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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

31st August 1878, No. 1,409.

Read the following paper:—

No. 400. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th August 1878, No. 2,380.

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 Mercanum, 20th August 1878, No. 1,057.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,314, dated 16th August 1878, I have the honor to state that I have forwarded, for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, a Notification of the sale of salt in Malabar, the terms of which are essentially the same as those approved by Government in respect of the sale of salt in South Canara. I have, however, modified the Collector's proposals in a few points—

(1st) I do not think it worth while to retain such a small stock as Indian maunds 2,000 at Chowghaut, and I therefore propose the abolition of that depôt, as it will save the cost of the Police Guard.

(2nd) The quantity proposed to be disposed of is thus raised to 192,778 Indian maunds.

(3rd) I have fixed the 23rd September 1878 as the day for opening tenders as I wish to dispose of them on my way to Mangalore, where I shall open the tenders for the sale of the Canara salt on the 30th idem; and I am unable to be at Calicut by the 15th September, as I have to submit to the Board the Budget Estimates of the department about that date.

2. I trust the Board will approve of my arrangements.

3. The Notification will appear in to-night's Gazette, and will be before the Board before this letter reaches them.

SUBMITTED to Government with copy of Boards Proceedings, dated 5th and 16th August, Nos. 2,175 and 2,314.

2. The previous sanction of Government should have been obtained, but under the circumstances, the Board hope that Government will agree with them in approving the Salt Commissioner's arrangements.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 401. ORDER THEREON, 31st August 1878, No. 1,409.

Separate Revenue, No. 50.
Salt.

THE Governor in Council sanctions the arrangements made by the Salt Commissioner, though that officer hardly gives sufficient reason for setting aside he Collector's recommendation to retain a certain quantity of salt at Chowghaut.

2. The notice given is rather short for advantageous sales, and the clerical error in the Notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, while confusing to the public, indicates carelessness which ought not to have occurred.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Govt. of [illegible] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD of REVENUE.

Vide ant: 3 Aug/78.

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Under date the 31 August 1878

REVENUE (FAMINE) DEPARTMENT.

No. 3738

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From Revenue Board

Dated 24 August 1878

FOR ORDERS.

The Notice to be published in the Fort St. George Gazette d/20 August (Pages 1160 & 1161) refers apparently to South Canara

Sanction.

Direct that the clerical Error where indicated causes no delay in the Publication

JK

If has just occurred to me to enquire whether our Communication to the Financial Secretary to Govt. has been duly attended to

x Sent from Ootacamund 30/8/78

JK

Yes

JK

is rather short for advantageous sales and the clerical

Senator Cockrell

I think the Committee
hardly gives sufficient
reason for setting
aside Mr Cole's
recommendation
relating to Short
Chandgard
and I think the
letter given to

3 weeks in the
district 409/4
Short in almost
Sales Feb 20th

Clerical

FOR ORDERS.

Revenue Department.

No. 1409

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 31st August 1878

Read the following
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dated 24th Augt 1878 No 2380.

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Sale of Salt in the Calicut Dist.

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No. 2,175.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th August 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, 1st August 1878, No. 871:—

IN continuation of my letter, No. 856, dated 31st July 1878, regarding the sale of a portion of the Government stock of salt in South Canara, I have the honor to inquire whether a portion of the Malabar District stock also should not be brought to sale at an early date.

2. The stock on hand is as follows:—

	IN. MDS.
Cannanore	74,400
Tellicherry	58,925
Calicut	72,620
Beypore...	129,161
Ponani	44,309
Chowghaut	5,672
Total ...	385,087

3. This is rather more than the probable consumption of ten months at the rate given in the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,495, dated 30th May 1877. It could hardly be necessary to hold so large a reserve in any case, and certainly not now that private trade in salt may be said to have established itself as is evidenced by the fact that, according to the information I have, 486,796 maunds of salt were imported into the district during the year ended 30th June last, or (roughly speaking) 40,000 maunds more than a year's consumption at the rate above mentioned. I therefore think that half of the Government stock might properly be sold within the next two or three months and the remainder about the same time next year.

4. I have not of course the detailed information in my office which there is in the Collector's Office, nor have I myself the same knowledge of the salt trade in Malabar as is possessed by Mr. Logan. I would therefore suggest that, before a decision is come to, he should be called on for a report on the subject with reference to this letter and to my letter above quoted and the Board's Proceedings (No. 1,968, dated 16th July 1878) upon which it was written.

REFERRED, with copies of the papers alluded to in paragraph 4, to the Collector of Malabar for early report.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Malabar, with copies of Board's Proceedings, dated 16th July 1878, No. 1,968; and 3rd August 1878, No. 2,161.

Copy to the Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

Exd. G. Freeman.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE COLLECTOR OF MALABAR.

Dated August 5th.

Printed 10th.

Received —

PROCEEDINGS, 5TH AUGUST 1878, No. 2,175.

AUGUST.

No. 2,175.

Government Stock of Salt—in Malabar District.—Referring to Collector for report letter from Commissioner of Salt Revenue inquiring whether a portion of the — should not be brought to sale at an early date.

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No. 2,314.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 16th August 1878.

Read the following letter from W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 14th August 1878, No. 230 :—

ADVERTING to the Salt Commissioner's letters to the Board, dated 31st ultimo and 1st instant, Nos. 856 and 871, containing proposals for the disposal of a portion of the stock of Government salt in the several depôts of the South Canara and Malabar Districts referred to me for report with the Board's Proceedings of the 5th instant, No. 2,175, I have the honor to state that I have no objection to the disposal at an early date of a portion of the stock of Government salt, retaining at each depôt such a supply as will meet the demands of this district for six months in the event of any scarcity arising from the private supplies running short in the interim, which however there is no reasonable ground to suppose from our experience of the current season.

2. From the subjoined statement may be seen the stock of Government salt remaining in each gollah on the 1st July 1878 and the quantity proposed to be retained (which has been fixed with due regard to the tendency to increase of the private importations of the current and the preceding years, and to the average consumption for the previous five years). The fourth column shows the quantities to be disposed of :—

Salt Gollahs.	Stock remaining in each Gollah on 1st July 1878.	Quantity to be retained.	Balance to be disposed of.	Remarks.
	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	IN. MDS.	
Cannanore ...	74,400	18,000	56,400	
Tellicherry ...	58,925	*34,000	24,925	* Inclusive of 12,000 maunds intended for four years' supply to Mahé.
Calicut	72,620	†48,000	24,620	† 15,000 maunds are meant for the use of fish-curing factories at Calicut for five years (*vide* paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, printed with G.O., dated 15th March 1878, No. 393).
Beypore	129,161	48,000	81,161	
Ponany	44,309	44,309	...	
Chowghaut ...	5,672	2,000	3,672	
Total ...	3,85,087	1,94,309	1,90,778	

	IN. MDS.
Calicut	1,028
Beypore...	38,261
Ponany...	1,173
Total ...	40,462

3. Of the stock of 385,087 maunds, 40,462 maunds as particularized in the margin are Tinnevelly produce and the rest Bombay.

4. The method of disposing of the stock of salt should be as proposed for South Canara by the Commissioner by tender. Better prices would most probably be obtained by sale in public auction, but as the Commissioner apparently wishes to keep the sale in his own hands the plan of calling for tenders may be tried. If the Commissioner will draft a notification setting out the arrangements he proposes for conducting the sales, I will have it published throughout the district.

5. The market price of salt has recently risen to Rupees 3-8-0 per maund, which is not likely to fall off till the end of September when fresh importations may be expected on the opening of the shipping season.

6. It is desirable therefore that the sale of Government stock be not deferred longer than 15th proximo.

7. The upset price can be set at Annas 6 per maund *plus* duty. This average cost has been fixed for both descriptions of salt (Bombay and Tinnevelly), though the cost of the latter was in excess of that of the former (being Annas 7-3 and 5 respectively.) The average adopted is the mean cost.

COMMUNICATED to the Commissioner of Salt Revenue who is requested to prepare a draft notification for submission to Government.

2. The Collector considers that about half the stock of Government salt may safely be sold, and urges that steps be taken for its disposal before the middle of next month. The mode of disposal should be by tender, if possible, as in the case of the South Canara salt.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of Salt Revenue.
Copy to the Collector of Malabar.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

1878.

Board of Revenue, MADRAS.

To

THE COMMR. OF SALT REVENUE.

Dated August 16*th*.

Printed 24*th*.

Read

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PROCEEDINGS, 16TH AUGUST 1878, No. 2,314.

AUGUST.
No. 2,314.

Government Stock of Salt — in Malabar District — Communicating to Commissioner of Salt Revenue letter from Collector regarding proposed sale of a portion of the —, and requesting former officer to prepare a draft notification for submission to Government.

K. W. Wells, 4/58 Clerk.

Revenue Depart.t

R.t 2380

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 24.th August 1878
Read the following;

R.t 1059

From

H. W. Bliss Esq.r
Commissioner of Salt Revenue

To

C. A. Galton Esq.r
Ag Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings No. 2314 dated 16.th August 1878, I have the honor to state that I have forwarded for publication in the Fort Saint George Gazette a notification of the sale of salt in Malabar the terms of which are essentially the same as those approved by Government in respect of the sale of salt in South Canara

Canara. I have however modified the Collector's proposals in a few points:—

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ii. The quantity proposed to be disposed of is thus raised to 192,778 Indian Rounds.

iii. I have fixed the 23d September 1878 as the day for opening tenders as I wish to dispose of them on my way to Mangalore where I shall open the tenders for the sale of the Canara salt on the 30th Idem, and I am unable to be at Calicut by the 15th September as I have to submit to the Board the Budget estimates of the Department about that date.

2. I trust the Board will approve of my arrangements.

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I have &c

Office of the Comm.r of Salt Revenue, Dated 20th August 1878. (Sd.) H. W. Bliss, Comm.r of Salt Revenue

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Submitted to Govt with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 5th and 16th August Nos 2175 & 2314.

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Commissioners arrangements.

(Time Copy & Extract)

C. A. Galton
Ag Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government R.D.

with Copies of Bds Prs: dated 5th
August 1878 No. 2175 para 16.
August 1878 No. 2314.

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SO No 1409 - 21 August 1878

Dated 24 August 1878

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in Malabar.

Nº 400.—