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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2786 Press Mis. 174-75

Dated 13th October 1869.

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No. 175. ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1869, No. 2,786.

Separate Revenue, No. 11.
Abkarry.

THE proposals of the Board are sanctioned.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.
,, the Inspector-General of Police.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 4,963.

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With reference to the conference that was lately held at the Board of Revenue, and the scheme then drawn up for the alterations in the Madras Town Abkarry, I have the honour to report that not only did the shopkeepers, with, I believe, one exception only, appear before me on Monday last, and agree to the increased dowle, but that they all also agreed to the altered rates of our wholesale and their own retail.

2. The tenders for the godowns outside the limits were duly sent in and opened that same day also, and were for quantities very much above what even we named as the minimum that would be accepted; very nearly in fact fifty per cent. beyond any previous year.

3. I send, herewith, copy of a letter I received this day from the Deputy-Collector of Madras, from which the Board will perceive that Saravana Moottoo, the Distillery Contractor, has taken over our distilling premises. As from the increased dowles of the shops, 400 gallons will now be daily required in lieu of the 300 upon which was based the probable profits of the distiller, I am of opinion that Saravana Moottoo has made a pretty good bargain, and that his profits at two Annas a gallon will amply repay him for any outlay he may have to make to meet this extra demand.

4. The Deputy-Collector of Madras has, I believe, sent in to the Board, direct, an estimate of the financial result of the alterations; I myself calculate upon an increased sum of very near three lacs to our revenue; but of course it may so happen that our calculations are wrong, and the extra dowle we have insisted upon the shopkeepers may, after all, not be realised.

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From V. RUNGASAWMY IYENGAR, Deputy-Collector, to the Collector of Madras, dated 30th June 1869, No. 125.

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 21st instant, and your personal instructions to me, I have the honour to report that I have, this day, made over the charge of the distillery, to be worked from to-morrow, to the Pattai Arrack Contractor S. Saravana Moottoo Pillai.

2. The present staff of our Government establishment at the distillery will be abolished from to-morrow's date, with the exception, however, under your personal orders, of the Goomastah on 15 Rupees, the four Sepoy guards on 6 Rupees each, and the two Watching Peons 7 Rupees each, as their services are very essential for the interests of Government, to check smuggling and any other irregularities in the passing out of the distilled liquor.

The godown will be locked up by the contractor, as also by our servants, and the keys severally retained by them.

3. As required by you, I have issued orders to the Abkarry Superintendent to go to the distillery every day, and see that everything is right there, and report to me from time to time upon any points that may call for my interference.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. G. R. FANE,
Collector.

The Board do not gather from these papers that any definite arrangements have been made to prevent any liquor from leaving the distillery without being excised.

2. The Collector will report in detail on this point.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Madras.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 10th instant, No. 4,963, I have the honour to send herewith an original letter, (to be returned,) from the Deputy-Collector of Madras, from which the Board will perceive that every possible precaution is taken to prevent smuggling from the distillery at Tondiarpet.

2. The only improvement I would suggest is, that in lieu of pensioned Sepoys as a guard, the regular constabulary be employed, although this would entail a somewhat greater expenditure.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From V. RANGASAMY AYANGAR, Deputy-Collector, to the Collector of Madras, dated 16th July 1869, No. 144.

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3. As you are aware our own establishment maintained at the distillery consists of one Gumastah on 15 Rupees, two watching Peons on 7 Rupees each, and four pensioned Sepoys on 6 Rupees each, the latter guarding and watching at the gates.

4. The Gumastah keeps the necessary account of the liquor distilled every day; its issues whether to this office or to the out-godowns, and its balance in store, and for purposes of its being checked and examined, and in view that he may not make false entries or tamper with them as he pleases, he furnishes this office every following morning with a transcript of these daily transactions.

5. I herewith enclose a form, translated into English, of this account kept by the Gumastah, and I hope this will give you a clear understanding of all the details having in view to this, also copied into it the entries actually relating to the 5th of the current month.

6. The issues to this office and to the out-godowns are made upon indents each time sent with my signature, and the liquor leaves the distillery at times varying between 6 o'clock in the morning and 5 in the evening, carted on bandies supplied by a special contractor at Government expense; in the case of this office and in the case of the liquor sent to the out-godowns, the bandies supplied at their own expence by the renters concerned; and I beg to add that the liquor is accompanied by passes under my signature and by our Peons employed for the purpose at the several godowns.

7. The room in the distillery, wherein the liquor is stored, is locked up by the contractor, as also by our servants, with separate keys, and the doors of the gateway are locked up by us alone, and not the contractor; and all these three keys are kept in the nights in the custody of the Sepoy guards at the Mint Office. The distillery is opened every day at 5 o'clock in the morning, and it is closed generally at 6 in the evening, but sometimes at seven, and even at eight; this last, however, only on occasions when there remains much work to be done, and the liquor is distilled the third time, after already two distilleries have been made in one and the same stills but found insufficient.

8. The Abkarry Superintendent, as I already reported in my letter No. 125, goes to the distillery every day to examine that every thing there is right; and besides this, whenever called for, I myself go and attend to the necessary matters.

9. In conclusion, as to the pensioned Sepoy guards now maintained, I beg to observe, with reference to your remarks, that I do not myself see the necessity of superseding these by employing the regular constabulary force; but that, however, I have no objection to this suggestion of yours, provided the greater expense to be incurred on account of them is not considered of any moment.

Enclosure No. 2.—Statement.

The Board are of opinion that the distillery establishment, as described in this letter, is inadequate.

2. In the first place, a thoroughly reliable man must be engaged to keep an account of liquor received from the stills and issued for the distillery. The register of issues must be kept in triplicate: one copy to be retained by the Gumastah, or as he should be called the Distillery Assistant-Superintendent; one copy to be given to the contractor when applied for; and the third copy to be given to the Police as a pass when the liquor leaves the gate. The Police will forward their copy to the Deputy-Collector the next day after they receive it, and the Deputy-Collector will then be able to check the Assistant-Superintendent's counterfoil. Printed books like check books should be prepared containing these triplicate forms. The pay of the Assistant-Superintendent should be fixed at about Rupees 50. The Superintendent and Deputy-Superintendent should understand that it is an important part of their duty to inspect and test the distillery accounts, and a book should be kept in the building in which they should enter the date and time of each visit.

3. In the second place, there must be a thoroughly efficient guard, and the Board are confident that this is not supplied by two watching Peons and four pensioned Sepoys. The Collector will apply to the Commissioner of Police, and request that a Police guard may be supplied, and ascertain the strength at which the Commissioner would fix the guard and its cost.

4. He will then report on the whole subject, stating his views on the Board's propositions. This should be done as quickly as possible.

5. The Board presume that the services of the maistry, head-labourer, and nineteen labourers formerly employed at the distillery are all dispensed with, as far as Government are concerned, at the beginning of the present Fusly.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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Revenue Department. 6

No. 2786.

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Under date the 13th ~~Sept.~~ Octr. 1869.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Requesting to sanction employment of establishment for Madras Arrack Distillery recently transferred to Contractor, Karruppanamoottoo Pillay, at a monthly cost of Rupees 141, in lieu of old establishment.

(H. C. 2nd Sept. 1869 No. 6568.)

The proposals of the Board are sanctioned.

Where peculiar Mercantile overlooked ~~the~~ the change of system was decided on, I can but refer there was a want of precaution deliberation in abolishing the check ordered the Collector to make one of the Assistants visit the Distillery once a week at our uncertain hours. Collectors between the Assistant-Superintendent and the Head Peon would make the Board are sanctioned.

4. To the Board of Rev. 14 Oct.
5. Recd. the Collr. 15 Oct.
6. Recd. the Superintendent of Distillery

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Arrack Distillery Establishment—at Tondiarpett in Madras District.—Remarks passed on insufficiency of —, and on manner in which registers and accounts should be kept, and Collector requested to state his views on Board's proposals.

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Board of Revenue,
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