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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,

23rd November 1872.

No. 179. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th November 1872, No. 2,198 :—

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Vizianagaram, 1st November 1872, No. A :—

I HAVE the honour to enclose extract of a letter received from Messrs. Minchin & Co., the Abkári Renters of this district, and to request the sanction of the Board for the adoption of the course therein proposed.

2. The proposal, which I beg to support, is that Messrs. Minchin & Co. be allowed to rent out the Abkári farms of the taluqs of Gunupur, Rayagada, and Parvatipur, in the same manner as the toddy-farms are now leased. Their reasons for recommending this course are fully set forth in the letter, extract of which is enclosed.

3. Under the former system of renting the Abkári farms by taluqs, no difficulty was experienced in supplying the wants of the people of this part of the country, who, from time immemorial, have been accustomed to consume a liquor manufactured from the flowers and fruit of the Muvwa tree (Telugu "Ippa"). If the liquor which suits their tastes be not supplied by the renters it will be manufactured illicitly, and in so difficult a country it would be impossible to put down illicit manufacture on a large scale. Any attempt of the sort, would lead to discontent and possible disturbance, as the people, principally Khonds and Sawarars, would not only be deprived of their usual beverage but would suffer in pocket. At the proper season large quantities of these flowers and berries are gathered and stored, and these were purchased by the former renters of the taluq. The introduction of a new beverage must be gradual, and Messrs. Minchin propose as well to keep spirit of their own manufacture for sale in these taluqs, so that it may be available for those who will consume it. The above remarks apply especially to Gunupur and Rayagada, but they equally apply to many parts of the Parvatipur Taluq.

4. By the plan proposed the interests of both Government and the renters will be ensured and the prejudices of the people consulted.

I have, therefore, the honour to request early sanction for its adoption.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board are strongly in favour of the Collector's proposal which offers the only escape from an otherwise insuperable difficulty.

No. 180. ORDER THEREON, 23rd November 1872, No. 1,611.

Separate Revenue, No. 16.
Abkári.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Banteman.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 13th November 1872

Read the following

No. A.

From,

R. J. Melville Esqre
Acting Collector, Vizagapatam

To,

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Extract of a letter received from Messrs Minchin & Co the Abkarry Renters of this District and to request the sanction of the Board for the adoption of the course therein proposed.

2. The proposal which they to support is that Messrs Minchin & Co be allowed to rent out the abkarry farms of the Talugs of Gumsur, Rayagada, and Parvatipúr in the same manner as the toddy farms are now leased. Their reasons for recommending this course are fully set forth in the letter extract of which is enclosed.

Under

3. Under the former system of renting the abkarry farms by Talooks, no difficulty was experienced in supplying the wants of the people of this part of the country, who from time immemorial, have been accustomed to consume a liquor manufactured from the flowers and fruit of the Mahwah (Bassia latifolia) tree (Telugu "Ippa"). If the liquor which suits their tastes be not supplied by the renters, it will be manufactured illicitly and in so difficult a country it would be impossible to put down illicit manufacture on a large scale. Any attempt of the sort would lead to discontent and possible disturbance as the people, principally Khonds and Savaras, would not only be deprived of their usual beverage but would suffer in pocket. At the proper season large quantities of these flowers and berries are gathered and stored and these were purchased by the former Renters of the Talook. The introduction of a new beverage must be gradual and Messrs. Minchin propose as well to keep spirit of their own manufacture for sale in these Talooks, so that it may be available for those who will consume it. The above remarks apply especially to Gumsur and Ranyagada; but they equally apply to many parts of the Parvatipur Talook.

4. By the plan proposed the interests of both Government and the renters will be ensured and the prejudices of the people consulted.

I have therefore the honor to request early sanction for its adoption.

I have &c

(Camp Vizianagaram
1st November 1872)

(Sd) R. J. Melville
Acting Collector

Submitted for the orders of Government.

The Board are strongly in favour of the Collector's proposal which offers the only escape from an otherwise insuperable difficulty.

/True Copy & Extract/

J Grole
Secretary

To,
The Acting Secretary to Government
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Submitting for favourable consideration of the proposal of Messrs Muniappa & Co., Abkari Renters of Vizagapatam Dt., that they should be allowed to rent out Abkari farms of Gummur, Rayagada & Parvatipur in same manner as the toddy farms are now leased.

No. 1611 approved.

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Refer to Head-Valley explained to Brtm. 21/11/72

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