

Revenue Department

G. B. No 844

Dated 1st July 1859

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,  
from 25th June to 1st July 1859.*

No. 13. Read the following letter from J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated 25th May 1859, No. 1903.

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the consideration and orders of Government, (as required in Extract Minutes Consultation in the Revenue Department, No. 412, dated 29th March 1858,) a report from the Collector of Madras, on the working of the Abkarry Department of the Collectorate for the past 12 months with the assistance of the Extra Establishment and under the revised arrangements sanctioned in the Order above quoted.

2. The Collector expresses his conviction that the new system works well and has greatly diminished smuggling during the past year while the Abkarry Revenue has increased. Only eight cases of illicit traffic in Arrack were brought to the Collector's notice, whereas for the preceding six years the largest number of cases shown in Statement B, was 35 in the year 1854-55, and the minimum 19 in 1857-58. This result as the Collector justly remarks may be considered to tell against as well as for the efficiency of the Establishment, but his opinion is decidedly in favor of the Department.

3. The total Abkarry Revenue for the past year is Rupees 7,67,369, and Mr. Cunliffe shows in his remarks in Statement B, that it would have been still higher notwithstanding certain unfavorable circumstances of the year, had it not been necessary in consequence of the want of Colombo, to supply Batavia Arrack, which is less liked by the people.

4. The Collector considers the temporary Establishment indispensable, and Government have also admitted\* the necessity of augmenting his fixed Abkarry Establishment. The Board have no hesitation in recommending that the present arrangements be continued at an aggregate cost of Rupees 765 per month or Rupees 9,180 per annum, being less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the Abkarry Revenue for 1858-59, and less than  $1\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the average revenue of the past five years. The total Establishment charges of the Department, (including the above) amount to Rupees 24,700 per annum or  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the Revenue Rupees (7,67,369) of 1858-59.

5. The 15 months for which the Extra Establishment at Rupees 184 per month was sanctioned, will expire on the 28th June 1859.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 25th June 1859, No. 844.

In obedience to the order of Government of March 29th 1858, No. 412, the Board of Revenue submit a report from the Collector of Madras on the working of the Abkarry Department in his Collectorate during the first twelve months of the fifteen for which a revised establishment was sanctioned in the order above quoted. The effect of the new arrangement is stated to have been decidedly good; and the Board support the Collector's recommendation that it should be continued.

2. From the statement enclosed in the Collector's letter to the Board it appears that the Abkarry revenue of Madras has increased considerably during the last five years. During the first four years of that period the revenue rose steadily from Rupees 5,74,536, to 7,67,369; and even in the last year of the series, in spite of unfavorable circumstance and the sale of Batavián instead of Colombo which was not procurable, the high revenue of the preceding year has been equalled and even slightly exceeded. The Government are of opinion that abundant ground has been shewn for continuing the extra establishment, which was first entertained in 1852, and

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| From Collr. to Board 5th May 1859, No. 55. |          |
|                                            | Rs.      |
| In 1858-59                                 | 7,67,369 |
| In 1854-55                                 | 5,74,536 |
| Increase within the last five years        | 1,92,833 |

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for regarding the fixed establishment as totally inadequate. They therefore resolve to continue the present arrangement for another year; and in the mean time they will recommend to the Supreme Government to add the extra peons to the permanent establishment.

3. Before making this reference, however, the Governor in Council resolves to call for the opinion of the Collector and the Board on that part of Mr. Cunliffe's scheme which was not sanctioned on the 29th March 1858, viz. that which  
\* *Pro. October 30th 1857, No. 3697, para. 14.* proposed to augment the pay of some servants. The Board expressed approval of the proposition\* but they did not support it at that time, considering it then improper to propose any addition to the public expenditure:

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

IN CON. 6TH MAY 1859, No. 2023.  
From B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of MADRAS,  
dated Madras, 5th May 1859, No. 55.

1. The Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation 29th March 1858, No. 412, sanctioned a temporary Abkarry Establishment for 15 months at a cost of 184 Rupees monthly and directed that a report upon the new system of supervision should be submitted after the expiration of one year.

2. I have the honor to submit such report, the Establishment having to run under that order until 28th June next and the new system having been introduced on the 1st May last.

3. Though it is difficult to show any great improvement upon paper I must state my conviction that the new system has worked well. The universal opinion of those acquainted with the subject is that smuggling is as low as can be expected with an open country on all sides save one, and though

A. the enclosed statement will bear the construction either that illicit practices were kept down by the vigilance of the force, or were not detected by its supineness, I must crave for the Department a favorable opinion as I believe it to be really deserving of it.

4. I enclose also a Statement of the Abkarry revenues for 5 official years and must request that the temporary Establishment being in fact indispensable for the maintenance of the large revenue involved may be made permanent at an aggregate cost of 765 Rupees monthly.

ENC. 1.

A.—Memorandum shewing the species of selected Arrack Cases in the seven official years.

| YEARS.       | Arrack Cases. |                                    |                                     |                                 | European Liquor Cases. |                          | Total. |
|--------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
|              | Smuggling.    | More than a bottle without a pass. | Taken to other than destined Shops. | Dilution and short measurement. | Illicit sales.         | Illicit sale of Chandoo. |        |
| 1            | 2             | 3                                  | 4                                   | 5                               | 6                      | 7                        | 8      |
| 1852-53..... | 17            | 1                                  | 0                                   | 0                               | 7                      | 0                        | 25     |
| 1853-54..... | 15            | 1                                  | 2                                   | 1                               | 4                      | 0                        | 23     |
| 1854-55..... | 20            | 2                                  | 6                                   | 3                               | 4                      | 0                        | 35     |
| 1855-56..... | 15            | 1                                  | 4                                   | 7                               | 3                      | 0                        | 30     |
| 1856-57..... | 11            | 0                                  | 3                                   | 9                               | 2                      | 0                        | 25     |
| 1857-58..... | 1             | 0                                  | 1                                   | 17                              | 0                      | 0                        | 19     |
| 1858-59..... | 0             | 0                                  | 1                                   | 6                               | 0                      | 1                        | 8      |

Madras, 5th May 1859.

(Signed) B. CUNLIFFE,  
Collector.

ENC. 2.

B.—Memorandum of the Revenue of the Abkarry Department for 5 official years.

| No.     | Items.             | 1854-55  | 1855-56  | 1856-57  | 1857-58  | 1858-59  | Remarks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ARRACK. |                    |          |          |          |          |          | Batavia arrack is not so much liked as Colombo arrack, and when the former is supplied the sales decrease. It has been issued for 63 days in the year previous to that under review in which it has been issued for 160 days. Taking the revenue for 97 days in the previous year and that derived from the sale of Batavia arrack for the same period in this year, the difference is Rupees 35,575-6-1. If out of the above sum the actual fall between the two years or Rs. 14,256-12-5 be deducted the difference Rs. 21,318-9-8 should be regarded as really an increase when the circumstances of the two years are considered. The prices of grain and all provisions having been high and Brandy cheaper the Board having directed that different kinds of liquor may be included in the one dozen sold by wholesale dealers were the unfavorable circumstances in the year under review. |
|         | Rupees.            | Rupees.  | Rupees.  | Rupees.  | Rupees.  |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1       | Brandy...          | 1,990    | 1,658    | 1,614    | 2,175    | 2,075    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2       | Puttai arrack...   | 1,73,731 | 1,82,175 | 1,87,387 | 2,46,027 | 2,94,252 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3       | Colombo do. ...    | 1,69,742 | 1,79,921 | 2,05,856 | 2,59,398 | 1,96,144 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4       | Extra revenue..    | 91       | 145      | 197      | 103      | 919      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 5       | Refund of charges. | 205      | 183      | 132      | 260      | 377      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|         | Total...           | 3,45,759 | 3,64,082 | 3,95,186 | 5,07,963 | 4,93,767 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| TODDY.  |                    |          |          |          |          |          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 6       | Collections...     | 2,20,863 | 2,13,983 | 2,19,240 | 2,42,614 | 2,46,649 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7       | Excess Tax...      | 2,449    | 2,943    | 3,194    | 9,625    | 15,298   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 8       | Bakeries...        | 5,326    | 5,435    | 5,384    | 6,067    | 11,270   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9       | Extra revenue...   | 139      | 225      | 184      | 174      | 385      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|         | Total...           | 2,28,777 | 2,22,586 | 2,28,002 | 2,58,480 | 2,73,602 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|         | Grand Total...     | 5,74,536 | 5,86,668 | 6,23,188 | 7,66,443 | 7,67,369 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Madras, 5th May 1859.

(Signed) B. CUNLIFFE,  
Collector.

265  
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sanctioned

Printed Copy of  
1859 Department

No. 2023

From the Collector of  
Madras

To the Secretary to the  
Board of Revenue

For Mr. George

Dated 5<sup>th</sup> May 1859.

Rev. G. C.

Enclaves: 6<sup>th</sup>

With two Enclosures

No. P. 202/59

Reporting on the

working of the Alkarry

Department under the

new system & requesting

that the temporary

Establishment may be

made permanent.

No. 1903 of 1859.

Revenue Dept<sup>o</sup>

No. 844.

Proceedings of the Madras Government  
Under date the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1859

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From Collr to Board  
5<sup>th</sup> May/59 No 55

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Pro. Octo 30/57. No 3697  
Para 11.

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Disp<sup>n</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>

1 - Acct<sup>y</sup> Genl<sup>r</sup>

1 - Civil Auditor<sup>r</sup>

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9 February 1860. No 332

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the Madras Collector to  
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