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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

13th May 1880, No. 543.

No. 86. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1880, No. 558.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting to Government letter from Commissioner of Salt Revenue regarding the proposal to employ one Assistant Commissioner to supervise the Salt Department in South Canara and Malabar Districts.

No. 87. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1880, No. 543.

Separate Revenue, No. 5.
Salt.

His Grace, the Governor in Council sees no reason whatever to doubt that the Collectors of Malabar and South Canara can supervise customs just as well as any other Coast Collector, and

he continues of opinion that the separation of these officers from the charge of Sea Customs would be a serious evil.

2. The Collectors concerned must of course secure efficient subordinates.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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No. 558.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 26th April 1880.

Read the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Calicut, 16th April 1880, No. 2,274:—

I HAVE the honor to submit the report called for in G.O., dated 31st March 1880, No. 384, Revenue Department (Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 3,920, dated 12th April 1880).

2. I have no doubt that one Assistant Commissioner can effectively supervise the Salt Department in the two districts of South Canara and Malabar provided—

- (1) he is a man of energy, is properly paid, and is granted a sufficient travelling allowance; and
- (2) his local subordinates are better paid than at present. They may then be trusted to work intelligently and honestly without the constant supervision they now require, and which an officer in charge of both the districts could not afford.

3. My scheme for the reorganization of the Salt Department will provide for one Assistant Commissioner for the charge of South Canara, Malabar, and Coimbatore, with, I think, five Inspectors under him in charge of the Salt Preventive Force, which, I have now no doubt, must be a departmental one in accordance with the views of the Government of India. It had been my intention to propose that these officers should supervise the Sea Customs Houses and Bonded Warehouses as well as the Salt Factories of South Canara and the Salt Preventive Force along the coast and in the interior. But, as Government have decided that I shall not take charge of the Sea Customs, I shall now propose the same number of officers for the latter class of duties only. No reduction will be possible on account of the area to be covered.

4. At the same time I trust that I may be permitted to record my respectful opinion that, so long as any untaxed salt is permitted to pass into consumption through the West Coast ports on payment of duty there, the interests of the salt revenue cannot be properly protected, unless at a great increase of expense, until everything that concerns its import is under the sole supervision and control of the officers of this department. It cannot be expected that Customs Officers will take a lively interest in the prosperity of the salt revenue, to which the import duties on salt are credited, nor, in my opinion, can honesty in dealing with salt be expected from establishments so badly paid, so widely scattered, and so difficult to supervise as Sea Customs Establishments on the West Coast. My administration report for 1878-79 will have shown the Board that over storage is habitual there. The returns of 1879-80 tell the same tale. I have all along held—and the Board have agreed with me—that over storage is *primæ facie* proof of fraud. I can see only two ways of stopping it—either the West Coast Customs Houses must be subjected to the very much superior supervision which the new organization of the Salt Department should afford without increase of cost, or the Customs Establishments must be very much better paid than they are now, which will cost a large sum annually.

5. I may perhaps be going farther than is required of me, but I venture to point out that, as I understand the wishes of Government as conveyed in their Order under reply, the Collectors of the West Coast Districts will be left in future with no agency at all at their disposal for the supervision of the Customs. The Assistant Collectors who formerly discharged this duty have now too much work of other kinds to resume it. The danger therefore to the salt revenue—already very real—cannot but be greatly increased.

6. I have shown this letter to Mr. McWatters, who concurs with me.

Govt. of (1880) SECRETARY.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated May 18th.

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G.O., 13th May 1880, No. 513.

M. A. Y.

Nos. 86-87.

Customs Department.—Sitting with remark, that His Grace the Governor in Council sees no reason whatever to doubt that the Collectors of South Canara and Malabar can supervise the—just as well as any other Coast Collector, and that the separation of these officers from the charge of Sea Customs would be a serious evil.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 31st March 1880.
No. 384.

2. The Board cannot form any opinion on the question whether one Assistant Commissioner will be able to supervise the Salt Department in the two districts of Canara and Malabar until the proposed scheme for the revision of establishments is before them. Under the existing organization they doubt whether he could do so, and, if the charge of the Salt Preventive Force is to be added, it seems still more doubtful whether one superior officer will suffice. If the decision of Government does not preclude further discussion, the Board would respectfully request a consideration of the further arguments brought forward by Mr. Bliss in support of the scheme at first proposed, which was supported by both the Collectors concerned and had the approval of the Board. It might frequently happen that no Assistant Collector would be available for charge of the Customs, in which case the difficulty of arranging for proper supervision would be great.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

W. H. Bliss
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Commissioner of Salt Revenue.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Salt Department — in South Canara and Malabar Districts.—Submitting to Government letter from Commissioner of Salt Revenue regarding the proposal to employ one Assistant Commissioner to supervise the —

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THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
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&c., &c., &c.

MADRAS.

Board of Revenue

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From The Board of Revenue
Dated 26 April 1880 No. 553

FOR ORDERS.

*I am to inform
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Yrs. J. W. Fischer

The collector

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the

Revenue Department.

No. 547

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 13th May 1880

Read the following:-

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1880, No. 558, regarding Salt Commissioner's proposal to employ one Assistant Commissioner to superintend the Salt Department in South Canara and Malabar districts.

His Grace the Governor in Council does not see any reason what ever to doubt that the Collectors of Malabar and South Canara can superintend Customs just as well as any other

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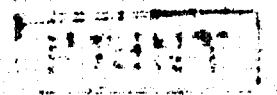
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