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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 601.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th January 1869.

Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL. Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated camp at Shergodah, 31st December 1868, No. 1,403:—

I HAVE the honor to submit, in original, a letter with annexures and Map from Mr. Minchin, Manager of the Aska Sugar Company, who offers, on certain conditions, to farm the exclusive privilege of both manufacturing and selling country-made spirits within the district of Ganjam.

2. The average revenue derived from the present system of Abkarry, taking the last eight years, amounts to Rupees 83,152; and the present lease, which expires on 30th June next, realises Rupees 68,980 only. The renters are known to make large fortunes, the leading native mer- [illegible] profits. The total value of the liquor consumed, Mr. Minchin estimates (in my opinion very moderately) at Rupees 3,41,100, at which figure the share at present accruing to the State is about 20 per cent. of the whole.

3. The spirits sold are of two kinds, "Pongoo" which is 30 under-proof, and "Cutcha" from 60 to 80 ditto. It is estimated that 10,800 gallons of the former and 3,08,700 gallons of the latter are annually consumed; and Mr. Minchin is prepared to pay Government Rupees 1-8-0 on every gallon 30 under-proof and 12 Annas on every gallon of the 60 under-proof, that may leave the gate of his Distillery, *minus* 5 per cent. drawback for leakage and ullage. For proof Rum he would in the same way pay Rupees 2 per gallon, unless it was exported, when the present duty of Rupees 3 per gallon would be maintained.

4. He is further willing to pay for any establishment the Collector may think necessary to maintain at the Distillery for checking the quantities of Rum leaving the gates. Unless this establishment is to be on a somewhat expensive scale, including gaugers, we must take the *strength* of the liquor as told us by Mr. Minchin, which for my part I should be quite willing and ready to do.

5. The arrangement is to operate for three years from 1st July next, it being optional with [illegible] to give it up *at the end of the first year* by giving notice by 31st March 1870.

6. The samples of liquors (both present and proposed) forwarded by Mr. Minchin I shall transmit to you by Steamer. I understand that Mr. Minchin has already obtained for his scheme the Board's approval, conditional on no objections being raised by the local authority. I beg on this point to say that I think very highly of the proposal in every way. Mr. Minchin's name is a sufficient guarantee of its being carried out on a thoroughly efficient and respectable system.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From F. J. V. MINCHIN, Esq., Manager of the Aska Sugar Company, Limited, to the Collector and Agent to the Governor of Fort St. George in Ganjam, dated Aska, 26th December 1868.

WITH reference to the conversation I have had with you relative to the introduction into your Collectorate of a modification of the Sudder Distillery system adopted with so much success in several Districts of Northern India and in Mysore in the south, I beg now to offer to supply the whole requirements in spirituous liquors of the Ganjam District from my Distillery at Aska.

2. A glance at the accompanying sketch map of Ganjam will show how centrically my Distillery is situated, at least for the Principal division; and as the roads throughout Purla Kimedy are in such good order, I anticipate no difficulty in arranging for the supply of the spirit required in the Sub-division also.

3. By the present or farming system I find that the average Revenue yielded by the Abkarry for the last eight years has been—

	RS.
From the Principal Division.....	52,873
And the Sub-division.....	30,279
	83,152;

while for the present year the Revenue is only Rupees 68,980. It is said the renters sub-rent the Abkarry for double that sum.

ABKARRY OF GANJAM.

Fusly.	Principal Division.	Sub-division.	Total.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1271	54,492	37,408	91,900
1272	54,492	37,408	91,900
1273	58,667	32,856	91,523
1274	66,700	34,410	1,01,110
1275	65,500	25,050	90,550
1276	40,980	23,650	64,630
1277	40,980	23,650	64,630
	41,180	27,800	68,980
Years...8	4,22,991	2,42,232	6,65,223
On an average for one year	52,873	30,279	83,152

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(Signed) F. J. V. MINCHIN.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Sketch.

THE Collector of Ganjam submits a proposal from Mr. Minchin, the Manager of the Aska Sugar Factory, offering to undertake the exclusive manufacture and sale of spirit in the district, from the 1st July 1869, and to pay an excise of Rupees 2 a gallon on proof spirit, Rupees 1-8 on spirit 30 under-proof, and Annas 12 on spirit 60 under-proof, for all spirit leaving his Distillery *minus* 5 per cent. for wastage. Mr. Minchin engages to reimburse Government for the expense of any excise establishment which it may be found necessary to keep at the Distillery, but

3,08,700 ,, at 1 ,, = 3,08,700 ,,

3,09,500 3,41,100

Of this sum it would appear the Government obtains a Revenue of about 20 per cent.

7. The Sudder Distillery system involves considerable outlay on the part of Government: by a paper before me I see that for the five districts of the Patna division in Bengal it was calculated that 25,000 Rupees would at least be required for Government buildings alone.

8. I beg to propose a plan which, while costing Government *nil*, will probably in a single year double the Revenue.

9. I mentioned that there are two strengths of liquor consumed in this district: one called "Pongoo," which is about 30 under-proof, and the other "Cutcha" from 60 to 80 under-proof.

The proportions consumed are probably 10,800 gallons 30 under-proof, 3,08,700 gallons of various strengths assuming this quantity equal to 2,00,000 gallons 60 under-proof.

10. I am prepared to pay Government Rupees 1-8-0 on every gallon 30 under-proof, and 12 Annas on every gallon of the 60 under-proof sold by me.

11. Taking the above figures as representing the quantities I shall probably sell, the Revenue would be—

10,800 Gallons at Rs. 1-8-0 per gallon = Rupees 16,200
200,000 ,, at 12 Annas ,, = ,, 1,50,000

Rupees...1,66,200

or double the average Revenue of the last eight years.

rent, and 48·7 per cent. instead of 20 per cent. on the sale proceeds; the combination amongst the merchants which has lowered the revenue will be broken up, a supply of wholesome and unadulterated spirit will be secured, and the management will be placed in the hands of a gentleman, who has already shown on a smaller scale that he can conduct the operation so as to effect a suppression of disorder and cause an improved condition of the people.

7. The Board are of opinion however that in order to protect the interests of Government a stipulation should be introduced in the agreement to the effect that if it be found by the 31st March 1870 that the revenue yielded under the new arrangement is less than that realised under [illegible] they may be free to give Mr. Minchin notice that his license will be cancelled on the 1st July 1870.

8. With this modification the Board resolve to recommend Government to accept Mr. Minchin's proposal.

9. If it is approved, care will be taken that all the restrictions now in force with regard to the number of shops, etc., are preserved. The engagement will be drawn up very much in the form now executed by Abkarry Renters, the first condition being of course altered. With regard to the necessity of gauging liquor as it leaves the Still, the Board are content to let the Collector exercise an unfettered discretion.

(True Copies and Extract.)

J. Grole

Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Rev. Dept., with plan.

Copy to the Collector of Ganjam, with original enclosures returned.

PRINCIPAL DIVISION.

Pongoo and Cutcha required for one month's consumption

N. B.—One Hhd.=50 Gallons.

Talooks.	*Pongoo.*	*Cutcha.*
1. Mohery	10 Hhds.	30 Hhds.
2. Munsoorcottah	...	15 do.
3. Poobacondah	...	10 do.
4. Ganjam	1 Hhd.	20 do.
5. Soonnapore	...	15 do.
6. Itchapore	...	40 do.
7. Barwa	...	10 do.
8. Sompetta and Mundasa	...	10 do.
9. Cheekaty	...	20 do.
10. Soorungie	...	4 do.
11. Jaradah	...	4 do.
12. Jalantra	...	15 do.
13. Small Kimedy	...	10 do.
14. Large do.	½ Hhd.	20 do.
15. Aska	...	15 do.
16. Daracote	...	10 do.
17. Sareghur	...	4 do.
18. Bodagada	...	6 do.
19. Sooroodah	½ Hhd.	15 do.
20. Goomsoor	...	40 do.
21. Hutghur	...	20 do.
22. Kellycote	...	10 do.
	12 Hhds.	343 Hhds.

BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.

1869.

PROCEEDINGS, 29TH JANUARY 1869, No. 601.

JANUARY.
No. 601.

Country-made Spirits—Government recommended to accept on certain condition, proposal made by Mr. Minchin of Ganjam to undertake exclusive manufacture and sale of, in District from 1st July 1869.

he stipulates that the arrangement shall be in force for three years unless he announces his intention of withdrawing from it on or before the 31st March 1870, in which case it shall determine at the end of the first year.

2. Mr. Carmichael thinks very highly of this proposal in every way, and says that Mr. Minchin's name is a sufficient guarantee for its being carried out on a thoroughly efficient and respectable system. With regard to this point, the Board remark that Mr. Minchin held an Abkarry lease in 1863-64, and that the testimony of the officers of the district, Revenue and Police, was unanimous as to the excellence of his arrangements.

3. From carefully collected information it appears that the annual consumption of the district, exclusive of the Khond high lands, may be estimated at about 10,300 gallons of Pongoo, a spirit 30 under-proof, and 3,08,700 gallons of Cutcha, a spirit 60 under-proof, and that the proceeds of the sale must amount to Rupees 3,41,100.

4. The revenue which has been derived from the Abkarry farm for the last eight years has averaged Rupees 83,152. Comparing the first five years of this series with the last three, the revenue has decreased by 29·3 per cent. The present rent is Rupees 66,080, or about 20 per cent. on the sale proceeds, and the Collector states that the Renters are known to make large fortunes, and that there is reason to believe that the leading merchants combine to keep down the biddings on condition that all share in the profit.

5. The Board learn that the Aska Distillery is of the most approved description, that it is equal to all demands which may be made upon it, and that the Sanitary Commissioner has expressed a most favorable opinion of it in the letter recorded with Government Order, 13th June 1869, No. 150, Military Department.

6. If Mr. Minchin's proposal is accepted, the revenue, calculated on the consumption above estimated, will amount to Rupees 1,66,200 per annum, being a lac of Rupees above the present

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th March 1869.

No. 228. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Oudh, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Lucknow, the 18th February 1869, No. 567 :—

With reference to a letter which has appeared in the public papers, dated from Madras and signed J. Hunter Blair, relative to an improved Persian Wheel or Bucket Pump in use in the Madras Presidency, I am directed to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council may be moved to cause a working model to be sent to the Chief Commissioner, in view to its introduction into Oudh, if found suitable to the country.

No. 229. ORDER THEREON, 9th March 1869, No. 626.

Miscellaneous.

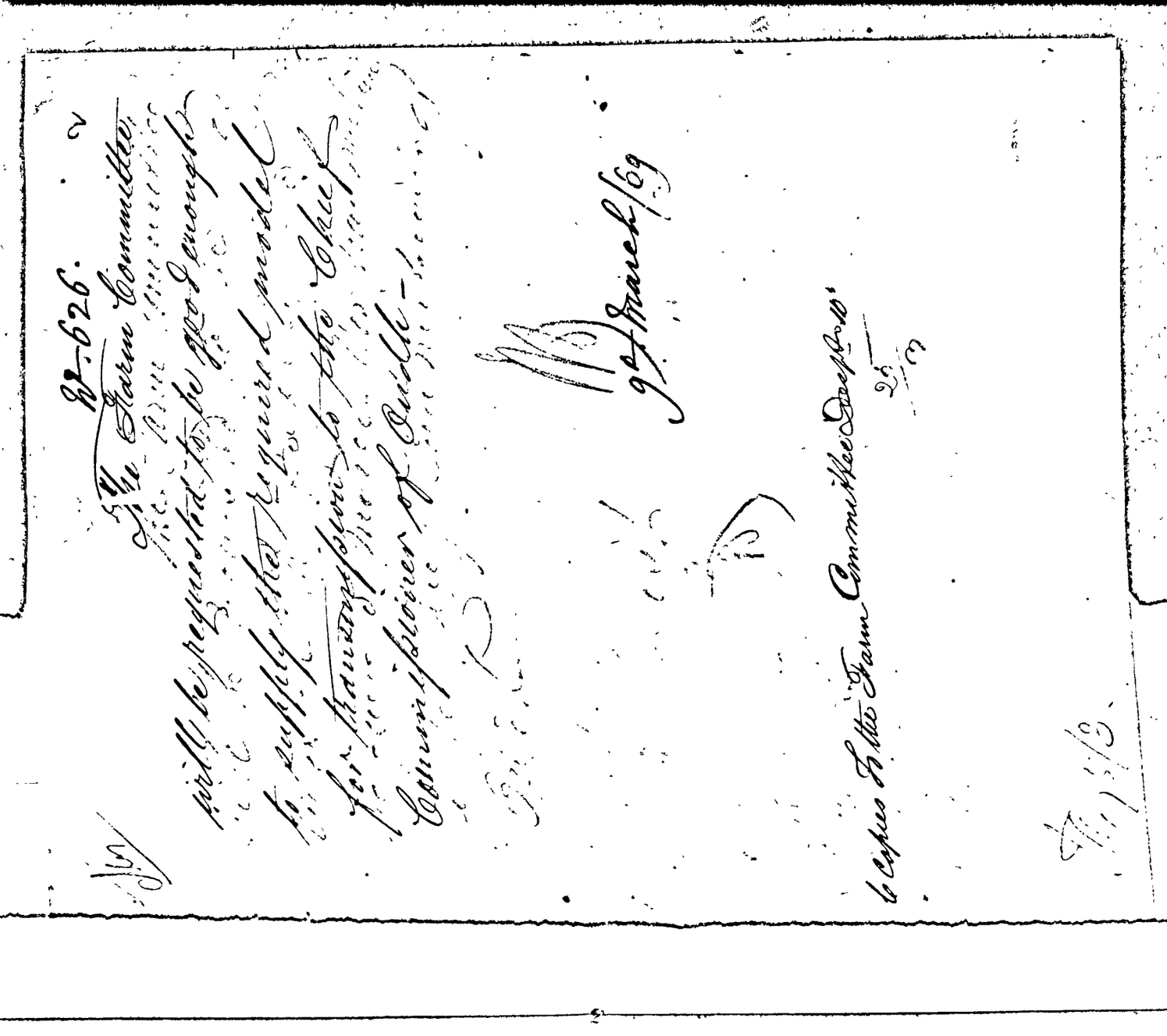
The Farm Committee will be requested to be good enough to supply the required model for transmission to the Chief Commissioner of Oudh.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Farm Committee.

Exd. G. A. Turton.



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REVENUE.

To

THE FARM COMMITTEE.

Dated March 9th.

Recd.

G. O., 3rd March 1869, No. 626.

MARCH.

Nos. 223-230.

Bucket Pump.—Sylapet Farm Committee to supply a model of it for transmission to the Chief Commissioner of Oudh.

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From
The Secty. to the
Chief Comm.r of Oudh

Dated 18th July 1869
Received 2nd March 1869
No. 567

Requesting to be
furnished with a working
model of the improved
bucket pumps used in
this Presidency

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With Order
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Transmits Honorary Lieut.
Lieut Tarn's Dft 30 July /68
Cto. 2250.