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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd February 1877.*

No. 47. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd January 1877, No. 238 :—

Read the following letter from A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th November 1876, No. 672 :—

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AGREEABLY to the instructions contained in your letter of 24th May last, No. 481, and, in continuation of my letter of the 16th May last, No. 124, I beg to report upon the result of the fish-curing yard opened at Edinthakarei.

1. A space in the vicinity of Edinthakarei village was enclosed with high thorn fences with an opening for entrance which was secured by a door and lock. Two sheds were erected inside, one of which was for conducting sale and the other for curers' shelter.

2. Having been unable to find a suitable and trustworthy merchant in the neighbourhood of Edinthakarei, I secured the consent of one Theraviam Pillay of Palamcottah, whom I have known for some time and whom I could trust for undertaking to buy salt from us at 6 Annas per maund at Viziapathy salt-pans and sell it at the curing yard at the rate of 8 Annas per maund. The excess 2 Annas over the Government price was for transmitting salt from the salt-pans to the yard for selling and sending back to the station whatever remains unsold as well as for his profit.

3. With these preliminaries and on the above terms Theraviam Pillay purchased salt from us first on the 20th June last, and has ever since continued to deal with us. He has up to the week ending 28th October last bought from us 227 maunds of salt for curing purposes.

4. A Vettian every day waits on the shore and ascertains from fishermen whether salt was required for curing or not for that day. The merchant takes the salt, which he buys or has already bought, to the yard at his own cost, escorted by two Revenue Peons and by a Constable from Viziapathy salt-pans. They remain in the yard during the whole time the merchant is engaged in selling and return with the salt that remains unsold that day. This salt is preserved in baskets sealed with the Superintendent's wooden seal and kept in the Salt Station Cutcherry and in the custody of the Police yard till it is again removed to the yard for sale.

5. He has up to 28th last sold 232½ maunds of salt for curing fish, and has kept one register according to the form given by the Board, and another showing the names of persons and officers who supervise his work and obtained in it their signatures in proof of their having attended.

6. I visited the curing yard twice, and was observing the operations myself. The Superintendent of Viziapathy was present on seven occasions, and his Assistant eight times. Extracts from these registers are submitted to my office every week. From all I have seen and heard of these transactions, I venture to say that the curing business has been fairly conducted. To ensure that no more salt than necessary was used for curing, I inspected the fish salted and satisfied myself that the salt used was either dissolved, or was in a fair way of being dissolved within a short time after use.

7. This scrutiny was repeated both by the Superintendent and by his Assistant whenever they visit, and a certificate to that effect is usually inserted in the register of inspection.

8. Unfortunately for the operator the season for catching fish this year is reported to be unfavorable when compared with the in former years, and this they say is owing to adverse current of the sea.

9. Theraviam Pillay therefore has gained but little by undertaking to do this work for us. The amount that he realized over the sanctioned price for the salt he sold is Rupees 29-0-6. From this he has, according to the statement he furnished, spent for transmission of salt Rupees 28-9-9, the correctness of which expense can be gathered from the register he keeps, showing the quantity he sells and that he brings back of after sale.

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The nature of the trade is such that he can have no other engagement for himself jointly with this. He has therefore served us during the period under review for a very paltry income.

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12. I beg also to suggest that to make this operation less burdensome to Government, the price of salt may be raised from Annas 6 to 10 instead of Annas 8, which price we have now adopted as a tentative measure.

(True Copy.) (Signed) A. J. STUART,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

2. The arrangements detailed by the Deputy Collector appear satisfactory.

(True Copies and Extract.) (Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1877, No. 486.

Miscellaneous. SANCTIONED.

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Secy. &c., &c.

Dated February, 2nd.

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G.O., 2nd February 1877, No. 486.

FEBRUARY.

No. 47-48.

Fish curing in Edichikari Yard, in the newly District.—Sanctioning the establishment of a Gumastah on Rs. 10 per mensem to carry on operations of —.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Tinnevely.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

For 1877. *29th*

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JANUARY.
No. 238.

Fish catching in E. Indralokur yard in Tinnevely District. Submitting to Government Collector's application for sanction for establishment of a Gumastah on Rupees 10 per mensem to carry on operation of

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28th Jan 1877