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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th March 1867.

No. 157. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st March 1867, No. 1,274.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1867, No. 34 :—

As directed in Government Order, No. 256, dated 25th January 1867, communicated with the Board's Proceedings of the 30th idem, I have the honor to submit, herewith, the explanation offered by Deputy Collector Mr. Ricketts, as to the manner in which the Salt works at Chendrapadi are reported to have been carried out. Mr. Ricketts's explanation shews that the turfing, which Mr. Donaghue took exception to, was not so easy as might have been supposed, and that many natural difficulties had to be overcome. He moreover adds that he has warned his subordinates to pay strict attention to this matter in future.

From E. G. RICKETTS, Esq., Deputy Collector, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Negapatam, 7th February 1867, No. 26.

1. Adverting to your docket on the Proceedings marginally noted, I have the honor to inform you that on a reference to the records, I find that repairs to the extent of Rs. 846-5-0 were executed in 1864-65 to Salt works, as follows :—

Madras Government, Public Works Department, No. 531, of the 25th January 1867.

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Out of which, exception was taken by the Public Works Department to an item of turfing on the latter, (six months after the completion of the work,) and considering that this department was neither furnished with an estimate, nor specification, and bearing in mind the sandy nature of the slopes of the salt platform, and the approach leading to it, strongly impregnated with salt and other saline particles not favorable to the growth of grass or turf, I trust that this department may be absolved from any intentional carelessness in the performance of this duty.

2. I should add, that to obviate anything like a recurrence of the above, a general order was immediately* issued to all Salt Superintendents on this subject, explaining the manner in which turfing should be conducted, and holding them personally responsible.

* 10th June 1865.

Submitted to Government, with reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 25th January 1867, No. 256.

No. 158. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1867, No. 581.

Separate Revenue, No. 9.
Salt.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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No. 1,274.

Submitting letter from Collector of Tanjore forwarding Salt Deputy Collector's explanation as to manner in which Chendrapudi Salt Works were carried out. Pl. 581.

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