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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st November 1877.

No. 218, N. 3,23

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVER NT OF INDIA,
ITMENT OF REVENUE,
RICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Separate Revenue, No. 24.

Salt.

* Recorded in G.O., dated 21st November 1877, No. 3,285.

SIR,—I am directed, in reply to you er, dated 16th August last, No. A, to transmit copy of the rem made on the subject of it by the l of Revenue, and to express the e concurrence of His Grace the nor in Council in the argu- me l conclusions therein recorded.

2. This Government think the further r on of the duty at Pooree to be far preferable to either of the alternative prop described in your letter.

3. The introduction of the excise is o isly impossible at a moment's notice, even if desirable eventually; and in re to the amendment of Act X of 1874 in the manner suggested, it seems clear t he net effect is really to protect Pooree at the cost of Ganjam, although an sh to do this has been expressly disavowed by the Government of Bengal.

4. The avoidance of financial loss is ed as one reason for raising the price of Ganjam salt; but, as pointed out by oard; it does not appear, nor is it stated, how this can occur. It cannot re, at present, than a shifting of revenue collections from Pooree to Ganjam; a slight deficit did follow upon the lowering of the Pooree duty, the probabil e that the loss would soon be recouped by letting trade follow its natural co

5. The case of Ichapur has been sou under the consideration of the Governor in Council; but action has been po ned pending the disposal of the present correspondence. The trade in salt e was completely at a stand-still, and would have remained so had it not be for a failure in the manufacture last fasli-year at the other salt stations. But the exceptional demand thus created cannot be expected to continue. The accom panying statement shows that, while the average sales of the ten years ending Ju ne 30th, 1875, were 139,112 Indian maunds, (including a year during which the duty had been charged at the higher rate,) the transactions still further declined during 1875-76 and 1876-77; the average sales of those years amounting to 62,313 Indian maunds.

6. The Governor in Council is of o nion that results have shown that the difference between the price of salt fixed f r Ichapur by Government of India Notification, dated 21st April 1874, and th t settled for Ganjam is too small; and that if the Ichapur rate was made Rs. 2-1-0, leaving Ganjam as it is (Rs. 2-4-0), the Government Revenue would benefit w thout affecting Orissa interests, trade would revive at Ichapur, and local wants be supp

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dient servant,

C. G. MASTER,
retary to Government.

Agriculture (1877) Department

Government of Port Bl[air]

Dated 21st March 1877

Received

D. No.

L. No.

From

No. 215.

Statement Showing the Salt transactions of Chapra Division
Gunjam district during Faslis 1285 1286

Years	Balance in store	Receipts from Manufacturers	Receipts from other Districts in Division	Exports by sea direct and indirect	Total Stock and Receipts	Sales for home and local consumption: Retail	Wholesale	Exported by the Public Company	Supplied to the Public Company	Miscellaneous	Wastage	Balance in store	Total
	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rds	Ln Rs
Fasli 1285	2,358.44	1,114	"	"	2,69,58	40,903	9,600	"	"	"	1910	1,84,545	2,36,958
Fasli 1286	1,84,545	"	"	"	1,84,545	70,323	4,800	"	"	"	5051	104,371	1,84,545

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A. J. Sub Conductor

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To

No 3286.

The Secy to the Govt of India
Revenue & Agrl Dept

Sir,

I am directed, in reply to your letter dated 16th August last No 177 A, to transmit copy of the remarks recorded in G.O. dated 21st October last No 3286 made on the subject of the by the Board of Revenue & to express the entire concurrence of This Govt the Governor in Council in the arguments & conclusions therein recorded.

2. This Government think the further reduction of

Enclosure as above
Copy of Rev Secy's Letter No 177 Rev dated 16th August 1877.

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3. The introduction of the Excise is obviously impossible at a moments notice even if desirable eventually; and in regard to the amendment of Act X of 1874 in the manner suggested, it seems clear that the net effect is really to protect Pooree at the cost of Sonjam although any wish to do this has been expressly

disavowed by the Government of Bengal.

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that, while the average
sales of the 10 years ending
June 30th 1875 were 13,442
Indian Maunds, (includ-
ing a year during which
the duty had been charged
at the higher rate) the
transactions still further
declined during 1875-76
and 1876-77, the average
sales of those years
amounting to 62,813
Indian Maunds.

b. The Government
Council is of opinion that
results have shown that
the difference between the
price of Salt fixed for
Dchapur by Government
of India Notification
dated 21st April 1874 and
that settled for Ganjam
is too small, and that if the
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STATEMENT showing the Salt transactions of Ichapur Division, Ganjam District.

Years.	Balance in Store.	Received from Manufactures.	Received from other Districts or Divisions.	Gain by measurement and miscellaneous.	Total Stock and Receipts.	SALES FOR HOME AND INLAND CONSUMPTION. Retail.	SALES FOR HOME AND INLAND CONSUMPTION. Wholesale.	Exported by Sea.	Supplied to the French Government.	Miscellaneous.	Wastage.	Balance in Store.	Total.
Average for 5 years, from Fasli 1275 (1865-66) to Fasli 1279 (1869-70)	109,760	189,487	...	337	299,574	123,381	20,960	...	...	11	4,686	140,357	299,574
Average for 5 years, from Fasli 1280 (1870-71) to Fasli 1284 (1874-75)	190,759	141,060	...	95	331,914	110,012	18,920	...	...	11	3,351	204,620	331,914
Fasli 1283	235,844	1,114	...	...	236,958	40,903	9,600	...	...	...	1,910	184,745	236,958
Fasli 1284	184,646	...	...	...	184,646	70,323	4,500	...	...	...	5,051	104,371	184,346

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