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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st June 1878, No. 943.

Read the following paper :—

No. 257. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th June 1878, No. 1,511.

Read the following letter from Major T. K. GUTHRIE, Acting Assistant Inspector-General of Police, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 22nd May 1878, No. 2,194.

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith a letter, No. 1,910, dated 13th May 1878, from the Collector of Nellore applying for sanction of Government for retention of temporary salt guard for three months from October to December 1877, beyond the period provided for in the budget. The cost amounts to Rupees 681-8-5.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th May 1878, No. 1,910.

THE Acting Superintendent of Police informs me that the Audit Department of the Chief Office in Madras has objected to pass the salary of the temporary Police employed during October, November, and December last, to escort the salt sent from this district to the Madras Cotaur under the Board's orders, dated 14th April and 8th May 1877, Nos. 1,682 and 2,132.

2. Three Head Constables and twenty Constables were employed on this duty as shown below :—

	Famine Batta.			Pay.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Cost of the Police guard employed on salt duty in October	80	0	6	173	6	3
Cost of the Police guard employed on salt duty in November	40	6	0	132	6	6
Cost of the Police guard employed on salt duty in December	56	14	5	198	6	9
Total	177	4	11	504	3	6

3. I have the honor accordingly to request that the Board will be pleased to move the Government to sanction the charge.

4. This letter is submitted as usual in such cases through the Inspector-General of Police.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

2. It being necessary to supplement the stock of salt at the Madras Cotaur which was almost exhausted, the Board directed a supply to be sent from Nellore; hence the necessity for the guard.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 258.

ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1878, No. 943.

Separate Revenue, No. 24.

Salt.

SANCTIONED Rupees 681-8-5.

2. Should the budget grant under Salt be eventually found insufficient to meet this extra charge, application will be made to the Government of India for

a supplemental grant or for a transfer from some other grant.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

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

No. 1,682.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 14th April 1877.

Read the following papers:—

From C. E. PLUNKETT, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, to J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Sunnapagunta, 28th March 1877, No. 94:—

Out of a "dittum" of 100 garces allotted to this station for this season over 85 have already been scraped, and the balance probably will be in the course of another week, when, according to the practice of the department, further irrigation of the pans will be prohibited and the manufacture for this year closed.

2. But the ryots have all waited upon me, both yesterday and to-day, and have begged to be allowed to go on making more salt. They plead they have no other means of relief or subsistence this year, and, but for this salt manufacture, they should all be starving or have many of them to resort to the relief-houses established in the neighbourhood of Madras. The pans too are in fine working order, and it seems a pity to abruptly stop them so soon; the result will be a plentiful yield of spontaneous salt in them, which, as already brought to your notice by my separate letters, is abundant, and being, as I fear, largely smuggled is seriously affecting our trade. We will thus be only adding to an already-existing evil.

3. Most of the people now employed in our pans will, if work is stopped, also be driven to the hand of smugglers from want of other subsistence, and it is very much to be deprecated, I think, that they should be as it were driven to such a course.

4. Our own local wants will, however, be fully provided for with the hundred garces already made, and will give us a full two years' reserve, but still, in the interests of the people, I have the honor to ask whether some salt cannot be sent from here to the Madras Cotaour. The manufacture there, the people of this place assert, is very backward this year from deficiency of water and the season, and it will probably be in every way to the benefit of Government to send salt from this to Madras. They are willing to supply boats, undertake transit, &c., and do every thing, in fact, that is necessary (upon due payment of course), if their salt is wanted for Madras, and offer to turn out 400 garces from now till the end of the season. I doubt it, however, and probably 250 to 300 garces will be as much as they can give, but if more is required I can give it from the adjoining pans at Tada.

5. The salt is good, white, well formed, and of fair size and grannulation.

6. I beg to suggest, therefore, that the Board of Revenue be addressed in the matter, and the transport of salt from our stations of Tada and Sunnapagunta to the Madras Cotaour this year be recommended as well for the benefit of the salt manufactures of these places as in the interests of Government, if, as alleged by these people, a deficiency of stock in Madras threatens.

7. Navigation with Madras from here for boats heavily laden, is, I believe, not practicable at present; but if the salt is required and ordered I can always make and secure it, pending restitution of navigation, and then send it on.

8. Pending a reply to this letter, I have directed the Superintendent to let the manufacture proceed as usual, even after the dittum of the hundred garces we require has been got, so that early orders are requisite, else more salt will be made than we have ourselves need for.

SUBMITTED for the orders of the Board of Revenue.

2. Mr. Plunkett requests permission for salt to be made at Tada and Sunnapagunta for the Madras Cotaours.

3. The salt required locally is all manufactured, and if the pans are closed, the laborers will have to be dealt with on relief works and at relief camps.

Col. of (1878) Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated June 21st.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O. 21st June 1878, No. 943.

JUNE.

Nos. 257-258.

Temporary Salt Guard in the Nellore District.
Sanctioning, with remarks, Revenue 681 & 3.
The charge incurred on account of the retention
of the—beyond the period provided for in the
budget.

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4. If, as is asserted, the Chingleput works will afford an insufficient supply of salt this year, the Collector thinks it very desirable that the Tada and Sunnapagunta people should be allowed to contribute towards what is wanted. They will be able to turn out 300 garces of good salt and are ready to make all the necessary arrangements for carrying it to Madras.

NELLORE,
4th April 1877.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Collector.

Telegram from J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th April 1877.
Mr letter, No. 1,545, of 4th April. Please send early orders to Plunkett. More than the ditum already manufactured.

The Collector of Chingleput is requested to state whether more salt than can be manufactured at the northern pans is required, and if so, what quantity he is prepared to receive; meanwhile the manufacture at Tada and Sunnapagunta may proceed, the salt being stored locally until it is decided whether it is to be conveyed to the Madras Cotaur. The Collector should inquire when the canal is likely to be navigable and what will be the cost of transport.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Chingleput.
" Collector of Nellore.

Copy to C. E. Plunkett, Esq., Deputy Collector in charge of Salt Department, Nellore.

Ed. A. Grubert.

Salt.—Requesting Collector of Chingleput to state whether more salt than can be manufactured at northern pans is required, and if so, what quantity he is prepared to receive; directing Collector of Nellore to proceed with manufacture of salt at Tada and Sunnapagunta, and to inquire whether the canal is navigable and what will be cost of transport.

APRIL.
No. 1,682.

Received

24/4/77

Encl.

PROCEEDINGS, 14TH APRIL 1877, No. 1,682.

BOARD of REVENUE,
MADRAS.

1877.

No. 2,132.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th May 1877.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 1st May 1877, No. 307 :—

In reply to the Proceedings of the Board, dated the 14th ultimo, I have the honor to forward copy of the Salt Deputy Collector's letter of the 27th idem, No. 209, from which it will be observed that it is unnecessary to obtain any supply of salt from Nellore.

2. As regards the Deputy Collector's paragraph 5, I would observe that I have already directed him, subject to the Board's approval, to continue the manufacture at Covelong and Vadasemmenjeri Divisions in excess of the ditum with reference to the prevailing distress, and for reasons which will be separately reported.

3. I see no objection, however, to receiving the small quantity named by the Nellore Collector, should the Board deem such course advisable in the interests of that district.

4. I am unable to say when the canal will be again navigable, probably not till there is heavy rain.

5. The cost of carrying a garce of salt to the Madras Cotaur will, the Deputy Collector reports, be Rupees 3-10-0 from Tada and Rupees 3 from Sunnapagunta.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From D. V. NARASINGA ROW, Deputy Collector in charge of Salt, Chingleput, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Madras, 27th April 1877, No. 209.

With reference to your docket of the 19th instant, No. 665, upon the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 14th, and in continuation of my letter of the 18th idem, No. 197, I have the honor again to state that at the Madras Cotaur we have on hand up to date 556,000 maunds, sufficient to meet the demand for five and-a-half months at one lakh per month.

2. At the northern pans about four lakhs of maunds were made up to 24th instant by the springs produced in the channels, and by a moderate quantity of water that runs into them by the force of the wind, as the silt was cleared in the centre of the channels intersecting the pans a little lower than the level of the main canal; perhaps we might obtain six lakhs in addition if there should be no change in the weather.

3. At the Home's Garden depôt there are 350,000 maunds in store, and at the Covelong and Vadasemmenjeri pans 300,000 of maunds were manufactured up to 24th, and are ready to be transported to the above depôt, where I have arranged to store the same; and if required, the quantity that may be produced hereafter at the pans may also be taken into store at the same depôt.

4. From this you will be pleased to observe that there is a quantity of sixteen lakhs of maunds now available between the Home's Garden and the Madras Cotaur, so that we shall be able to meet the demand for about fifteen months' consumption, calculated upon the average of the last three years at 1,300,000 per year.

5. If the manufacture at the Covelong and Vadasemmenjeri Divisions is permitted to continue as recommended in my letter of the date quoted in paragraph 1, there will be no necessity to obtain any supply from other districts.

6. I may add that at the Covelong beach platform 360,000 Indian maunds remain in store in addition to the quantity already mentioned. I propose to store therein 125,000 maunds, which will on any day supplement the depôt at the Home's Garden.

7. The Collector of Nellore states that he can supply 300 garces, equal to 36,000 maunds, which will not suffice to meet the want of the Madras Cotaur even for ten days.

8. The main canal is entirely dry. I inspect the pans driving over the banks of the canal, and cannot say when it will become navigable; perhaps not until we have a good fall of rain, or the Pulicat and the Ennore bars open themselves by some gale out in the sea, or the canal is thoroughly repaired.

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9. The cost of conveying a garce of salt from Tada to the Madras Cotaur will be Rupees 3-10-0 and from Sunnapagunta Rupees 3.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of Nellore, who will make arrangements for the transport of the surplus salt manufactured at Tada and Sunnapagunta when the canal is rendered navigable.

2. The continuance of manufacture at Covelong and Vadasemmenjeri is approved.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Collector of Nellore, with copy of enclosure.
" Collector of Chingleput.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

Surplus Salt — manufactured at Tada and Sunnapagunta in Nellore District. — Requesting Collector to make arrangements for transport of — to Madras Cotaur, in Chingleput District, when the canal is rendered navigable; and approving continuance of manufacture at Covelong and Vadasemmenjeri in latter district.

MAY.
No. 2,132.

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End.

PROCEEDINGS, 8TH MAY 1877, No. 2,132.

1877.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

Revenue Department

No. 157
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
Dated 6th June 1878.

Read the following

No. 2194.

From The Asst. Assistant Insp^r: Genl of Police

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter No. 1910 of 13th May 1878 from the Collector of Nellore applying for sanction of Govt. for retention of temporary salt guards for 3 months from October to December 1877 beyond the period provided for in the Budget. The cost amounts to Rupees 68-8-5

I have &c
Chief office of the } (Sd) W. Guthrie Major
Insp^r: Genl of Police } Asst Insp^r: Genl of Police
Madras 22 May 1878

Enclosure

No. 1910.
From James Grose Esq^r
Collector of Nellore.

To C. A. Galton Esq^r
Asst. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir

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The Acting Superintendent of Police informs me that the Audit Department of the Chief office in Madras has objected to pass the salary of the Temporary Police employed during October, November & December last to escort the salt sent from this District to the Madras Cotans under the Board orders dated 14th April & 8th May 1877, No. 1682 & 2132.

2. Three Head Constable & 20 Constables were employed on this duty as shown below:-

	Hamine Batta	Pay
Cost of the Police guard employed on salt duty in October . . .	Rs. 4. P. Rs. A. P.	
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Total	177 - 4 - 11	504 - 3 - 6

3. I have the honor accordingly to request that the Board will be pleased to move the Government to sanction the charge.

4. This letter is Submitted as usual in such cases through the Inspector General

General of Police.

Nellore Colln office?
13th May 1878.

I have &c
(Sd) J. Grose
Collector

Submitted for the sanction of Govt.
2. It being necessary to supplement the stock of salt at the Madras Kotan, which was almost exhausted the Board directed a supply to be sent from Nellore, hence the necessity for the guard.

(True copy & Extract)

C. J. Grose
As Secretary

The Secretary to Government C.D.
with copies of Ord. Pro. 714th Apr 1877
No. 1682 & 8th May 1877 No. 2132

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Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 21 June 1878

Read the following proceedings
of the Board of Revenue dated
6th June 1878 No. 1571.

Sanctioned Rupees 681-8-5.

(2). Should the Budget Grant
under Salt be eventually found
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Dated 6 June 1878.

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