

back on its being brought into more general use, unless for such vessels as are intended to be coppered : for such, the *jarrool* may answer, as may also the *soondry* ; both which abound in every part of the Sunderbunds.

The whole coast, from Balasore to Chittagong, has at times been occupied by a class of natives called *Molungies*, who manufacture salt from the sea-water. The produce of the several *chokies*, or manufactories, is immensely valuable, as has already been shewn, and suffices for the consumption of the whole population of all the Company's dominions, besides what is exported into those of the Nabob Vizier, &c. About thirty-five years ago, salt used to be sold at a rupee, or a rupee and a half, per factory maund of 72lb. ; which might average about one half-penny per lb. ; but, since the Company monopolized the manufacture, and imposed a heavy duty, the price of salt has gradually risen to about four rupees per maund.

The importation of salt, by sea, is prohibited, except under partial or temporary licences ; but it is brought from the mines to the northward of Delhi in large quantities, though not of so good a quality, it being generally very bitter, especially the *Salumbah*, or more opaque rock-salt, which is far less serviceable for curing meat than the *Samber* ; both these kinds are brought in