

Revenue Department

No 260

Dated 1—3—1859

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 1st March 1859.

No. 31. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department; dated 5th February 1859, No. 533.

*Intimating that the Commander-in-Chief thinks
it very desirable that a fair trial should be
given for the proposed sale of toddy within the
European Lines, Cuddalore, and observes that
it will be a great blessing if they are successful
in restraining the habits of intemperance.*

(Vide Military Consultation 8th February
1859, Nos. 142 to 144.)

No. 32. ORDER THEREON, No. 260; dated 1st March 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings dated 11th November 1858, No. 4200.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

No. 533.

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, 5th February 1859.**Read Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, in the Revenue Department, under date the 25th November 1858, No. 1582.*

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th November 1858, No. 4200.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of South Arcot dated 14th October 1858, submitting a copy of a letter from the Officer Commanding Cuddalore, soliciting that the permission of Government may be obtained for the sale of Toddy within the European lines.

From the Acting Collector South Arcot, Cuddalore 14th October 1858, No. 179; to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George.

I have the honor to forward for the favorable consideration of the Board, and for submission to Government, a letter* from Major Hunter Commanding the
 *Dated 12th October 1858. Depôt of European Pensioners at this station, in which he solicits that the permission of Government may be obtained for the sale of Toddy within the European lines.

2. The reasons assigned by Major Hunter for the proposed innovation, appear to me to be of great weight—There can be no doubt of the lamentable extent to which intoxication prevails among the Pensioners—and if the opening of a Toddy shop, where wholesome liquor could be obtained at a reasonable price, should have the effect of restricting the propensity or craving for ardent spirits which now exists, a great good will be attained.

3. The Toddy would be supplied by the Abkarry renter, and sold by his Agent at, or in the vicinity of the Canteen not below the minimum rate allowed by law—the daily quantity supplied to the Soldiers being determined by the Commanding Officer, and the shop being under his immediate surveillance, or that of the Depôt Serjeant. The renter consents to these arrangements, and will provide against loss to the sub renters, whose shops are situated outside the limits.

4. Such rules and restrictions as may be found necessary, or as obtain elsewhere, will be introduced—and if, as stated by Major Hunter, the indulgence is allowed at other Military stations, I see no objection to its being granted here also.

5. It is proper to mention, that although Cuddalore is not a Military Cantonment or bazar station, the prohibition to establish Stills and Toddy shops within the limit of 4 miles, contained in Section VII Regulation I of 1808, was extended to this Town by an order of Government

Collector to Government 6th January 1824.

Government to Collector 23rd Do.

Collector to Board 17th August 1824.

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contained in a letter to Mr. Hyde dated 23rd January 1824. The correspondence on the subject is noted in the margin.—This limit has been reduced in practice to a circle of 3 miles—but as the prohibition exists, the order of Government is required to remove it.

From the Officer Commanding Depôt, and in charge of Effective Men, Cuddalore 12th October 1858, No. 245; to the Collector of South Arcot.

Numerous applications having been made to me for Toddy to be sold in the European lines where Pensioners and a great many effective men on sick leave reside, and as I am informed that the indulgence is granted at Palaveram, Saint Thomas' Mount and other stations, I have the honor to request you will apply to Government to have the Regulation prohibiting the sale of Toddy within 3 miles of the Depôt cancelled for the following reasons.

1st. A limited allowance of Arrack is served out from the Canteen at particular hours of the day—Porter can also be purchased, but this latter article either is too expensive or is for some unknown reason distasteful to the men, as the expenditure seldom exceeds 6 Quarts weekly.

2nd. The want of a drink of wholesome Toddy drives a man to Arrack, and as he can get nothing in bulk in the lines, suited to his means, he goes into the open country, and generally has a complete drunken bout—I would observe that all Europeans here, are free to come and free to

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go, but I am of opinion, and respectable Serjeants have confirmed my idea, that if Toddy could be sold by the renter in the lines the men would not have any desire to stray out, but would remain at home where liquor could be had for about 8 Annas a Gallon, that would answer the purpose of satisfying the men's thirst without leading to brutal intoxication.

I beg to apply for the same indulgence here, that is granted elsewhere.

Rules could be framed in accordance with those at other stations.

The Board resolve to submit the above letter for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to the letter of Mr. Revenue Secretary Stokes, dated 3rd December 1824, No. 781. The Board see no objection as regards considerations of Revenue, to the sale of Toddy within the lines of the European Pensioners, and if the Military authorities approve of the arrangement, they will instruct the Acting Collector to carry it out.

(A True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary.

Referred to the Military Department.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Referred to the Commander-in-Chief.

27th November 1858.

From the Adjutant General of the Army, Ootacamund 21st January 1859, No. 2691; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

Referring Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting correspondence from the Collector of South Arcot, with an intimation that they see no objection as regards considerations of Revenue, to the sale of Toddy within the lines of the European Pensioners at Cuddalore, and that if the Military Authorities approve of the arrangement, they will issue orders for its being carried out.

I have the honor by order of the Commander-in-Chief, to acknowledge the receipt of Extract from Minutes of Consultation in the

Revenue Department dated 25th November 1858 No. 1582, referred to His Excellency by Memo. of the 27th idem.

Lieutenant General Sir Patrick Grant, thinks it very desirable that a fair trial should be given to the proposed measures—it will be a great blessing if they are successful in restraining the habits of intemperance, in which unhappily the majority of Pensioners are so prone to indulge.

Ordered that the foregoing letter from the Adjutant General, be communicated to the Revenue Department, with reference to Extract of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 4200, dated 11th November 1858, and referred to in the Extract Minutes of Consultation above recorded.

(True Extract and Copies.)

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To the Revenue Department with 20 spare copies.
„ Adjutant General.

Exd. J. Davis.

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