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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(SEPARATE REVENUE).

READ—letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Salt, Abkári and Customs Department, Southern Division, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkári and Separate Revenue, dated 13th January 1898, No. 152:—

ABSTRACT—Furnishing certain further information, called by the Board, in connection with the measures for the suppression of salt crime in certain Circles in the Southern Division and submitting certain proposals in connection therewith.

RESOLUTION—No. 86, dated 18th March 1898.

The Board begs to submit the report called for in G.O., No. 778, Revenue, dated 10th September 1897.

2. *Paragraph* 1 *of the Government Order.*—The suggestion of the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, to open amani shops in out-of-the-way places was not noticed in the first instance as it appeared to the Board that it would be impracticable and that the cost of such special measures would be prohibitive owing to the number of petty shops that would be required and the cost of carriage and out of proportion to the results to be attained. Moreover, the Deputy Commissioner who suggested the scheme now states that most of the poor people purchase their salt on credit or obtain it by bartering grain and other produce and that such a system could not be carried on in a shop worked under Government management. This, in the Board's opinion, is a fatal objection to the success of the proposal which it accordingly recommends may be dropped.

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4. Paragraph 4 of the Government Order will be replied to separately on receipt of the reports called for from the Deputy Commissioners.

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Ponnáni Circle.							
Ponnáni taluk ..	Ponnáni party ..	..	1	5 (1—3—1)	.. ..	1	5 (1—3—1) 8 (2—5—1)
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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

Ag. Asst. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with a letter from the Dewan of Pudukkottai and a memorandum
from the Salt Superintendent of that State, with two proposition
statements in duplicate through the Accountant-General, Madras.
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" " Northern Division.

Exd. S. J. Pereira.

Read B.P. no 86 dated 10-3-98 (C no 3453).

To Secy

In G.O no 770 dated 10-9-97 the Board of Rev was requested to report on the following points:-

(i) the desirability of Govt opening some salt shops for retail sale of salt under amani in out of the way places;

(ii) the suppression of the illicit manufacture of earth-salt in Pudukkottai;

(iii) the prosecution of persons in the Tellicherry circle for removing salt-earth for manuring fruit-trees;

(iv) the strengthening of the preventive establishments in some cases.

2. The Board's report on points (i), (ii) & (iv) is contained in the enclosures, and a report is promised in regard to (iii). The Board asks for additional establishments for three West-coast circles consisting of a Sub-Inspr, a petty Officer & 29 peons at a monthly cost of Rs 244. Their services will be required for six months every year.

3. Please see a draft order on the docket sheet of the enclosures.

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G.O., No. 333, 6th June 1898.

JUNE.

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Approving and transferring to the Financial Department the proposition statements in connection with the increase of preventive establishments in certain circles in the Southern Division, and approving the Deputy Commissioner's action in issuing orders for the entertainment of the special force for patrolling the saline tracts in certain parts of Ponnáni Circle.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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Order—No. 333, Revenue, dated 6th June 1898.

Separate Revenue No. 31.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue),
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