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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 13th January 1857.

No. 59. Read the following *Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 6th January* 1857, No. 59.

Read letter from the Collector of Canara dated 18th July 1856,
In Cons. 6th Jan. 1857. reporting on the Extra Establishment of peons sanctioned to check the smuggling of salt on the coast of the Ankola Talook.

(Here enter No. 87.)

1. The preventive Establishment referred to in the above communication was sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation 12th December 1854, No. 1631, Revenue Department, up to 31st May 1855. In Extract Minutes Consultation 8th September 1855, No. 1027, Revenue Department, the sanction was continued up to the 31st May last, as in consequence of the unsettled state of the salt trade from various causes the Collector was unable to give a decided opinion as to the necessity or otherwise of retaining the additional force.

2. In the letter now laid before Government Mr. Fisher gives his reasons for considering the Establishment to be no longer requisite and in his conclusions the Board concur.

3. The force consists only of 1 Ameen, 2 Duffadars, 8 peons and 8 lascars, or 19 individuals. This party, assisted by 2 talook peons, is employed between Ballikerry North of Ankola, and Majolly Chouky on the Goa frontier, and from this last station to Gopa Chetty Chouky further inland.

4. The number of cases reported by the Ameen from December 1854 to May 1856 were 61, but of these, only 29 were cases of smuggling the remainder were frauds on the customs and robberies by the crews of pattamars of portions of the cargoes of their boats. The quantity of salt actually seized was only 24¼ Indian Maunds. The Collector thinks that the consumption of the strip of country to the North of the Kalamuddies which runs into the sea below Sedasheegur is surreptitiously supplied from Goa at the same time the consumption in Canara at large averages 2½ seers annually per head, showing, the Collector remarks, that smuggling does not prevail to any material extent.

5. But while recommending the discontinuance of the force now referred to, Mr. Fisher considers that the preventive Establishment along the Goa Frontier from Magally eastward will require to be strengthened, so that it may be necessary ere long to re-entertain a portion, if not the whole, of the force now proposed to be withdrawn. This subject will however be considered on the receipt of the Collector's promised report on the Village Police.

6. The Board concur with the Collector that the employment on its present duties of the force referred to is no longer necessary. So small a body of men cannot effectually patrol the extent of country professedly guarded, and it is clear that smuggling over the land frontier is carried on only in a petty way, and that its absolute suppression in such a tract would require a very large and expensive Establishment. The force moreover was originally recommended with reference to the Salt trade from Goa by sea, and this the Collector states has been stopped by the enhancement of duty from 12 to 14 annas.

7. The Board recommend that the Establishment be dispensed with now (if this has not already been done by the Collector) and that the effects of this step on the sales of Salt be carefully watched.

8. The Board observe that the employment of 2 row boats was also sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation 12th December 1854, No. 1631, Revenue Department; but their records do not show whether these are still kept up. The Collector will furnish information on this point.

9. The Board cannot close these Proceedings without expressing their regret at the great delay which has occurred in the submission of these papers. The matter was one which required prompt disposal, but it unfortunately escaped notice until very lately. The Board particularly

regret its occurrence on this occasion, as Government had expressed themselves desirous of receiving a report on this matter at an early date.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 60. ORDER THEREON, *No. 56; dated 13th January 1857.*

On the 8th September 1855 the Government authorised the retention up to 31st May 1856 the Extra Establishment, at a monthly expense of Rupees 89, sanctioned under date the 12th December 1854 for preventing the smuggling of Goa Salt into the Ankola Talook and desired the Collector to report on the result of these arrangements immediately after the close of the term fixed.

2. The Board now submit the report of the Collector on the subject dated 18th July 1856. Mr. Fisher states that the number of cases of pure smuggling reported to him from December 1854 to May 1856 were only twenty nine, and that the quantity of Salt actually seized during the period was but 24¼ Indian Maunds. Thus as smuggling does not prevail to any material extent, the Collector proposes to dispense with the temporary Establishment, and the Board support the recommendation.

3. Under these circumstances the Right Honorable the Governor in Council directs that the Establishment be immediately abolished if this has not been already done.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Sir Thos Graham Bart allowance of Commutation
Scale dated 12th December 1852.

Read the following
Sir Thos Graham Bart Secretary
of the Board of Customs

Here enter 6th January 1853 No 3650

On the 8th of December
1852 the Government authorized the Collector of the
3rd Quarter 1852 of the Extra
Establishment at the Custom
House of Belfast 80 pounds
under date the 12th December
1852 for transmitting the ex-
penditure of £200 allowed
the Collector Enclosed em-
powered the Collector therefore
on the receipt of these warrants
to remit immediately after
the

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To
Collect & Mins. of Cons.
Dated 13th January 57
Extract from Do. 5th Augt 57
& No. 412 inst. 5 May

Directing that the
Area Collr. of Revenue
Sanctioned to check the
Smuggling of Goa Salt
on the Coast of Cuckola
be immediately abn.
dished.

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