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No. 113. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th April 1872, No. 609.
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Mr. Pritchard, the contractor for supplying Government with Puttai Arrack in the town of Madras, has applied for permission to introduce the Excise system of Abkári into the district of Chingleput. He proposes to rent the farm for one year at the present rate and under the present system, so that he may ascertain the quantity of liquor consumed, and the Excise duty that can be paid by the distiller, and he will then introduce the Excise system with regard to arrack, leaving the toddy rents as a separate farm to the management of Government.

2. The present renter, Devasamudu Nadan, knowing the terms of Mr. Pritchard's offer, endeavours to out-bid him slightly, but if the Excise system is introduced it is desirable and even necessary that the manager should be some one with regard to whose appliances for distilling good liquor and knowledge of the processes employed there can be no doubt.

3. The Collector of Chingleput is afraid that the revenue will suffer if the present system of renting out the farm to the highest bidder is discontinued.

4. On many previous occasions the Board have expressed a preference for the Excise system, and have contemplated a possible small loss of revenue as being compensated by the advantages of introducing it, but whilst the advantages are almost untried and the effect on the revenue is altogether unknown great caution is essential.

5. During the last three years the Excise system has been tried in Ganjam. So far as all questions of administration are concerned the trial has been successful, but the peculiar circumstances of the district where a combination amongst competitors had previously kept down the Abkári rent, make it impossible to determine with any certainty how the revenue has been affected.

6. Government have sanctioned a repetition of the experiment in Ganjam and South Arcot and the Board have recommended that it should be introduced into Vizagapatam under Mr. Minchin who has proved his ability as a Distiller and Abkári Manager in Ganjam.

7. Another proposal is now before the Board which seems to offer great advantages. Messrs. Corbett and Morison, who have been Abkári renters in North Arcot for many years and possess good distilleries at Bangalore and Palmanair, offer to introduce the Excise system into the whole or a part of the district *guaranteeing* a revenue for the principal division which seems to be fully equal to what would be realized under the renting system, and a revenue for the sub-division on which is less than that now collected, but is said by them to be equal to the true value of the Abkári there. The application has been sent to the Collector for report, but unless the report discloses reasons to the contrary now unknown to the Board they propose to submit the application so far as regards the principal division at all events for the favourable consideration of Government.

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sufficient data to determine to what extent the revenue is affected, and how far the theoretical superiority of the Excise system is realized in practice. In the meantime the majority of the Board are not disposed to let the experiment be extended to any other district.

9. In the case of Mr. Pritchard there are special as well as general grounds for hesitation. As contractor for supplying Puttai Arrack in Madras he has a heavy task to perform involving important interests and though he has been successful so far the Board think it safest that his attention should be confined to the Madras Distillery for the present. Moreover he has no experience of Mofussil Abkári and the position of a strange Renter in the district of Chingleput would be one of peculiar difficulty.

10. These Proceedings will be submitted for the orders of Government. As the usual sale advertisement must be published *at once* if the Board's views are approved, it is desirable that the orders should be issued as soon as possible.

11. The Third Member who advocates the acceptance of Mr. Pritchard's offer has recorded a separate Minute on the subject.

No. 114. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th April 1872, No. 683A.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Pallicaranay, 26th April 1872, No. 157 :—

In continuation of my letter, No. 132, dated the 5th instant, and with reference to the Proceedings of the Board of the 16th idem, I have the honour to forward a modified application from Mr. Pritchard offering to take the Abkári Farm of this district on the same terms as those under which Mr. Minchin holds it in Ganjam.

2. As the application should be in the hands of the Board at once I will not delay it by further remarks of mine, though I think my letter above quoted sufficiently expressed my views in the matter.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 16th April 1872, No. 69.

2. It will be seen that Mr. Pritchard modifies his offer for the Chingleput Abkári and proposes to work it on the Excise system from the beginning of next Fasli.

3. The objections which the Board urged with regard to the original proposal apply to the modified proposal also. Of the two, the Board prefer the former which admits of a substantial guarantee against loss of revenue.

No. 115. Order thereon, 11th May 1872, No. 761.

Separate Revenue, No. 8.
Abkari.

The Board submit two proposals from Mr. Pritchard, who holds the Madras Town Abkári contract, for the lease of the Chingleput Abkári Farm on the excise system. His first proposal was to take the district for one year on the present rent, and for the next two years on the Still head duty system. In his second letter he proposes to take it at once from the beginning of next fasli on the terms supposed to be in force in Ganjam, viz., a Still head duty of Rs. 1-8-0 per gallon of spirit 30 degrees below proof with a drawback of 5 per cent. "on all liquor sold," and to make over to Government 75 per cent. "of the profits on toddy."

2. The majority of the Board are not in favour of accepting Mr. Pritchard's proposals, as they consider that the trial of the excise system, which is a comparative novelty in this Presidency, is sufficiently extended as proposed by them, and that Mr. Pritchard has already enough on his hands in the Madras Town Abkári.

3. The Government do not think that sufficient reason is shown for rejecting Mr. Pritchard's second proposal to take the Chingleput District Abkári on the excise system on the same terms as were granted to Mr. Minchin for Ganjam and Vizagapatam, including a fixed minimum of receipts, below which the lease would be cancelled, and they accordingly desire that the Board will cause Mr. Pritchard's proposal to be reduced to exact terms and call on the Collector to report whether the Chingleput lease may be made over to him for three years on these conditions, the minimum revenue being fixed on the same principles as have been adopted in the Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and South Arcot Districts.

4. The advantages of the excise system are believed by its advocates to be so great that the Government are desirous of giving it a full and fair trial under favourable circumstances.

5. The Government observe that the excise duty adopted for South Arcot is Rs. 1-12-0 per gallon, and that the same rate is proposed for North Arcot in the Board's Proceedings of 1st May now before Government.

6. It seems to require consideration whether Rs. 1-8-0 is a fair rate for Chingleput District which lies between them, the reason assigned by Mr. Pritchard for his tender being that Rs. 1-4-0 is the rate prevailing in that part of the Madras District which adjoins Chingleput. The question arises whether this last rate may not be raised. The Government believe that it was fixed low so as to discourage the smuggling of spirits from Chingleput District into the Madras limits, when the former district was farmed out on the old system. They are disposed to think that the same rate of excise duty should be adopted in Chingleput, North Arcot, and South Arcot and in the outlying portions of the Madras District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Revenue 18th April 1872
Board's Proceedings.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

~~MISCELLANEOUS No.~~

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 16th April 1872.

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5th April 1872 No. 132.

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The Master of Chingleput is afraid that the Revenue will Suffer if the present System of renting out the farm to the highest bidder is discontinued On many previous occasions the Board have Expressed a preference for the Excise System, and have Contemplated a possible small loss of revenue as being Compensated by the advantages of introducing it, but whilst the advantages are almost untried and the effect on the Revenue is altogether unknown great Caution is Essential.

During the last three years the Excise System has been tried in Ganjam. So far as all questions of administration are concerned the trial has been successful, but the peculiar Circumstances of the District where a Combination amongst Competitors had previously kept down the Abkarry rent, make it impossible to determine with any Certainty how the Revenue has been affected.

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before the Board which seems to offer great advantages. Messrs Corbett & Morrison, who have been Abkarry renters in North Arcot for many years and possess good distilleries at Bangalore and Palamanair offer to introduce the Excise System into the whole or a part of the district guaranteeing a revenue for the Principal division which seems to be fully Equal to what would be realized under the Renting System, and a revenue for the Sub Division which is less than that now collected, but is said by them to be Equal to the true value of the Abkarry there. The application has been sent to the Collector for report, but unless the report discloses reasons to the contrary now unknown to the Board they

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These Proceedings will be submitted for the orders of Government as the usual sale advertizement must be published at once if the Board's views are approved, it is desirable that the orders should be issued as soon as possible.

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subject.

/True Extract/

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Secretary

By the Chief Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

with Copies of Collector's letters & original Enclosures.

MISCELLANEOUS No.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 29th April 1872

Read the following

No. 157.

From C. W. Barlow Esquire
Collector of the Chingleput District

To J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

SIR,

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No. 132 dated the 5th Instant and with
reference to the Proceedings of the Board
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which Mr. Minchin holds it in Fasly
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be in the hands of the Board at once
I could not delay it by further
remarks

Collector's Letter
Dated 29th April 1872
Rec'd 1st May
Read 1st May
No. 1328.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th instant, and in reply to state that the Board do not think it necessary to call for a fresh application from Mr. Pritchard, as the one submitted by him on the 5th instant will be sufficient for the purpose.

2. The Board have also to observe that the Abkary farm of Chingleput is not one which can be disposed of by private contract, but must be put up to public competition, and that Mr. Pritchard's application can only be considered as a tender, which will be taken into consideration when the farm is put up to public competition.

I have &c.

(Signed) W. Grose
Secy. to the Board of Revenue.

S.R. No. 761-11 Aug. 72

C. & Accts. 2nd Aug. 72
E. & Revenue 2nd Aug. 72
R. & C. 3rd Aug. 72

admits of a substantial guarantee
against loss of revenue.

(True Copy/Extracts)

Secretary

To The Officiating Chief Secretary
to Government
Revenue Department
with Proceedings

Remarks of mine, though I think
my letter above quoted sufficiently
Expressed my views in the matter

Chingleput District
Collectors office
Asst Palliacaranay
26th April 1872

(Signed) Shawte
Dup Collector.

Submitted to Government in
Continuation of Boards Proceedings
dated 16th April 1872 No 69

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it on the Excise System from the
beginning of next Fasli.

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proposal apply to the modified
proposal also. Of the two the
Board prefer the former which
admits

(Signed) Pr Maughan
Spl Dpty Collr Mayaveram

N°. 102.

Chinglepet District
Collector's Office
Sydapet 8th March 1872.

From,

R. W. Barlow Esq.
Actg. Collector of Chinglepet

To
J. Groze Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the Board's approval and sanction, an advertizement for the sale of the Abkari farm of the Chinglepet District for a period of 3 years, from the 1st July 1872 to 30th June 1875.

2. I have fixed the upset price at Rupees 1.50.000 being 8.000 Rupees less than the present rental, and propose that the sale of the farm should take place on Wednesday the 1st May 1872. This will give the new renter two full months to make his own arrangements to commence work.

3. The only material alterations that

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 29 April 1872.

Despatched 29 — " — —

Received 30 — " — —

Subject
Abkari Farm
Chinglepet

Letter from Collr. of Chinglepet
forwarding Draft of Advertisement
for sale of Abkari Farm for
3 years from 1872-73 to 1874-75
and proposing to fix the Upset
Price at Rupees 1.50.000 and
that the sale should take
place on the 1st May 1872

Read the Letter
Resolved that the Upset Price
be fixed at Rupees 1.50.000
and that the sale be held
on the 1st May 1872 as
proposed by the Collector

C.B. Prom. Pr. 9th
C. to Bd. Dr. Bd. Rc. 3d Pr. 4th

that I have made in the terms of the advertizement are 1st. that all intending bidders shall deposit 5000 Rupees either in Cash, Currency Notes, or Government security before they can be allowed to bid. 2nd. that the security required of the successful bidders for the punctual payment of rent to Government, shall be equal to three monthly instalments, instead of two as hitherto. My object in introducing these alterations is to guard against men of straw coming forward, and bidding for the Farm, and in view to avoiding future difficulties in the Collection of the Government revenue.

I have &c.
(signed) R. W. Barlow
Ag: Collector.
(True Copy)

J Gwle
Secretary.

W. D. Gwl. Locker
Supdt

Proclamation regulating the Board of Revenue, to the Hon. Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

No. 1328/32.

Copy of which forwarded to the Collector of Tanjore for the Board's information and observation, and with reference to the sale of the Military Farm of the Shiraz for a term of 3 years from Fasly 1242 to 30. Anno 1832.

January 1/12 of the rent.
February. Do. 1/
March. Do.
April. Do.
May. Do.
June. Do.

2. That the Renter shall not be at liberty to work Stills, or open Shops at places other than those fixed by the Collector, and which will be specified in his license. A list of them may be inspected at the Huzur Cutchery.

Stills	104
Arrack Shops	486
Toddy Do.	532

The detail will be given in the License and Moochilika, and a list of them may be inspected at the Collector's Office.*

3. That no liquor shall be sold for less than the minimum prices fixed by the Collector

*Ext. B. A list of present Stills & Shops will be affixed at the Collector's Office at the time of Sale.

Collector, that is to
Say;

Measures	Price Rs. et. P
Arrack per Imperial Gallon	2 - 4 - "
Toddy - Do.	" - 3 - "

4. That grain, goods, wearing apparel, or other property, shall not be received in barter or pawn for liquor.

5. That no liquor shall be sold or given to any European Soldier or Sailor, or any member of the Mofussil Police while on duty, or any European Vagrant in under Escort of Police.

6. That all Shops for the Sale of liquor of any description, on, or adjacent to, the line of march, shall be closed while a Regiment or Detachment of European Soldiers is passing by, or during its march encamped & encamped in their vicinity; and that no compensation shall be claimable for loss thereby.

7. That bodies of Troops passing through the District may, at the option of Government, be provided by the Military Department with a separate Arrack Contractor, and that no compensation shall, in such case, be claimable by the Renter.

8. That no Shops shall be opened before Sun-rise, and that all Shops shall be closed at 8 P. M.

9. That Sign-boards shall be affixed in a conspicuous part of the front of every Shop and Still, and that on such Sign-boards the name of the Shop or Still owner shall be legibly inscribed in the Vernacular of

of the District, and also the price of the liquor there sold.

10. That the renter shall not in any way meddle with or use Co-coanut, Date, Palmyra or any other trees growing on Puttah or Inam lands, or in backyards or in land, the property of any individual, without the permission of the owner.

11. That the renter shall not use or permit others to put in the arrack or Toddy any ingredient pernicious to health.

12. That, in the event of Government land, now waste, being granted for cultivation, the Renter shall have no claim whatever to the use of the trees thereon or to compensation for them, on their transfer with the land for cultivation.

13. That interest at 6 per cent, per annum shall be paid by the Renter on all balances due by him.

14. That any wilful breach of these conditions by the Renter, or with his guilty connivance and privity by his Sub-renters, shall render the lease voidable at will by the Collector.

15. That, in the event of any default in the payment of the rent, it shall be open to the Collector to take the farm under Government management at the renter's risk, or to declare the lease forfeited, and to re-sell it at the renter's risk and that in every case all arrears shall be

be recoverable by attachment and sale under Madras Act II of 1864 (Arrears of Revenue Recovery Act)

16. That the successful bidder and the renter shall not transfer the lease to any other person, without the previous permission of the Collector, and the Board of Revenue.

17. That the renter shall cause his shop keepers to use any measures that may be sanctioned by Law as standard measure.

18. The Collector reserves to himself the power of refusing, to receive any bids, without assigning, reason for doing, &c.

A M Boarder
Ag. Collector

Exd. C66

Advertisement.

I Notice is hereby given that the Abkari Farm of the Chingleput District, with the exception of Saint Thomas' Mount and Palaveram &c. Villages included within the Madras Town Abkari Farm, will be sold by public auction at the Chingleput Collector's Office, Sydapet, on Wednesday, the 1st May 1872, for a period of three years, commencing, from the 1st July 1872, and ending with 30th June 1875. The Sale will commence precisely, at 12 O'Clock noon, and be subject to the confirmation of the

the Board of Revenue.

II. The Farm will be put up in one lot at the upset price, shown in the margin, and will be knocked down to the highest bidder above that price, subject to the conditions stated below.

* Rs 150,000 per annum

III. Persons intending to bid must attend in person or by duly authorized Agents.

IV. No person will be allowed to bid on his own behalf or on that of any other person, unless he has deposited 5,000 Rs either in cash, or Currency notes, or Govt. Securities. The deposits of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned at the close of the Sale.

V. The successful bidder must, on the sale being declared, deposit a Sum equal to one months Rent, on failure of which the Farm will be re-sold at such time and place as the Collector may determine, and the deposit, made under Clause 4 preceding, shall be forfeited to Government.

VI. The successful bidder shall further, on or before the 1st June 1873 deposit such further Sum in Cash or Government Securities, endorsed to the Collector, as with the deposits, under Clauses 4 and 5 above, shall make up an aggregate Sum, equal to three monthly instalments of his rent, on failure

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of which, he shall forfeit his deposits already made, and the farm shall be resold at such time & place as the Collector may determine.

VII. Re-sales under Clauses 5 & 6 above shall be at the risk of the defaulting bidder, who shall forfeit all gain, and in the event of a loss by re-sale, shall make good the difference between the total amount payable by him for the whole period under the terms of the original sale, and the total amount payable by the second purchaser under the terms of the re-sale.

VIII. This farm comprises only the exclusive privilege of vending such spirits, arrack and toddy. The privilege of

manufacturing country spirits &c.

of selling European spirits, Wines and Beer, is not included, and the Collector shall be at liberty to grant licenses for the sale of these to others than the Abkarry Renter, and also to grant licenses under Section XII, Madras Act III of 1864, for the manufacture of Rum &c. by the European method of distillation.

IX. The renter of the farm, besides being subject to all the provisions of Act III of 1864, shall further bind himself to observe the following, special conditions, which will be embodied in the license which will be given to him by the Collector, and in the Moochilika which must be executed by

by him on or before the
1st June 1872.

X. In the event of the renter failing, or refusing, to sign the Moochilika, (copy of which may be had on application to the Collector) by the date above mentioned, all deposits already made by him shall be forfeited and the farm shall be re-sold at his risk and loss, as set forth in Clause 7.

Special Conditions.

1. That the rent shall be paid in the following instalments viz:-

July - 1/12 of the rent
August - Do.
September - Do.
October - Do.
November - Do.
December - Do.

Inclosure
from Comicle - Ed
10.5.72.

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I think that the Board
are right in declining to
correspond on Pitchard's
proposals. As I know that Mr
Pitchard is a very wealthy
man, heavily embarrassed.
He has made it known a very
serious responsibility in
connection with the business
I have to observe and until
we have had further experience
of him as an Agent
I think it would
be unwise to commit Lewis
to anything that responsibility.
Lewis tried in every possible
way to induce Mr Pitchard to

In a letter from the
Collector of Ebenezerfoot
dated 8th March 1872
No 102.

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Rec'd 1328/72

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November. [illegible]
December. Do.

I do not pretend to understand the merits of the Library systems discussed in these papers but I agree with the Librarian the Governor of Stirling it would be wise to wait and see how Mr Pritchard carries out the Macmas Contract before entering upon further agreements with him

H. D.

Attested
Sinclair
in Council

In Council, 10.5.72

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A.D.K.

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Revenue Department.

No. 761

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th May 1872.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submg: letter from Coll^r of Chingleput forwarding petition from Mr Pritchard, the Abkarry Renter offering to rent the Abkarry Farms of the Dt on the same terms & conditions

R. 16 April 1872.

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These are harder terms than those conceded to Mr Minchin in Ganjam & Vizagapatam – why should he be made any Exception?

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be adopted in Chingleput
both North & South East
in the intervening portions
of the Madras District

[signature]

Chingleput

Mr Pitchers Application for Century
Re Chingleput Abkary Farm

Mr. Sent 11 May

H. Board of Rev. Dec 16 May.
Ms: sent 11 May

Spoke with Mr Pitcher
& Myself Mr Sewell

Despatch
to Mr Sewell

C. 8 May M. R.