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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1282.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 20th September 1858.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Observing that instructions have already been sent to the Collectors of Madras, Canara and Malabar to propose arrangements and establishments for the adoption of a system of excise on Salt in lieu of the monopoly. (Here enter 30th July 1858, No. 2898.)

E. M. C. 7th Sept. 1858.

14 *Annas.*

The Government have very recently ordered that the present system of supplying Salt for the consumption of the population of Malabar and Canara should continue for another year, and that no change should be made for the present in the rate of import duty now levied; the only orders therefore which are necessary on the proceedings of the Board of Revenue recorded above, are to desire the Board to be good enough on receipt of replies from the Collectors to report the arrangements the Board would propose for the introduction of the excise system into those Districts eventually.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 1282.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations
Under date the 20th September 1858.

Read the following Extract from
the Proc[s] of the Bd of R.

(Recd enter 30 July/58 No 2598)

SMC 7 Sept/58

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J. M.

13th Sept.

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No. 2898.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th July 1858.

In Con. 30th July 1858. Read Extract Minutes Consultation of Government, under date the 6th July 1858, R. D.

(Here enter No. 928.)

The Board observe that instructions have already been sent to the Collectors of Madras, Canara and Malabar to propose arrangements and establishments for the adoption of a system of excise on Salt in lieu of the monopoly.

2. With regard to Malabar the Board resolve to request the consideration of Government to their Proceedings of the 21st June last, in which they brought to notice the failure of the indigenous Manufacture of Salt in that Province, and the indisposition of private merchants to import Foreign Salt for its consumption and proposed that the discontinuance of the Government importation of Bombay Salt should

In Con. 26th Sept. 1856. be indefinitely postponed, and the duty reduced from 14 Annas to 12 Annas per Indian Maund.

Page 120 Para 640. 3. It will be observed that Mr. Plowden, the Salt Commissioner, contemplated the importation on Government account into the Provinces of Malabar and Canara until the demand should be fully met by private importation of foreign Salt or by the excised Manufacture of the two Districts or from both sources combined; and that the Sea import duty as well as the excise duty proposed by him is 12 Annas.

4. The recommendations of the Board, therefore, are in strict accordance with his propositions which have been approved by the Supreme Government and being dictated as they conceive by a pressing necessity, will they trust, be at once complied with. They would reduce the Import duty to 12 Annas in Canara as well as Malabar.

5. If the duty be reduced to 12 Annas the Indian Maund, it will be proper, the Board think, to lower the price to the consumer from the amounts fixed by the Minutes Consultation of Government dated 19th September 1856, No. 1008, R. D., to the cost price + 12 Annas, and the Board resolve to solicit the sanction of Government to do this both in Malabar and Canara.

6. The further measures which may be necessary to carry out the orders of Government, in regard to the introduction of the Plan of Excise, and the provisions it will be proper to insert in the Act, which will be required for this Presidency are now under the Board's consideration.

(A true Extract.)

Secretary.

To T. PYCROFT, Esq., *Chief Secretary to Government.*

Copy to Collectors of Malabar and Canara, with copy of the E. M. C. referred to.

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Observing that instructions have already been sent to the Collectors of Madras, Canara and Malabar, to propose arrangements and establishments for the adoption of a system of excise on salt in lieu of the Monopoly —

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