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APPENDIX II

Board's Minute on Saltpetre Investment, 11th May 1787

The Board having proceeded as far as Circumstances have permitted them in the settlement of the Various branches of the Investment of 1787, now come to the Consideration of the article of saltpetre. An earlier attention to this article was not necessary, because the season of its provision does not commence until the Rains are Well advanced; but the Board think it will be expedient at the present period to make the dispositions proper for the due realization of this part of the Investment.

The allotment of Current the Year for saltpetre is only One Lack of Current Rupees, the reasons for which limitation are Obvious; because, there is a stock on hand, the Company have reduced their Orders for this article, and it would be highly inexpedient to issue any advance, for what was not Wanted.

so far as respects the Company’s Europe Investment, the Board think these reasons are conclusive, but from a late Concurrence of Circumstances they are led to Conceive that an extension of the provision of Behar saltpetre might nevertheless be eligible and advantageous; the Circumstances are Chiefly these:

1. By the Contract made for the saltpetre last year the price of that article was greatly reduced, whenever it follows that its Original Cost is to be estimated at a great reduction also, because there is no ground to support that the Contactor allowing for the supplies he has made to foreigners, will lose by his engagement.

2. Under the recently received system of agency, and the sanctions with which it is attended as well as the expectations they entertain from the present resident the Board have no doubt of receiving the saltpetre Investment of this year carefully provided at its genuine Cost.

3. As the establishment of the Factories where the saltpetre is made must continue in a certain measure fixed whether the quantity manufactured by greater or smaller, an encrease of quantity will so far as those Charges are concerned, effect a reduction in the Cost.

4. A Provision made in this genuine manner, must Come cheaper than any foreigners not manufacturing for themselves which in general they do not, can procure it at, if therefore the Company could themselves be the supplier of these Foreigners their Complaint that they are in this article undersold in Europe must not only cease, but with the reduction of Original Cost a profit result to them from the purchase of foreigners here.

5. This is the leading motive which the Board would proper for taking advantage of present improvements in the salt petre Investment and extending it for the purpose of ready Money sales in Calcutta. There is a Considerable annual demand of this Article for exportation, exclusive of what the Company’s shis take, more perhaps than the Company’s Factories can furnish this year over and above their own Wants.

1 WBSA, BT-C, 2nd May to 12th May 1787.
from the surplus in the Export Warehouse this last season and at the least favourable period of it above 50,000 maunds were sold by auction at the medium of sa. Rs 3.8 Pr maund which must be a good Advance upon the prime Cost.

6. Besides the mercantile profit and superiority, thus held out, another motive appears, ultimately of great weight and Cogency; the Command which the Company would acquire of an article so essential in War. In times of actual hostility such a Command would be of the highest importance, as on the other hand the Want of it may leave the Government exposed to great inconveniences. This is an idea which would lead to a very comprehensive assumption of the salt petre Manufacture, and the board have understood, that such a scheme has been in the contemplation of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council. They are humbly of Opinion that under the peculiar Circumstances of this article it may be Worthy of serious Consideration, more particularly in the View of preventing Our national enemies from drawing from Ourselves in time of War the means of annoying Us, but as such a scheme would of Course extend beyond the Company's own Factories and preparatory measures would be required thereto, for which the season is now too far advanced the Board confine their views at present to the Employment of the Company's Manufactories in the Behar province, and they Conceive that these may be Worked to the full extent of their Capacity.

The establishments of singhia Chuprah and Mow with Hazypore and Futwah have in some years produced above a Lack of Maunds of Culmee Petre, with Care and exertion the Board understand that they might yield as far as a Lack and a half. The following is a Computation of the Company's Ordinary Occasion of this Year ships 10 @ 3000 bags or 6000 maunds _________________ 60,000

Foreigner:-
French 18,000
Dutch 23000

__________________________ 41,000
Bombay contingent, but may be Called for 8,000

__________________________ Mds. 10,9,000

And the supply for these Occasions is provided for as follows.

In close at Calcutta the 30th April 58,900
Due from Contractors about 8,000
Estimated produce of the sum of Crs 1,00,000
already allotted for the provision of saltpetre 43,000
These two accounts balance each other; and as by the Computation above made of the capacity of the Company's Factories, they may yield a Lack of maunds more than the return of the Money already allotted, which surplus produce may be entirely applied to the scheme of ready money sales above proposed there will be wanted for this further provision, reckoning the prime Cost only at two sicca Rupees Pr maund SaRs 2,00,000.

The total of the Investment of saltpetre would then stand thus.

First allotment, the produce of which is required for Ordinary Occasion Crs 1,00,000

second proposed allotment the produce of which to be for ready money 2,32,000

Total Crs 3,32,000

In following this idea of an extended saltpetre Investment the principle of its adoption, requires several other provision

1. That the whole possible produce of the Company's Factories.
2. That the Commercial Resident employed in the provision and all other persons acting under his authority be prohibited from Trading in this article on their own account or the account of other, the Company excepted.
3. That the provision be made by agency on the general principles and under all the Checks and responsibilities laid down for that mode; and that the Resident be allowed a Commission of ...[blank]... PCent on the amount of his provision
4. That the real expence incurred for the establishments of the Factories of singhia, Chuprah and mow, as well as at Hazypore and Futwah, and the requisite Repairs of the Buildings these, be charged upon the saltpetre and go into its Cost; and that no part of the produce be applied to the use of the Factory at Patna, but the whole sent to the Presidency.
5. That as the foreign Natives instead of being allowed to Manufacture for themselves, are indulged annually in CArtn quantities from the Company's produce, they be prohibited from Working any manufactories of their Own as if report be true, has sometimes been done.and with respect to the Danes, as the annual supply of 8000 maunds accorded to them has not of late years been Called for, they should be required to declare whether they mean to make use of this indulgence in future, that the distribution of the Company's provision may be regulated accordingly.

Agreed that the foregoing minute on the subject of the saltpetre Investment be referred to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council.
APPENDIX III

Dr. \{ John Sumner saltpetre Contract Account with the Honble Company for the year 1784/5 \} Cr.

**Patna Investment**

| To Advanced him by Bill of Exchange in Patna the 11\textsuperscript{th} January 1785 150,000 |
| 26\textsuperscript{th} April 150,000 |
| 300,000 |

| By saltpetre received is per warehouse statement |
| the 26\textsuperscript{th} October 24527.26 156,869.3.6 |
| 26\textsuperscript{th} August 19375. 123612.8 |
| 29\textsuperscript{th} Ditto 585. 3732.4.9 284214.3 |
| 44,547.26 |

By the amount of servants wage at the Three factories of Mow, Singhea and Chuprah from the 1\textsuperscript{st} May 1783 to the 30\textsuperscript{th} April 1784 as stated by the Chief, vide Patna Journal 1784/5 page 11 @ 1181.1.9 per mensem 14,173.5.

By balance 298387.5.3

Current Rs. 3,00,000

Accomptant Office
The 29\textsuperscript{th} August 1787
(Signed) M. Cumming
Depy accountant B.T.
Mr. Makenzie's Proposal for the Provision of the Opium of Bengal and Behar

Understanding that the Period of time, for which messrs. Griffith and Wilson engaged to furnish the article of Opium, is nearly expired, and having very attentively persued the Covenants entered into between your Honble Board and these Gentlemen, I, with deference submit the following Proposals for Providing the Opium, the Growth of the Provinces of Bengal & Behar, to your Consideration.

1. I will bind myself to deliver the full Quantity stipulated for by the Present Contractor at the same Rates, under the same Penalties, and in the same mode, as is expressed in their several Contracts, for the term of three years.

2. I shall be entitled to an immediate advance of \( \frac{1}{2} \) the Price on the whole quantity of Opium I engage to deliver within the year.

3. On the Close of every year, I will pay into the Company's Treasury 10,000 Rs. As a Consideration for my holding the Contract, and for this Condition that, if in the Course of Business I should require larger advances than the \( \frac{1}{2} \) before mentioned, the same shall be made at my requisition, provided it be within the Total of the sum of to which the Opium I engage fro amounts.

4. I will give sufficient security for the public monies I shall at any time receive and such other securities as the present contractors give.

Should these Proposal be accepted by your Honble Board, they will not only give to the Company a nett gain of 30,000 Rs. and increase the quantity about 4006 [Of the1,000 Chests Contracted for by Mr. Wilton, only 600 have been delivered] Chests a year, but they will also enable me to improve the quality and Protect the Ryotts, who, from every information I have been able to Obtain, suffer great hardships & distresses from a frequent Charge of Contractors. Your granting me the exclusive privilege of manufacturing the Opium for a term of years will make it my Interest to Cherish the Inhabitants; and experience will teach them to Conide in me, and likewise encourage them to apply themselves the Culture of their Lands with Clearfulness & alacrity. This desirable effects Can never be felt, which They have a yearly Change of masters, as the Contractors, in that case, Confines his study and attention solely to temporary advantages, without any View to future improvement, or the Cultivation of this Valuable branch of Revenue.

If your Honble Board should be pleased to approve of the foregoing proposals, permit me to assure you that I will exert, myself to merit your approbation, and that I shall invariably act upon a plan of moderation in making my Purchases, and shew every indulgence in my Power to the Ryotts, to whom I am resolved to give a full Compensation for their labour and Industry.

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1 Letter from Mackenzie (Opium Contractor) to Governor General in Council, 16th May 1777.
APPENDIX V

Form of an agreement to be entered into by the Renters in Alexander's Three-Year Settlement.¹

I................agree to farm the Purgunnah................for the term of three years, commencing the Kurreef harvest, 1178 and Ending the Rubby harvest, 1180, for the first year I will pay to the Nizamut.............; the Second................; and the Third...............; the collections of the Country to be made conformable to the following regulations of the Govt., which I will invariably observe, and under no plea a pretence collect or extract from the inhabitants otherwise than therein specified.

¹ NAI, SC, 1770, p. 515-16.