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

No. 79. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th February 1877, No. 464:—

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From the Collector of Ganjam,		dated	[illegible]			
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,,	,, of South Canara,	,,	17th July	,,	,,	1,434.
,,	,, of Malabar,	,,	29th ,,	,,	,,	——

A TABULAR statement exhibiting the particulars furnished by Collectors will be submitted to Government with the following remarks.

2. GANJAM.—The number of applicants during the half-year was not so great as might have been expected from previous returns (Board's Proceedings recorded in G.Os., dated 15th February 1876, No. 218, and 22nd June 1876, No. 836). Still it is satisfactory to learn that so many availed themselves of the concession. The weight of salt issued was about one-third the weight of the fish brought to be cured. The establishment and police charges have not been entered, although a Gumastah and Vettian were sanctioned, and a guard consisting of a Head Constable and four Constables. This should be explained.

3. KISTNA.—It is explained that the figures relate chiefly to the first quarter of the year as the second quarter is not a fishing season. The weight of salt issued is about one-sixth of the weight of the fish. It is stated that the cured fish are sold in local maunds of 80 lbs., but it is presumed that the figures in the return represent Indian maunds of 82⅔ lbs. The experiment seems to be conducted by the ordinary establishment.

4. CHINGLEPUT.—The experiment has failed, and instructions have been issued to close the curing yard.

5. MADURA.—Fish-curing is carried on at Nadupad or Attenkarai, according as the prevailing winds are favorable for fishing at the one place or the other. It will be seen that the transactions in this district have been more extensive than elsewhere, the weight of salt issued being two-thirds of the whole. The quantity of salt used was about one maund of salt for every two and a half maunds of fish; the Collector states that it is impossible to ascertain the quantity consumed in curing each description of fish, as the merchants purchase and sell fish by number, not by weight. The experiment should certainly be continued; the total receipts sufficed to cover all current expenditure.

6. TINNEVELLY.—The experiment was not fairly started till the beginning of August, the weather having been unfavorable to the fishery during the earlier part of the half-year. The Deputy Collector appears to have taken an interest in the matter, and better results may be looked for in the next half-yearly report.

7. SOUTH CANARA.—A sum of Rupees 256 was expended in providing a suitable enclosure, but the fishermen did not avail themselves of the concession, although the advantage of doing so was repeatedly urged upon them.

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(A true Extract.)

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

STATEMENT showing the Quantity of Salt issued for curing Fish during the Half-year ended 30th June 1876.

District.	Station.	Number of Applicants for Salt at the reduced price.	Weight of Fish to be cured.	Weight of Salt issued.	Price per Maund.	Value of Salt issued	Expenditure. Establishment.	Police.	Contingencies.	Total.	Remarks.
			Mds. S. T.	Mds. S. T.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	
Ganjam	Nowpada	346	299 0 0	111 0 0	0 6 0	41 10 0	.....	.....	.....	248 7 0	Fish cured with salt is sold at 1 Anna and 4 Pies per pound; that cured with brine at 1 Anna only.
Kistna	Nizampatam	12	592 12 0	106 10 0	0 6 0	39 13 6	.....	185	.....	185 0 0	Factory cured fish does not sell at a much higher rate than fish cured with brine or salt-earth.
Chingleput	.....	6	23 15 0	2 10 0	0 6 0	0 13 6	.....	.....	.....	199 13 0	
Madura	Nadupadi	745	1,944 12 0	756 10 0	0 6 0	283 9 6	30	241	26	403 0 0	Transactions were carried on at Nadupad from 1st January to 12th April, and at Attenkarai from 1st May to 30th June, (*vide* G. O., 11th March 1876, No. 362). No distinction is made in the market between fish cured in the yard and that cured in the usual manner.
	Attenkarai						.....	.....	.....	45 0 0	
Tinnevelly	Vikrapathy	1	lbs. 143 or Mds. 1½ 0 0	1 0 0	0 6 0	0 6 0	.....	.....	.....	256 8 6	
South Canara.	Malpe	.....	... ...	... ...	0 8 0	... ...	.....	.....	.....	... ...	The approximate average prices of fish cured with sea-salt, earth-salt, and brine are given as 1 Anna and 5 Pies, 1 Anna, and 5 Pies, respectively. The quantity of salt required for fish of the larger kinds is about 20 lbs. for each maund of 82⅔ lbs., and for the smaller kinds about 12 lbs.
Malabar	Calicut	5	647 0 0	121 0 0	0 12 0	90 12 0	.....	.....	.....	... ...	
	Total...	1,116	3,501½ 39 0	1,097 30 0	... ...	457 0 6	30	426	26	1,337 11 6	

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1877, No. 898.

Miscellaneous.

RECORDED. The results so far warrant the experiment being proceeded with.

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

To the Board of Revenue.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March, 2nd.

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C. 2nd March 1877, No. 898.

MARCH

Nos. 79-80.

Fish-curing Observations in certain Districts of Madras Presidency.—Recording, with remark, Board's Proceedings submitting a tabular statement showing results of — for half year ending 30th June 1876.

No. 464.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th February 1877.

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Copy to all other Collectors of Salt Districts, with do.

Engd. W. H. French.

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Fish-curing operations—in certain Districts of Madras Presidency—Submitting to Government a tabular statement showing result of — for half-year ending 30th June 1876.

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