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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

5th September 1877, No. 2,650.

No. 61. Read the following letter from G. H. M. BATTEN, Esq., Officiating Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Salt,) to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 16th August 1877, No. 177-A.

REFERRING to the correspondence ending with your letter, No. 954, dated the 6th March last, on the subject of the reduction of the duty on Pooree Kurkutch, in view to place it on an equality with Ganjam salt in respect of taxation, I am directed to state that, after a full consideration of the correspondence bearing on the question, the Governor-General in Council has come to the conclusion that, in order to save the Pooree salt manufacturers from ruin, and at the same time to avoid financial loss, it is necessary to raise the price of the competing Ganjam salt. The duty on Pooree salt has already been reduced by one rupee per maund below the general Bengal rate, and His Excellency in Council does not think it advisable to lower it still further.

2. The sole argument for not increasing the price of Ganjam salt adduced by the Madras Board of Revenue in the enclosure of your letter is that the effect of the rise of price at Ichapur is said to have been "disastrous." But the Governor-General in Council observes that, although since the fasli year 1283 the sales at Ichapur have decreased, those at Nowpada have increased in a greater degree; so that the total sales at the two places are larger than they were before. The case of these two depôts seems exactly analogous to that of Ganjam and Pooree, and the obvious remedy is to raise the price at Nowpada.

3. All that is necessary to obtain the object in view is to amend the first section of Act X of 1874, substituting "two rupees six annas" for "two rupees four annas" as the maximum price of salt in the Ganjam District, and then to fix the price at each depôt as follows:—

Ganjam	2 4	,, ,,
Ichapur	2 4	,, ,,
Nowpada	2 3 or 2 2	,, ,,
Woomeravilly	2 1 or 2 0	,, ,,

And this the Governor-General in Council is prepared at once to do.

4. With reference, however, to the conclusions arrived at by the Madras Salt Commission in Chapter IX, and in paragraph 607 of their report, it may appear preferable to His Grace the Governor in Council to extend the provisions of Madras Act VI of 1871 to the Ganjam District, and then under Section 11 of that Act fix the excise duty at the following rates:—

	RS.	A.	
Ganjam	2	4	per maund.
Ichapur	2	2	,, ,,
Nowpada	2 1 or 2 0		,, ,,
Woomeravilly	1 15 or 1 14		,, ,,

If this plan is adopted a Notification should, as soon as possible, be issued under Section 43 of the Act. But if, in the opinion of His Grace the Governor in Council, the excise system cannot conveniently be now substituted for the monopoly system in the district of Ganjam, His Excellency the Governor-General in Council will proceed to amend Act X of 1874 in the manner above mentioned.

5. I am desired to request that, with the permission of His Grace the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be informed, at the earliest possible date, which of the two courses indicated should, in the opinion of the Madras Government, be followed.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1877, No. 2,650.

Separate Revenue, No. 5.
Salt.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings of 9th February 1877, No. 542, for remarks.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September 6th.

Read.

G.O., 6th September 1877, No. 2,650.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 61-62.

Poorce Kurkutch Salt.—Communicating to the Board of Revenue for remarks letter from the Government of India relating to the reduction of duty on—.

No. 177A.

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FROM

G. H. M. BATTEN, ESQUIRE,

Officiating Secretary to the Government of India,

Department of Revenue, Agriculture

and Commerce,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Revenue Department.

Simla, dated the 16th August 1877.

SIR,

Referring to the correspondence ending with your letter No. 954 dated the 6th March last, on the subject of the reduction of the Poorce Kurkutch in view to place it on an equality with Ganjam Salt in respect of taxation, I am directed to state that, after a full consideration of the correspondence bearing on the question, the Governor General in Council has come to the conclusion that in order to save the Poorce Salt manufacturers from ruin and at the same time to avoid financial loss it is necessary to raise the price of the competing Ganjam

Salt

Salt. The duty on Poorce Salt has already been reduced by one Rupee per maund below the general Bengal rate and His Excellency in Council does not think it advisable to lower it still further.

2. ~~The sole argument for not increasing~~ the price of Ganjam Salt adduced by the Madras Board of Revenue in the enclosure of your letter, is that the effect of the rise of price at Ichapur is said to have been "disastrous". But the Governor General in ~~Council observes~~ [illegible] since the ~~[illegible]~~ year 1283 the sales at Ichapur have decreased those at Nowpada have increased in a greater degree so that the total sales at the two places are larger than they were before. The case of these two depôts seems exactly analogous to that of Ganjam and Poorce and the obvious remedy is to raise the price at Nowpada.

3 All that is necessary to obtain the object in view is to amend the 1st Section of Act X of 1874 substituting 'two rupees six annas' for 'two rupees four annas' as the maximum price of Salt in the Ganjam district and then to fix the price at each depôt as follows

	Rs.	As.	
Ganjam	2	6	per maund
Ichapur	2	4	" "
Nowpada	2 or 2	3 or 2	" "
Woomeravilly	2 or 2	1 or 0	" "

And this the Governor General in Council is prepared at once to do.

4 With reference, however, to the conclusions arrived at by the Madras Salt Commission in Chapter IX and in paragraph 607 of their report it may appear proper to His Grace the Governor in Council to extend the provisions of Madras Act X of 1871 to the Ganjam district and then under Section 11 of that Act fix the excise duty at the following rates:-

	Rs.	As.	
Ganjam	2	4	per maund
Ichapur	2	2	" "
Nowpada	2 or 2	1 or 0	" "
Woomeravilly	1 or 1	15 or 14	" "

If this plan is adopted a Notification should

as soon as possible be issued under Section 43 of the Act. But if in the opinion of His Grace the Governor in Council the excise system cannot conveniently be now substituted for the monopoly system in the district of Ganjam His Excellency the Governor General in Council will proceed to amend Act x of 1872 in the manner above mentioned.

5 I am desired to request that, with the permission of His Grace the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be informed at the earliest possible date which of the two courses indicated should in the opinion of the Madras Government be followed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

W. Hutton
Offg. Secretary to the Govt of India.

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No. 2650.

Communicated to the Board of
Revenue with ref.ce to their Rep.t of 9th Feb.
1877, No. 542, for remarks.

5-9-77

Mr. Secy. Bd. of Revenue 5-9-77
A.C. 9-9-77

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From
Secy. to Govt.
Rev: & Agrl. Depts.

Dated 16th August
Rec.d 4 Sept.
1877.

No. 1774.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Board of Revenue, a letter from the Collector of Nimar, dated 31st ultimo, with its enclosure, regarding the proposal to make a grant of land to the Nimar Agricultural Association, and to request that the Board will favour Government with their opinion on the matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
[illegible]
Secretary to Government.