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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2031 — Press Mis.

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Dated 30. 8. 1865

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No. 512. Read the following letter from G. A. BALLARD, Esq., Magistrate of Malabar, to the Honorable A. J. ARBUTHNOT, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Calicut, 13th July 1865, No. 89 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to notice that the limits of the Abkarry farm of Cannanore did, and do now, embrace all precincts within a radius of four miles from the centre of the Cantonment.

2. At present the Cantonment Magistrate's jurisdiction is confined to the actual Cantonment limits, though the Cantonment Joint Magistrate's jurisdiction was, previous to the introduction of the new Act, conterminous with the Abkarry farm.

3. The Brigadier Commanding thinks it desirable that the Cantonment Magistrate's jurisdiction should be again made conterminous with the limits of the Abkarry farm as above said, as the arrangement facilitates the repression of drunkenness, &c.

4. I agree with him, and request the orders of Government on the subject.

5. Any rules passed regarding the sale of intoxicating drugs should apply to the limits as now proposed.

From Major-General J. E. WILLIAMS, Commanding Southern Division, to the Adjutant General, Head Quarters, Ootacamund, dated Head Quarters, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, 14th July 1865, No. 99.

SIR,

In transmitting the correspondence named in the margin, at the further request of the Officers Commanding Wellington, and H. M.'s 105th Light Infantry, I have the honor to state, that having declined to submit their observation as to the operation of the recent Military Cantonment Act, as inexpedient, I pointed out that the Police authorities should be moved in the matter, which has been neglected to be done.

2 Original letters Nos. 667 and 714 of 26th June and 10th July 1865, respectively, from the Officer Commanding 105th Regiment.
1 Original letter No. 527 of 28th June 1865, from the Officer Commanding Wellington.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. STOLL, Commanding H. M.'s 105th Regiment Light Infantry, to the Officer Commanding Wellington, dated Wellington, 26th June 1865, No. 667.

SIR,

1. Within the last three or four days there has been a considerable amount of drinking amongst the men of the Regiment. Two men were confined for being drunk at Breakfast Roll Call, these men at the Orderly Room admitted that they had got the liquor from outside through native agency.

2. In another case some three bottles of Bazaar Arrack, obtained from the same source, was consumed in No. 1 Company.

3. In fact I am assured that a Soldier has only to put down 1 Rupee, and in an hour's time he will be supplied with a bottle of Arrack.

4. This shews that the Arrack must be taken away from the Arrack Shop and kept stored in anticipation of a very probable demand, and so long as such a system prevails, so long will more or less drunkenness prevail.

Memorandum from the Officer Commanding Southern Division, to the Officer Commanding Wellington, dated Head Quarters, Trichinopoly, 4th July 1865, No. 89.

1. As the Government by a recent Cantonment Act have authorized the sale of Arrack to the extent complained of, it appears to me to be inexpedient to refer the subject.

2. The Commanding Officer of H. M's. 105th Regiment Light Infantry should move the Police authority to use the utmost vigilance to prevent the sale of Arrack to Soldiers clandestinely and to watch the shops.

(Signed) J. E. WILLIAMS, Major-General,
Commanding Southern Division.

From Lieutenant-Colonel W. G. STOLL, Commanding H. M.'s 105th Regiment Light Infantry, dated Wellington, 10th July 1865, No. 714.

SIR,

1. In re-submitting my letter No. 667, with the Major General's endorsement thereon, I beg to point out that the evil complained of probably escaped the notice of the legislature at the time the Act was passed, numerous instances of similar oversight even in Acts of Parliament could be adduced.

2. I would also observe that it is no slight difficulty to encounter if natives generally are permitted to carry away as much as a quart of spirit, the evil-disposed amongst them knowing the Soldier's propensity will undoubtedly make a trade of it, and with very little precaution will successfully defy both the Civil and Regimental Police.

3. I am given to understand that the Arrack Shop at Wellington is farmed out at 5,000 Rupees per annum; before the purchaser can make any profit at all he must sell 10,000 bottles; in all probability he sells double, and out of this large quantity at a small station like that of Wellington it is hard if a good deal does not find its way into the Soldier's hands.

4. This station abounds in places of concealment, where smuggling can be carried on with impunity even close to the Barracks, and I am quite sure that as long as Arrack can be obtained with such facility, so long will there be a considerable amount of drunkenness.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. SPURGIN, Officer Commanding Wellington, to the Assistant Adjutant General, Southern Division, Trichinopoly, dated Wellington, 28th June 1865, No. 527.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to enclose an original letter, No. 667 of the 26th instant, from the Officer Commanding H.M.'s 105th to my address, subject as per margin, and in doing so to forward herewith the terms of the license as granted to the holder of the Arrack Shop in the Wellington Bazaar.

Bringing to notice the increase of drinking in Barracks, and supposing the cause to be the easy mode of obtaining liquor from the Bazaar Arrack Shop.

2. The terms are these as regards the sale of Arrack :—

"6th. Not to allow any quantity of liquor exceeding one Imperial Quart to be removed by an individual at one time from my Shop under any pretence whatever."

"8th. Not to sell or give any liquor to any European Soldier or Sailor, or to any member of the Mofussil Police while on duty."

3. Clause XXIX. of the New Cantonment Act IV. of 1865, is intended to prevent the sale of Arrack to any one connected with the Soldier, but where natives are permitted to purchase and remove from the shop liquor to the extent of one Imperial Quart, there is nothing to prevent any native, attached to the Barracks or not, from easily smuggling into Barracks any quantity of spirits.

4. By Clause XXXI. of the Act there is no civil restriction whatever to any camp follower, or any one of a Soldier's family having in their possession liquor, provided it is less than the Imperial Quart.

5. Under this easy system of obtaining liquor from the Bazaar Arrack Shop, drunkenness must increase to the detriment of health and discipline: the evil has already shewn itself, and I request you will favor me by placing these facts before the Major General, with a view to their being submitted to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Memorandum from the Adjutant General, to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Head Quarters, Ootacamund, 20th July 1865, No. 165.

* No. 99, dated 14th July 1865.

In submitting the within letter* (with enclosures) from the Officer Commanding Southern Division, the Commander-in-Chief has the honor to request that Government will be good enough to adopt such measures as may be deemed expedient, in order to prevent the European Troops obtaining liquor with such facility as they can at present obtain it under the terms of the existing License Farms.

(By Order,)
(Signed) J. M. PRIMROSE, Colonel,
Adjutant General.

Referred, with No. 89, to the Revenue and Legislative Departments.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th August 1865

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

No. 513. ORDER THEREON, 30th August 1865, No. 2,031.

Separate Revenue, No. 26
Abkarry.

1. The subject of restricting the sale of liquor in Military Cantonments has been already under the consideration of Government in paragraphs 9 to 11, Proceedings dated 2nd August 1864, No. 1,369, and it was decided that further legislation was unnecessary. Since then the Madras Military Cantonment Act IV. of 1865, has been passed, and Sections 29 to 35 provide penalties (fines, imprisonment, and whipping) for the offence of supplying liquor to any European Soldier or European or Eurasian Camp follower or Soldier's wife without a license from the Commanding Officer, and fine and imprisonment to any Camp follower, Military Pensioner, or the wife or widow of any Soldier, Camp follower or Military Pensioner having in possession more than a quart of liquor without a permit.

2. This corresponds with the provision in Section 14 of the Madras Abkarry Act III. of 1864. So far back as Regulation I. of 1820 the limit to purchases for private consumption was one seer, which is about one quart, and it seems scarcely just to restrict private purchasers to a smaller quantity.

3. A great deal can be done by the Commanding Officer at Wellington, but the Government cannot fairly do more than it has done; it cannot prohibit the sale of spirits to the whole population of a Cantonment because Soldiers get drunk.

4. The Collector will, however, report whether the introduction of the new Act appears to have in any way increased the facilities of which Colonels Stoll and Spurgin complain.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.
" the Collector of Coimbatore.
" the Board of Revenue.
" the Collector of Malabar
Ext. S. T. Augustin.

No 667

Wellington
26th June 1826

To
The Officer Commanding Wellington

Sir

Within the last 3 or 4 days there has been a considerable amount of drinking amongst the men of the Regiment – Two men were confined for being drunk at Breakfast Roll Call; these men at the Orderly Room admitted that they had got the liquor from outside thro' Native Agency.

On another case some three bottles of Bazaar Arrack obtained from the same source was consumed in No 1 Company.

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This shows that the

(Enclosure No 1)

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I have &c
(Signed) W. G. Stoll Lieut & Q
Grenadier H. M. 115th Regt L.I.

Memo. No 89.

As the Govt. by a recent Cantonment Act, have authorized the sale of Arrack to the natives complained of, it appears to me to be inexpedient to agree the subject.

The Commanding Officer of H.M. 115th Regt L.I. should move the Police Authority to use the utmost vigilance to prevent the sale of Arrack to Soldiers clandestinely and to watch the Shops.

(Signed) J. L. Williams Major Engr
Commanding Southern Division.

Head Quarters
Trichinopoly 4th July 1845

To The Officer Commanding
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No 714.

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I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) W. G. Stott, Lt. Col
Commanding 1st Batn. 108th Regt.

No. 527.

From the Officer Comg: Wellington.

To

The Assistant Adjutant General
Southern Division
Trichinopoly

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Memorandum —

The subject of Restricting the sale of Liquor in Military Cantonments has been already under the consideration of Government in para 9 of H. Pros. dated 2d August 1861 No 1369 and it was decided that further legislation was unnecessary since then the Madras Military Cantonments Act XI of 1865 has been passed and Sec 29 (a) provides penalties (fines imprisonment and both fines) for the offence of supplying liquor to any European Soldier or European or Eurasian Camp Follower or Soldiers wife without a license from the Commanding Officer and fine and imprisonment to any Camp Follower Servant or Military pensioner or the wife or widow of any

in Thousand Rupees from the Shop, similar to the extent of one Regimental Canteen, there is nothing to prevent any private attached to the Barracks or Camp easily smuggling into Barracks any quantity of spirits.

4. By clause XXXL of the Act, there is no Civil restriction whatever to any Camp Follower, or any one of a Soldiers family having in their possession liquor, provided it is exempt from the Imperial Duty.

5. Under this system opportunities of obtaining liquor from the Bazaar Arrack Shops drunkenness must increase to the detriment of health and discipline: the evil has already shewn itself, and I request you will favor me by placing these facts before the Major General, with a view to their being submitted to His Excellency the

Soldiers Camp followers and Military
Prisoners having in possession
more than a quart of liquor
without a permit.

This corresponds with the
provision in Sec. 11 of the Madras
Abkarry Act 3 of 1864. I doubt
whether further restrictions can
reasonably be imposed.

LB 18. 8. 65.

So far back as 1820, when our
Regn. I official year was fixed,
the limit to purchases for private
Consumption, was one seer, which
I fancy is about one quart. It
seems scarcely fair to restrict private
purchases to a smaller quantity:—
besides which the present non
agreement worked & the Con C, was
carefully weighed discussed and
disposed of in Sec. Govt Proc: 2 Aug. 64
paras 9 to 11 Bd. I think the
A.G. General should be referred.

A great deal can be done
by the C. Officials selling low, but
we ought not to ask the Collectors, Mr. Grant,
to report whether he considers that
the introduction of the new act has
had any thing to do with the
[illegible] the Colonies stock &

Sharpen Complaints as innovations
on the old system —
I don't understand whether any
order should be passed on the part-
letter in the packet from the Collr
Coll: of Malabar, add to the Chief
Secretary. I've only a copy but I
don't recollect that the proposal
made by Mr Maitland has been kept
before us yet —
10 Aug.

I don't see that the Govt can
fairly do more than abandon
Revenue from Prohibition
Spirits & the whole prohibition
[illegible] establishment because it does
not answer —

No 2189

Encashment
Allowance

Revenue Department.

No: 2031.

PROCEEDINGS of the **MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

under date the 30th. August 1865.

Read the following Pro: of the Madras Govt in the Military dept dd

Referring certain correspondence in view to measures being adopted to prevent the European troops obtaining Liquor with such facility as at present under the terms of the existing Li-cense Terms.

(Here enter 7th Aug 1865)

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1 to the Secretary Dept Des of Regd
1 " the Collector of Coimbatore
14 " the Board of Revenue
1 " the Collector of Malabar

Revenue 1865 Septr.

Pro: of Govt. for August

No 2031.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dated 30th August 1865

From Collr of Coimbatore
No 15 Septr 1865 Encl 2621
Pro: Madras Govt G. Dated
20th Septr 1865 No 2088

Requesting the
Collector of Coimbatore to report
whether the introduction of
the new Abkarry Act has in
any way increased the facilities
to drunkenness among the troops
at Wellington.

No 512 & 513