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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 14th May 1872.

Read the following :—

No. 142. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st May 1872, No. 704.

Read the following letter from the Acting Sub-Collector in charge of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Wandewash, 19th April 1872, No. 152.

WITH reference to your official memorandum of the 8th instant, No. 503, I have the honour to state that the chief reason why I stated it would require a fortnight to reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 26th March 1872, Miscellaneous No. 2,283, was that I thought Mr. Whiteside would have assumed charge of the district within that time, and that it would be better that he should reply and give his opinion.

2. I am of opinion that the proposal to introduce the Excise System into this district has been made too late to admit of all the necessary preparations being made before the expiration of the present leases at the end of June, unless Messrs. Corbett and Morrison, two of the present renters of the Abkari Farm of the principal division, are to have the whole district as they request, for all the small stills, now scattered over the whole district, will have to be closed and distilleries established in two or three places.

3. I hesitate to make any such recommendation for two reasons ; first, because they are at present somewhat in arrears; and, secondly, because it would appear from the petitions presented by themselves to the Board and in this Office, as well as from those presented by the Native Member of the Firm as now constituted, who they admit has money at his command and who, Mr. Corbett expresses himself in a letter written to Mr. Robinson, is, in all money difficulties, able to make it straight, that they intend to dissolve their partnership with him if their present request is acceded to, so that I fear they would be unable to pay regularly in future what became due, when they have not paid all due at the proper time with his assistance. At the same time it must be stated in their favour that they have been long in the district, and are well known, and I think it would be advisable that at the introduction of the system, the contract should be given to some one who knows the district, and about whom something is known.

4. Should the above reasons not be considered sufficient for declining to accede to their request, I think they should be required to guarantee the sale of a somewhat larger quantity, say 100,000 gallons in the principal division and 60,000 in the sub-division, than that they mention; but it is impossible to determine the quantity with any accuracy, for there are no returns on record from which one might form an opinion approximately as to what quantity might be sold. Some others who have sent in petitions have offered to pay Rs. 1-14-0, instead of Rs. 1-12-0, per gallon.

5. As to the amount to be paid for the toddy contract, which I think the contractor for the manufacture of liquor, whoever he is, should have, it is extremely difficult to form any opinion; but I think their offer to pay Rs. 12,000 might be accepted. One man has offered Rupees 25,000, but I do not think that nearly so much could be realized from the contract.

6. If the district is made into two divisions, there should not be more than one or two distilleries in each at such places as the contractor might think most convenient to him. All the servants employed to check the amount of liquor issued should not be paid by the contractor, as Messrs. Corbett and Morrison suggest in one of their petitions, and should be in no way dependent upon him. It will be absolutely necessary that the person appointed as Supervisor of each distillery should be a trustworthy person, and that in order to ensure the obtaining of such a person, he should be well paid, say Rs. 100 a month. He will require a Clerk under him to pass the accounts on a salary of Rs. 15 a month. If the contractor is not to be allowed to remove any liquor from the distilleries until the duty fixed is paid, then a Shroff, say on Rs. 15 a month, will also be required. He would not be required if it were arranged that the contractor should be given at the end of each month a statement showing what he had to pay on account of liquor sent out during the month, and be required to pay the amount within a certain date into the treasury of such taluq as might be found most convenient to him. It would be far more satisfactory, and would prevent the accrual of arrears and losses to Government, which, I presume, is the chief object in introducing the Excise System, if no liquor were allowed to be taken from any distillery until the duty was paid. Four or five Peons, on a salary of Rs. 7 each a month, will also require to be employed to see that no smuggling takes place.

Messrs. Corbett and Morison apply for the abkari of both divisions of North Arcot.

2. They are prepared to guarantee a sale of arrack *of the usual strength* amounting to 98,000 gallons in the principal division and 55,000 gallons in the sub-division, and to pay an excise duty of Rupees 1-12-0 on each gallon as it leaves their distilleries at Palmanair and North Arcot.

3. Supposing Messrs. Corbett and Morison's estimate of the value of the toddy farms to be correct, and assuming that taking 25 per cent. for Management they will pay 75 per cent. to Government, the minimum revenue will be—

	Rs.	
Principal Division.		
Arrack, 98,000 gallons, at Rupees 1-12-0	1,71,500	
Toddy, 75 per cent. of Rupees 5,000...	3,750	1,75,250
Sub-Division.		
Arrack, 55,000 gallons, at Rupees 1-12-0	96,250	
Toddy, 75 per cent. of Rupees 7,000	5,250	1,01,500
		2,76,750

4. The abkari revenue of the district for the ten years ending with Fasli 1280 has been as follows:—

Fasli.	Rs.	Fasli.	Rs.
1271 ...	1,64,312	1276 ...	2,94,024
1272 ...	2,63,950	1277 ...	2,58,224
1273 ...	3,05,140	1278 ...	2,73,954
1274 ...	2,98,243	1279* ...	3,43,445
1275 ...	2,86,072	1280 ...	2,82,885

* In 1869 the principal division sold for Rupees 1,67,170 and the sub-division for Rupees 1,60,000, or the whole district for Rupees 3,27,170. In 1871 the sub-division farm having been attached for arrears was re-sold for Rupees 1,35,500.

5. In an application submitted with the Collector's letter disposed of in Board's Proceedings, 12th March 1872, Miscellaneous No. 1,897, Messrs. Corbett and Morison requested that the lease of the farm of the principal division might be continued to them for three years more at Rupees 1,77,170 a year.

6. In petition No. 533 of 1872, V. Magunada Mudali, who is a partner with Messrs. Corbett and Morison in the present lease, and who feels aggrieved that he is not included in the application for a renewal, offers to give Rupees 1,87,170 a year for it.

7. Three other petitions which are before the Board (641, 642, and 654 of 1872) promise a large increase of revenue if the district is divided into taluqs for abkari purposes.

8. Messrs. Corbett and Morison, however, think the present rent of the sub-division, viz., Rupees 1,36,000, too high.

9. There are two other excise applications before the Board. Devasamuttu Nadan, a well known Abkari Contractor, offers for the sub-division, which he now holds, to guarantee a revenue of Rupees 1,08,750 on arrack alone (being 60,000 gallons at Rupees 1-13-0 a gallon) and Rupees 20,000 for toddy (75 per cent. on Rupees 26,666, the estimated value of the sub-rents), or Rupees 1,28,750 on the whole. Messrs. Iyasami Mudali, Vasudeva Mudali, and Maganada Mudali, the first two Dubashes of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Co., and the third a partner with Messrs. Corbett and Morison in the present abkari lease of the principal division, offer to guarantee the following revenue:—

	Rs.	
Principal Division.		
Arrack, 100,000 gallons of the best kind 30° under-proof at Rupees 1-12-0	1,75,000	
Toddy, Rupees 5,500, 75 per cent. of which is	4,125	1,79,125
Sub-Division.		
Arrack, 60,000 gallons, at Rupees 1-12-0	1,05,000	
Toddy, Rupees 7,500, 75 per cent. of which is	5,625	1,10,625
		2,89,750

10. All these applicants seem prepared to give substantial security, and offer to pay for the establishment which must be kept at their distilleries by Government. Messrs. Corbett and Morison have long abkari experience, a distillery at Palmanair and stills at Arcot. Devasamuttu Nadan is the renter of the sub-division. The others state that they have a stock in hand of materials and stills. One of them is a partner in the present farm of the principal division.

11. Under these circumstances, the Board think there should be no hesitation about introducing the excise system into North Arcot, and they resolve to request Government to entrust the management of the abkari to the present renters, giving the principal division to Messrs. Corbett and Morison and the sub-division to Devasamuttu Nadan. The latter offers to pay Rupees 1-13-0 a gallon as excise duty, but the Board think that for the present at all events it should be Rupees 1-12-0 a gallon as in the principal division and in South Arcot.

12. Messrs. Corbett and Morison will then guarantee a revenue of Rs. 1,75,250 per annum. Iyasami Mudali has offered Rupees 1,79,125 but the difference is small and the lower guarantee is sufficient.

13. Taking the excise paid by Devasamuttu Nadan at Rupees 1-12-0 a gallon, the revenue guaranteed by him will be Rupees 1,25,000. There is a remarkable difference between the toddy receipts estimated by him and by Messrs. Corbett and Morison, but he is in the best position to judge what they really are.

14. In both cases the security deposited should be 10 per cent. of the guaranteed revenue. The excise duty should be paid weekly in arrears. An estimate must be framed of the probable issues for each month in the year, the total being the guaranteed consumption, and when the actuals fall short of the estimate for any month, the deficit in the guaranteed revenue must be at once paid by the contractor, subject to adjustments in future months when the excise payments may exceed the guaranteed sum.

15. Devasamuttu Nadan must at once establish one or two distilleries in buildings arranged so that the issue of arrack can be checked.

16. At each distillery a Government establishment entertained by the Collector but paid (through revenue officials) by the contractors will be entertained.

17. The toddy sub-rents will be let out by public competition in the presence of revenue officials so that their exact amount may be known to the Collector.

No. 142A. Petition from Messrs. CORBETT and MORRISON, dated 3rd May 1872.

No. 142B. From MAGANADA MUDALI, dated 8th May 1872.

No. 142C. From DEVASAMOOTTOO NADAN, dated 7th May 1872.

No. 143. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1872, No. 774.

Separate Revenue, No. 9.
Abkari.

THE Government approve the Board's proposal to keep the two divisions of North Arcot separate for Abkari purposes, and to entrust the principal division to Messrs. Corbett and Morrison on the Excise System, but they think that the method which has been adopted in Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and South Arcot, for the excise administration of the Abkari, should be maintained in North Arcot also. Under this system a minimum revenue will be fixed, below which, if the Government receipts should fall, the lease will be cancelled. The Board will modify the proposed terms accordingly, and, if accepted by the parties they approve as tenants, the Board will submit the approved terms for confirmation by Government. The rate of Rs. 1-12-0 for the excise is approved.

2. As regards the sub-division the Government resolve to refer to the Board of Revenue the petitions recorded above, in one of which it is stated that the party,

whom the Board recommend as renter on the Excise System, is the person whose conduct was strongly condemned in connection with an Abkari lease in their Proceedings of 20th May 1867, No. 3,114. If this be so, the Government consider that the Board should reconsider the case, and at the same time ascertain from the Acting Collector of the district whether he has received any tender from other parties to whom he would prefer to entrust the excise experiment in the sub-division.

3. The Government await their further report on the subject.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

North Arcot.

N°. 152. Collector's Sir: Office
Wandewash pn Wandewash Taluk
19th April 1872.

From.
A. Smeikshank Esqr.
Ag: Sub Collector in charge of
North Arcot.

To
J. Grove Esqr.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your official Memo: of the 8th instant N°. 503, I have the honor to state that the chief reason why I stated it would require a fortnight to reply to the Board's Proceedings of the 26th March 872 Miscellaneous N°. 2283, was that I thought Mr. Whiteside would have assumed charge of the district within that time, and that it would be better that he should reply and give his opinion.

2. I am of opinion that the proposal to introduce the excise system into this District has been made too late to admit of all the necessary preparations being made before the

the expiration of the present leases, at the end of June, unless Messrs. Forbett and Morrison two of the present Renters of the Akbarri Farm of the Principal Division are to have the whole District, as they request, for all the small stills now scattered over the whole District will have to be closed, and Distilleries established in two or three places.

3. I hesitate to make any such recommendation for two reasons; first, because they are at present somewhat in arrears; and secondly, because it would appear from the Petitions presented by themselves to the Board and in this office, as well as from those presented by the Native Member of the firm as now constituted who they admit has money at his command, and who Mr. Forbett expresses himself in a letter written to Mr. Robinson is in all money difficulties able to make it straight, that they intend to dissolve their partnership with him if their present request is acceded to, so that I fear they would be unable to pay regularly in future what became due, when they have not paid all due at the proper time with his assistance.

At the same time it must be stated in their favor that they have been long in the District and are well known, and I think it would be advisable that at the introduction of the system, the contract should be given to some one who knows the District and about whom something is known.

4. Should the above reasons not be considered sufficient for declining to accede to their request, I think they should be required to guarantee the sale of a somewhat larger quantity, say 100000 gallons in the Principal Division, and 60000 in the Sub Division, than that they mention; but it is impossible to determine the quantity with any accuracy for there are no returns on record from which one might form an opinion approximately as to what quantity might be sold. Some others who have sent in Petitions have offered to pay Rs 1–14–– instead of Rs 1–12 per gallon.

5. As to the amount to be paid for the toddy Contract, which I think the contractor for the manufacture of liquor, whoever he is, should have, it is extremely difficult to form any opinion; but I think their offer to

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6. If the District is made into two divisions, there should not be more than one or two Distilleries in each, at such places as the Contractor might think most convenient to him. All the servants employed to check the amount of liquor issued, should not be paid by the Contractor as Messrs Forbett and Morrison suggest in one of their Petitions, and should be in no way dependant upon him. It will be absolutely necessary that the person appointed as Supervisor of each Distillery should be a trustworthy person, and that in order to ensure the obtaining of such a person, he should be well paid, say 100 Rs a month. He will require a clerk under him to pass the accounts on a salary of Rs 15 a month. If the Contractor is not to be allowed to remove any liquor from the Distilleries until the duty fixed is paid, then a Shroff, say on Rs 15 a month will

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I have &c.

(signed) A. Frickshanks
Ag: Sub Collector
in charge.

(True Copy)

J Grole
Secretary.

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Enclosure in Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue.
to the Offg. Chief Secretary
to Government, Revenue
Department, dated 1st
May 1872.

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Copy of letter from the
Offg. Sub Collector of North
Arcot, reporting on the
question of introducing
the excise system of leasing
out the Abkarri farms
of North Arcot.

Abstract No 774 of 11th May 1872.

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 1st May 1872

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in charge of the North Arcot District, dated
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Principal Division

Arrack 98,000 gallons @ Re 1-12 =	Rs 171,500	
Toddy — 75 per cent of Rs 5000 —	3,750	
		175,250

Sub Division

Arrack 55,000 gallons @ Re 1-12 =	96,250	
Toddy 75 per cent of Rs 7,000 —	5,250	
		101,500
		276,750

The Abkarry revenue of the district for the 10 years ending with Fusly 1280 has been as follows: —

Fusly 1271 — Rupees	164,312	
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1273 —	305,140	
1274 —	298,243	
1275 —	286,072	
1276 —	294,024	
1277 —	258,224	
1278 —	273,954	
1279 × —	343,445	
1280 —	282,885	

× In 1869 the principal division sold for Rs 167,170 & the sub-division for Rs 160000 or the whole district for Rs 327,170. In 1871 the sub division farm having been attached for arrears was resold for Rs 135,500.

In an application submitted with the Collector's letter disposed of in Board's Proceedings

Proceedings 12th March 1872 Miscellaneous
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Sub division

Arrack 60,000 gallons @ Re 1-12 — 1,05,000

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Taking the excise paid by Devasamuttu Nadan at Re 1-12 - a gallon the revenue guaranteed by him will be Rupees 125000. There is a remarkable difference between the Toddy receipts estimated by him and by Messrs Corbett and Morison, but he is in the best position to judge what they really are.

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month for the year the total being the guaranteed consumption and when the actuals fall short of the estimate for any month the deficit in the guaranteed revenue must be at once paid by the contractor, subject to adjustments in future months when the excise payments may exceed the guaranteed sum.

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exact amount may be known to the Collector.

(True Extract)

J Gr Le
Secretary

To,

The Hon'ble Chief Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

with copy of Collectors letter and 10 petitions.

C B Ramaswamy Setty

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No. 1539.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.

Dated 1st May 1872.
Read 2d.
Desp^d 11th day 1872

Subject - Encls: 10 Petitions returned on the 15th Inst.
Submitting proposals in regard to the Abkáree of North Arcot Distt.

No 1142

R.C - 11th May 72 - R - 14th May

R. 6th May C. 8th May 72

C. P. Ramasawmy Setty

Madras 3 May 1872.

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To

The Secretary to Government

Sir.

We have the honor to submit that the Abkarry Farm of North Arcot has been held by us for 23 years. Three years ago when all leases expired the Government tested the district at auction putting it up in two parts under the new nomenclature of Principal and Sub Division.

We were purchasers of the Principal, but the Sub division who sold to others who struggled 2 years and 4 months and failed, involving the Government in a loss of over Rs 40.000.

The farm being attached, we at this juncture applied to the Board to have it restored to us at a fair average, but the Honble Mr Robinson expressed his inability to deal with the assets of a bankrupt Contractor by any other way than by resale, and said had the case been otherwise there would be no question as to who should be the holders.

Davasoo Mootoo Natan then purchased the unexpired lease of 8 months for which six months have now elapsed

The Board of Revenue with the view of introducing the Excise System in North Arcot have been pleased to recommend its introduction into one portion of the

district

by us, and into the other by Davasoo Nalan

We subsequently submitted a letter to the Board on this point, but as the letter was received there late and might not have accompanied the Proceedings we have thought it advisable to submit copy as annexed for information of Govt.

Davasoo Nalan though he had the opportunity of securing his own districts namely South Arcot, Chingleput and Tanjore, has overlooked these and would endeavor to represent to the Board his desire to buy the Excise System in a portion of what we might term from our long tenure our district.

He has now purchased several Talooks in Tanjore and Trichinopoly, the revenues of which far exceed that of the Sub-Division and if he is desirous of shewing his worth he has the opportunity of placing these his old districts under the new system and submitting returns to Government.

The Board of Revenue in their Proceedings of 20 May 1864 No. 3114 Para 8 in reference to Davasoo Mootoo Nalan say

"The consideration of this claim was pending for a long time, and the Madras Centre appears to have been most unscrupulous in urging it upon each new Collector of the district, and probably used every endeavor to induce Mr Corbett to remain silent. Mr Corbett however gave the Govt his best assistance in the matter and has no doubt saved them from making a large sacrifice of revenue, for without his assistance and without the evidence which was produced before Mr Jane, it would have been difficult not to comply with Mr Janes recommendation for a remission of Rs 120.000 from the rent"

Davasoo Nalan might therefore be said to have earned no special consideration at the hands of Govt, and as giving a portion of our district to him would be of no benefit to Government but a source of anxiety to us, we beg their faithful servants may not be overlooked, and that the Sub Division may be given to us at the minimum sum of Rs 125.000 as proposed by the Board.

We have the honor to be

Sir

your most obedient servants.

Corbett & Morrison

Copy

May 1872

The Secretary
Revenue Board

Sir,

I had the honor of submitting a proposal for the introduction of the Excise System into the district to which I was appointed and have been favored with a reply.

Our proposal embraced the subdivision of a district for 20 years under our management and in fixing a minimum amount for this portion we were guided by the ascertained data of nearly 4 years without calling in question the present rate which does not appear to be considered sufficient authority to base an estimate upon the latter rate for a long term and would scarcely warrant one considering it as a fair average.

In the Excise System no benefit is derived by the Distiller whether the minimum is fixed either at a low or an enhanced figure as the quantity of spirit sold namely its maximum revenue in the shape of duty forms the Govt. Revenue and not the minimum sum named.

The guarantee would therefore be merely an indemnity that the revenue should not fall short of a certain figure by the introduction of a new measure: it also supplies with it the certainty that a rise in sales shall go into the Govt Treasury in the shape of duty collected over the minimum rate.

It would appear therefore that we have no object in fixing the minimum guarantee at a low figure. If the Board however are of opinion that our proposition on this head is some= what over estimated, and that for bobbing at the Reverse of the sub-Division for the past 6 months, that figure or something like it should be ensured, we are even prepared to meet the Board's wishes rather than have our district divided.

We have the honor to be

Sirs

your most obed. Servts

(signed) Corbett Thomson

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Mess^rs Corbett & Mc...

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT. 316

No. 1539.

From Pro: Board of Revenue
Dated 1st May 1872.

FOR ORDERS.

I think the Bd should
call on the Collectors for Hooghly the Dis-
trict of the 24 Pergunnahs and Calcutta the Pre-
sent Contractors. I see
no reason however why
these areas should be treated
differently from last

Mr. Richardson in the South
and Mrs Parry Mo in
the South.

FOR ORDERS.

Proposals regarding the Abkari of N. Arcot District.

R. 6 May

Enclosure to Rear Pt

Revenue Department.

No.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 9 May 187 .

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting proposals in regard to the abkari of North Arcot District

N. E. 1st May 1872

Extracts from their Proceedings & Minutes - from Masulipatam Guntur - from Vizagapatam Godavari

The Government approve the Board's proposal to keep the two divisions separate and to entrust the Principal Division to Messrs Corbet & Morrison ~~and to Messrs Dunlop & Davies respectively~~ for the Excise system but they think that the method which has been adopted in Ganjam, Vizagapatam and South Arcot for the Excise administration of the Abkari

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~~will be the~~ minimum ~~below~~ which if the Govt receipts should fall, the lease will be cancelled - The Board will modify the proposed terms accordingly and, if accepted by the parties they approve as tenants ~~the Board~~ ~~with authority to~~ ~~approved terms for the~~ ~~the matter ended~~ ~~further reference~~ - The rate of Rs 1-12-0 for the Toddy is approved —

The Bd say they (do not) consider it unnecessary to guarantee a certain Extent of sale - Keeping a certain ratio of Rs per gallon -

They state that the Raidan is suspicious to guarantee a certain revenue -

As regards the subdivision of the Govt. portion of the Board's proposal mentioned above in one of the paras it is stated that the parties whose tenders recommend the lease on the Toddy system is the present Collectors

Sept 1914

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Board consider that the Collector should consider the case and ascertain from the Asst. & the District Collectors under whom the parties whose tenders recommend the lease on the Toddy system is the Sub. Division is the Asst. available for the purpose and the Collector should report to the Board.

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Abkari of North Arcot Dist.

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Revenue Department.

No. 774

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14th May 1872.

Read the following

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue:

Submitting proposals in regard to the Abkari of North Arcot District } H. E. 12th May 1872

Petition from Messrs Corbett & Morrison " 3d May 1872

from Maganada Mudali " 8th May 1872

from Devasamoottoo Sadan " 7th May 1872

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The Government approve the Board's proposal to keep the two divisions ~~for Abkari purposes~~ separate, and to entrust the Principal Division to Messrs Corbett & Morrison on the Excise system, but they think that the method which has been adopted in Ganjam, Vizagapatam and South Kanara, for the Excise administration of the Abkari, should be maintained

maintained in North Arcot
also. Under this system
a minimum revenue will
be fixed below which, if
the Govt. receipts should
fall, the lease will be
cancelled. The Board will
modify the proposed terms
accordingly and, if accepted
by the parties they approve
as tenants, the Board will
submit the approved terms
for confirmation of Govt.
The rate of As 1-12- for the
Excise is approved.

As regards the sub-division
the Govt. resolve to refer to
the Board of Revenue the
petitions recorded above
in one of which it is
stated that the party whom
the Board recommend as
renter on the Excise system
is the person whose conduct
was strongly condemned
in connection with an
Abkari

Abkari lease in their
Proceedings of 25th May 18
No 3114 - If this be so,
the Govt. consider that the
Board should re-consider
the case, and at the same
time ascertain from the
Ag Collector of the District
whether he has received
any tenders from other
parties to whom he would
prefer to entrust the
Excise experiment in the
sub-division.

The Govt.
await their further
report on the subject

To The Board of Rev

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