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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

19th July 1878, No. 1,103.

No. 204. Proceedings of Government, dated 19th July 1878, No. 1,103.

Read again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th June 1878, No. 1,533, recorded in G.O., 21st June 1878, No. 941, R.D., submitting a Draft Bill for the Establishment of the Salt Department on its new footing.

Separate Revenue, No. 22.
Salt.

THE Bill investing the Commissioner of Salt Revenue and his Deputies with certain powers having been passed by the Council of His Grace the Governor for making Laws and Regulations, the

Government resolve to return the Draft Salt Bill prepared by Mr. Bliss and submitted by the Board of Revenue with their Proceedings, dated 8th June 1878, for incorporation in the consolidated measure alluded to in G.O., 5th March 1878, No. 349.

2. The Government observe that provisions will be required to be made in the proposed consolidation Act, for placing Assistant Commissioners on the same footing as Deputy Collectors.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with five printed copies of Bill.
,, the Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

THE MADRAS SALT ACT, 1878.

An Act for amending the Law relating to Salt in the Presidency of Fort St. George.

WHEREAS it is expedient to make better provision for the administration of the Department of Salt Revenue in the Presidency of Fort St. George, that is to say, for the collection of the Salt Revenue therein and for the supervision and management of the manufacture, storage, and sale of salt both under the system of monopoly established by Regulation I of 1805 and under that of excise provided for by (Madras) Act VI of 1871: It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Preliminary, Definitions, and extent of repeal.

1. This Act may be cited as "The Madras Salt Act, 1878;" it shall extend to the whole of the Presidency of Fort St. George; and it shall come into force on the first day of July 1878.

2. Both in this Act and in all other Regulations and Acts relating to salt the following words shall have the several meanings hereby assigned to them, unless where a contrary intention shall appear from the context; that is to say:—

The word "Commissioner" shall mean the Commissioner of Salt Revenue appointed under this Act.

The word "salt" shall include "salt earth" and "earth salt" as defined by "The Earth Salt Act, 1878."

The word "manufacture" shall include the preparation and collection of salt.

The words "salt work" shall mean any place used or intended to be used for the manufacture of salt, and shall include all embankments, reservoirs, condensing and evaporating pans, houses, buildings and waste places situated therein; drying-grounds, platforms, places, buildings and premises at or in which salt is stored or which are intended for the storage of salt, whether on account of Government or on account of the owner thereof pending the payment of Excise or Customs duty; and all lands on which salt is spontaneously produced.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM BY THE SALT COMMISSIONER.

The expression "Department of Salt Revenue" is a most useful one and will be of common application in the future. It is desirable therefore that it should be defined. I have failed to find a perfectly satisfactory definition to insert in the proper place (Section 2), but by the way in which I have worded the preamble I have, I think, practically effected the object desired.

2. The Board will have noticed that some words in common use in the Salt Department are not defined at all in Regulation I of 1805 nor completely defined in (Madras) Act VI of 1871. It will be convenient that all such words should be once for all defined so as to have the same meaning, so far as may be, both in monopoly and in excise districts and in all enactments bearing on the subject. I have provided accordingly.

3. Even "salt earth" is virtually "salt" when containing, as it sometimes does, as much as 60 per cent. of chloride of sodium. I propose therefore to include "salt earth" and "earth salt" under the general term "salt." This will save much verbiage and clear up many doubts.

4. I take the definition of the word "manufacture" from Act VI of 1871 and insert it here so as to make it applicable to the word when used in Regulation I of 1805.

5. The words "salt work" are defined in Act VI of 1871, but the definition is a very narrow one. I have taken, therefore, and I think improved on, the definition given in the Bombay Salt Act (No. VII) of 1873. The chief improvement is the widening of the definition so as to include bonded warehouses both of excise and customs. The way this addition saves verbiage may be seen from a comparison of my Section 15 (a) with clause 1, Section 39, of the Bombay Act, which latter is insufficient in any case for our purposes inasmuch as it includes no bonded *customs* warehouses—the regulation of which will be a matter of importance in our future salt administration.

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Dated 8 June 1878.
Arrived in C.O. 21 June 1878
R. ORDERS. No 94.

Please send me a
 spare copy of the printed
 bill/it may be sent
 back for incorporation
 in the consolidated
 measure.

Measure

I intend to send you a P.O. note.
I intend to ^{be from} ~~send~~ provisions &c
I please to let Livingston know.
be engaged for the printing work.

In considera-
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Copy of the
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the Commis-
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certain powers
is also put
up.

Y.M.

FOR ORDERS.

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No. 1103
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19 July 1878, No. 1103...

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Dr. J. H. Robinson
Salt Bull

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