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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 503 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 5-3-1861.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th March 1861.

No. 64. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Chetterpúr, 17th November 1860, No. 300:—

SIR,

1. In forwarding, with reference to your letter No. 1,851, dated the 12th ultimo, the accompanying specimens* of Salt from the three places of manufacture in this District, I beg to call the special attention of Government to the bottle of old Salt (Fasli 1268) from Ganjam; if a handful of this Salt is thrown into a tumbler of water, and the mixture is allowed to stand a few hours, a desert spoonful of sand will be found at the bottom. This is the Salt now being sold at Ganjam, though the people seek the new salt with the greatest avidity. I request the permission of Government to throw the whole of this wretched adulteration into the Pans, and to commence selling the Salt manufactured in 1269 which contains no sand.

* *Per Barque "Chieftain."*

2. The loss to Government on the old Salt destroyed will be at cost price about Rupees 9,576, but I will guarantee that the loss will be made up in a very short time by increased sales.

3. Next year's manufacture will, I hope, be all equal to the superior† specimens now sent. I succeeded with much difficulty in introducing an entirely new system in spite of the obstinate opposition of the Salt Ryots, which occasioned the loss of at least a month at the commencement of the last manufacturing season, as I would permit no Salt to be made on the old plan of scraping the Pans daily.

† *Nos.* 1 *and* 2.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1861, No. 503.

1. The Government approve and sanction the Collector's proposal to destroy the old and inferior Salt at the Ganjam Pans. It is observed however that the letter was not received till three months after its date; having probably been detained to accompany the samples, and the quantity of the Salt will probably have been materially diminished by intermediate sales.

2. The Governor in Council notices with approval the efforts made by the Collector with the aid of the Deputy Collector in charge of the Salt Department, to improve the quality of the Salt. Those efforts have evidently been already attended with much success; and the Government do not doubt that, as expected by the Collector, the quality of the salt will be still further improved.

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

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Fort Monroe, Va.
March 5th 61

Cautioning the Collr.
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