

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 774	Press ~~Mis.~~
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Dated 6 . 5 . 1863	

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th May 1863.*

No. 43. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd April 1863:—
Read the following letter from the Honorable R. S. ELIAS, c. b., Acting Collector of Madras,
to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated
Sydapet, 16th April 1863, No. 118.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st March 1862, forwarding the orders of the Government, No. 550 dated 20th March 1863, enquiring whether the price paid by the Collector of Madras for Arrack includes the value of the leaguer.

2. In reply, I have the honor to state that the price of Colombo Arrack Rupees 114-8-0 per leaguer,* at which rate Messrs. Binny & Co. have contracted, does not include the cost price of the leaguer. If the cost of the leaguer is added, the total cost of Colombo Arrack, as purchased by the Collector of Madras, amounts to Rupees 120-3-10½ per leaguer, or Annas 3 Pice 10½ in excess of the price at which the Commissariat Department has offered to supply the liquor.

3. But I would beg to refer the Board to paragraph 3 of the Deputy Collector's letter dated 31st March, of which a copy is enclosed. It will be seen that the saving to be effected by the purchase of the Commissariat Arrack would only be nominal, and that the expense of storing an excessive quantity of liquor, and the wastage thereon, would entail an expenditure of Rupees 3-5-0 per 100 Gallons as against a saving of Annas 2 Pice 8 per 100 Gallons, if the proposal made by the Commissary General were accepted.

4. I would also beg to call the attention of the Board to paragraph 4 of the Deputy Collector's letter, in which it is stated that in all probability Colombo Arrack will be tendered during this year at a lower rate than Rupees 114-8-0 per leaguer, the present contract price. Under these circumstances, I concur with the Deputy Collector in his opinion that it will not be advantageous to purchase the Colombo Arrack offered by the Commissary General.

5. As soon as the Board's orders on this communication are received, I propose to issue the usual Notice inviting tenders for the supply of Colombo Arrack for Fasli 1273.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order quoted by the Acting Collector. The Board concur in the opinion that it is inexpedient to take the Arrack proffered by the Commissariat, the supply on hand being ample for the purposes of the Town Abkary, while an excess stock will involve an extra charge far in excess of the saving indicated by the Commissary General, and the prospects of obtaining tenders on the next occasion at a still more favorable rate than the present contract, are fair.

2. It is curious too, that while the Commissariat Department were endeavouring to transfer this Arrack to the Collector of Madras, it should be advertising (*Vide Gazette 30th January 1863*) for tenders for the supply of 1,32,000 Gallons from 1st proximo.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, Secretary.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1863, No. 774.

The Board have misapprehended the object of the reference, which was merely to ascertain whether the Collector's price included the value of the leaguers or not. It appears that it does not, and therefore the Commissariat contract was more favorable to Government than the Collector's by 3 Annas 10½ Pice per 150 Gallons. This will be communicated to the Military Department for information. The order of 27th January last, Revenue Department, No. 184, will stand good, so far as the non-acceptance of the Arrack is concerned.

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

14th April to 18th April
2nd Party Capt. R. J. J.
with 1st Party

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The Bd has misapprehended the object of the reference which was merely to ascertain whether the Cms price included the value of the liquor or not. It appears that it does not - and therefore the Commissionariat contract has more favorable terms than the Cms by 3 annas 10³/₄ pice per 150 Gallons. This will be communicated to the Military Dept. for information. The order of 27 Jan. placed R & N 18th will stand for as far as their non-acceptance of the arrack is concerned. I do not

still more favorable rates than the present contract, are fair.

It is curious too, that while the Com. - Engineer's Department were endeavoring to trans- -fer this contract to the Collector of Mexico it should be advertising (Wade's Gazette 30th January 1863) for tenders for the supply of 133,000 gallons from its proximo.

Alfred C. B. & Co.

Shirley

Secretary.

To J. D. Smith Esq.
Secretary to Government
Mexico (Department).

San Francisco

Note for the Military Dept.

I think that inquiry should be made in the Military Dept on the point noticed at the conclusion of the B.D. process - viz. how it is that the Com. Engineer's Dept. is advertising for more amach, when he has how on hand more than he wants.

J.P.

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No. 20 March 1863 No. 208
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No. of Govt for No. 37
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Dated 22nd
Sept - 22nd April 1863
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From Military Dept
7. 8 June 1863 No. 232

Submitting Government
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from the C. of Madras stating
why the Colomha Arrack offered
by the Commissary General
should not be purchased.

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