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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

25th November 1878, No. 1,910.

Read the following paper:—

No. 338. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th November 1878, No. 3,075.

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 Tuticorin, 21st October 1878. No. A-1,326:—

In two or three places in their report the late Madras Salt Commission remark on the difficulty of obtaining correct information as to the distribution of the salt issued from the Government Stores and as to the want of intelligent interest in the working of the Salt Revenue as affecting the people generally. "When salt passed beyond the works," they say, "it seemed to pass from the thoughts of most officers."

2. No attempt has since been made to procure more accurate statistics on the subject, nor am I at present prepared to say what should be done generally to render more trustworthy the accounts showing distribution which are of course maintained (under the Salt Manual) at all sale depôts.

3. I have, however, been in communication with the Consulting Engineer for Railways on the subject of the distribution statistics of so much salt as is carried by rail.

4. If the Board will refer to pages xxiii—xxvi of Appendix D of the Salt Commissioner's Report they will find there some information of the subject. To be of any use, of course, information of the kind must be brought up to date and be furnished with punctuality and at short intervals. It must also be in much greater detail than is there given.

5. I have ascertained from the Consulting Engineer that, as far as regards the Madras Railway, this can be done upon the following terms:—

(1),—In arrears (*i.e.*, for 1876-77, 1877-78, and to date in 1878-79) upon payment of a gratuity not exceeding Rupees 250 to the clerks of the Audit Department of the Railway who will work overtime to complete the account; and,

(2),—For the future by the payment of a sum not exceeding Rupees 25 monthly for the employment in the Railway Account Department of a clerk on this special duty.

6. I have not yet received a statement of the cost of obtaining corresponding information for the salt traffic on the South Indian Railway, and am unwilling to wait for it as it is evident that the longer the commencement of the collection of these statistics is postponed the more troublesome it will be. It cannot, however, exceed the sums above estimated for for the Madras Railway.

7. I request sanction therefore to the payment of a gratuity not exceeding Rupees 500 in the whole for bringing up arrears with regard to both Railways, and to the payment of a sum not exceeding Rupees 600 per annum for obtaining monthly station to station returns for the future.

8. The charge can be debited to Miscellaneous.

THE Board concur with the Commissioner of Salt Revenue in considering that it is very desirable to procure fuller information regarding distribution of salt, and request the sanction of Government for the expenditure specified in paragraph 7.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

Eo. 339. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1878, No. 1,910.

Separate Revenue, No. 21-A.
Salt.

SANCTIONED as recommended by the Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant-General.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 5113

From Board of Revenue.

Dated 18th November 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 25th.

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G.O., 25th November 1878, No. 1,910.

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3. I have however been in communication with the Consulting Engineer for Railways on the subject of the Distribution Statistics of so much Salt as is carried by Rail.

4. If the Board will refer to pages xxiii-xxvi of Appendix D of the Salt Commissioners Report they will find there some information of the subject. To be of any use, of course, information of the kind must be brought up to date and be furnished with punctuality and at short intervals. It must also be in much greater detail than is there given.

5. I have ascertained from the Consulting Engineer that, as far as regards the Madras Railway, this can be done upon the following

following terms:-

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ii. For the future by the payment of a sum not exceeding Rs. 25 monthly for the employment in the Railway Account Department of a clerk on this special duty.

6. I have not yet received a statement of the cost of obtaining corresponding information for the Salt Traffic on the South Indian Railway; and am unwilling to wait for it as it is evident that the longer the commencement of the collection of these statistics is postponed the more troublesome it will be. It cannot however exceed the sums above estimated for for the Madras Railway.

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8. The charge can be debited to Miscellaneous.

I have &c.

Office of the Comm.r of Salt Revenue Northern Circle Lahore 21st October 1878

[Signed] R. Burnaby
for Commissioner of Salt Revenue

The Board concur with the Commissioner of Salt Revenue in considering that it is very desirable to procure fuller information regarding distribution of Salt and request the sanction of Government for the expenditure specified in para 7.

[True Copy & Extract]

C. L. Golty
Ag Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government N.W.P.

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Sir W. Robinson

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~~In orders~~
~~Concurring with~~ the Commr
of Salt Revenue in considering
that it is very desirable
to procure fuller information
regarding distribution of
Salt and requesting sanction
of Govt for the expenditure
of certain sums for bringing
up arrears of Salt Accounts connected with Railways.

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