

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23th November 1861.*

No. 287. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 23rd November 1861, No. 4,266 :—

Communicating S. Sarawone Muttoo's application, offering for sale one thousand Leaguers of Arrack. } (Vide Military Proceedings, 23rd November 1861, Nos. 599—601.)

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 23th November 1861, No. 2,232.

Referred to the Collector of Madras through the Board of Revenue for early report.

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

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter:—
From S. Sarawane Muttie, Arrack Contractor, Madras, 30th October 1861; to the Secretary to Government, Military Department.

With reference to the Order of Government as per margin, granting me the indulgence of an extension of time to enable me to fulfil my Contract for the supply of Arrack, I have now the honor to inform you that, that supply has been completed to the entire satisfaction of the Commissary General, as will be ascertained on reference to that Officer. In making this report, I beg to bring to the notice of Government, that I have made very great exertions to give the fullest satisfaction—I went myself to Ceylon, and in a very short time collected together the balance of supply due—but there is now on my hands at Colombo a further stock of one thousand Leaguers, this I cannot dispose of to any other person, as the Arrack was expressly manufactured so as to suit the requirements of the Commissariat Department at Madras—and I cannot import it for sale here, as the Duty on the article is so high as to leave no profit, nor can it be sold in the local market without the sanction of Government. I therefore humbly beg that you will be kindly pleased to permit the Commissary General to take over those one thousand Leaguers, and thereby relieve me from a great loss. The present stock of Arrack in the Commissariat Stores is, I am informed, below the allotment required to be maintained as a three years' supply, so that the taking over of the one thousand Leaguers will not cause any excess over the authorised reserved supply. Furthermore, should it be urged that, in accordance with the present system of assignments of Cash for the annual expenditure of each Department, there are no funds available in the Commissariat Budget to meet this outlay—I beg to say that I shall hold the one thousand Leaguers of Arrack at the disposal of the Commissariat until the beginning of the next official year.

2. In making this request, I beg to inform Government that, during the four years that Government have employed me as their Contractor, I have used my best exertions to reduce the price of Arrack—I have supplied six thousand five hundred Leaguers, which if purchased at the rate at which this article was obtained through Messrs. Shand & Co., and Parry & Co., under former orders, would have cost Government about

	Rupees 14,95,000
But at my rates it has cost about.....	9,08,500
Showing a saving to Government of.....	5,86,500

3. Furthermore, the rate at which my last supply was made is lower than that at which the Collector of Land Customs has obtained his supply for the present and next year.

4. Under these circumstances, I beg that Government will be kindly pleased to help a deserving servant, and to direct the Commissary General to take over the one thousand Leaguers I have alluded to, and should Government so order, I beg to say, that I am prepared to hand over the Arrack at a less price than my regular Contract, namely, Rupees 135 with, or Rupees 130 without Cask per Leaguere—again entreating that Government will, in consideration of my past services, comply with my request.

With Report of the Controller of Military Finance, 12th November 1861, B.

ORDER, No. 4266, 23rd November 1861.

Resolved that S. Sarawane Muttie be informed, that his surplus Arrack is not required for the use of the Troops. His application will be communicated to the Revenue Department, in view to its being ascertained whether the spirit is wanted by the Collector of Madras.

(True Extract.)

Thurston
Secretary to Government.

To S. Sarawane Muttie, Arrack Contractor,
To the Controller of Military Finance.
" Commissary General,
" Revenue Department. *With 10 spare Copies*

Exd. J. E. Cashart.

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