

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
10th July 1871.*

No. 96. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 8th July 1871, No. 111.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Chingleput Abkarry Contractor agreed to supply Government with Puttai Arrack to-day (3 P.M.) failed to do so. There are now only 800 gallons of Puttai Arrack store, and out of this quantity nearly 300 gallons must be issued for to-morrow's consumption. As it is not improbable that after Monday, the 10th instant, we will be left without any Puttai Arrack, I beg to suggest that Aska Rum be obtained from the Commissariat, and issued in place of Puttai Arrack. I am aware that by doing so we are running a considerable risk of loss of revenue.

2. In the first place, it is possible that the people will not at first take to Rum instead of Arrack; and in the second place, we are breaking our contract with the shop-keepers to whom we are bound to deliver Puttai Arrack, and they would probably be entitled to compensation. Although it is therefore necessary that I should have the power to issue Aska Rum if every expedient to obtain Puttai Arrack fails, I do not think it should be used, except at the last extremity when Puttai Arrack is not obtainable. I am informed by Colonel Miller, Commissary-General, that we can be supplied with Aska Rum at 12 Annas and 6 Pies per gallon, 24 below proof. I therefore request that the Board will obtain Government sanction for indenting on the Commissariat for Aska Rum.

Commissariat, to supply Rum to the Collector of Madras in case it is needed for the Town Abkarry.

2. Every facility has been given to Mr. Prichard since G. O., 21st June 1871, No. 1,093, was received, but he will not be in a position to supply liquor till the 1st of August.

3. Efforts are being, and will be, made in every direction to obtain supplies of Country Arrack, because the sales will probably fall off directly Rum is issued instead, but these efforts may fail.

4. The Board have little fear that compensation will have to be given to the shop-keepers.

5. The Commissariat Rum is a pure and wholesome spirit, and experience in Ganjam shows that native consumers appreciate it after a time. Its cost, when diluted to the strength of Puttai Arrack, will not be greater than 10 Annas a gallon.

No. 97.

ORDER THEREON, 10th July 1871, No. 1,185.

Separate Revenue, No. 6A.

Abkarry.

THE Commissariat will issue Rum to the Collector of Madras on his Indent, if required for the Town Abkarry.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Commissary-General.
,, the Military Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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 Comptroller General S.C. B. B. B.
 Secretary Dept. 17

Dated 8th July 1871
 Despatch No 10100
 Recd 10100
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For the Secretary

Requesting Governor
 to authorize
 Commissioner
 Dept. to supply him
 with Collector of head
 in case it is needed

For the Secretary
 The Commissioner will supply
 him to the Collector of head
 in case it is needed for in town
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