

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 53. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 1st May 1863 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel T. McGOUN, Controller of Military Finance, Fort Saint George, to Colonel H. MARSHALL, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort Saint George, 30th April 1863 E.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government, that a question has arisen regarding the working of the Abkarry Contracts in the Cantonments as per margin (where alone the Abkarry still remains in the hands of the Commissariat Officer), in consequence of the Executive Officers being now relieved from the exercise of all Police functions by the appointment of Cantonment Magistrates.

2. The collections are at once made over to the Civil Treasury, and as the duty of collection pertained to the Commissariat Officer simply in virtue of his Police jurisdiction, there appears to be no reason for now charging him with the duty.

3. From the 1st of May the collections will not be exhibited in the Military Books at all, and it appears to me that the connection of the Commissariat Officer should with the working of the Abkarry altogether cease.

4. The collections can be made by the Civil authorities, the necessary measures being taken in communication with the Military authorities to determine the number and position of the Arrack shops within the Cantonments.

5. I have referred the question for the opinion of the Revenue Board, and have the honor to submit their Proceedings thereon, from which it will be observed, that their Board approve of the proposed transfer.

6. I have therefore the honor to solicit the sanction of Government to the measure.

7. An early decision is desirable with reference to the period of the year, as new Contracts are ordinarily entered into on the 1st May.

Referred to the Revenue Department in connection with the correspondence noted in the margin (already referred to that Department), and an early decision requested with advertence to paragraph 7 of the foregoing letter from the Controller of Military Finance.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 6th May 1863, No. 779.

1. The transfer of the Abkarry rents in the Cantonments noted in the margin to the Revenue Department, as suggested by the Controller of Military Finance, is in every way desirable, but it cannot be immediately carried out in Military Bazaar Stations until the Law* is changed. The collections will be credited in the Civil Books from the 1st instant, and the Commissariat Officer can as usual do all that is necessary until a new Law is passed. The next contract for renting the Abkarry should run till the 30th June 1864 to suit the Revenue year, and should be drawn up so as to provide for the transfer of the Department to the Revenue authorities.

2. The Board of Revenue will be requested to expedite the submission of the Draft Abkarry Bill which they are preparing, and to provide in it for the management of the Abkarry in Military Bazaar Stations.

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

Chas & Co

Rupees 3350-00-00 payable in three monthly instalments

N^o.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 21st April 1863.

Read the following.

N^o 62.

From, G. A. Ballard Esq^r
Collector of Malabar

To, W. Huddleston Esq^r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of the Board's Proceedings dated the 16th
Ultimo N^o 1568.

2. I see no obstacle in the way of
carrying out the proposed transfer of the Abkarry
Department in the Cannanore Cantonment to the
Civil Authorities.

3. To explain the terms of the existing
Abkarry Lease as required by the Board, I give
the following Extract from a letter⁺ received from
the Commisariat Officer of the Station to whom
I applied for information on the subject.

"The Abkari Farm for the
existing year or from 1st May 1862 to 30 April
1863 has been rented out to the person noted in
the margin for one year on a monthly rent of
Rupees 3350-0-0 payable in three monthly
instalments

⁺ dated 31st March
1863

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instalments to the Commissariat Office ³ ~~10~~ 20th and last day of the month, free of all expense, and in the event of a Corps or a Detachment equal to half a Corps arriving at the station, a proportionate increase of the Abharry Contract shall take place as also a proportionate diminution of the same on the permanent departure of a Corps or half a Corps from the station.

"The Contractor is prohibited from selling or allowing to be sold any liquor or intoxicating drug to any European Man, woman or Child without a written authority, nor to sell on credit any to Native Troops or Followers in the pay of Government."

All Arrack sold to be drunk on the spot, none to be taken away without a pass from the Commissariat Officer."

"All arrack and Toddy shops to be opened at 6 A. M. and closed at 9 P. M."

At the expiration of the Contract, the Contractor is bound to leave a stock of arrack in the Farm sufficient for one month's consumption, for which he will receive payment at the usual price from the new Contractor and if required he must at the conclusion of his Contract make over his manufactory and utensils to the new Contractor at a valuation to be fixed by three respectable persons."

For the due fulfilment of his Contract

Contract the Farmer deposits in the hands of the Commissariat Officer a sum equal to one monthly Instalment."

Should the Contractor require it he can purchase what quantity of arrack he wants from the Commissariat Department at the rate of Rs. 2-8- per Gallon when available."

4. It will be observed that no special arrangements exist at Cannanore for collecting the rent. It is paid by the Contractor himself into the Commissariat Office. If the proposed transfer is sanctioned, I shall have the future sales of the Abharry Farm conducted by my Sub Collector in charge of North Malabar & the Farmer will have to pay his rent into the Civil Treasury at Cannanore.

5. The present Lease expires on the 30th Instant.

Calicut 4th April
1863

I have &c
(Signed) G. A. Ballard
Collector.

To, Mr. S. Walhouse Esq^r
Acting Collector of Trichinopoly.
To, Mr. W. Huelleston Esq^r
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Para 1. In obedience to the instructions conveyed in Board's Proceedings dated 16th March last, I have the honor to inform you that I see no objection whatever to the contemplated transfer of the Abharry contract of the Military Contonment from the Commissary to the Collector's Department.

2. It would appear from the accompanying Copy of a letter and the terms of the lease

lease from the Commisariat Officer that the
farm is leased annually, that the list is paid
monthly by 3 instalments, and that there is no
Establishment maintained for purposes of col-
lecting the revenue.

3. The farm is sold to one
Ramaswamy Pillai for the Official year
1863/64 for Rupees 68,175-0-0. When
the present lease is over I beg to re-
commend that the farm may be
put for sale up to the end of
Fasli 1275, that being the time when
the lease of the other farms
in this District will close, so
that it may from the next fasli be
put to auction jointly with the farm
of the Trichinopoly Taluk.

Trichinopoly
Collector's Office
13th April
1863.

I have &c &c
(Signed) M. J. Walkhouse
Acting Collector

N^o 63

Bellary Collectors Office
N^o 63. Ramandroog 16th April 1863,
From A. Wedderburn Esqre
Acting Collector of Bellary

To W. Hudleston Esqre
Secretary to the Board
of Revenue, Madras.

Sir,

1. With reference to para 1 of
the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,
dated 16th March 1863, N^o 1568, I have
the honor to report that there is no ob-
stacle to the transfer of the Collections of
abkarry within the limits of the Canton-
ment of Bellary to the revenue De-
partment.

2. The existing lease, it ap-
pears, expires at the end of this month.

3. The contractor is bound
to pay his revenue monthly by 3 ins-
talments, into the Civil Treasury, his
deposited security of 10 per Cent be-
ing received as payment for the
last

last instalment of the lease.

4. Copy of the Contract, which might be followed by the revenue Department, on a fresh sale of the Contract, say for the next 3 years ending 30th June 1866, when it would expire simultaneously with the District Alkari 5 years lease, 2 of which have run, is forwarded for the Board's information.

5. Notice to the present Contractor, who, it appears, resides in Secunderabad, or to his agent, would be fair, on the change of system being introduced.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
/Signed/ A. Wedderburn
Acting Collector.

Ordered

Ordered to be communicated to the Controller of Military Finance with reference to his letter dated 13th March 1863. The Board consider that the change proposed by him may be carried out with advantage.

2. The Draft Abkari Bill revising and consolidating the Law on the subject is about to be submitted by the Board to Government and the necessary provision can be made in it for the altered arrangement in Military Bazar Stations, with reference to Sections 42 to 47, Regulation 7 of 1832.

3. The Board will be glad to learn from Colonel McGoun what parts if any, of the provisions in those sections he considers it necessary to retain in addition to the provisions of Act 18 of 1852.

(True Copies & Extract)

W. Johnston
Secretary

To
Lieut^{nt} Col^l J. McGoun
Controller of
Military Finance.

The transfer of the Ab.
 Kary to the Pub. Dept seems
 in every way desirable -
 but I do not see how it
 can be immediately car-
 -ried out in Military Wagon
 Stations until the law is
 changed - v. Sect 43 & ch
 Reg VII of 1832 - Nor do I
 see any cause for such
 hurry - The collections will
 be credited in the Civil Books
 from the pt list - and the
 Com. Officer can do all that

Proceedings of the
 Board of Revenue

Dated 24th April 1863.
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No.

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 No 1012/1863

2nd May 1863.

(Communicating letter
 from the Collyer of Mala-
 bar, Travincopol and
 Bellary, stating that
 they see no obstacle to the
 transfer of the collections
 of Akkany within the
 command, to the Revenue
 Dept.)

No 1012/63

Revenue Department

No. 779-

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 6th May 1863

Read the following Proceedings in the Military Department.

Referring a letter from the Controller of Military Finance proposing the transfer of the Akhary from the Commissariat officer to the Civil Department in Bellary, Trichinopoly & Cannanore.

(Here enter 1st May/63)

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instant

Bellary
Trichinopoly
Cannanore

* Reg: VII of 1832 Sec: 1.3.8

is necessary - for in
fact there is nothing to
- do but make a contract -
until the new law is
passed - The contract
this time may be limited
to 6 months - or take the

June 1864
30 days week to suit the
Rest year.

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By will. 30 June 1864

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By the Military Secy. 24th 1864
14. Board of Revenue
3. Accountant General.

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