

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th April 1872.

No. 157. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th April 1872, No. 555 :—

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th March 1872, No. 239 :—

I HAVE the honour to reply to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 2,009, dated 25th March, forwarding an application from Mr. F. Minchin to rent the Abkári of this district.

2. Since the receipt of the Proceedings, under reply, I have had an opportunity of conferring personally with Mr. Minchin, and I now forward, a duplicate of his proposal, setting forth the details of the proposed system. It will be observed that it corresponds in every respect with that at present in force in Ganjam.

3. Mr. Minchin proposes to manufacture the bulk of the liquor at Aska and send it by sea to a central depôt and auxiliary distillery at Bimlipatam. An establishment at the latter place will gauge the strength of the liquor and keep an account of the quantity which leaves the premises of the renter. An account, giving information on both points, is to be sent to my office monthly. The duty at the Ganjam rates, viz :—

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2	0	0	per gallon, proof spirit.
1	8	0	do. on 30 under proof
0	12	0	do. on 60 do.

will be paid by the renter at the close of the month following that on which the spirit is issued. All of the district with the exception of Palcondah and Gunupúr is to be supplied from the central depôt at Bimlipatam. The liquor supplied will be in general, spirit manufactured at Aska, but a supplementary distillery will be established at Bimlipatam to provide against unforeseen contingencies. Palcondah and Gunupúr will be supplied from Chicacole, and a separate account will be kept of the amount supplied to depôts in those taluqs. I have pointed out to Mr. Minchin that the flavour of the liquor manufactured at Aska is not appreciated by the people of this part of the country, and he will arrange to give it the flavour which meets with approval in this district. This can easily be done by a slight admixture of rice liquor. The fact that M. Ramjôgi, whose family for a long time were the farmers of the Abkári in this district, is a partner in the concern, guarantees that the liquor produced will be suitable to the wants of the people.

4. The liquor at present in use in the district is of two sorts: Pongu and Sâdu, the former of which is about 30 and the latter 60 under proof. The former is consumed in the towns, the latter is chiefly consumed in the smaller villages, being a cheaper article. Both have to my mind a very nauseous odour, but it appears that this is the result of the flavour which is so much appreciated. Mr. Minchin will supply liquors corresponding in strength to those now in use.

5. I am entirely favourable to the proposed scheme. Having to deal with one firm instead of with as many renters as there are taluqs, is a great saving of labour. The revenue under the system proposed is self-adjusting and must keep pace with the sales. There is no doubt that the Abkári rents in this district have

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been run up beyond their value by reckless competition, and if they were put up to auction for the coming Fasli, they would not fetch the prices that they did on the last occasion. Several of the renters have been ruined and one or two to my knowledge have lost considerably by their engagements.

6. It is not possible, as Mr. Minchin remarks, to estimate what the revenue under the proposed system will amount to. Similar calculations made in Ganjam have proved entirely futile. It may be safely assumed that the consumption of liquor in proportion to population will be much larger here than in Ganjam where the population is principally Oorya who are not such large consumers of liquor as the Telugús.

7. Mr. Minchin it will be seen applies for the rent for a term of five years, and I would recommend its being granted him for that period subject to the proviso contained in paragraphs No. 5 and 6 of the Ganjam contract of, viz, its being competent to either party under certain conditions after the first nine months of the rent have expired to give notice of its terminating with the close of the fasli.

8. An agreement drawn up in the terms of that for Ganjam will answer every purpose. I enclose a Statement showing the Abkari revenue for the last eight years, from which it will be seen that the average value is Rupees 1,09,883.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Letter from Mr. Minchin to Collector, dated 27th March 1872.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—One Memorandum.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board recommend that Mr. Minchin's proposals be accepted for Vizagapatam on terms similar to those sanctioned for Ganjam.

3. The cost of the establishment paid by the Distiller but entertained by Government at each distillery should not exceed Rupees 100 a month, 75 per cent. of the toddy sub-rents should be paid to Government, and the lease should be for three years and be terminable at the end of the first year if the revenue falls below Rupees 1,25,000.

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ORDER THEREON, 16th April 1872, No. 616.

Separate Revenue, No. 10.
Abkari.

THE Board of Revenue are authorized to carry out their proposals, except that the minimum must be raised to Rs. 1,50,000.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Officiating Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 8th April 1872.

Read the following

No. 289.

From

R. J. McNeill Esq.,
Esq. Collector.

To

J. Grose Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

SIR,

I have the honor to reply to Board's Proceedings, No. 2009, dated 25th March, forwarding an application from Mr. S. Minchin to rent the Abkari of this District.

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Contract of viz its being competent
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Viragapatam } I have &c.
March 30th 1872 } Signed: R. J. Melville
Collector

Submitted for the orders
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of Government.

The Board recommended that
Mr Minchin's proposals be accepted
for Viragapatam on terms similar
to those sanctioned for Sangam.

The cost of the establishment paid
by the Distiller but entertained by
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(True Copy Extract)

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Secretary

The officiating Chief Secretary
to Government
Revenue Department
with 2 original enclosures - to be returned

10 April 72

