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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 864 **Press** ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 17 — 4 — 1861 .

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th April 1861.

No. 288. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th April 1861, No. 1,876 :—

Read letter from the Collector of Malabar, dated April 2nd 1861, No. 73.
(In Cons. 8th April 1861, No. 2,143.)

1. The Collector in this letter gives a full explanation of the present Ábkári system in Cannanore, which is managed by the Commissariat Officer in the spirit of Regulation VII of 1832, and there does not appear to be any authority given for the malpractices on the part of the Renter exposed in the Collector's former letter on the subject. He then enters into all the details of the old system of Ábkári in the province, viz., the Kutti Chatti Tax, or the impost on the Knife of the Toddy Drawers and on the pot and still of the Seller of Country Arrack.

2. Except in the large towns where the renting system was introduced, and where the Renter collected the Knife Tax and gave sale licenses to the Still Holders, this, for many years, was the Ábkári system of Malabar, but Act I of 1820 has been gradually introduced always with benefit to the Ábkári Revenue, and the relinquishment of the Knife Tax which has taken place at the same time, has also placed the Knife Holders in a much better position.

Dated 22nd, in Cons. 28th Jan. 1861, *No.* 550.

Dated 4th March 1861.

3. The Collector in his former letter laid great stress upon the opportunities for oppression which the system of farming without the relinquishment of the Knife Tax left in the hands of the Renter and was most anxious for the introduction of Regulation I of 1820 into Cannanore, and the Board in their late Proceedings on the subject recommended this course, but it now appears that there is nothing which is objectionable in the present Ábkári system of Cannanore, except the authority which the Renter seems to exercise over the Knife Holders from his being permitted to collect the Knife Tax from them. The Board, therefore, would now simply recommend that the Knife Tax be relinquished and the Ábkári Renter of Cannanore would thus be placed in the same position as the Renters in other Military Stations.

4. The Collector states, and the Board are aware, that the introduction of Regulation I of 1820, has always resulted in an increase of Revenue, but even were this to be expected, it probably would not compensate for the inconvenience which would be caused by the transfer from the Commissariat Officer to the Collector of the Ábkári management of the Cantonment.

7th March 1861, *Revenue Department, No.* 524.
In Cons. 8th March 1861.

Ordered that these Proceedings be submitted to Government in continuation of those of 4th March 1861, and with reference to the Government Order thereon, and that the early Orders of Government on the subject be solicited as the present Ábkári contract expires on the 30th instant, and the sale of that for the coming year has been ordered to be held in abeyance.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL, *Acting Sub-Secretary.*

No. 289. ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1861, No. 864.

1. The Government authorize and direct the continuation of the existing system of Ábkári management at Cannanore, with the exception of the Knife Tax, which will be wholly abolished there from the 1st May. The Chatty or Still Tax will also be abolished if it exists there.

2. The Collector advocates the introduction of Regulation I of 1820 at Cannanore; but he overlooks the fact that that Cantonment, being a Military Bazar Station under Regulation VII of 1832, the Ábkári is necessarily subject to the provisions of Sections 43 to 47 of that Regulation.

3. Full publicity should be given by the Collector to the abolition of these Taxes. The new terms for the Ábkári contract should also be made known beforehand by the Commissariat Officer. It is possible that there may be some falling off in the amount bid, especially as the notice is so short; but such loss is not at all likely to be more than temporary. Eventually the effect will probably be an increase in the Revenue.

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

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 17th April 1861

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Note—as the abkarry years at
Cannanore expire at the end of the
month an early order is necessary—
I should have sent out the
Letter on Saturday, but I wished to get
the Collrs first letter. I have not yet
rec'd it from the Bd but I will not
detain the Letters longer. There seems no

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room for doubt as to the
course to be pursued. The
Collectrs' answers to inter-
-rogatories in the
first instance, would
not of course cause a delay
of six weeks—

Revenue 1861 Depart.
Pro: of Govt for April
No 864.
Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dt 17th April 1861.

Authorize the continuance
of the existing Abkari
System in Cannanore
with certain exceptions.

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Abkari Affairs
Cannanore

No 288 & 289.