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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

19th December 1878, No. 2,041.

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Districts.				Number of Applications.	Weight of fish brought to be cured.	Weight of Salt issued.	Value of Salt sold at the reduced rate.	Expenditure incurred by Government.
				no.	mds.	mds.	rs.	rs.
Ganjam ...	{	Half-year ending	31st Dec. 1877	661	207	181	68	355
			30th June 1878	150	166	28	11	336
Kistna ...	{	Do. do.	31st Dec. 1877	13	807	81	30	209
			30th June 1878	14	687	165	32	186
Tanjore ...	{	Do. do.	31st Dec. 1877	122	172	85	23	696
			30th June 1878	237	555	133	50	582
Madura ...	{	Do. do.	31st Dec. 1877	1,077	3,329	1,070	401	645
			30th June 1878	1,917	3,978	953	357	578
Tinnevely ...	{	Do. do.	31st Dec. 1877	147	386	270	157	131
			30th June 1878	235	999	230	142	93
Malabar ...	{	Do. do.	31st Dec. 1877	6	359	204	152	15
			30th June 1878	6	367	75	56	15
Total ...	{	Do. do.	31st Dec. 1877	2,025	6,370	1,890	840	2,051
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3. *Ganjam*.—It will be observed that the number of applications in the half-year under report was only 150 against 661 in the previous half-year. This decrease is attributed to the extensive use of salt-earth in curing fish before the law was amended. The trade has since revived.

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Madura.—A larger quantity of fish was cured in the half-year under review. There was also an increase in the number of applications. The results are satisfactory.

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Malabar.—There was a decrease of 492 maunds or of more than 50 per cent. in the quantity of fish cured. This is not satisfactory, but may possibly be due to the character of the season. As the Board are aware arrangements are in progress for putting fish curing operations in Malabar on a sounder footing (*vide* my letter, No. 17-1,349, dated 30th September 1878).

4. On the whole I consider the results fairly satisfactory, though there are fluctuations which I am at present unable to explain. Madura is doing better by far than any other district, the fish brought in to be cured there being considerably more than half of the whole quantity cured throughout the Presidency. This shows, I think, that the Deputy Collector must have exerted himself in the matter. He reports that at first the salt-fish merchants monopolised the profits obtained by the higher

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5. The unsatisfactory feature in these returns is the loss which Government sustains by this experiment, and which must, I fear, continue for some time unless arrangements can be made for curing the fish in such localities that separate guards will not be required. As I visit the districts I will endeavor to make such arrangements. In the meantime I am decidedly of opinion that the experiment should continue.

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Kistna	Nizampatam	13	687	165	0 6 0	82	...	...	186	...	186
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Malabar	Kuthanguli	...	...	...	0 6 0	3	...	...	...	...	...
	Calicut	6	867	75	0 12 0	56	15	...	...	...	15
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(Signed) R. DHARMA ROW,
for Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

SUBMITTED to Government.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1878, No. 2,041.

Separate Revenue, No. 28.

Salt.

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(Signed) H. S. THOMAS,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. W. H. French.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

Acting Secretary.

Ed. W. J. Lewis.

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DECEMBER
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Following questions.—Agreeing with the
Board of Revenue in considering that the exports
ments in — should receive further trial, and
accordingly sanctioning their continuance.

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Board of Revenue,
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THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS, 27th NOVEMBER 1878, No. 3,163.

NOVEMBER.

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Fishing Operations—during the half-year ending 30th June 1878.—Submitting to Government letter from Commissioner of Salt Revenue forwarding a tabular statement showing the —, and agreeing with that officer in thinking that the experiments should certainly be continued.

Ob 2041-19 December 1878
With Order.

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The Government and Secretary