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No. 91. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1876, No. 714:—

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2. My opinion is that the above rate is insufficient, and that $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas per garce per mensem would be a fairer charge. This rate will be about sufficient to cover the whole cost of the sheds in one year. Considering that the permanent salt store may be before long made available as a bonded warehouse, and that the sheds are constructed of perishable materials, I am of opinion that it is desirable to recover their whole cost as soon as possible.

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3. The two sheds in question contain ten rooms each measuring $22 \times 34 \times 6$ feet or 4,500 cubic feet capable of holding 30 garce. Calculated under the said rules, the monthly rent for a single room will be Rupees 45, which multiplied by 10 (or Rupees 450) represents the total monthly hire for all the ten rooms.

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5. I beg to invite your attention to the concluding observation in paragraph 15 of the letter from the Government of India to the Madras Government, dated 19th August last, No. 274, limiting the rents to be charged in such cases to such a sum as is sufficient to cover the repair of the building; and in order to encourage the growth of private trade in salt, we should, I think, afford every facility to that end.

6. The cost of the annual repairs may be reckoned at Rupees 150 for both the sheds, they being thatched ones.

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12th April 1876.

7. I would suggest here that a rent at the rate of 1 Anna a garce per mensem be fixed on this account at present. The charge at this rate for each room will be Rupees 1-14-0 or Rupees 18-12-0 for ten rooms a-month. This will bring us a rent of Rs. 225 a-year for the sheds *in toto*.

8. The rate now proposed will be made applicable also to the cases of similar previous storages made by the merchants in the permanent godowns till the completion of the thatched ones under reference.

9. I solicit your early instructions on the subject which the levy of rent is postponed.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. LOGAN,
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* Standing Order	257	feet of space occupied is charged. Salt
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" "	1	high, and the Collector and Deputy

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3. These Proceedings will be submitted to Government for their approval.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 92.

ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1876, No. 504.

Separate Revenue, No. 6.

Salt.

THE Government agree with the Board and the Collector that it is desirable to reduce the present godown-rent charged on salt stored in temporary

sheds at the Calicut Custom-house. One Rupee per 100 cubic feet of space occupied seems exorbitant when compared with the cost of accommodation afforded; but the

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Government will not reduce it below the rate proposed by the Collector, viz., $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas per garce per mensem.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. W. H. French.

Enclosure to the Revenue Department

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2. The existing high rates of godown rent were fixed with a view to compel merchants to remove their goods as early as possible, and avoid the inconvenience which would result from keeping them too long in the godowns; but in the case of salt imported by private traders into Malabar and South Canara, the object ought to be different, it being very desirable to encourage private trade in salt in these districts. The Government of India have directed that a rent only sufficient to cover the repairs of the buildings should be charged—vide paragraph 15 of the letter of Government of India printed in the G.O., dated 1st October 1875, No. 1446. The Collector's letter refers particularly to the two salt sheds recently erected at a cost of Rupees 633, and Mr. Logan considers that the whole of this sum should be recovered from the importers within a year, and with this object in view, he would fix the rate of godown rent at $2\frac{1}{2}$ Annas a garce per mensem. The Deputy Collector, however, calculates that at the rate of 1 Anna, the sum of Rupees 225 per annum will be realized in rent, and in the peculiar circumstances of the case, the Board consider that this rate will be sufficiently high and sanction its adoption.

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
,, the Acting Collector of Malabar.

Ed. W. H. French.

Acting Sub-Secretary.

Sanctioned

to be from 66 cubic feet

to be from 66 cubic feet

Approved 1876. *Sept 1876*
BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 17th MARCH 1876, No. 714.

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to be from 66 cubic feet

Received 20/3/76

MARCH.
No. 714.

Godown rent—on salt stored in certain temporary sheds constructed within the Calicut Custom-house enclosure, in Malabar District.—Sanctioning, subject to approval of Government, charge of —, at 1 Anna per garce per mensem.

Memorandum order.

Board's No. 13 March 1876
No 714.

It is proposed to allow the Godown rent charged on salt stored in the custom-house at Calicut from 1 Rupee a month for every 100 cubic feet of space occupied as sanctioned for all districts (vide standing circular No. XXVII/1875) to one anna per garce per mensem, the rate proposed by the Deputy Collector & approved by the Ad. Commr. & advocated by the Collector viz $2\frac{1}{2}$ annas per garce per mensem. The recommendation is based on para 15 of the letter from the Govt. of India recorded in G.O. 1st October 1875 No. 1446, in which they pointed out the measures to be adopted in connection with the introduction of the Excise system into Malabar.

A Concession is only required. At present 1 Rupee 100 cubic feet Godown is charged per mensem. The exact amount occupied by each of Salt does appear but it is to be from 66 cubic feet to the charge from 10 odd per cent. The charge is really a very heavy and utterly is blatant when shared with the of accommodation. Whether the Excise be introduced or not, the result action is Government has to encourage the Excise system into Malabar.

Canada, which they then decided, should be introduced into those
provisions. But the fact of the same having changed their minds & this question
is now under discussion

to the Salt Commission
under 16.21? Jan 11 1876 as 85. There

the excise act, not being
yet introduced into the act,

it does not seem expedient
to make any concessions

at present to the Salt mer-
chants on the west coast.

The reduction in the former
rent, if made when the

merchants import salt
on their own account under

the excise system, will be
opportune & felt to be

directly due to the facili-
ties which the Govt. wish

to afford for private trade
in salt, whereas any

indulgence now granted
with the monopoly system

in full force will not
be associated with the

encouragement to private
enterprise which under

altered conditions alone
the Govt. would be anxious to

foster.

the private import
of Salt and the

effect has been
useful in showing

that we may rely
on private traders -

Should the Excise
Act be introduced.

Our object is rather
to store against the

times and as we
have no bonded

warehouses, we
may be reasonable

in our charges.

I would accept
the Collector's rates.

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faster. Further, but for
the resolution after Govt.
India in August 1875
to apply the Salt Excise
Act to the west coast. It
— a resolution which
has been reconsidered
& not since acted on. The
proposal to reduce the former
rent would not have been
made by them. Under these
circumstances it is neces-
sary for the proposed change
in the former rent is not
apparent. It will undoubtedly
result in advantage to the
Salt merchants who have
fully taken into calcula-
tion the present rate of
government in estimating
their profits. When taking
up the contract - If a con-
cession of the kind proposed
be made when the ex-
cise system is introduced
it will be fully appreciated
& operate as a stimulus to

private traders. Orders
are requested.

If the proposal is sanctioned
would it not be necessary
to extend the rule to L. Cana-

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Order

The Gov. agree with
the Board & the Collector that
it is desirable to reduce
the present gradual rent
charged on salt stored in tem-
porary sheds at the Customhouse.
One Register booklet
full of papers occupied several months.
When compared with the cost
of accommodation afforded by the
the Government will not
reduce it below ^{rate} the proposed
by the Collector viz. 2 1/2 annas
per seer per mensem.

12 April 1876

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Sent to the Collector 3/4/76 12/4/76

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