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

No. 49. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th January 1877, No. 219 :—

Read the following letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatterpore, 2nd December 1876, No. 4,107 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of the Board of Revenue, copy of my Salt Deputy's letter, dated 26th November last, No. 271, reporting that the experimental salt manufacture at Mahfuzbunder has proved a failure, and proposing to abandon the project.

2. Under the circumstances detailed in the Salt Deputy Collector's letter I do not deem it expedient to make further experiments at the station.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. DURMA ROW, Deputy Collector in charge of Salt Department, Ganjam, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, dated Calingupatam, 26th November 1876, No. 261.

WITH reference to your foot-note, dated 20th November 1876, No. 3,940, to my letter, dated 9th November, No. 227, I have the honor to inform you that, in replying to the Board of Revenue's Proceedings, dated 4th June 1874, No. 1,350, calling for reports whether any steps can be taken to facilitate the increased trade which may spring up with the Central Provinces and Tributary Mehals in consequence of the abolition of the inland customs line, I proposed to try an experiment at Mahfuzbunder to supplement the deficient supply at Womeravilly, which was sanctioned (*vide* G.O., dated 18th February 1875, No. 261). Thirty-seven sets of beds and the necessary reservoirs were formed in November last year, and the experiment continued till it was stopped by the rains; a sum of Rupees 1,178-2-0 saved from the District Grant for "Salt, Petty Construction and Repairs," was spent chiefly in clearing the ground, excavating channels, and building a temporary shed for the Police. Four hundred and forty-eight maunds of salt was produced which was sold, and a sum of Rupees 858 was realized excluding the wastage. As the manufacture was experimental, no extra establishments, Salt or Police, were entertained; the few hands required to look after the works were spared from the permanent establishments at the other pans.

2. The place available for the experiment is close to the mouth of the Nangoolia; at the time the proposal was made the current of the river was on its other side. The freshes last year turned the water-course in the direction of the beds so that there was at first some difficulty in preventing fresh water getting into the brine. The creek branching off from the river and running through the beds was therefore bunded at the head and a channel cut direct from the mouth of the river, but fresh water oozed out in some of the supply-channels. Arrangements were then made and the fresh water drained off. The brine could not, however, be as strong as it should be. With all the instructions given, the manufacturers, who are new to the work, could not prepare beds and guard against leakage so well as at the other pans, crabs making deep holes in some places, which they re-opened as often as they were closed. Many of them had to be dislodged. In other beds the brine let in was frequently sucked up by the soil which was sanded with sand and trampled under foot as hard as possible. In the beginning of April salt precipitated; that produced in ten sets was good and well crystalized and the rest was of smaller crystals; the whole of it was light and readily purchased by the retail traders in the neighbouring villages. A channel marked A direct from the sea as shown in the rough sketch would, I think, supply purer brine. It would cost upwards of Rupees 2,000, and then I doubt it may not silt up. The freshes in October last were very high; the beds were flooded and remained under water for several days.

The damage was great; some of the beds silted up, some were washed away. Under these circumstances I do not consider it expedient to try another experiment.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. SRINIVASA ROW,
Deputy Collector, for Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Rough Sketch.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 18th February 1875, No. 261.

2. The Board concur in the advisability of abandoning the attempt to manufacture salt at Mahfuzbunder. The Salt Commission remark with reference to this work: "We would express a distinct opinion that it should never have been opened."

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 50.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd February 1877, No. 487.

Separate Revenue, No. 28.

Salt.

UNDER the circumstances stated
the Government sanction the abolition
of the Mahfuzbunder salt station.

(True Extract)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 20th January 1877.
Read the following letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chatterpore, 2nd December 1876, No. 417:—

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WITH reference to your foot-note, dated 20th November 1876, No. 3940, to my letter, dated 9th November, No. 227, I have the honor to inform you that, in replying to the Board of Revenue's Proceedings, dated 4th June 1874, No. 1350, calling for reports whether any steps can be taken to facilitate the increased trade which may spring up with the Central Provinces and Tributary Mehals in consequence of the abolition of the inland customs line, I proposed to try an experiment at Mahfuzbunder to supplement the deficient supply at Womeravilly, which was sanctioned (*vide* G.O., dated 18th February 1875, No. 261). Thirty-seven sets of beds and the necessary reservoirs were formed in November last year, and the experiment continued till it was stopped by the rains; a sum of Rupees 1,178-2-0 saved from the District Grant for "Salt, Petty Construction and Repairs," was spent chiefly in clearing the ground, excavating channels, and building a temporary shed for the Police. Four hundred and forty-eight maunds of salt was produced which was sold, and a sum of Rupees 858 was realized excluding the wastage. As the manufacture was experimental, no extra establishments, Salt or Police, were entertained; the few hands required to look after the works were spared from the permanent establishments at the other pans.

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(Signed) G. SRINIVASA ROW,
Deputy Collector, for Collector.

Manufacture of Salt at Mahfuzbunder in Ganjam District.—Sanctioning, on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, the abolition of the —

FEBRUARY,
Nos. 49-50.

G.O., 2nd February 1877, No. 437.

Dated February, 2nd

Encl.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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(True Copies and Extract.)

W. H. Dutt
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with sketch to be returned.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

*Under the circumstances
stated, the Govt. sanction the abolition
of the Mahfuzbunder salt station.*

2 Feb 77

Board of Revenue with enclosures sent 22-2-77

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*Manufacture of Salt—at Mahfuzbunder in Gan-
jam District.—Submitting to Government letter
from Collector reporting advisability of aban-
doning —.*

With order