

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th June 1870.*

No. 330. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th April 1870, No. 2,273 :—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 26th February 1870, No. 35.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith a petition from Mr. Samuel Honeywell, complaining of the restriction imposed by the Board of Revenue on the per-centage of spirit in the manufacture of his Beer.

2. In paragraph 26 of my letter to the Board, dated February 5, 1869, I pointed out that some of Mr. Honeywell's Beer was, in fact, a spirituous liquor as shown by Mr. Broughton's analysis, and recommended that some limit should be put to the quantity of alcohol in any liquid sold under the name of Beer.

Mr. Broughton's analysis appended to that letter shows that Mr. Honeywell's cheap Beer, sold at Rupees 3 per dozen, contains 8.73 per cent. of alcohol: the better quality sold at Rupees 4-8-0 per dozen, 6.98 per cent., whilst a bottle of Tennant's Beer gave only 5.07 per cent.

3. The Board in paragraph 4 of their Order of the 8th March called for further information on the following points :—

First.—As to whether Mr. Honeywell's Beer is obnoxious in a sanitary point of view.

Second.—As to whether the proportion of alcohol contained in it is absolutely required by the exigencies of the climate.

Third.—As to whether the effect of stopping the manufacture would be to drive large numbers to the use of a less healthy stimulant.

4. My letter, dated 3rd April 1869, contains the replies of seven officers consulted in regard to those queries.

From the general tenor of their replies I gather that the Beer brewed by Mr. Honeywell is more intoxicating than ordinary English Beer.

Secondly.—That the proportion of alcohol contained therein is not required by the exigencies of the climate, but no definite opinion was given as to the effect of prohibiting the manufacture.

5. In regard to the question, as to whether the Beer is prejudicial to health, Mr. Broughton was of opinion that the cheaper kind of Mr. Honeywell's Beer must be distressing to an ordinary stomach, otherwise he saw no reason to suppose it prejudicial to health: he gave a decided opinion that the Beer was not drugged.

Dr. Ranking gave it as his opinion that the Beer contained a larger proportion of alcohol than the Beers and Ales in ordinary use, and more than in a sanitary point of view was advisable. The Board accordingly, in their Order of the 12th April, restricted the per-centage of alcohol to 5 per cent.

6. Mr. Honeywell appealed to the Board to re-consider their decision: the Board declined to modify their Order, but stated that Mr. Honeywell would be at liberty to re-open the subject at the expiration of the present Abkarry lease, if the circumstances justified him in doing so.

7. Mr. Honeywell now submits an appeal to the Governor in Council, accompanied by a table prepared by Mr. Harvey, Assistant Chemical Examiner to

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Government, showing the alcoholic strength of the various brands of Beer imported from the Home Market, together with a number of certificates from private individuals testifying to the excellence of his Beer.

8. Mr. Harvey's analysis shows that the alcoholic strength of the best known brands imported varies from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{7}{8}$ per cent., and Mr. Honeywell requests permission to brew up to that strength. Mr. Broughton compared Mr. Honeywell's Beer with only one English brand, viz., Tennant's, which he states to contain 5.07 per cent. of alcohol, whereas Mr. Harvey's analysis gives $6\frac{1}{8}$ as the per-centage of this brand.

9. Until the expiration of the present Abkarry lease, of course, Mr. Honeywell's request cannot be complied with, as the farm was sold with an express guarantee that the strength of the petitioner's Beer should not be permitted to exceed 5 per cent. of alcohol.

10. As it is desirable to encourage private enterprise, however, and it appears that the better kind of Mr. Honeywell's Beer is appreciated by many, and is not prejudicial to health, I am of opinion that permission to brew up to the average strength of English brands, viz., about $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., may be accorded at the expiration of the present Abkarry lease.

11. I may mention that the present Abkarry Contractors after six months' experience have petitioned for a large reduction of the contract amount, on the ground that they have sustained heavy loss. I refused to entertain the petition until a full year's trial had been made: should it then be deemed advisable to take into consideration the petition of the present Abkarry Contractors, the opportunity might be taken to put up the farm again on the understanding that Mr. Honeywell be permitted to brew up to an alcoholic strength of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

The petition will be submitted for the orders of the Governor in Council to whom it is addressed.

2. In his letter, dated the 5th February 1869, the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills brought to notice the Arrack Contractor's complaint that Mr. Honeywell's Beer was, in fact, a spirituous liquor, and interfered unduly with his sales of Arrack. Mr. Broughton had analysed the liquor, and found that one sort contained 8.73 per cent. of alcohol, and another sort, 6.98 per cent., whilst Tennant's bottled Beer contained only 5.07 per cent. Mr. Honeywell's sales amounted to 12,000 gallons a-year, and his license fees were only Rupees 100.

3. The Board made inquiries as to the wholesomeness of the Beer, and the necessity for making it so strong, and at last resolved in their Proceedings of the 12th April 1869, No. 2,503, that Mr. Honeywell should be required to restrict the per-centage of spirit to 5. This was in accordance with the opinion expressed by the Sanitary Commissioner.

4. The decision was announced when the Abkarry Farm of the division was sold by auction and influenced the bids considerably. The upset price was Rupees 45,000. The farm was knocked down for the large sum of Rupees 85,000.

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5. Mr. Honeywell appealed to the Board to re-consider their decision, but by that time the Abkarry Farm had been sold, and the Board refused to modify their decision.

6. On perusing the papers now laid before them, and re-considering the whole question, the Board are of opinion that their interference was based on insufficient information. They are disposed to think that the manufacture of Beer on the Hills should be encouraged, and not repressed, and that Mr. Honeywell should, at the expiration of the present Abkarry lease, be relieved from all restriction as to the quantity of alcohol to be contained in his Beer; but if this is done now, it will give the Abkarry renter a claim to compensation, which it will be most difficult to deal with.

7. The Commissioner seems to be of opinion that the lease is likely to be brought to an end soon, in consequence of the losses of the contractor. As a general rule, there must be very peculiar circumstances to justify a proposal for a reduction of the contract amount fixed at public auction; but in this case the desirability of freeing Mr. Honeywell from the restrictions, which he says have so seriously affected his manufacture, will dispose the Board to receive such a proposition favourable.

8. On the other hand, it must be recollected that the Board were authorized by law, and justified by the facts before them, in promulgating the ruling contained in their Proceedings of the 12th April 1869, No. 2,503, and that though they are now prepared to rescind that ruling, no valid claim to compensation can be founded on the fact that it has been enforced.

9. It may, of course, form a subject of consideration at any future time whether the license fees payable by Mr. Honeywell should be raised.

No. 331. ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1870, No. 954.

Separate Revenue, No. 27.

Abkarry.

THE Government are not disposed to allow what is to all intents and purposes a spirit to be sold under the designation of Beer, which would be the

result if all restriction as to the quantity of alcohol contained in Mr. Honeywell's Beer were to be removed as proposed by the Revenue Board in paragraph 6 of their Proceedings above recorded. The Commissioner's suggestion in paragraph 10 of his letter of 26th February 1870, to permit Mr. Honeywell to brew up to the average alcoholic strength of English brands, viz., about $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., seems to the Government sufficient, but it should not be carried out until the present Abkarry Lease expires.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Submitting, with remarks,
Petition of Mr. Samuel Honeywell of
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imposed by Board on percentage of
spirit in beer, manufactured by him

(No. C. 5th April 1870 No. 2273)

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.	
Dated Sec. 27th.	
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G. O. 27th Decr, 1870, No. 331.	
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25 May 1870

Revenue Department

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H.C. 5th April 1870 No 2243.

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No. 332. From the Accountant-General, Madras, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Fort Saint George, 28th May 1870, No. 62:—

As desired in Board's Proceedings, No. 3,304, dated 14th instant, I have the honour to annex a Memorandum showing the amount of substantive pay and deputation allowance drawn by the two Clerks referred to in the letter from the Under-Secretary to the Government of India embodied in the above Proceedings.

MEMORANDUM.

P. Murtiraz, Clerk, on a salary of 20 Rupees per month and deputation allowance as Acting Superintendent of Calingapatam Port, from 11th August to 15th September 1869, at 20 per cent. on 70 Rupees, the pay of the acting appointment	RS. A. P.
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K. Apparow, Clerk, on a salary of 20 Rupees per month and do. as do. from 16th September to 12th November 1869, at 20 per cent. on 70 Rupees, the pay of the acting appointment... ..	26 9 7

(Sd/-) F. LUSHINGTON.
Accountant-General.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
27th June 1870.

No. 955.

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Revenue, No. 28.

Coms.

SIR,—With reference to Mr. Under-Secretary Batten's letter, dated 31st March 1870, No. 2,239, I am directed to transmit, for submission to the Governor of the Accountant-General's letter, dated 28th May 1870, in a statement showing the amount of substantive pay and drawn by the two Clerks under reference. That the Government deemed it proper to authorize the allowance to the Clerks "as a special case," in consideration of the fact that the office of Sea Customs Superintendent and Port Captain was vacant, and the small salary of the individuals in the office during that time.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.