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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 785	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 16-5- 1860.	

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of May 1860.

No. 67. Read the following letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras and Chingleput, to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 8th May 1860, No. 11 :—

1. A few days ago I was informed by the Commissioner of Police that the set of one Dram, ½ and ¼ Drams, lodged in his Office as a standard, and lately regulated by the Assay Master, materially differed from the set in use at the Arrack Shops, and stamped by me as correct,

2. On enquiring how this difference originated, I learn that the Assay Master had increased the standard Dram, in obedience, as he states, to Extract Minutes of Consultation, 23rd March 1859, which declares, that the Collector's measures shall not be regulated by the Notification of 20th October 1846, and that as the Dram had been hitherto adjusted by the ½ ollack of the Notification, so it was necessary now to regulate it by the ½ ollack of the standard supplied to the Bázárs, for a long period.

3. I replied that the Orders of Government quoted by him referred to *Native* Weights and Measures, and not to the Dram, which had long prior to the Notification of 1846 been in use with Ábkári Shops, and that he ought, not, in my opinion, to have altered the dimensions of the Dram.

4. He adheres to his former decision, stating that the Dram having been adjusted by the ½ ollack of the Notification it must now be made equivalent to the ½ ollack of the Bázár measures, because "the Collector of Madras has nothing to do with the Standards of the Notification of "1846" (paragraph 5, Extract Minutes Consultation, 23rd March 1859.)

5. That the cubical contents of the Dram hitherto supplied to the Arrack Shop, are the same as those of the Notification ½ ollack, is merely fortuitous, for, as said before, the Dram was in use long before the issue of the Notification. It contains of fluid measure 3 Ounces nine Drams, seventeen Grains Avoirdupois, and if it is now to be increased, all the sets in the Ábkári Shops must be called in, and others supplied, but I see no necessity for the alteration.

6. I beg, however, that the Government willd ecide whether the old Standard Dram is to be continued, or a new measure of three Ounces, eleven Drams and 25 Grains is to be introduced, according to the Assay Master's construction of Minutes of Consultation, 23rd March 1859.

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, 16th May 1860, No. 785.

Ordered to be referred to the Public Department for consideration.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

is to be continued, or a new measure of three ounces eleven drams and twenty five grains is to be introduced, according to the Assay Master's construction of Minutes of Consultation 23 March 1859.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant,

R. Sandys

Collector of Madras & Chingleput

Madras,
8th May 1860.

No 785.

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The Collector of Madras and Chingleput

To

The Secretary to Government
Fort St George

Dated 8th May 1860
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Stating that he was informed by the Commissioner of Police that the set of one Dram ½ & ¼ Drams lodged in his Office as a Standard is lately regulated by the Assay Master, materially differed from the set in use at the arrack Shops. —

with an Order