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No. 167. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th May 1876, No. 1,384:—

Read the following letter from Surgeon J. J. L. RATTON, M.D., on Special Salt Duty, to E. GIBSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Porto Novo, 6th May 1876, No. 114.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I have just received Board's Proceedings, No. 1,001, dated 11th April 1876, containing a letter, No. 328, from the District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Collector of South Arcot, dated 22nd March 1876. In paragraph 2 of which letter the District Engineer brings my name to notice as follows:—"I regret to have to bring to notice that Dr. Ratton, in his letter, No. 16, of 23th January, forgets that the plan proposed in the former memorandum was based on his own proposition, and I must say I consider, before reporting as favorable as he has done on the Harigoshti scheme, he should have satisfied himself that at the place where it was proposed to take the water good salt water was always available."

2. I wish to state that the plan the District Engineer refers to, *i.e.*, the plan of taking the Harigoshti brine-supply at B, was not proposed by me, and I am at a loss to understand how it could be based on my proposition. In accordance with Board's Proceedings, No. 3,417, dated 22nd December 1875: "Communicated to Dr. Ratton, who is requested to submit proposals for conducting experiments on a large scale in person at Harigoshti after visiting the locality and conferring with the Collector, if necessary," I proceeded to Harigoshti in January 1876, and on the 28th January I wrote the letter referred to by the District Engineer, drawing attention to the weakness of the brine-supply at B. The fact is, the plan had been prepared in the district before I had taken up my appointment at Harigoshti, or had made any proposals with reference to it or its brine-supply.

3. At a purely informal and preliminary meeting at the Collector's house, Cuddalore, in September last, whilst I was on leave, I saw the plan, and was pleased with it, but was not in a position then to criticise any of its details, as I had not visited the site for two years. Subsequently, I saw the plan at the District Engineer's house at Cuddalore when on my way to Harigoshti, but made no proposals, as I was fully under the impression that, as I was specially deputed by the Board to make proposals regarding the site, the plan and estimate would be sent to me before being submitted to Government to give me an opportunity of comparing them with the site, and making such proposals as I thought necessary. This was not done. I have been made acquainted with the estimate through the medium of Board's Proceedings, and the plan I have not seen since.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of South Arcot.

2. There seems to be some misapprehension on the part of the District Engineer as to the nature of Dr. Ratton's recommendation, which will easily be set right by personal communication between the two officers. Dr. Ratton will, of

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course, have full opportunity of inspecting the plans, &c., of the site at Harigoshti, which have been prepared in the district.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 168. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1876, No. 804.

Separate Revenue, No. 20.

Salt.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

E. Gibson
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.

J. J. L. Ratton, Esq., M.D., on Special Salt Duty.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE.

Oct. 1876

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated June 15th.

Read.

Emd.

G.O., 15th June 1876, No. 804.

JUNE
Nos. 167-168.

Harigoshti. Brine-supply. Recording. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue communicated to the Collector of South Arcot. Letter from Dr. Ratton reporting the plan of taking the brine-supply at B was not proposed by him.

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to Collector of South Arcot report of Dr. Ration
that plan of taking — at B was not proposed by
him, and stating that latter officer will have full
opportunity of inspecting the plans, &c., of the
site which have been prepared in the district.

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