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| <i>Abkari.</i> |
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*Dated 16th August 1872, No. 1,202A.*

As it is understood that Mr. Dalyell has completed his inquiries into the working of the Abkari System in Mysore, the Governor in Council desires

that he will proceed to investigate the arrangements in that department which are in force in the Salem District.

2. On receipt of his report on the Mysore system the Government will be in a position to decide whether further inquiry is desirable in other districts.

(True Extract.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,  
*Secretary to Government.*

to Mr. Dalyell, Esq.  
,, the Board of Revenue.  
,, the Accountant-General.  
,, the Collector of Salem.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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13<sup>th</sup> August 1872

My dear Hudleston

I heard from Jamichael  
that he does not mean to take  
any leave after all. If he had  
done so, and I had asked for  
him again, I had intended  
proposing to my colleagues  
in the Board that I should  
continue my present tour  
to some of our own more im-  
portant Abbey Districts, such  
as Bellary, Salem, Tanjore &c.  
In the experience I have gained

here has satisfied me that a properly directed investigation, on the spot, into the workings of our ~~old~~ <sup>own</sup> Abkany system, would, in nearly all districts, result in a benefit to the people, and an eventual improvement of the revenue, without any increase of taxation.

I am so impressed with this belief that I wish you to be good enough to propose to the members of Govt. that I should be permitted to proceed with my enquiries in a few Madras Districts, on these grounds.

My investigation into the

Abkany system of this Province has placed me in a position to show how the revenue derived from Anack may be improved from 25 to 40 per cent. from the commencement of the next official year, without increasing the burden of taxation on the people by one anna, and without, as it seems to me, sacrificing any benefit obtained under the so-called Sudder Distillery system of manufacture.

Similar enquiries will be much more difficult in our own Districts as the Renting System has kept us so completely in the dark as regards

details, for so many years, and the failure of the endeavours I have made, while on this special duty, to obtain information, from some Col<sup>l</sup>, on certain points has made it perfectly clear to me that anything like accurate knowledge is to be had only ~~on the spot~~ by a visit to the locality. It would seem too, from what I have heard, that one of the most important provisions of our present licenses - that relating to minimum prices - is very frequently neglected, and that our existing rules are, generally, very imperfectly carried out.

I find that so lately as 1869<sup>70</sup> an Officer was for some time employed on special duty in Bombay for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on the Abkany system of that Presidency; so that if the Gov<sup>t</sup> are pleased to comply with my proposal they will be creating no new precedent. Should they feel disposed to do so, I fancy it will be merely necessary to pass an order to the effect that I am authorized to continue my present tour to

some of the Indian Districts, as  
it is understood from me that  
the experience gained here has  
led me to suppose that such a  
course would be very desirable in  
the interests of the people as well  
as of the country, because when  
fortunately, there is no time and  
to submit my proposal in a  
formal manner through the  
Board of Revenue in respect  
to complete my report by Tuesday  
of a Tuesday next, and should then  
receive charge of the Chingp  
District unless, in the meantime  
other were directed.

Believe me  
Yours sincerely  
W. D. Aylmer  
Mr. Huddleston Esq.  
Secretary to the R.D.  
Botocamand.

Dear Sir,  
I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you  
that the same has been  
forwarded to the proper  
authorities for their  
consideration.

My dear Huddleston,  
Dalyll writes  
that he has nearly finished  
his work in Mysore.

The Board think it  
very desirable that he  
should extend his Atkarry  
inquiries to some of the  
principal districts of this  
Presidency & especially to  
those in which the new

Proceedings of the Madras Government.  
 Under date the 16<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1872  
 Read the following:

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 that Mr. Dalrymple has  
 completed his enquiries  
 into the working of the  
 Abkari system in Mysore,  
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 proceed to investigate the  
 arrangements in that  
 Dept. which are in force  
 in the Salem District.

2. On receipt of his  
 report on the Mysore system,  
 the Gov<sup>t</sup> will be in a  
 position to decide whether  
 further enquiry is desirable  
 in other Districts.

By Order in Council

1. To P. A. Dalrymple Esq. Secy. 20 Aug<sup>r</sup> 72

14 The Board of Revenue &  
 Asst. Secy. D. J.

*[Signature]*

System is being tried  
 Yours very truly  
 J. G. Cole.  
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 The Board of Revenue  
 Asst. Secy. D. J.

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Investigation by Mrs. Daly  
of the Ab-Kin System in  
Salem District

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