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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1864.*

No. 237. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 17th March 1864 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. SELBY, Commanding the Mount, to Colonel J. W. PRIMROSE, Adjutant General, Fort Saint George, dated —, No. 109.

SIR,

1. I beg to bring through you to the notice of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the baneful effects of the system now in force regulating the sale of spirits in the bazaar here, in the earnest hope that His Excellency may deem the subject worthy his interference.

2. At present there is, it is true, a Law to prevent the sale of liquor to European Soldiers, but this is rendered almost a dead letter by the permission granted for any Native to purchase and carry away any quantity of liquor he chooses. I am quite aware that the retail of this liquor is punishable by Law, but who can prevent the surreptitious sale of it to Soldiers while walking out in the evening. The Native Police, it is much to be feared, either connive at the trade thus carried on or are afraid to interfere with the European Soldiery. The European Police or Provost Pahol occasionally detect an offender, but the trade is so lucrative that the punishment of the culprit utterly fails to deter others from engaging in the same traffic.

3. A few years ago a Rule existed that in Military Cantonments Natives were not permitted to carry away liquor from the spirit shops without a license from the Magistrate.

4. It may be urged that the proposed withdrawal of licenses will have an injurious effect on the revenue of the District, but surely this is to look at it from one point only ; against this loss we have to weigh the greater loss to the State by the absence from duty and premature death of its Soldiers ; into a detail of this it is needless to go, nine-tenths of the cases in hospital arise from intemperance.

5. But I do not ask that the licenses be entirely taken away throughout the District, all I would urge is that no liquor shall be taken away from any Arrack shop within three miles of this Station. I believe great good would come of this, and I trust I shall have the support of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief. Intemperance and disease which often arise from it are destroying the energies and lives of our Soldiers by hundreds—shall not every possible means be resorted to to check this. If it were a matter of finance only, even then the change should find advocates—but Government will be influenced by a far higher motive, the happiness and welfare of its Soldiers.

No. 116.

1. In continuation of Memorandum dated 18th February 1864, No. 77, the Commander-in-Chief has the honor to forward for the information of Government the within representation from the Officer Commanding the Mount, on the subject of the surreptitious sale of spirits to the European Troops at that Station, and soliciting that it be enacted that the taking away any spirituous liquor from any Arrack shop, within three miles of the Station, be a punishable offence.

2. Sir Hope Grant thinks it is highly desirable that there should be no Arrack shops whatever within the limits of any Military Cantonment, or within a circuit of three miles of its Main Guard ; and further, that it should be enacted that no liquor at all should be allowed to be taken away, without a pass, from any Arrack shop : so that, as a rule, whatever is consumed should be drunk on the premises.

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3. His Excellency observes that the Regulations for the sale of spirituous liquors at the Mount were under the consideration of Government in 1858-59. *Vide* Proceedings of Government 27th July 1858, No. 1,043, 5th February 1859, No. 531, &c.

. (By Order,)

Fort Saint George,
7th March 1864.

(Signed) J. W. PRIMROSE, Colonel,
Adjutant General.

Referred to the Revenue Department in continuation of docket of 29th February 1864.

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

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1864, No. 481.

Referred to the Board of Revenue for report in continuation of the Order of Government 1st instant, No. 368.

(True Extract)

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

To the Board of Revenue with three original enclosures.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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