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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th February 1876.*

No. 221. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st January 1876, No. 288:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Magistrate of North Arcot, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Chittoor, 8th December 1875, No. 104.

THE Superintendent of Police lately informed me that earth-salt is or has until lately been imported into this district from Cuddapah by rail, and that he has issued orders to the Police to seize the salt wherever it may be found, and to prosecute the owners. As the most effectual way of stopping this traffic, however, Captain Cox suggested that the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway may be asked to issue instructions to the servants of the Company directing them to refuse to book earth-salt for conveyance beyond the limits of the Cuddapah and Bellary Districts.

2. I accordingly addressed the Agent and Manager on the subject. In reply, however, that officer informs me that the Company have no legal right to refuse to carry the salt when tendered, and suggests that the most effectual way of preventing the importation of earth-salt into this district would be to impose a tax in the same way as is now done in the case of salt booked from Madras Railway Station to the Central Provinces.

3. Although the dealing in earth-salt in this district is an offence under Section 18, Regulation I. of 1805 (*vide* G.O., dated 19th February 1868, No. 463), yet the conveyance by rail of this article of trade beyond the limits of Cuddapah and Bellary, I am of opinion, would not be illegal, and therefore the Railway Company would not be justified in refusing to book earth-salt for importation into this district. I have, therefore, the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to consider the question of imposing a tax on earth-salt brought into this district, and so prevent the Government sales being diminished, as is undoubtedly the case by the sale of this cheap and inferior salt.

REFERRED to the Board of Revenue for consideration and report.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th December 1875.

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary to Government.

THE manufacture of earth-salt in Cuddapah, Bellary, and Kurnool, subject to the payment of a license-fee imposed with reference to the estimated outturn of the modas being legal, the Board are of opinion that its transport to another district cannot be prevented, and they have already expressed this opinion in their Proceedings of 19th March 1875, recorded in G.O., dated 16th April 1875, No. 604. G.O., dated 19th February 1868, No. 463, quoted by the Collector of North Arcot in support of his view has no bearing on the present question, as the manufacture of earth-salt at licensed salt works is not illicit, and such being the case its transport does not infringe any provision of Regulation I. of 1805. The levy of a transit duty on earth-salt imported into North Arcot is impracticable, as there is no law authorising the collection of such an impost. The Board observe that the gradual enhancement of the license-fees till they reach the maximum in 1879 will effect the suppression

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of the trade in earth-salt, and that there appears to be no necessity to take any action for restricting its transport by rail.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 222.

ORDER THEREON, 18th February 1876, No. 239.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.

Salt.

THE Government agree with the Board in the view expressed in the concluding sentence of their Proceedings.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue
"The Public Works Dept"

North Arcot Magistrate's Office

No. 104-

Chittoor 8th December 1875

From

W. S. Whiteside Esq.
Magistrate of North Arcot

To The Honorable W. Hudson
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir,

The Superintendent of Police lately informed me that earth-salt is, or has, until lately, been imported into this District from Cuddapah by Rail, and that he had issued orders to the Police to seize the salt wherever it may be found, and to prosecute the owners. As the most effectual way of stopping this traffic, however, Captain Cox suggested that the Agent & Manager of the Madras Rail way may be asked to issue instructions to the servants of the Company directing

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dates February, 1876.

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Encl. - All - Agreeing with the Board of Revenue that the levy of transit duty on - tea - ports - and North Arcot District, as suggested by the Local Magistrate, is impracticable.

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3. Although the dealing in Earth-salt in this District is an offence under Sec: 18 Regulation I of 1805 (vide Government Order dated 19th February 1868 No. 463), yet the

conveyance by Rail of this article of ware beyond the limits of Cuddapah & Bellary, I am of opinion, would not be illegal, & therefore the Railway Company would not be justified in refusing to book earth-salt for importation into this District. I have therefore the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to consider the question of imposing a tax on Earth-salt brought into this District, & to prevent the Govt. sales being diminished, as is undoubtedly the case by the sale of this cheap and inferior salt.

I have the honor to be

Sir,
Yours Most obed^t Servant
J. Whitfield

Magistrate

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the question of
importing a ton on
all cattle sold brought
into this District &
beyond the good state
being maintained.
Respected

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20th December 1875.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

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