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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

7th August 1878, No. 1,261.

Read the following paper:—

No. 104. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd August 1878, No. 2,149.

Read the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 17th July 1878, No. 705:—

From a report received from the Madura Salt Deputy Collector, I learn that in about a week more the scraping of salt may be commenced in the Panchakali Taravai swamp close to Paumben.

2. In the years 1865—77 inclusive 6,962 maunds of salt were scraped there and sold for a total sum of Rupees 12,779-3-0. The cost of collection, storing, &c., was relatively considerable, viz., Rupees 2,974-10-4, but this is accounted for by the high rates at which labor is, as I am personally aware, paid in Paumben Island and by the small scale of the transactions.

3. For several years up to 1869 the establishment entertained for the supervision of the collection, storage, &c., of the salt forming in this swamp was as shown in the margin. It was under the control of the Sea Customs Superintendent at Paumben who received a monthly remuneration of Rupees 10 for his trouble. Since 1869 the only establishment entertained has been two Vetties on Rupees 5 each who were employed occasionally as required, and who were supervised by the Sea Customs Superintendent but without extra remuneration.

4. The Collector having now (the Salt Deputy Collector reports) transferred the charge of the Sea Customs Department to the Special Assistant Collector, and the services of the Sea Customs Superintendent being therefore no longer at the disposal of this department, the Salt Deputy Collector proposes the entertainment of the separate establishment marginally noted for the collection of the salt now reported to be forming. He adds however that, if the services of the Sea Customs Superintendent can still be allowed him for the supervision of the work, it will be sufficient that the marginally-noted* expenditure should be incurred.

		Monthly Cost.
I.		RS.
One Assistant Superintendent	20	
One Peon	6	
Two Vettyans, at Rupees 5 each	10	
Total	36	
II.		Monthly Cost.
		RS.
* Remuneration to a Gumasta of the Sea Customs Office to assist the Superintendent and to keep and prepare returns	5	
Two Vettyans, at Rupees 5 each	10	
Total	15	

5. I disapprove of the latter proposal for reasons which have commended themselves to the Board, and therefore forward a Proposition Statement for sanction to the alternative suggestion. The length of time the establishment will be required depends on the time the salt remains on hand. I request sanction for it for the present for twelve months. I have ventured to order its immediate entertainment.

6. The amount of salt reported as likely to be collected this year is 6,000 maunds, which, at the usual rate of Annas 1-6 per maund, will cost Rupees 562-8-0. This may be met from the budget provision (Rupees 1,000) for the collection and destruction of swamp salt.

7. Ordinarily speaking it is, I think, best to destroy rather than to collect such small quantities of swamp salt, but the circumstances of Paumben Island are peculiar. Salt cannot there be procured, but must be imported from the mainland. I think therefore it will be well to collect this salt and sell it on the spot.

8. I also request sanction to the expenditure of Rupees 50 on raking a portion of this swamp in the way already described in my letter, No. 588, 9th July 1878.

9. The Salt Deputy Collector states that he has already, in anticipation of sanction, authorized the necessary expenditure on the collection of such salt as may form before my reply reaches him, and on the repairs (costing Rupees 6-4-0) of the huts for the establishment. I have informed him that his action is approved.

10. I venture respectfully to add that it seems to me that the entertainment of such petty and temporary establishments as these should not need formal sanction by Government, but might properly be left to my discretion, provided, of course, that I report my action periodically and confine expenditure within the budget limits.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

The Board approve Mr. Bliss' proposal to collect the salt forming in the Panchakali swamp near Paumben; they have already in discussing the question of the best method of disposing of spontaneous salt expressed the opinion that it may be worth-

	as.	while to collect and store the salt forming
* One Assistant Superintendent	20 per mensem.	in that locality regularly; the sanction of
One Peon	6	Government is accordingly requested for
Two Vettians	10	the entertainment of the establishment*
Total	36	proposed till the end of February with
		reference to G.O., dated 28th June 1877,
		No. 3,682. If the temporary establish-

ment is required beyond that time application can be made for renewal of sanction.

2. The Board sanction an expenditure of Rupees 50 for raking experimentally.

3. With reference to paragraph 10, the Board observe that all temporary establishments require the sanction of Government under existing rules, but they see no objection to a relaxation of the rule as proposed in respect of petty establishments for the collection and storage of spontaneous salt or guarding swamps. The Board have frequently authorized the entertainment of such additional hands temporarily; the cost having been, they believe, debited to gathering and destruction of spontaneous salt not to temporary establishments, no objection was taken.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 105.

ORDER THEREON, 7th August 1878, No. 1,261.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.
Salt.

The proposal contained in paragraph 1 of these Proceedings is approved and sanctioned.

2. The Governor in Council does not think it necessary to give the general authority referred to in paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.
„ the Commissioner of Salt Revenue.
Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 1,929.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th July 1878.

Read the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 9th July 1878, No. 588:—

I FIND that, as it was not proposed to collect any swamp salt this year at Vedarniem, no provision has been made for so doing in the budget. The stock by the last accounts I have received was only 59,300 maunds, the whole of which (and more) I should be glad to send up to Vizagapatam, as it is not only better fitted to stand carriage than the manufactured salt, but is very much cheaper (Rupees 5 against Rupees 10-10-0 per garce), and will probably sell just as well in the absence of any other salt to compete with it in the market there. I am of opinion therefore that not less than a thousand garces of swamp salt should be collected at Vedarniem this year, and request early sanction to the necessary expenditure (Rupees 4,000) which must be met from General Savings.

2. An additional Police force will be required for guarding the swamp in any case whether salt is collected or not. It seems a pity therefore not to collect some if there is any chance of disposing of it as there is at present.

3. I also request the Board's sanction to the expenditure of a small sum (say Rupees 250) on raking the salt while in progress of formation. So far as I can see it is raking, and raking only, that enables the Bombay Salt Department to obtain the magnificent Khâraghōra salt as the result of an accretion system in no other respect materially different from that which in this Presidency produces such comparative rubbish as the Cheyur and Mercanam salt, or as that which was sent up the other day from Tinnevely and forwarded to me with the Board's Proceedings, No. 1,730, dated 24th June 1878. The practice and theory of raking is this: As soon as the salt is deposited, as it always is in the case of deep irrigations, in a sort of thin cake at the bottom of the pan it is broken up and the crystals separated. Instead, then, of uniting into a more or less coherent mass, they remain separate and as they are turned over and over every two or three days by a rake which disturbs their whole mass, the equal deposit (on an average) of salt on all their faces is secured, and their growth in the form of almost perfect cubes is limited only by the length of time, the fear of rain, or other reasons may render it advisable to continue the process. In the whole stock of 12 or 13 lakhs of maunds of salt at Khâraghōra, one can hardly find a single hollow or pyramidal crystal such as those which constitute the major part of most heaps of Madras salt. All are cubes or nearly so. And I can see no reason why Vedarniem swamp salt should not be just as good as Khâraghōra salt, if treated in the same way, and hardly distinguishable from (though probably much superior to) salt manufactured under the ordinary system. If a small expenditure can secure this result and the prejudice against the use of swamp salt be thereby in any way lessened or removed, the advantage to the State will be very great. I require the small grant above mentioned at once, if the experiment I propose is approved of, and if I am to be in time to try it this year.

The expenditure of Rupees 4,000 on the collection of spontaneous salt at Vedarniem and of Rupees 250 on experimental raking is sanctioned.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

Copy to the Collector of Vizagapatam.

" " Accountant-General.

" " Tanjore

Exd. W. H. French.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 2nd August 1878.

Read the following:-

No. 705.

From

J. W. Bliss Esquire
Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

C. S. Kattan Esquire

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

From a report received from the Madras Salt Deputy Collector I have that in about a week more the scraping of salt may be commenced in the Panchakali Tanaisi, Swamp close to Pannu-
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2. In the years 1865-77 inclusive 6962 mounds of salt were scraped there and sold for a total sum of Rupees 12,779-3-0. The cost of collection, storing &c was relatively considerable, viz Rupees 2974-10-4, but this is accounted for by the high rates at which labour is, as I am personally aware, paid in Pannu Island and by the small scale of the transactions.

For

1878.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 12TH JULY 1878, No. 1,929.

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Received

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JULY.
No. 1,929.

Spontaneous Salt—at Vedarani in Tanjore District.—Sanctioning the expenditure of Rupees 4,000 on the collection of — and of Rupees 250 on the experiment of taking salt while in progress of formation.

3. For several years up to 1869 the establishment
-ment entertained for the supervision of the collection,
storage &c of the salt forming in this swamp was
as shown in the margin.

1 Assistant Superintendent -	Rs 15
2 Vethies at Rs 5 each -	10
	<u>25</u>

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of the Sea Customs Superintendent at Panambur who
received a monthly remuneration of Rs 10 for
his trouble. Since 1869 the only establishment enter-
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were employed occasionally as required, and
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He adds however that if the services of the Sea
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II

Remuneration to a gazetted of-
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the Supt. and keep & prepare
returns.

Monthly cost
Rs 12
5

2 Vethies at Rs 5 each

10
Total 15

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collection and distribution of swamp salt.

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8. I also request sanction to the expenditure of Rupees 50 in making a portion of this swamp in the way already described in my letter No. 588 dated 9th July 1878.

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Office of the Commr. of
Salt Revenue Madras.
17th July 1878

I have &c
(Sd/-) H. W. Bliss
Commr. of Salt Revenue.

The Board approve Mr. Bliss' proposal to collect the salt forming in the Panchalakali swamp near Pamban; they have already in discussing the question of the best method of disposing of spontaneous salt expressed the opinion that it may be worth while to collect and store the salt forming in that locality regularly the sanction of Government is accordingly requested for the entertainment of the establishment proposed.

* 1 Asst. Supt. at Rs 20 per mensem
1 Peon — 6 —
2 Pottys — 10 —
Total 36 —

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(True Copy and Extract)

W. C. Cotton
Secy. Secretary

To The Secretary to Government R. D.
with copy of Statute of B. & P. 12th July
1878 No. 1929.

W. C. Cotton
Secy. Secretary

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Orders requested ^{12th}
 whether the Board
 proposal in para
 3 of their Pro: viz.
 that the Com: may
 sanction without
 reference temporary
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 near salt & salt
 swamps. is approved

J. M.

Minutes 1878 Sept 11th
 No. 3401.
 Proceedings of the
 Board of Revenue.

Oct 2nd August 1878.
 Resolved.

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No. 1861 - 7th August 1878

With an order

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14. 20th August 1878
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REVENUE (FAMINE) DEPARTMENT.

No. 3401

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From Board of Revenue

Dated 2 August 1875

FOR ORDERS.

Ld^o Sanction
as proposed by
the Board
6/8/75

Ld^o reserve the
Sanction of further
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not look long to

Sanction is re-
quested for a small
temporary Estab-
lishment for
collecting swamp
salt near Panu.
been amounting
to Rs 36 per mensem
up to end
of February next.

The proposal
shd^d be submitted
be sanctioned.

FOR ORDERS.

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Sir W. Robinson

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Collect
By Secretary.

Enclosure in No. 7
the Bond of Assurance
2nd August 1898 No. 2149
Kent R. A.

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