Revenue (1898) Department.

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G.O., No. 2631

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, proposal of the Collector of Tanjam to sell by outright auction the balance of twist in Government depôts.

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Ag. Collector of Ganjam.

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R. V. Srinivasa
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		Berhampur	Lekapuri	Sompeta	Bijapuri	Chicacole	Narasannapeta	Paralakimedi	Tekkali	Ponnuru	Itcha-pur	Sunadra	Rajagiri	Chakapur	Pirubhatta-pur	Total:
Old Task Table	I.a	4352		25												4377
	I.b	6646		64											6	6716
	II.a	1927		10					4							1941
	II.b	1519		2											10	1531
	III.	288		2												290
New Task Table	1	17276				12	56	2636	9							19989
	2	7079	2	996	18											8114
	3	13999	2	1200	299						19					15500
	4	7080	2	1701	17											8800
	5	1389		1117												2506
	6	8130							52					12	325	8519
	7	4011							147					197	11	4366
	8	6														6
	9	2434												93	9	2536
	10	1630						255					197			2702
	11								90	317	303					96
	12	1122				3	10	2496			6					3631
	13	3543				4	100	857	3							4507
	14	8675	2	708	17											9402
	15	2457	2	3				1179	8							3649
	16	5117	2	137												5256
	17	127														127
	18	2														2
	19	3891												77	332	4300
	20	1112											98			1645
	21	1280						207		111	324					1935
	22	2052								163	100	300	92			2191
	23									49		90				554
	24	4566					28	67	28	415	62		77			4689
	25	20					78	230								328
Total:		111730.	12.	5965	351	19	272		341	1055	814	390	464	379	693	130205.

(Signed) H. D. Taylor
25.12.97
Ag. Collector of Ganjam.

(True copy) D. B. Srinivasan
Secretary.

(Sclt. 22—2,000—11-3 97.)

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 31st December 1897.

No. 10187 mis:

READ the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, R.C.B No: 395/7, dated 24th December 1897:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, No 9924 mis:, dated 14th instant, I have the honor to state that the Agent to Messrs: Binny & Co: recently called on me and was furnished with details of the cloths in the various depôts and the minimum prices at which sales are to be effected.

2. I have this day despatched the following telegram to the Board.

"Reference Board's Proceedings 9926

9924 fourteenth December, are departmental sales of famine cloths to cease except through Binny. Binny has sent no indents yet. Present is the best time for sales before Pongal. Proposals may result in considerable loss unless Binny agrees to take over entire stock immediately. Letter follows."

3. In my conversation with Messrs: Binny's agent I gathered that it was the intention of his firm merely to obtain orders from wholesale dealers on the various Government depots, charging Commission on sales so effected, without in any way guaranteeing to dispose of any specified number of cloths. The result of this is that Messrs: Binny & Co: cannot do otherwise than gain largely, while the cost of maintaining the depots still continues to fall upon Government.

4. I enclose for sanction a revised statement of minimum rates for each cloth woven according to the district task table. This has been prepared in the light of experience gained in previous sales up to date. In some stations it is possible, on a retail sale, to obtain higher prices, and hence the firm will profit by such increase in price as well as by the amount of their own Commission.

Under these circumstances; I would respectfully protest against granting any monopoly to the firm: If the firm agrees to take over the entire stock at the minimum rates, then Government will be relieved from further trouble responsibi

responsibility and cost of establishment. But if Messrs: Binny & Co. are given a monopoly of sales for an unspecified number of cloths the best season for sale will elapse, Messrs: Binny & Co will be able to throw up their Commission or extend the same indefinitely, while Government will be debarred from all possibility of pushing sales or disposing of cloths on its own account.

Unless, however, there is some guarantee on the part of the company to dispose either of the entire stock, or of a fixed number of cloths, I consider that it would be most impolitic to grant it any concession in the way of monopoly, as proposed.

5. I have lately been adopting special measures for the sale of cloths prior to August, when the busiest trade may be anticipated, and was submitting my proposals when the present proceedings of the Board was received.

6. I have in anticipation of Government sanction given advances of cloths to two petty retail traders in the Purushottapur Taluk. These persons obtain an advance of cloths at the fixed minimum rates, and adjust their accounts with Government each month, receiving a commission of 6¼ per cent on the minimum rates. The experiment thus tried is proving successful and is capable of indefinite extension.

Notices calling for tenders have proved unattractive and there seems to be but little chance of wholesale tender-

tenders being received. The
only possibility is to work
a commission agency
on credit.

The retail traders are
in the habit of obtaining
their clothes on credit from
wholesale merchants, they
sell clothes by retail also
on credit, travelling from
village to village and
periodically adjust their
accounts as fresh advances
are obtained. This seems
to be the only way to work
the sales on any considerable
scale.

Of course there is a considerable
advantage in employing
a well known firm such
as Messrs: Binny & Co., and
there can in that case be
no need of security or for
opening numerous accounts
with petty traders. The proposed
arrangement

arrangement, however, to give
Messrs: Binny & Co a monopoly
is in my opinion a very one-
sided bargain. There is no
guarantee that Messrs: Binny
& Co. will sell any specified
number of clothes, or that they
will, after availing themselves
of the cream of the market, and
making considerable profit,
in addition to commission
charges, entirely abandon
their Agency and leave
Government with a large number
of clothes in hand when
all further demand has
ceased to exist.

7. If the minimum rates
fixed by me are approved
I would suggest (a) that
Messrs: Binny & Co be
informed that no monopoly
can be given to them, but
that they are at liberty to
tender

superior

tender for the entire stock (other than what is required by Government) at the fixed minimum rates, taking over the depôts with all working expenses; (b) failing the above in the event of a monopoly being granted, that Messrs. Binny & Co. be permitted to take cloths only from the Central depôt at Berhampore, that all other depôts be closed and all cloths sent to Berhampore; that the monopoly does not prohibit sale by Government in the Goomsur Taluk, or sale of cloths for Government purposes, to Government servants (c) that no monopoly be granted prior to 15th January, by which period the Pongal feast will be over.

8. I request that my action in employing petty retail traders to sell cloths on commission may be approved, that commission at 6¼ per cent may be sanctioned, and that orders may be passed as to the continuance or otherwise of the system.

In regard to other steps taken by me for the disposal of cloths I may note that weekly sales are being held by Taluk officers, that Messrs. Cass and Appaji and Co., Cuttack, who are large employers on railway work at Cuttack, have expressed their willingness to open a depôt for sale on commission to the coolies employed on the works.

I shall require a certain number of cloths, estimated at 2000 for distribution at Chetis during may next till June.

I am addressing the Superinte

Superintendent of Police, the deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari, and other officers asking them whether at each station a certain number of clothes at minimum rate are not required by Government servants, to be recovered from the pay of such servants in two monthly instalments.

At the present rates of sale, I estimate that it will take fully two years to dispose of the stock of clothes, unless every possible means is adopted to push the sales and for this reason, I object to the grant of a vague and indefinite monopoly, under which Government cannot give and may lose.

I would in the absence of any definite agreement prefer to continue sales departmentally up to the close of March March, and then dispose of the entire balance by auction. By retaining the clothes in stock Government has to incur not only the cost of establishment, house rent and guards for an indefinite period, but also incurs considerable risk of damage to clothes by rats, white ants and damp. It is essential that the entire stock should be disposed of prior to the next rains.

Unless therefore Messrs. Binny & Co. are willing to take over the entire stock at minimum rates subject to a commission on the whole value, I would not treat the firm any differently to petty retail traders, nor would I grant any monopoly.

That firm would be able to buy in the clothes at the proposed auction sales in April, if any proposal is approv

approved.

9. In regard to the balance of twist remaining in stock, no reasonable tenders have as yet been received. The market is at present somewhat glutted, as I gather, that Messrs. Binny & Co. are also endeavouring to introduce a new variety of twist into the District.

I think that the balance of twist in the smaller depôts may be at once disposed of by auction to the highest bidder and that that at the large centres such as Sompet, Berhampore may be disposed of subject to a upset rate at 3/4 cost price, in three monthly auctions.

10. As it is desirable to continue the sales as rapidly as possible through the medium of petty Commission agents, I request sanction by wire to my action

already reported, and orders as to the continuance or otherwise of the present system.

Resolution.

Recorded, with reference to Board's Proceedings - 10166, dated 26th December 1897.

2. The Collector's proposals for the disposal of twist are approved.

(True Copy & Extract.)

(Signed) L. E. Buckley.
Famine Secretary.

To
The Collector of Ganjam.

(True Copy.)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

Edward 27/IV

Disposal No: 2267/7 of 1897.

Proceedings of the Collector of Ganjam, dated 9th May 1898.

Read statements of sales of twist submitted by the Stationery Sub-magistrate, Berhampore, and the Deputy Tahsildars of Sompet, Narasannapet and Tekkali for the weeks ending 16-4-98, 23-4-98 and 30-4-98.

Order

Since the date of the last review (16-4-98), only 45 boxes of 20 counts have been sold by the Stationery Sub-magistrate Berhampur and Rs 178-5-9 have been realized. No statement has been received for the week ending 16-4-98 and it is not known whether any sales were held by that officer during that week. There still remain

a large balance of 1896 boxes
and at the present rate of
progress, it may take years
to dispose of the stock entirely.
The Stationery Sub. Magistrate
has not reported, if he has as
ascertained from the Superin-
tendent District Jail, Berhampore,
whether twist is required by
him at the present minimum
rates.

2. During the 3 weeks under
review, the deputy Tahsildar
of Sompet sold in all 710 boxes
of all counts for Rs 2353-15-0.
The progress shown by this Dy:
Tahsildar continues to be
satisfactory. There still remains
a balance of 657 boxes which
it is hoped the deputy Tahsildar
will succeed dispose of before the
4th instant as directed in para
3 of the last review. He should
also report whether the
demand is likely to continue,
and whether the twist now
in stock at Berhampore is
likely to command a ready
sale if transferred to Sompeta.

3. 57 boxes, 15 hanks and
1/2 skein of twist of all counts
were sold by the deputy
Tahsildar of Narasannapeta
for Rs 82-12-0, leaving a
balance of 99 boxes of red
twist. The deputy Tahsildar
expresses his inability to
dispose of this twist at the
upset price of Rs 4-10-0 a
box. 3/4 of the cost price of a
box of this twist is Rs 4-7-3, but
the upset price was raised to
Rs 4-10-0 a box as there appears
to be considerable demand
for this twist at the beginning
Now that the deputy Tahsilda
repo

reports there is no demand, he may try to sell this at not less than Rs 4-7-3 per box.

4. The small balance of 20 boxes of red twist with the Deputy Tahsildar of Tekkali does not appear to have yet been disposed of although the upset price was reduced from Rs 4-10-0 to Rs 4-7-3 per box at the special request of the Deputy Tahsildar. The Dy: Tahsildar should try his best to dispose of the entire stock of twist before the end of this month.

(Signed) D. Srinivasa Rao.
for Dy: Collector.

The Principal Asstt: Collector;
Stationary Sub Magistrate, Berhampur,
Deputy Tahsildar, Sompet; Tekkali
and Narasannapeta.

(True Copy)

R. V. Srinivasa
Secretary.

Sttl. 21-2,000—29-10-96.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

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(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture.)

Dated 23rd May 1898.

No. 3306 mis.

READ... the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, G. B. no. 486/7, dated 9th May 1898:—

In submitting herewith a copy of my proceedings dtd: no. 2267/7, dated 9th May 1898, reviewing statements showing the result of sales of twist up to the end of April 1898, I have the honor to draw the attention of the Board to the large balance still in stock which, it has been found impossible, to dispose of, at 3/4 of the cost price.

2. It is not desirable to keep the twist during the rains

the twist is being damaged by rats and is daily deteriorating in quality.

3. The reason for the present low price of twist locally appears to be due to the introduction of a new variety of twist by Messrs. Binny & Co. at cheaper rates and to general dullness in the weaving market. In addition to this, some of our twist is damaged and the labels or marks lost so that purchasers do not know exactly what they are buying.

4. I would therefore request that the Board will be pleased to sanction the sale by auction outright on 1st June 1898 of the balance of twist in stock at the close of the current month.

Read

Read also the following telegram from the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement, &c, to the Collector of Ganjam, dated 19th May 1898:-

"Please wire 'number of boxes' of twist remaining, cost price and probable loss by outright auction."

Read also the following reply thereto from the Collector of Ganjam, dated 22nd May 1898:-

"Your telegram twentieth. Number of twist boxes remaining 2341, cost price 9877, probable loss by outright auction 3200."

Resolution

Submitted to Government for orders.

2. At the close of the weaver-relief operations in Ganjam a large quantity of twist (7,063 boxes, cost Rs 30,177) remained

remained unexpended in the Government depôts. The Collector reported that as he was unable to dispose of the stock at cost price, he had invited tenders for the purchase thereof and requested permission to accept the highest tender if reasonable. The permission was granted in G.O. No: 5938, dated 18th November 1897. No reasonable tender having been received, the Collector subsequently proposed that in the smaller depôts the twist might be disposed of by auction to the highest bidder, and that in the other depôts it might be sold in three monthly auctions with an upset price of three-quarters of the cost price. This proposal was approved by the Board, in its Proceedings No. 10187, dated 31st December 1897, more than two-thirds of the quantity specified above has thus been disposed of; but the sales are now reported to be slack owing to the recent introduction of a cheaper variety of twist into the market and to the fact that some of the twist in Government depôts is damaged by rats and otherwise the labels or marks thereon lost, so that purchasers cannot know exactly what they are buying. The Collector states that it is not desirable to keep the twist during the rains, and that owing to damage by rats it is deteriorating in quality and

aid. he proposes its sale by Auction outright. The quantity now remaining in stock is 2,341 boxes (cost Rs 9,877) and the Collector estimates that the probable loss from outright auction sale will be Rs 3,200.

3. In the circumstances reported, the Board supports the Collectors' proposal. It is requested that the orders of Government may be wired to the Collector.

(True Copy + Extract)

V. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
with Copy of B.P. 10,187 of '97.

The Collector of Ganjam.

B.P. 3306/23-5-98 (Con 3868)

G.O. Mis. no. 2631 dt 20th June 98

The Collector's proposal supported by the Board of Revenue is approved and Sanctioned.

2. The following telegram will be despatched to the Collector of Ganjam.

B.P. 3306 & 23 ultimo "Your proposal to auction outright balance twist sanctioned."

RS 18-6-98

Ms 20/6/98

(To the Board of Rev (Rev Sett)
" Collector of Ganjam.

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Note with reference to temp
pencil remarks on B.P 3306/23-5-98
(a.d.No. 3868).

Please see q.d 77/7-1-98. The office
note dy 3-1-98 ~~explains~~ the need
this q.d states the correspondence
up to December last
between the Govt and the Fd
Commissioners on the subject
disposal of clothes. The separate
referred to in the second sentence
of the above q.d are contained
in q.d 80/7-1-98. The further report
to the minimum price at which
should sell, called for in q.d 77/7-1-9
is contained in the B.P in q.d 48-1/29-1-9
in which the Board stated that it
was not desirable to fix any
mum prices; but as the Govt has
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approval.
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