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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 9th July 1867.

No. 4,280.

Recommending for favorable consideration proposition of Collector of Madura district for retention of establishment for collecting spontaneous Salt generated on island of Paumben for another year.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th July 1867.

No. 303. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1867, No. 4,280.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Andiputty, 11th June 1867, No. 147:—

Adverting to the latter part of paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board, dated the 13th June 1865, No. 3,208, I have the honour to report that no salt was scraped in 1865 from the swamp of Panchakalitaravi, in consequence of the salt having been washed away by rains. In 1866, 1,331 maunds of salt was collected and sold for Rupees 2,195-7-0, which, after deducting all charges, leaves a net profit of Rupees 1,632-0-10. But, however, as I have before me only the result of one year's experiment, I beg I may be allowed another year to form my opinion as to the necessity of retaining the establishment entertained at Paumben.

1. Submitted to Government for their orders.

2. At paragraph 18 of their Order, dated 16th May 1865, No. 1,024, on Mr. Clarke's Salt Report for the Madura District, the Government sanctioned the entertainment of an establishment, at a monthly cost of Rupees 35 for two years, to collect the spontaneous salt generated on the island of Paumben.

3. They desired a report on the experiment at the end of this period.

4. The foregoing letter is the report in question. The salt generated in 1865 was washed away by rain, and none was gathered in that year. The Collector states, that in 1866, salt which sold for Rupees 2,095-7-0 was collected, leaving after paying all charges a profit to Government of Rupees 1,632-10-0, or nearly 300 per cent. on the outlay incurred. The Board consider this a very satisfactory result, especially when it is coupled with the fact that the removal of the salt by Government Agents must have prevented its illicit abstraction by private parties.

5. The Collector desires he may be permitted to keep on the establishment for one more year, and the Board recommend the proposition to the favourable consideration of Government. It will afford the Collector an opportunity of forming a conclusive opinion as to the value of the experiment of which he has hardly yet had time to judge, owing to the salt formed in 1865 having been destroyed by natural causes.

No. 304. ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1867, No. 1,600.

Separate Revenue, No. 17. *Salt.*

The retention of the Establishment for another year is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

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