

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th February 1870.*

No. 98. Read the following letter from the Sub-Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 12th November 1869, No. 8,366:—

In their Proceedings of the 1st November 1869, No. 2,895, the Government remark that the present arrangement, by which the manufacture of Country Arrack for the Town of Madras is assigned to the Contractor for Colombo Arrack, is inexpedient, inasmuch as it may lead to a deterioration of the home-made spirit.

2. I am to state that this aspect of the question has not escaped the notice of the Board. They accepted Saravanamuttu Pillay's offer after very careful consideration, and they have watched his operations attentively. They are perfectly satisfied as to the quality of the liquor, which is now being distilled. Samples have been obtained from time to time, and advantage was taken of the recent visit of Mr. Minchin of the Aska Sugar Factory, an experienced distiller, to have the materials used and the liquor produced scientifically examined and tested. Mr. Minchin's report as to the quality of the spirit and its price was most satisfactory. Moreover, the Board are informed, by their Acting Third Member, that so far from Colombo Arrack supplanting Country Arrack, the opposite is the case.

3. The report required in paragraph 2 will be duly submitted in January.

4. In the same Proceedings, Government direct that the Abkarry Farm of the Town shall be rented out from the beginning of the next revenue-year, and require the Board to submit a report on the administrative arrangements and legislative changes which will be necessary in time for tenders to be called for in December.

5. The present contract for the manufacture of country liquor will not expire until the 30th June 1870. The increase in the Dowles and the Government prices, which came into effect at the beginning of the present Fusly, suddenly reduced the accustomed profits of the shop-keepers on the average one-half, and must in many cases have caused heavy losses at first. It would be harsh not to allow the traders time to recoup themselves. Legislative action requires great caution, and the Board are unwilling to submit the Draft of a new Bill without time for careful consideration. When the success of the present arrangements is established, a much better price for the Farm will be obtained.

6. Under these circumstances, the Board are strongly of opinion that any change of the description directed by Government should be deferred till the beginning of Fusly 1281 (July 1871), and that before introducing it, the matter should be re-considered in the light of the additional experience which will be gained in the meantime.

No. 99.

ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1870, No. 197.

Separate Revenue, No. 3.
Abkarry.

On a consideration of the reasons adduced by the Board of Revenue in favour of deferring the introduction of the renting-system into the Town of

Madras, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to direct that the present arrangements shall stand for another year.

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2. A full report of the working of the present system should be submitted not later than October next, in order to afford ample time for the consideration of any changes which it may be deemed advisable to introduce from the 1st of July, 1871.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ld. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of 1870: Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated February, 11th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 11th February 1870, No. 107.

FEBRUARY.

No. 98.99.

*(Copying struck for the Treasury and the
Treasury orders on the present system of supply
being continued for another year.)*

The Pitta and Bulanda small shops of the
Kudus town & others were annually sold by
public auction. Mr. Storer was made collector
of Kudus in 1853. He pursued that position only
for one year and discontinued it afterwards. He
allowed the shops to be held by their respective
owners upon annual payments of double or daily
rent. Mr. Smith who succeeded him in 1855
also pursued the same course until 1862. In 1863
when Honorable Mr. Ellis succeeded Mr. Smith,
the Deputy collector considering that the system of
renting out the shops on public case positions
would be beneficial to Government, he suggested
this to Mr. Ellis and that gentleman put up the
shops to auction accordingly and sold in July 1870.
During this auction he accused the shopkeepers
in the following words:-

"I think it will be desirable to put the small shops
(Pitta & Bulanda) up to auction then upon the terms being
for one year certain and leaving to the option of the shopkeepers
to maintain the same price for a further time and also to
be allowed to give up the shops at the end of the year."

Here it will be observed that that
gentleman reserved to himself the right of putting
the shops to auction for a further time and also
allowed the buyers free to give up the shops at
the end of the year although he reserved this
option in writing, still he was at the same time

pleased to mention to the remark shopkeepers of
the town and to the writers of the Mount Magazine
that the rent would be for 5 consecutive years
after which the farm will be ~~the~~ offered
competition -

The shops accordingly remain unsold from
May 1868 and the time for putting them to auction
for the ending early 1870 is fastly approaching.
Bamboo from the long experience the Deputy Collector
has in the management of the Madras Town
Albany, he finds that owing to the adverse state
of the season for the last 15 or 16 years and to the
very enormous prices paid for all articles of
consumption the sales of Madras spirit especially
were much affected and the Viceroy not having
afforded to maintain them gave up the shops to
Government and the same result at a lower rate of
sale. The sales of Madras spirit were also
slightly injured but not to a great measure as
that of Madras spirit. Consequently the Deputy
Collector of Madras is not inclined to recommend
for the sale of the shops during the ending early
1870 and says to the effect that they be retained
by the private traders in the town and not
sold to the Govt. If the Collector is not
pleased to maintain the houses the shops will be
sold for the ending early at the end
of June next.

With regard to the out gardens the Deputy
Collector begs to submit that they remain unsold
from early 1870. The Government of these
gardens are purchasing the liquor from the
Deputy Collector in receipt of their price double to what

required to be paid for the same at
the time they were first sold. The
private traders to be sold out for the
year there are some great improvements in the
town. This indicates that the Madras spirit
of Chingleput is very much wanted to supply
the town as well as the town. Madras spirit
and they fortunately succeed in getting the same
during the competition, there will be all possible
effort to bring in the same distilled liquor
for sale to the shops attached to the out gardens
and to the town and so doubt it would diminish the
sale of our spirit. These out gardens which are
situated 8 miles from the high town are purposely
included in the Madras Albany in order to prevent
smuggling liquor being brought by the Chingleput
Gardens into the Madras town, as by doing so
they effect a clear profit of Rs. 1. 9. 0 per
gallon which is the difference of price between
the spirit sold in Madras and that sold in
the high town. It would also be really a great
nuisance to us to watch the illicit trade in
Madras spirit becoming of consideration that the
Government of the out gardens
they be allowed with the contract for next year
as it appears that Government have resolved
to extend the Madras spirit contract on the
former gardens for the ending year also in
consideration of the heavy loss they sustained
in the previous years owing to the unfavorable
state of the season. Consequently the Deputy
Collector strongly recommends that the present
Gardens

The present views of the Government
 are in favor of the collection of the
 revenue for the last year. It is
 the opinion of the Deputy Collector
 that the form may be adopted for
 the last year. The Deputy Collector
 is of the opinion that it is
 advisable to collect the revenue
 and allow the outgoings to remain
 with the present Government. It is
 the opinion of the Deputy Collector
 that the conclusion of the Collector
 should be to sell the land
 to the Deputy Collector. It is
 requested that the Collector
 will be pleased to
 make such arrangements as the
 Government may have in hand in the
 routing of these matters as well as the
 shape.

The Great Albany Revenue for the last
 13 years are entered in the Revenue Statement
 that the Revenue by annual settlement is
 greatly in the increased state.

Year	Revenue
1844	302,568
1845	313,106
1846	320,251
1847	328,120
1848	335,532
1849	342,850
1850	350,170
1851	357,494
1852	364,818
1853	372,142
1854	379,466
1855	386,790
1856	394,114
1857	401,438
1858	408,762
1859	416,086
1860	423,410
1861	430,734
1862	438,058
1863	445,382
1864	452,706
1865	460,030
1866	467,354
1867	474,678
1868	482,002
1869	489,326
1870	496,650
1871	503,974
1872	511,298
1873	518,622
1874	525,946
1875	533,270
1876	540,594
1877	547,918
1878	555,242
1879	562,566
1880	569,890
1881	577,214
1882	584,538
1883	591,862
1884	599,186
1885	606,510
1886	613,834
1887	621,158
1888	628,482
1889	635,806
1890	643,130
1891	650,454
1892	657,778
1893	665,102
1894	672,426
1895	679,750
1896	687,074
1897	694,398
1898	701,722
1899	709,046
1900	716,370
1901	723,694
1902	731,018
1903	738,342
1904	745,666
1905	752,990
1906	760,314
1907	767,638
1908	774,962
1909	782,286
1910	789,610
1911	796,934
1912	804,258
1913	811,582
1914	818,906
1915	826,230
1916	833,554
1917	840,878
1918	848,202
1919	855,526
1920	862,850
1921	870,174
1922	877,498
1923	884,822
1924	892,146
1925	899,470
1926	906,794
1927	914,118
1928	921,442
1929	928,766
1930	936,090
1931	943,414
1932	950,738
1933	958,062
1934	965,386
1935	972,710
1936	980,034
1937	987,358
1938	994,682
1939	1,002,006
1940	1,009,330
1941	1,016,654
1942	1,023,978
1943	1,031,302
1944	1,038,626
1945	1,045,950
1946	1,053,274
1947	1,060,598
1948	1,067,922
1949	1,075,246
1950	1,082,570
1951	1,089,894
1952	1,097,218
1953	1,104,542
1954	1,111,866
1955	1,119,190
1956	1,126,514
1957	1,133,838
1958	1,141,162
1959	1,148,486
1960	1,155,810
1961	1,163,134
1962	1,170,458
1963	1,177,782
1964	1,185,106
1965	1,192,430
1966	1,199,754
1967	1,207,078
1968	1,214,402
1969	1,221,726
1970	1,229,050
1971	1,236,374
1972	1,243,698
1973	1,251,022
1974	1,258,346
1975	1,265,670
1976	1,272,994
1977	1,280,318
1978	1,287,642
1979	1,294,966
1980	1,302,290
1981	1,309,614
1982	1,316,938
1983	1,324,262
1984	1,331,586
1985	1,338,910
1986	1,346,234
1987	1,353,558
1988	1,360,882
1989	1,368,206
1990	1,375,530
1991	1,382,854
1992	1,390,178
1993	1,397,502
1994	1,404,826
1995	1,412,150
1996	1,419,474
1997	1,426,798
1998	1,434,122
1999	1,441,446
2000	1,448,770
2001	1,456,094
2002	1,463,418
2003	1,470,742
2004	1,478,066
2005	1,485,390
2006	1,492,714
2007	1,500,038
2008	1,507,362
2009	1,514,686
2010	1,522,010
2011	1,529,334
2012	1,536,658
2013	1,543,982
2014	1,551,306
2015	1,558,630
2016	1,565,954
2017	1,573,278
2018	1,580,602
2019	1,587,926
2020	1,595,250
2021	1,602,574
2022	1,609,898
2023	1,617,222
2024	1,624,546
2025	1,631,870
2026	1,639,194
2027	1,646,518
2028	1,653,842
2029	1,661,166
2030	1,668,490
2031	1,675,814
2032	1,683,138
2033	1,690,462
2034	1,697,786
2035	1,705,110
2036	1,712,434
2037	1,719,758
2038	1,727,082
2039	1,734,406
2040	1,741,730
2041	1,749,054
2042	1,756,378
2043	1,763,702
2044	1,771,026
2045	1,778,350
2046	1,785,674
2047	1,793,000
2048	1,800,324
2049	1,807,648
2050	1,814,972
2051	1,822,296
2052	1,829,620
2053	1,836,944
2054	1,844,268
2055	1,851,592
2056	1,858,916
2057	1,866,240
2058	1,873,564
2059	1,880,888
2060	1,888,212
2061	1,895,536
2062	1,902,860
2063	1,910,184
2064	1,917,508
2065	1,924,832
2066	1,932,156
2067	1,939,480
2068	1,946,804
2069	1,954,128
2070	1,961,452
2071	1,968,776
2072	1,976,100
2073	1,983,424
2074	1,990,748
2075	1,998,072
2076	2,005,396
2077	2,012,720
2078	2,020,044
2079	2,027,368
2080	2,034,692
2081	2,042,016
2082	2,049,340
2083	2,056,664
2084	2,063,988
2085	2,071,312
2086	2,078,636
2087	2,085,960
2088	2,093,284
2089	2,100,608
2090	2,107,932
2091	2,115,256
2092	2,122,580
2093	2,129,904
2094	2,137,228
2095	2,144,552
2096	2,151,876
2097	2,159,200
2098	2,166,524
2099	2,173,848
2100	2,181,172

The present views of the Government
 in 60/63 also.

Revenue Department

Memo: for Order No. 3919.

In their Proceedings
 under date 28th June 1869
 the Board reported cer-
 tain arrangements
 which had been en-
 tered into in re-
 gard to the ^{management of the} Abkarry
 Revenue for the present
 Fusti year, and state
 their belief that the
 most effectual means
 by which the true
 value of the Fanni
 Abkarry could be
 ascertained

ascertained would
be to rent it out
for a term of years
by public competition.

2. The Government
approved of the
measures taken,
which included the
renting of the Govt.
Distillery to a native
Contractor, but expressed
some doubts of the ex-
pediency of the Board's
selection, as it placed
the manufacture of
the

the country spirit and
the supply of the ^{amount} of the same
in the hands of the same
person, and it was to be
feared that his pre-
dominant interest in
the foreign article
might induce him to
supply an inferior
country spirit in hope
of displacing its con-
sumption by the foreign
one. The fact also ex-
pressed their concerns
in the Board's opinion
as to renting the Mr.
Harrig, and requested
the Board to arrange
to carry out the measure.
From

from the commencement
of the coming fiscal year.

3. The Board now
urge that the present
arrangement should
be allowed to continue
until June 1870, and
they report that the
present Contractor
so far from deteriorating
the country
spirit, has turned
out a very superior
article to that
hitherto supplied
at the same dis-
tillery by govern-
ment agency, that
so far from the Colombo
arrangement displacing
the

the. Very very
highly 1871.

the country spirit, the reverse
has been the case. This
statement is fully corrobor-
ated by a return of the
sales during July, August,
September and October which
has been obtained from
officially by the under-
signed. It appears from
the return that the
revenue derived from
sales of the Colombo arrack
during the four months
exceeds the revenue ob-
tained during the same
months in the past year
by 10 per cent only, whereas
the

the revenue from the sale
of Country arrack is 25
per cent in excess of the
revenue of last year-

4. Mr. Minchin of Acha,
who has great experience
in such matters, also
informed the undersigned
that the country liquor
now manufactured was
of first class quality; and
there seems no reason to
doubt that, as it becomes
more generally known, it
will gradually displace
the foreign article which
is greatly to be desired.

The

5. The Contractor in a
petition to Govt. under
date 5th November 1869 N^o 2840th
prays that his contract to
for Colombo and Country to
arrack may be extended
from the present year to
three, five, or seven years,
in consideration of the
heavy outlay he has
incurred on buildings
and in making advances
for materials.

6. Under all the cir-
cumstances of the case,
and bearing in mind
the great advantage of,

if

if possible, supplying the
people of Madras with
a country-made spirit
instead of a foreign one,
so that the profits of manufac-
ture may remain in the
Presidency it seems to the
undersigned to be very
desirable to encourage
the present Contractor in
his efforts to improve the
country spirit; and it
is submitted that the
Board may be authorized
to continue to him the
contract for the supply
of the country liquor for
two years, as at the end

of

of that period all the
Abkarry leases of the Presi-
dency fall in, and it would
be a favorable time to rent
the Town Abkarry, if that
plan be finally determined
upon. This would give
the Contractor ample time
to recoup himself for any outlay
and might induce him
to persevere in still further
improving the country
spirit. It would also
give a sufficient period
for considering the whole
question. The Contractor
therefore request that his
Colombo

Solombo arrack Contract
 should also be continued
 might at the same time
 be referred for the considera-
 tion of the Board, as its
 expediency must depend
 very much upon the prices
 at which he makes the
 supply, on which point in-
 formation is not at present
 before Govt.

Robert Ball

I concur in the views
 of the Secretary as stated
 in this Memo.
 29 Nov 89 W.B.

Mr. W. is prepared
 in this memorandum
 to show a very serious
 departure from the
 working arrangement
 of the 1st. as far as
 the Board of Revenue
 is concerned. The
 Board of Revenue
 has then approved. In
 para 23 of the Board's
 proceedings of 25th June
 1889. I am not prepared
 to depart from this

arrangement and the
 Board's decision of the
 Government must therefore
 be our final guide in
 matters of this kind.

Ag. V.

I think that we
 ought to consider
 the value of the
 spirit for
 Madras as soon as
 possible & that
 can only be done by
 putting it up to
 auction as soon as
 possible. I would
 advise that the
 new system be
 introduced of
 spirit in April
 next. It is our

my chance of
getting an increase
of Revenue.

I am disposed to think
that the advice of the
Board of Revenue should
be accepted.

We have secured an
increase of 2 lacs by
in the Town Abkane
by recent arrangements;
and have got rid of
the anomaly of not
conducting the manufacture
of Arrack.

~~It will be sent~~
with this until July
1871.

We might possibly get

copy of report of 21 Jan 71

by visiting leaders,
a somewhat higher
revenue from competition
but there will be a
certain amount of
risk by failure of
the farmer or farmers
of the Abkane. R.H.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Under date 17th Febry 1870

Read the following letter
from the Sub Secy B. of Revenue.
(N.B. 12th Nov 1869. N. 8366)

The Rt Hon^{ble} the
Governor in Council
observes that the

recommendation which
is made in the foregoing

Letter is hardly
consistent with the

views expressed by
the Board in para

23 of their Proceedings.

Under date 18th June 1869
No 4684

In a consideration
however of the reasons
adduced by the Board
of Revenue

I would not notice this at all
ungracious to the Board of Revenue.
They have had the instructions
pointed out to them R.H.

I would write to
first para.
R.H.

in favor of deferring
the introduction of the
renting system into
the towns of Madras,
E and S.

His Embassy in Council

will not object to ^{the} present version & think
but in present

arrangements being allowed. Thank

Stand for another

year, and he accordingly

empowers the Board to

(continue theme)

Redeem this course

A full report of the
working of the present
system should be submitted
not later than October
next in order to afford

ample time for the
consideration of any
changes which it may
be deemed advisable
to introduce from the
1st of July 1871.

[Signature]

14. Foster Prof Geo Despt 12

1871
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in the town of
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