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10. The only doubt I have is whether any reduction in price is required. My doubts arise from want of confidence in the judgment of the Salt Deputy Collector; and I would, therefore, have greatly preferred to have seen the salt before making this proposal. The Brinjarry season has now, however, commenced, and if the stock is not got rid of now, it will hang on hand for another year. This would be a great pity. I think, therefore, it is best to risk it, as I cannot hope to be able to visit Chinna Ganjam for some months to come, especially as the Collectors of the District who have seen the salt have reported that it is bad.

11. For the same reason (that the Brinjarry season has commenced) I request the favor of early orders.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the Details of Salt of Fasli 1280 in the several Faslis succeeding to Fasli 1280 in which the Salt was stored, Chinna Ganjam Division, Kistna District.

Period.	Quantity manufactured.	Quantity Sold.				Wastage.			Total Quantity disposed of.	Balance.
		Retail.	Wholesale.	Total.	Value.	On Retail.	On Wholesale.	Total.		
	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.	RS.	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.	MDS.
Salt sold while 5 per cent. discount was in force..	..	283,802	206,340	490,142	9,80,284	16,018	10,850	26,878	517,020	..
Salt sold while 7 per cent. discount was in force..	..	4,318	1,116	5,434	10,868	702	84	786	6,220	..
Salt sold while 12 per cent. discount was in force ..	..	1,920	..	1,926	3,840	480	..	480	2,400	..
Total ..	646,340	290,040	207,456	497,496	9,94,992	17,200	10,944	28,144	525,640	121,200

MADRAS,
3rd December 1878.

(Signed) H. W. BLISS,
Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board support the proposal made in paragraph 9 under Section 9 of Act XVIII of 1877. In view of its being the commencement of the Brinjarry season early orders are solicited.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

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No. 234. ORDER THEREON, 21st December 1878, No. 2,049.

Separate Revenue, No. 30.
Salt.

THE proposal made by the Salt Commissioner for getting rid of the inferior salt manufactured at Chinna Ganjam and supported by the Board is approved and sanctioned.

2. The necessary notification under Section 9, Act XVIII of 1877, will be published in the next issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

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No. 1,237.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 11th May 1876.

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 13th April 1876, No. 559:—

REFERRING to Proceedings, No. 1,612, dated 29th June 1874, in which the discount on wholesale transactions was permitted to be raised from 5 to 7 per cent. for heaps stored in 1871 at the Chinna Ganjam Salt Cotaur, I have the honor to report that only one heap of that year has been sold at that rate, it being found insufficient to cover the wastage or to induce wholesale purchasers to apply. Of 129,820 Indian Maunds in store when the Board's order was received, there yet remains the large balance of 127,200 Maunds to be disposed of.

See Miscellaneous Proceedings, No. 8,039, dated 6th September 1875.

2. The wastage discovered in some of the heaps recently examined by the Deputy-Collector amounts to an average of 10 per cent., and it seems that the longer the salt is allowed to stand on the platform the more it will deteriorate.

3. The traders will not take it at the present rate of 7 per cent.; and unless it be ordered to be destroyed, or a further reduction of discount be made, the sales there must suffer as long as the rule is in force that the old salt is to be sold before the new.

4. I, therefore, recommend that the rate of discount be raised to 14 per cent., which I do not think unreasonable, considering that, on a former occasion, a discount of 12 per cent. was allowed on salt, the quality of which was not complained of—See Proceedings, No. 5,722, dated 2nd September 1864.

5. The Deputy-Collector's report on the subject accompanies.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. VENKATA NARASIMHA RAO PANTULU, Deputy-Collector, in charge of the Salt Department, Kistna District, to G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 24th March 1876, No. 52.

IN submitting an arzee from M. Seshagiri Row, the Acting Salt Superintendent of Chinna Ganjam, dated 6th January last, No. 1, I have the honor to refer you to paragraph 2 thereof, in which he states that the discount of 7 Maunds per cent. already allowed in Board's Proceedings, dated 29th June 1874, No. 1,612, is not sufficient to cover the wastage on the sale of whole heaps of the salt of Fasli 1280, and that the traders apply that it should be increased to 15 Maunds per cent.

Faslies.	Number of platform.	Number of heap.	Quantity at first stored.	Outturn.	Wastage.	Date of storage.		Date of examination.	
			mds.			1871.		1875.	
1280...	2	131	1,200	1,057	143	July.	10	July.	18
	...	137	1,200	1,066	134	Do.	12	Do.	16
	3	63	1,200	1,083	117	Do.	10	Do.	17
	...	67	1,200	1,120	80	Do.	11	Do.	17
Average percentage...					9¼				

2. This salt is somewhat inferior (scraped under special circumstances as per Board's Proceedings, dated 20th June 1871, No. 2,482) to that of the subsequent Faslis, and the wastage in 1874, *i.e.*, when applied for more discount, was on an average 5¾ Maunds.

3. Last year, on a reference from the Board, a few heaps of salt of that Fasli (1280) were tested by me and the wastage varied from 80 to 143 Maunds or on the average was 9¼ Maunds.

4. Since receipt of the Board's said Proceedings allowing 7 per cent. discount, I and the Salt Superintendent of Chinna Ganjam, C. Kistnamma on leave and his acting incumbent, tried our best to sell the old stock in two Lambady seasons without success.

5. Both of them have repeatedly recommended for increasing the discount till 15 Maunds per cent. I fear that, if the article remains unsold, the ratio of wastage will continue to increase, and that the salt will also deteriorate in quality.

6. Besides this, under Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd September 1864, No. 5,722, copy enclosed, it appears that good salt of Fasli 1269 was sold on a discount of 12 Maunds per cent. in 1864.

7. Under these circumstances, I request that you will be so good as to obtain sanction for allowing a discount of 14 per cent. on the sale of whole heaps of salt of Fasli 1280.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. PURUSHOTTAMAYA,
Deputy-Collector.

THE Board sanction an allowance of 12 per cent. upon wholesale transactions.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.
1876.

PROCEEDINGS, 11TH MAY 1876, No. 1,237.

Encl.

Received

MAY.
No. 1,237.

Salt.—Sanctioning an allowance of 12 per cent. for wastage of —, on wholesale transactions, for heaps stored in 1871 at Chinna Ganjam in Kistna District.

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No. 1,612.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th June 1874.

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 18th May 1874, No. 852:—

I HAVE the honour to request that the Board will permit me to raise the allowance for wastage at the Chinna Ganjam Salt Cotaur from 5 to 7 per cent. I only ask for it for heaps stored in 1871.

2. The Board will recollect that in that year Mr. Boswell, finding the manufacture was very backward, asked permission to store salt of inferior quality rather than none at all, and that the Board gave their sanction.

3. This is the salt that is now in my hands, and which is so bad that the sales at the Cotaur have been seriously affected in the past season.

4. I have convinced myself of the fact that the wastage is above the old average of the Cotaur by measuring two heaps.

5. The salt is small and very dirty. I enclose the Salt Deputy's letter on the subject, and his statement of the tested deficiency in 129 heaps.

P. S.—I also enclose a statement showing salt sales at Chinna Ganjam Cotaur for the last seven years.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. VENKATA NARASIMHA ROW, Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, to G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, dated Nizampatam, 25th March 1874, No. 22.

I HAVE the honour to bring to your notice the large quantity of salt, 160,230 maunds, of the manufacture of Fasli 1280 in store at the Chinna Ganjam pans.

2. The wastage in the salt stored in that fasli has been so great that it has now been found impossible to dispose of it by wholesale.

3. The quality of the salt is, however, somewhat inferior; it was scraped under orders of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1871, No. 2,482, as the season of that year was an unusual one for salt manufacture.

4. From the statement herewith sent it will be seen that the average wastage in last fasli was $5\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., and the small sales of the current fasli show a wastage of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The latter average will probably be much increased by the close of the monsoon.

5. With a view to the more speedy disposal of the salt I would request to obtain the Board's sanction to increase the discount from 5 to 12 per cent. With this inducement it is probable that the Brinjaries would not object to purchasing it wholesale; otherwise I fear the ratio of wastage will continue to increase, and that the salt will also deteriorate much in quality.

6. You are aware how unfavourably the sales at this Cotaur have been operated upon by the sales at the neighbouring Cotaurs in the Nellore District, and I look upon the large quantity of old salt in store as one of the causes which has driven traders away.

7. I may here mention that when there was a falling off of the wholesale trade the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings, dated 25th November 1870, No. 6,837, sanctioned a higher rate of discount to be given at the discretion of the late Collector (Mr. Boswell), but this permission* was not then availed of, seeing the further improvement in wholesale trade.

* *Vide* Board's Proceedings, 6th March 1871, No. 980.

8. Besides, on a previous occasion the Board had in their Proceedings, dated 2nd September

1864, No. 5,722, sanctioned a higher rate of discount, *i. e.*, 12 per cent. on the disposal of salt of the manufacture of Fasli 1269,

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. D. LEMAN,
Collector.

Enclosures Nos. 2 and 3.—Statements.

The wastage on the heaps stored in 1871 having been ascertained to be upwards of 7 per cent. the allowance on wholesale transactions may be raised from 5 to 7 per cent. as recommended.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of the Kistna District.

Encl. J. Tullock.

1874.

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Proceedings, 29th June 1874, No. 1,612.

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No. 1,612.

Salt.—Collector of Kistna District permitted to raise allowance for wastage of — at Chinna Ganjam Salt Cotaur from 5 to 7 per cent. for heaps stored in 1871 on wholesale transactions.

Revenue Department.

No. 3271.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 16th December 1878.

Read the following:-

No. 1898.

From H. W. Blair Esqre
Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

To C. A. Galton Esqre
Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings mar-
ginally noted, I have the honor to enclose a state-
2282, Date June 20, 1871.
1612 " 29. 1874.
1237 " May 11. 1876.
ment shewing the progress which has
been made in the disposal of the unfini-
shed salt manufactured at Chinna Ganjam in Fasly
1280.

2. The total quantity manufactured amounted
to 6.46.840 maunds whereof 121.200 maunds
remain on hand. The sales in the last 2½ years
have been only 2.400 maunds.

3. The special rates of discount (7 and 12 per
cent) hitherto granted were under the old system
to wholesale purchasers only, and were intended
to compensate them for ascertained high rates of
wastage

wastage. The last concession (12 per cent discount) never had a fair chance of producing any effect for before the next Bringary season came round the Famine had developed itself; and the concession itself was withdrawn last year with the general cessation of the discount system.

4. The Salt Dy. Collector now proposes —

either, that a special rate of discount at 25 per cent be allowed;

or, that the Salt be destroyed.

5. The former proposal shows that, notwithstanding all that has passed since 1876, Venkata Narasimha Row still continues in ignorance of the real effect of special discounts on the sale of salt, viz. that they exclude from the market, as far as they are effective, full-duty paid salt and thus operate directly in diminution of the Revenue of the State. He can hardly have troubled himself to read and certainly has not understood those portions of the Report of the Madras Salt Commission wherein this question is discussed.

6. No estimate of the cost of destroying the Salt is submitted. But of course it will be a considerable sum.

7. These proposals show, moreover, that the Salt Deputy Collector fails to appreciate the difference between the reasons for the grant of discount under the old system, and those which would justify a reduction of the cost price now. Discount was formerly granted to wholesale purchasers to make up for wastage. This reason does not now apply. But there is no cause why, if Salt is inferior, its cost price should not be reduced.

8. The reports of the Collectors embodied in the Board's Proceedings above referred to show that this particular Salt is inferior, though not unfit for consumption. I think therefore it will be best to reduce the cost price so as, if possible, to get rid of it. If this can be done on these terms it will certainly be cheaper than to spend money on destroying it or than to keep it for years without being able to sell it.

9. I have the honor therefore to propose for the sanction of Govt. under Section 9 of Act XVIII of

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Have &c.
(Sd.) H. W. Bliss
Commr of Salt Revs.

Office of the Commr of Salt Revs. Madras
3rd December 1878

Submitted for the orders of Government.

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in para 9 under Section 9 of Act XVIII of 1877.
In view of its being the commencement of the
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(True Copy and Extract)

Ag. Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government N. D.
with copy of Statement A of Bds Rs. & 29th June
1874 No. 1124 & 11th May 1876 No. 1287

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Board of Revenue.
Dated 16th December 1878.
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No 2049. 21 December 1878

With Order

Salt — stand at Chinna Ganjam in Ganjam Distt of the manufacture of Fasli 1280. — Submitting & East letter from Comr of Salt-Revenue proposing that the cost price of the — may be declared to be reduced to 2 Annas.

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Rec'd 19 Dec 1878
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Answered 7 Jan

6 030 Sums/71 At 151 Mar

No 2049

The Govt of Madras having made by its Salt Commissioners for getting rid of the superior Salt manufactured at Chinna Ganjam and exported by the Board is of opinion that the Salt should be sold at Annas 2 per maund.

The necessary Notification under Sec 9 Act XXIII of 1873 will be published in the next issue of the Fort St George Gazette.

21 Dec 1878

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