

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th September 1871.*

No. 240. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st August 1871, No. 3,748:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th August 1871, No. 133.

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of the Board that the quantity of Colombo Arrack, for which tenders have been invited, is so small that it is highly probable that no tenders will be made.

2. I therefore request the orders of the Board to invite tenders for Colombo Arrack for the full quantity required by Government in each year, for the next three years, i.e., for 1871 1872 and 1873. I have also to observe that by the last intelligence from Colombo, the price of Arrack had risen to £14 per leaguer.

THE Board resolve to submit this letter for the orders of Government.

2. It is clear that a high price will have to be paid for Colombo Arrack if the period of tender is limited to one year. It may, indeed, be necessary for Government to import the Arrack direct.

3. On the other hand it appears from Government Order, 21st June 1871, No. 1,093, paragraph 3, that Government contemplate the eventual substitution of a spirit distilled on the spot for Colombo Arrack, and they may consider it undesirable to contract for a three-year supply of the latter.

No. 241. ORDER THEREON, 20th September 1871, No. 1,628.

Separate Revenue, No. 19.

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THE Acting Collector's proposal will evidently not preclude the substitution of another spirit for Colombo Arrack if desired, as the requirements of Government

are to be the measure of the demand on the contractor, no quantity being specified; and, if none is wanted, none will be demanded or supplied. If the Government rightly apprehend the Acting Collector's intention, there would seem to be no objection to it on the ground suggested by the Board; but whether it is desirable to bind Government for three years to one price for Colombo Arrack is open to question. The Government will leave the decision to the Board, but in any case abundant notice should be given that tenders are required, and the advertisement should be published at Colombo as well as at Madras.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of Madras.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Remington
Acting Secretary

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Officiating Collector of Madras.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

