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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

21st January 1879, No. 159.

Read the following paper:—
No. 333. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th December 1878,
No. 3,414.

Read the following papers:—

From H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to C. A. GALTON, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 14th December
1878, No. 2,029.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information of the Board, copy of a letter,
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Salt Deputy Collector that an additional dittam will be granted to bring up stocks to
their proper level if the one lately fixed for next season (300,000 maunds) is worked
up to soon enough.

4. I have issued such instructions as appear needed with regard to the repairs
necessitated by the storm.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. PUNDARIKAKSHUDU, Acting Salt Deputy Collector of the Godavari District, to
H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, dated Pennuguduru, 10th December
1878, No. 80.

I REGRET to have to report that another storm, though of a less degree, visited the salt
station of Pennuguduru and its neighbourhood this month. On the 5th instant wind was heavy
from the north; it became severe on the 6th and veered to the west. The barometer began to
fall and the people were not without fear of another cyclone. Fortunately, however, there was
a favorable change and the wind fell off gradually on the 7th. Throughout the 6th it rained
more or less heavily with short intervals, and the same amounted to 6 inches according to the
registers kept in the Collector's office. All the 8th also was cloudy, and it was only yesterday
that we had a clear weather. I inspected the station yesterday and to-day. Half of the heaps
at Pennuguduru suffered again, though slightly, by the thatch having been partly blown away,
but have since been recovered. The loss is estimated to be 2,100 maunds, or 30 maunds per
heap.

2. I have already reported the result of my reweighments subsequent to the cyclone of the
5th ultimo. I wished to reweigh some heaps on Nadinattu, but owing to coolies being engaged
in cutting paddy fields I could not do so. However, as already observed, I have no reason to
suppose that the loss in the heaps on that platform will differ from that on Patarlagodda plat-

No. 80.

From P. Pundarikatachudra
Ag. Salt Deputy Collector.
To H. W. Bliss Esq. Madras.
Commissioner of Salt Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I regret to have to report that another storm, though of a less degree, visited the Salt Station of Ponnaguduru and its neighbourhood this month. On the 5th instant, wind was heavy from the North, it became more on the 6th and veered to the west. The barometer began to fall and the people were not without fear of another Cyclone. Fortunately, however, there was a favourable change and the wind fell off gradually on the 7th. Throughout the 6th it rained more or less heavily with short intervals and the same amounted to 6 inches according to the registers kept in the Collector's Office. All the 8th also was cloudy, and it was only yesterday that we had a clear weather. I inspected the station yesterday and to-day. Half of the heaps at Ponnaguduru suffered again, though slightly, by the thatch having

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2. I have already reported the results of my reweighments subsequent to the byelaws of the 3rd of Ultime. I wished to reweigh some heaps on a Kachinath but owing to coolies being engaged in cutting paddy fields, I could not do so. However, as already observed, I have no reason to suppose that the loss in the heaps on that platform will differ from that on Patarlagadda platform. The following is an account of the loss ascertained either by sale by the Superintendent or reweighments by myself.

Name of the Platform.	No. of the heaps.	Whether the heaps are of 10 or 20 gans each.	Quantity lost in mounds.	Remarks.
Patarlagadda platform	100	10 gans heap	172	Reweighed by me.
	101	do.	204	do. do.
	103	do.	156	do. do.
	104	do.	102	do. do.
Total 4			634	Average loss 158 mounds

Name of the Platform.	No. of the heaps.	Whether the heaps are of 10 or 20 gans each.	Quantity lost in mounds.	Remarks.
Patarlagadda platform	93	20 gans heap	288	Reweighed by me.
	94	do.	392	do. do.
	88	do.	325	Sold by Dept.
	89	do.	394	do. do.
	90	do.	416	do. do.
	91	do.	421	do. do.
	92	do.	398	do. do.
Total	7	"	2636	Average loss 289 mounds.

3. On the 5th November, there were 60 heaps of 10 gans and 90 of twenty gans each. At the average above given the loss including the wastage which had naturally occurred is 43,320 mounds.

4. The loss in consequence of the storm of the 5th to the 7th Instant is 2,100 Indian mounds; total 45,420 Indian mounds which at 3 annas a mound cost Rs 8516-4.

5. To this may be added Rs 1500 on account

$$\begin{aligned}
 60 \times 158 &= 9480 \\
 90 \times 376 &= 33840 \\
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 150 &= 43,320 \\
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 \text{Average per heap} & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 289 \end{array} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

amount of the cost of repairs to works damaged.
Total Rs 10016-4-00, besides loss to the Contractor
who deposited gravel on some roads.

6. I am afraid that the storms have opened
a wide door for wholesale frauds, but I have
a good consultation in the house of the
Superintendent who as a rule conducts the works
himself.

7. The loss of quantity however does not
affect our stocks injuriously. On the 1st instant
there were according to account 2,68,000 maunds
but of this 45,420 Indian maunds were
lost. The remainder (2,22,580) and the Dittam
of the next official year viz 3,00,000 suffice
at the average of 20,000 per month for exactly
18 months from 1st July next allowing 22,580
maunds for wastage. It may, therefore, be
necessary to increase the Dittam, especially if
any quantity is to be set apart for export,
but I think the proposal can be put forward
when most part of the sanctioned Dittam is
actually manufactured.

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8. It has always been usual to commence
operations for manufacture in the first week
of February and to begin scraping salt in the
latter part of March. The previous year having
proved unfavourable to salt culture, operations
were commenced last year after the 20th January.
But from the present state of the season, I
am afraid that we will not be able to
begin operations this year till the middle
of February next. At Pennagudi, the
salt creek that supplies brine is clogged up
and is annually repaired. The estimate for
repairs has been sanctioned this year also as
usual. Before repairs, it has to be dried up,
for 20 or 25 days and with this view the
Superintendent under my orders raised cross-
bunds at both ends of the creek and its
main channel on the 3rd instant, but they
were washed away by the rains of the 5th
& 7th instant, by the action of the wind, and
by

by the rush of the water from the drainage ~
 channel coming from the Ramachendrapuram.
 This channel flowing from the west to the sea
 was excavated by this Department, so as
 to wash the silt in the Sitt creek into the
 sea. The unusual rains that are falling this
 year in this late part of the year are an
 obstruction to the closing of the break and
 drying it for repairs as early as is desirable.
 There has been rain again this day and it
 is not advisable to attempt at repairs before
 they cease. The Superintendent, however,
 proposes to raise cross bunds once more
 on the 17th instant, and I have directed him
 to do so, of course only if the weather clears.

9. The roads have again been damaged,
 and the Police sheds and the platforms have
 come down a second time. As the necessity
 for rebuilding the latter as often as they are
 destroyed cannot be ^{denied} ~~denied~~, I have instructed
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the Superintendent to rebuild them at once and
 send me bill of actual charges for submission
 to you for sanction. I may remark that the
 boats are on some platforms now, as
 soon as the sheds came down on the 6th instant,
 because they had no place to take shelter
 under. Of this, however, I have written to the
 Inspector of Police.

I have &c
 Camp Ponnagudam } (Sd/-) P. Pandarikaksham
 10th December 1878 } Ag. Deputy Collector.

(True copy)
 (Sd/-) H. W. Bliss
 Commr. of Salt Revenue
 (True copy)

W. H. G. S.
 Ag. Secretary.

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No. 151 Revenue Department.
 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
 Dated 18th December 1878.

Read the following:-

No. 8.

To R. Durmanow Naides Baroo
 Assistant Commissioner
 in charge of Central Salt Office
 Madras

Honored Sir,

I most humbly request that stormy
 weather and heavy rain commenced here on
 the 6th Instant and continued till the day-break
 of the 8th Instant. The flood inundated over the
 village. I and the servants of the Establishment
 narrowly escaped our lives. Salt Office is
 entirely fallen down. So that I could not
 prepare the weekly return for the week ending
 7th Instant at the fixed date. Hoping your
 honor will excuse for delay.

Yours very

9th Dec. 1878 }
 Pentacotta
 Salt Divⁿ

(Sd.) G. Pattabhisam
 Salt Superintendent.

No. 2031.

True copy forwarded to the Board of Revenue

for their information.
 Salt Commisⁿ Office
 Madras 16th Dec 1878 }

(Sd.) H. W. Bliss
 Comm^r of Salt Revenue

Revenue Dept

Endorse in Penⁿ.

Chief of Salt Divⁿ

Off^r Revenue Secy 18th

Dec 1878 No. 3414.

Wm. J. R. D.

Pres of 21st Jan'y/79

End in No. 383

Dec 1878

No. 2029.

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H. W. Bliss Esq.

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Commissioners of Salt Revenue

C. A. Ballou Esq.

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Office of the Commr. of Salt Revenue
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(Sd.) H. W. Bliss
Commr. of Salt Revenue.

Submitted for the information of Government.
(True Copy and Extract)

To
The Secretary to Government
R. D. with copy of enclosure.

Copy to
Mr. Spence

