

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
9th April 1872.

No. 78. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1872 :—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 4th April 1872, No. 41.

I HAVE the honour to enclose a petition from Mr. Samuel Honeywell to His Excellency the Governor in Council, complaining of the restriction placed upon the alcoholic strength of his Beer.

2. It will be remembered that from Government Order, June 27th, 1870, No. 954, Mr. Honeywell was permitted to brew up to a strength of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the Government observing that they were not disposed to permit "what is to all intent and purposes a spirit to be sold under the designation of Beer."

3. In paragraph 7 of the petition, Mr. Honeywell remarks that "a good palatable and lasting Beer cannot be brewed at an alcoholic strength of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., nor is $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. or thereabouts the alcoholic strength of English Beer imported into this country;" and in the following five paragraphs, Mr. Honeywell sets forth his grounds for this assertion.

4. After all what the necessary or wholesome proportion of alcohol may be for Beer brewed on these Hills, is a question for the chemists to decide. It seems to me that the Government have chiefly their own interests to consider, and not the stomachs of the consumers; and if it can be shown that Mr. Honeywell can be permitted to brew stronger Beer without interfering with the revenue derived from the Abkari Farm, let it then be permitted, but I am constrained to think that the result would be prejudicial to Government; so that I conceive it only just that, if a concession is made to Mr. Honeywell, as to some extent previously advocated by the Board, it should be on the understanding that his payment to Government should be in some measure commensurate with the probable loss to the Abkari Farm. It may be considered a good thing to encourage an undertaking of this nature, but Government can hardly be expected to do so at probably a considerable sacrifice of revenue.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. At present Mr. Honeywell is not allowed to brew Beer containing more than $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of alcohol. He applies for permission to brew draught Beer containing 8 per cent. of spirit, and bottled Beer of unlimited strength.

3. The subject is fully discussed in the Proceedings disposed of in Government Orders, 27th June 1870, No. 954, 14th April 1871, No. 673, and 5th May 1871, No. 783.

4. The allegation that bottled Beer must contain far more alcohol than draught Beer is not consistent with the facts before the Board, nor has it been brought forward by Mr. Honeywell on the many occasions on which he has already addressed the Board and Government.

5. The Board resolve to recommend Government to allow Mr. Honeywell to brew Beer containing 8 per cent. of alcohol.

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6. If this is allowed it will be necessary to re-consider the amount of the license-fee and the manner in which it should be levied, and instructions will be issued to the Commissioner on this subject when the orders of Government are received.

No. 79.

ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1872, No. 578.

Separate Revenue, No. 5.

Abkari.

THE Government sanction the Board's proposal to allow Mr. Honeywell to brew Beer up to 8 per cent. of alcohol, but desire they will at once

settle and report, for the approval of Government, the new terms of license-fee, etc., which they propose should accompany the change of strength.

2. Meanwhile, they will instruct the Commissioner, by telegram, to postpone the sale of the Nilgiris Abkari Farm for such period as may be necessary to allow of the alterations, when approved, being widely notified to intending bidders, whose calculations must necessarily be considerably affected by the change.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

The Govt would wish the Vot³²
desires as to the expediency
of levying ^a ~~the~~ ~~proport~~ duty
of 1 anna per S - G - on Country
made Beer - and then placing
it on the same footing as
Foreign Beer -

If the Vot³² are inclined to
introduce the Headman System
on the Hill it would be
expedient to sell the Farm
for one year only - unless

To

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE GOVERNOR in Council,
Fort Saint George, Madras.

The Humble Petition of SAMUEL HONEYWELL, Brewer and Maltster,
Arven Ghaut, Nilgiris.

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That your Petitioner has just observed an Advertisement, in the *Nilgherry District Gazette*, of the 16th Instant, announcing that the Abkarry Farm of the Nilgherry District, will be sold by Public Auction, before the Commissioner of the Nilgherry District, on the 15th of April next, and that para. 8. of such Advertisement sets forth that the Commissioner shall be privileged to grant licences for the manufacture and vend of Nilgherry brewed beer, of a strength not exceeding $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of alcohol.

2. Your Petitioner would respectfully bring to the notice of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that your Petitioner has, on three different occasions, petitioned that the restrictive order passed by the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings, dated 12th April, 1869, No. 2,503, on the per-centage of spirit in the manufacture of your Petitioner's beer, might be rescinded.

3. To the first of your Petitioner's appeals, the Board refused to interfere with their restriction, owing to the Abkarry Farm having been sold, subject to such restriction, but granted your Petitioner liberty to re-open the subject at the expiration of the present Abkarry lease.

4. To the second appeal of your Petitioner's, the Board, in Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th June, 1870, No. 330, in Para. 6, state that their interference was based on insufficient information, and were of opinion that your Petitioner should, at the expiration of the present Abkarry lease, be relieved from all restriction as to the quantity of alcohol to be contained in your Petitioner's manufactured beer.

5. In reply to your Petitioner's third appeal, the Board, in Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th May, 1871, No. 47, Para. 7, thought that your Petitioner might be allowed to brew beer containing 10 per cent. of alcohol.

6. His Excellency Lord Napier in Council, was of opinion that your Petitioner should be allowed to brew up to a per-centage of about $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.,—the represented strength of English brands imported into this country.

7. Your Petitioner would now most urgently beg to bring to the notice of H. E. the Governor in Council that a good, palatable, and lasting beer, cannot be brewed at an alcoholic strength of $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.; nor is $6\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., or thereabouts, the alcoholic strength of English beer imported into this country.

8. In the first instance, Doctor Ranking, when appealed to by the Board of Revenue, as to what, in his opinion, ought to be the alcoholic strength of Nilgherry brewed beer, sent the Board a table, taken from Brande's "Manual of Chemistry," for their information, in which it was stated that London small beer was brewed at an alcoholic strength of about 1 per cent., London ale at about 6 per cent., and London porter at about 5; and that other brands fluctuated from 5 to 10 per cent.: but the then Sanitary Commissioner unintentionally misled the Board, by not forwarding them Brande's explanation of his table, for the latter adds, "Though in the common varieties of London ale, the average amount of such alcohol is about six per cent., and porter about five per cent., yet the quantity of solid matter in the better kinds of beer varies from about four to nearly eight per cent." Now, if these latter figures be added to the former, Brande would say that a good beer required at least 10 per cent. of alcohol.

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9. Brande further states, that in all liquids heavier than water containing a specific gravity of 1.20 per cent., there is 3 per cent. of unfermented matter lost sight of in the analysis.

10. Doctor Johnson, in his "Chemistry of Common Life," says "from one half to three-fourths" only of the sugar in the wort is decomposed. Were the fermentation not so regulated, as to leave "this residue of un-decomposed sugar, the beer would refuse to keep. It would turn sour in the cask."

11. Doctor Ure states that the first sort of Burton ale contains an alcoholic strength of 14.2 per cent., and the third sort 10.2 per cent.

12. Doctor Gray, in his "Operative Chemist," mentions that keeping ale should contain 14.5 per cent.

13. Under the foregoing circumstances, your Petitioner trusts that it will be clear to His Excellency in Council that good beer cannot be manufactured at a less spiritual strength than 8 per cent., and this would only apply to draught beer. Your Petitioner, therefore, most earnestly prays that he may, after the expiration of the present Abkarry lease, be allowed to brew draught beer at an alcoholic strength of 8 per cent., and that all restrictions may be removed as to the alcoholic strength of his beer brewed for bottling purposes.

14. The bottled beer could only be consumed by gentlemen resident on the Neilgherries, as its price would be prohibitory to native consumption; therefore, the removal of any restriction as to its alcoholic strength could not interfere with the Abkarry renter.

In conclusion, your Petitioner most earnestly begs that His Excellency the Governor in Council will take into his kind consideration the long and anxious struggle your Petitioner has experienced, in bringing his brewery establishment to a successful bearing; the ruinous injury his business has sustained for the past three years, owing to the unintentional misrepresentations made to the Board of Revenue by the late Sanitary Commissioner; and fervently hopes that with a view to a reward for heavy losses sustained, His Excellency in Council may be graciously pleased to lend a merciful hearing to his prayer.

16. For which act of kindness, he will, as in duty bound, ever pray.

CASTLE BREWERY, ARVEN GHAUT,
Neilgherries, March 26th, 1872.

Samuel Honeywell

HONEYWELL'S

THE BEVERAGE OF THE NEIGHERRIES.

MADRAS, 12th November 1869.
SIR,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 25th, and which you produced at the Ootacamund Exhibition your statement 64 per cent. of Alcohol, appeared to His Excellency to be a palatable beer, not stronger than the latter Ale usually exported to this country.

Your object is to be permitted to sell beer containing 64 per cent. of Alcohol in lieu of 5 per cent. as at present. I cannot anticipate the decision of Government or the Board of Revenue on this point, you will have to bring up the question through the usual official channels, and adduce especially satisfactory evidence that the qualities of bottled English beer commonly consumed in this country contain at least 64 per cent. of alcohol.

I remain, your obedient servant,
C. F. FORDYCE, Col.
Castle Brewery, Sappers Camp. *M.D. S.C.*

To Mr. S. Honeywell,

Castle Brewery, Sappers Camp.

MADRAS, 1st November 1869.

SIR,—In reply to your communication of the 25th Ultimo I beg to state that I consider the beer in bottle I got from your establishment at Ootacamund during my late visit, a clear, light and wholesome beverage and free from acidity. I am not an habitual beer drinker and Europe bottled beers if taken for many days together usually disagree with me causing headache and acidity this did not result from the use of your beer, though I took a little daily, (and relished it) for many days together.

I am, your's faithfully,

To Mr. Honeywell.

J. L. RANKING.

TACHIVOLLY, 2nd November 1869.

SIR,—I drank your beer when I was at Coonoor last March and April in preference to English bottled beer. I thought it light and wholesome and not so strong as the English beer. I should certainly say that a reduction in its Alcoholic strength as it then was, would make it too weak to be palatable.

Mr. S. Honeywell,

Castle Brewery.

Your's faithfully,

C. MARTIN.

CANNANORE, 3rd November 1869.

I have much pleasure in testifying to what I believe to be the excellent quality and wholesomeness of Mr. S. Honeywell's bottled & Neigherry Champagne Ale as sold by him in his shop at Coonoor, during the months of March and April last. I must express on first drinking it that it seemed to be more exhilarating, than the ordinary English bottled ales of the plains, but was followed by no unpleasant head effects and in more moderate quantity seemed all that could be desired, and appeared to me a beer well suited for consumption on the Hills, being less heavy and feeding than the Europe ales. For Government to reduce the alcoholic strength of this liquor to 5 1/2 % appears to me to be both arbitrary and wholly uncalled for proceeding and will tend only to the production of an unwholesome and unpalatable drink. It appears to me that if people know the strength of the liquor they are drinking it is all that is required. And I certainly do not think, that the class of the community consuming the quality of Mr. Honeywell's beer, I am testifying to, will, failing to obtain it of its former strength and palatableness resort to the arrack shops for a substitute and thus increase the revenue of the arrack contractor.

To Mr. S. Honeywell,

Sappers Camp Brewery,

Coonoor.

H. J. BEACK,

Asst. Surgeon,

Madrass Army

Coonoor.

MADRAS, 16th December 1869.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony in favour of the Beer brewed by Mr. S. Honeywell of Castle Brewery, Coonoor.

I have had the opportunity of tasting his beer at the late Exhibition of Ootacamund brewed both at a per centage of 5 1/2 % alcohol and at from 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 %.

The former I consider inferior to English table or servants' beer, whilst the latter quite approaches the celebrated English beer imported into our market.

As long as Mr. Honeywell is restricted to 5 1/2 % alcohol only his beer will certainly not be received favourably among the general public.

I consider Mr. Honeywell's attempt to introduce the brewing of beer in this country most praiseworthy, and one that deserves every encouragement from Government.

I warmly recommend his being allowed to use the English standard per centage of alcohol namely 6 1/2 to 7 1/2 %.

A. A. S. MARTIN.

Mr. S. Honeywell,

Castle Brewery, Sappers Camp, Coonoor.

Firm Cammaide Martin & Co.

Coonoor.

MADRAS, 16th December 1869.

Mr. S. Honeywell, Castle Brewery.

SIR,—Your letter just received it is the first I have had from you in reply I beg to state that the beer you have sent me is an agreeable and nourishing drink and is excellent in its kind.

I hope that you will continue to brew it.

I am, Sir, your's faithfully,

THOMAS BLESS.

WELLINGTON, November 3rd, 1869.

To Mr. Honeywell, Castle Brewery.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of 25th ultimo, I have much pleasure in stating that for some years, I drank the beer brewed by you. I found it very good and sound, and preferred it to English beer. It was also much approved of by several of my friends who tasted it at my house.

Your's faithfully,

E. GRANT, Lt. Colonel.

To Mr. S. Honeywell, Brewery Castle Neigherreries.

SIR,—In reply to your letter about your beer, I write to say that as far as I am aware it has always been found an agreeable beverage by those members of my family who occasionally drink it, and they prefer it to European beer, owing to its comparative lightness.

Being unacquainted with the proportion of alcohol used in beer of any kind, and knowing nothing of such matters, I am unable to give any opinion on the question, now under discussion between yourself and the authorities.

Your obedient servant,

T. HAMILTON.

Woodburne, Ootacamund, 7th November 1869.

When on the Hills, I have been in the habit of drinking Honeywell's beer, and consider it a sound and wholesome beverage. If he is obliged to reduce its strength, I fear it will not keep as well as it does now and that the demand for it will much decrease.

G. H. MURRAY AINSLEY, Lieutenant-Colonel.

Bangalore, 9th November 1869.

I drank Mr. Honeywell's beer, brewed and bottled by him, for a short time when I was at Ootacamund last March, and thought it very good and palatable.

I preferred it to some of my own. Mess beer which I had been drinking for a long time before.

F. S. FURZPATRICK, Captain.

Mr. S. Honeywell,

In reply to your request as to my opinion of your beer, I have much pleasure in stating that during my residence in Wellington, I was in the habit of drinking it and found it good and wholesome and believe that if brewed at less strength than when I drank it, it would be quite unfit for bottling.

J. H. KIRKE, Captain, 2-12, Regt

Bangalore, 13th Nov. 1869

Messrs. Honeywell & Co.

Gentlemen,

I have been in the habit of constantly drinking your beer for the last two years, and prefer it to any other either English or Country bottled.

HUGH S. OSBORNE, Captain.

Wellington, 2nd Nov. 1869.

Bombay Army.

Mr. Honeywell, I drink a little of your beer at Coonoor last year it was not bad.

Your's obediently,

R. E. SWINTEN.

Guntoor, Nov. 1869.

HIGHLAND COTTAGE, Hookical, 6th November, 1869.

To, S. HONEYWELL, Esq.

Sappers' Camp.

SIR,—I have much pleasure to state that I have drunk your beer ever since you commenced to make it, and I must say I have always found it very good in fact, I like it much better than English beer.

Your's faithfully,

W. CHAMBERS, *Coffee Planter.*

NEDDIATTOM, 10th January, 1870.

SIR,—In reply to your letter, I beg to state that I have on several occasions had your own brewed beer, not only in bottles but fresh from the cask, and always found it very mild, and not near so heady as English bottled beer should be, and use less than 64 per cent. of alcohol it would be unwholesome and therefore I think Government ought to allow you to use the proper per centage as you brewing beer on the Hills is a great convenience and advantage to the residents.

Mr. Honeywell,

I remain, your's faithfully,

J. S. DARLING.

To Mr. S. HONEYWELL.

OOTACAMUND, 6th December, 1869.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter of 26th October and in reply thereto have much pleasure in being able to state that I have drunk your Neigherry brewed beer from the time you began to brew up to this, and that I have found it most wholesome, and prefer it to any English beer imported into the country all of which I have more or less consumed. I never once experienced in your brew and more-over I have heard many gentlemen who have drunk your brewed beer express the very same opinion.

You have my best wishes for advancement in your trade and my hope is that this may help towards doing you some good not long hence.

Your obedient servant,

E. H. STONEHEVER.

Accountant, Bank of Madras, Ootacamund.

OOTACAMUND, 4th November, 1869.

Mr. SAMUEL HONEYWELL, Castle Brewery, Sappers Camp.

SIR,—In reference to your communication dated 25th ultimo, we beg to state we have used your bottled beer in some years, and have always found it of good quality, and in our opinion nearly equal to the best English beers imported.—We have also during the some period sold to European residents on and visitors to these Hills many hundreds of your bottled beer, and never had any complaints made to us of its quality, on the contrary what has been sold by us has been approved of.

Your obedient servants,

MEUCEN & Co.

OOTACAMUND, 2nd November, 1869.

Mr. S. HONEYWELL.

SIR,—In acknowledging the receipt of your communication of 25th ultimo, I have to state that during a residence of many years at Ootacamund, I have invariably drunk your beer, have at all times found it equal to the English brands imported to this country, and little more than half the price, the interference of Government with the Alcoholic strength of your beer appears to me unprejudiced, and I really hope that your representation to Government may be the means of its removing the restriction you inform you are placed under, as should Government insist upon closing your establishment many persons of limited incomes must forego the luxury of drinking beer, as the charges for imported beers are too many prohibitory.

Your's obediently,

C. BILL.

Ootacamund, 14th December, 1869.

Mr. S. HONEYWELL.

SIR,—It gives me great pleasure to testify as to the good qualities of your beer when formerly brewed at the usual per centage of spirit, viz. from 6 1/2 to 7 per cent. I always found it palatable and wholesome, and performed it to serve as a tonic to the English brews, as there was not that disposition to headache after drinking it, as with some of the English beer sent to this country lately I have discontinued the use of your beer as it is very inferior to that formerly manufactured by you.

To Mr. S. HONEYWELL, Castle Brewery, Sappers Camp.

SIR,—I beg to forward to you my opinion of your Brewed and bottled beer which I have drank for the last nine or ten years, I consider it good and wholesome, I tasted the beer at the late Exhibition brewed at 5 per cent. of alcohol and considered it too weak for use.

Ootacamund, 30th Dec. 1869.

Your's faithfully,

ROBT. LITTLEWOOD.

Barford House, Ootacamund Dec. 1869.

SIR,—In answer to your letter of 11th Instant asking me for my opinion of your Neigherry brewed bottled beer, I have much pleasure to state that the beer I occasionally drank, gave me and my friends entire satisfaction being in no way injurious to the health. I always found it palatable and mild, causing no headache or any other unpleasant sensation it is a pity that Government has restricted you to 5 per cent. of alcohol which tends materially to injure the body of the beer, and makes it too weak for public use. I hope Government will grant you a license to brew at the former strength.

Your's obediently,

R. KELLY.

Mr. S. HONEYWELL,

I do hereby certify that during my stay on the Neigherry Hills, for the last five years, I always found that the Neigherry Brewed ale was very wholesome and mild drink.

Ootacamund, 31st December 1869.

M. D'SILVA.

Certified that I used Mr. S. Honeywell's beer which I believe was brewed at the usual per centage of spirit, viz. from 6 1/2 to 7 per cent. and sold in bottles at Rs. 4 1/4 per dozen I consider it a good bottled beer, and very little if anything inferior to the celebrated bottled beer imported from Europe, and a great boon to Hill residents. I used it for three years and can safely and strongly recommend the continuance of the sale in preference to all the stuff sold in Coonoor under the name of spirits of which I never got any fit for use.

G. BROWN.

MADRAS, 2nd November 1869.

Mr. HONEYWELL, Brewery.

SIR,—I am in receipt of your letter and have much pleasure in testifying to the excellent quality of the Beer brewed and bottled by you some time ago, I found the same a sound and agreeable light ale with a good head, but the subsequent deterioration in quality has prevented by making use of it, this difference is fully accounted for by the restriction placed upon you by Government. If this letter is of any service to you, you are at liberty to make use of the same.

Coonoor, 1st Nov. 1867.

I am, your's faithfully,

THOS. HILL.

To S. HONEYWELL, Esq. Castle Brewery.

SIR,—During this last (3) years I have been in the habit of using your ale and consider it palatable and good, and reduction in its strength will impair its pleasantness.

I am Sir, your's obediently,

J. COPELAND.

Ootacamund, December 30th 1869.

Mr. S. HONEYWELL,

SIR,—I have great pleasure in replying to your letter requesting my opinion on your "Neigherry brewed beer" I have frequently tasted and have never had occasion to find fault with it when bottled.

The 5 P. C. alcohol beer sent by you for the late exhibition I have tasted and find it good, the inferior to the bottled beer at 6 1/2 P. C. I therefore would be very glad to hear that you have succeeded in obtaining the permission of Government to brew your beer at the English Per centage.

Your's faithfully,

ROBT. ARBUTHNOT.

To Mr. S. HONEYWELL,

SIR,—The beer brewed by you sometime ago was unexceptionally good, and drinkable, the subsequent falling of in quality is in my opinion accounted for by the fact that Government have restricted your beer to 5 per cent. of alcohol, visiting you success in your endeavours to obtain from Government a more liberal allowance.

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Mr. S. HONEYWELL, Sapper's Camp, Eringhat.

SIR,—In reply to your circular dated 25th October, I have much pleasure in stating that I have been using your Neigherry brewed ale for upwards of one year and find it equal to any of the English brew and would recommend it as a good and wholesome drink.

I remain, your's faithfully,

JULIEN SMITH.

Coonoor, 4th November, 1869.

Mr. S. HONEYWELL, Esq. Castle Brewery.

SIR,—In reply to your letter I beg to state that I have been in the habit of drinking your Neigherry Brewed beer for the last ten years, and have invariably found it equal to the English Brands imported to this country.

The interference of Government in reducing the per centage of alcohol of your Beers appears to me to be very unfair. It is to be hoped however that upon you making representations to Government it may be the means of Government removing the restriction you are placed under, otherwise if you are obliged to close your establishment many persons of limited income will have to suffer in foregoing the luxury of drinking your wholesome good and cheap beer which I sell at really half the price of the English Brands.

I am Sir, your's obediently,

M. KELLS.

Pothonore, 18th October 1869.

This is to certify that I have tasked Mr. Honeywells brewed beer and in my opinion it is very good.

J. THOMPSON,

Apollachery, Madras Railway.

I concur in the above.

Wm. BROWN,

Pothonore, 18th October 1869.

Mr. HONEYWELL, Castle Brewery.

SIR,—I have much pleasure in giving my testimony to the wholesomeness of your bottled ale which I have been in the habit of drinking for the last eight years. I tasted the ale at the late exhibition and prefer your usual brews.

Your's obedient servant,

Ootacamund, Dec. 10th 1869.

To Mr. S. HONEYWELL,

Castle Brewery, Sappers Camp.

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To His Excellency
The Hon. A. J. Abbatucci Esq
Fort St. George
Madras

Sir
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forward herewith copies
of Testimonials of my
my Neelgherry Pressed
Beer, in compliance with
my promise to you when
you did me the honor to
grant me an interview at
Ootacamund -

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Obedt Servant

Samuel Honeywell

Castle Broomy
Armen Ghaut
Neelgherry
5th April 1872

Not in the
bundle
J. D. S.

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his petition was presented to
me by Mr. Henry with some time
at Government last week.

I told him that he had better
present a copy to the Commissioner
for Indian Affairs with his remarks
to the Board of Revenue.

Before leaving Government I
learned from Mr. Smith that
he had presented Mr. Henry's
petition to the Board. He was
asking whether in Mr. Smith's opinion
a compliance with Mr. Henry's
request would interfere with the
profits of the Abbeville (or rather,
he replied that it would).

The Board have not yet reported
but probably their report will
be received before we meet at
Council tomorrow and as it is
desirable that we should dispose
of the petition without delay
I anticipate it now for the purpose
of my (tho' perhaps in error the

Boards report should be laid
before the Council.

8th April 1872

I understand that the Board report will
be sent in to the Council for discussion
Monday. 1872

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Read the
dated 7th April 1872

Commissioners Office
Ootacamund 4th April 1872

Francis J. H. Brooks Esq.
Commissioner Hilgiris

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or thereabouts the alcoholic strength of
English Beer imported into this country, and
in the following five papers Mr. Honeywell
sets forth his grounds for this assertion.

4. After all which the necessary
or wholesome proportion of alcohol may be
for Beer brewed on these Hills, is a question
for the chemists to decide. It seems to me
that the Government have chiefly their own
interests to consider and not the stomachs
of the consumers, and if it can be shown
that Mr. Honeywell can be permitted to
brew stronger Beer without interfering with
the revenue derived from the abkerry Farm,
let it then be permitted. But I am
constrained to think that the result would
be prejudicial to Government, so that
I conceive it only just that if a concession
is made to Mr. Honeywell, as to some
extent previously advocated by the Board,
it should be on the understanding that
his payment to Government should be in
some measure commensurate with the
probable loss to the abkerry Farm. It
may

may and is a good thing to encourage
an undertaking of this nature, but Govern-
ment can hardly be expected to do
so at probably a considerable sacrifice
of revenue.

I have the
Honor of J. W. Preke
Commissioner
(True Copy)
J. G. G. G.
Secretary

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 8th April-1872,

Read letter from the Commissioner

Nilgiris, dated 4th April 1872, no 41.Submitted for the orders
of Government.

At present Mr Honeywell is not allowed to brew beer containing more than $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of alcohol. He applies for permission to brew draught beer containing 8 per cent of spirit & bottled beer of unlimited strength.

The subject is fully discussed in the Proceedings disposed of in Government Orders 27th June 1870, no 954, 14th April 1871, no 673, & 5th May 1871, no 783.

The allegation that bottled beer must contain far more alcohol than draught beer is not consistent with the facts before the Board, nor has it been

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to the Chief Secretary, 1872
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been brought forward by Mr Honey-
well on the many occasions on
which he has already addressed
the Board and Government.

The Board resolve to
recommend Government to allow
Mr. Honeywell to brew beer
containing 8 per cent of al-
cohol.

If this is allowed it
will be necessary to reconsider
the amount of the license
fee and the manner in which
it should be levied and
instructions will be issued to
the Commissioner on this sub-
ject when the orders of
Government are received.

True Extract

W. G. L.
Secretary

For the Off^r Chief Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department
with copy of letter & 2 enclosures
in original to be returned

copy of letter appears

No. 578

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 9th April 1872.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Subm. letter from Commr of the Nilgiris forwarding Petition from Mr Honeywell with Board's Recommendations to allow Mr Honeywell to brew Beer containing 8 per cent of alcohol -

(H.C. 8th April 1872)

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 8th April 1872.
Despatched 8th April 1872.
Received 9th April 1872.
Lac. Secy. Genl.

Submitting letter from Commr Nilgiris forwarding Petition from Mr Honeywell with Board's recommendation to allow Mr Honeywell to brew Beer containing 8 per cent of Alcohol.

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The Government sanction the Board's proposal to allow Mr Honeywell to brew beer up to 8% of alcohol, but desire they will at once settle and report for the approval of Government the new terms of license fee &c which they propose should accompany the change of strength.

Meanwhile they will instruct the Commissioner

Handwritten initials and signatures: A. A., P. R., L. O.

Vertical handwritten notes on the left margin of the first page, including the word 'Enter' at the top.

Commissioners by telegram
to postpone the sale of
the Kilgus Abhari Farm
for such period as may
be necessary to allow of
the alterations when
approved being widely
notified to intending
bidders, whose calcu-
lations must necessarily
be considerably affected
by the change -

MD

14. Board of Rev. Decd 12 April 72