to Vedarniem which, as found by experience, will turn out with it more salt and better salt than did Valanganny.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the salt station at Valanganny be abolished and the establishment transferred to Vedarniem.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 353. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1876, No. 1,378.

Separate Revenue, No. 33.

Salt.

UNDER the circumstances stated the Government sanction the abolition of the Valanganny salt station and the transfer of the establishment as proposed.

2. It is observed that Dr. Ratton, in his letter recorded in G.O., 27th January 1874, No. 121, did not strongly recommend the experiment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Sept. of 1876

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 28th.

Recd.

G.O., 28th September 1876, No. 1,378.

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 352-353.

Valanganny Salt Station in Tanjore District.
Sanctioning the abolition of the —, and the transfer of the establishment to Vedarniem.

No. 2,374.

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Resubmission

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Tanjore.

Exd. W. H. French.

No 1078
Under the circumstances stated in
Government sanction the abolition of
the Valanganny salt station & the
transfer of the establishment as
proposed

It is observed that at Ratten in his
letter received on 27 Jan 1876 noted
draft through Government

14 Feb 1876
to the Secretary to Government

28 Sep 1876

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BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

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PROCEEDINGS, 19TH SEPTEMBER 1876, No. 2,374.

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SEPTEMBER.

No 2,374.

Salt Station—at Valanganny in Tanjore District.—Recommendation that—be abolished and establishment transferred to Vedarniem.