Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th May 1872.

No. 266A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th May 1872:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Sathivigianagaram, 24th May 1872, No. 211.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government No. 774, dated 14th instant, embodied in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated the 18th instant, to forward herewith, for the consideration of the Board and of Government, copy of an application lately submitted by Muthusawmi Mudali for the Abkari contract of the principal or sub-division of this district. The tender was received subsequent to the despatch of Mr. Cruickshank's letter No. 152, dated 19th April, and it was retained here under the impression that some further reference would be made to this office before the selection of the contractors was finally made.

2. Muthusawmi Mudali is the Jaghiredar of Eucattu in the Chingleput District. He and his family have for many years been engaged in the Abkari trade, and he is now the Abkari sub-renter of the Gudiathem Taluq in the principal division of this district. He has, therefore, a thorough knowledge of the local working of the system and of the people who are the actual vendors of liquor.

3. Muthusawmi Mudali is possessed of large house-property in Madras, and is a wealthy man. He is also, I am aware, associated in this tender for the contract with Soobroy Chetty, the Dubash of Messrs. Aspinwall & Co., and who is about to enter the service of Messrs. Bainbridge & Co. in the same capacity. As regards the pecuniary position of Muthusawmi Mudali therefore, and his capability of completing satisfactorily his contract, I suppose there need be no doubt; while his local experience and thorough knowledge of the business now being carried on in this district point him out as a man to whom, in my opinion, the contract might very suitably be given.

4. He would have no difficulty in carrying on the business vigorously from the 1st July, as it would be merely a continuance and extension of his present work.

5. I think it my duty here respectfully to inform the Board of Revenue that, in my opinion, it would be advisable to work the Abkari system of this district in two farms. The Government interests are thereby exposed to less risk of injury, for, as we have to deal with two separate sets of contractors, we have an infinitely better prospect of collecting our kists regularly than if the matter is left entirely in the hands of one Firm.

6. Messrs. Corbett and Morrison have been connected with the Abkari business of this district for many years, and I should be sorry to see that connection cease. I am very willing that they should retain in their hands the contract of the principal division, but they are not really wealthy. The money deposited by them in the treasury at Chittoor as security, when they took up their contract that is now expiring, was not their own capital, but was borrowed, through Megunada Mudali, from the late Thoppe Mudali of Bangalore, and the Executor of his estate came lately to complain to me that he could not obtain repayment of

the loan; that Messrs. Corbett and Morrison declare to him that the money should be refunded to the estate by Megunada Mudali, who, on his part, recriminates in like manner on Messrs. Corbett and Morrison. I mention this fact in order to show the Board that the contractors of the principal division are hardly men of such capital as to warrant a very large contract being entrusted to them, and at this moment there is an arrears of about Rs. 25,000 outstanding against them.

7. If I may be allowed to express an opinion at this late stage of the proceedings, I would beg to recommend that, while the principal division is left with Messrs. Corbett and Morrison, the contract for the sub-division be given to Muthusami Mudali; and as he is now actually on the spot and conducting Abkari work here, there is no fear of delay in the working of the contract for which he applies. If, however, the Board consider that no security is required under the new system that is about to be introduced, I have no objection to offer to Messrs. Corbett and Morrison having the contract for the entire district.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings dated 18th May 1872.

2. The Board adhere to their opinion that it will be best to give the Abkari contract of the whole district to Messrs. Corbett and Morrison.

No. 266B. ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1872, No. 651A.

Separate Revenue, No. 15A.
Abkari.

THE enclosure will be returned to the Board for disposal, with reference to the G. O. of this date on the subject of the Abkari of the sub-division of North Arcot.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F.R. Bantleman.

MISCELLANEOUS No. REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 28th May 1872.

Read the following

From No. 211
W. S. Whiteside Esquire
Collector of North Arcot.

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

SIR,

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of the Contractors was finally made.

2. Muthusami Mudali is the Jaghirdar of Eacattu in the Chingleput District; he and his family have for many years been engaged in the Abkari trade, and he is now the Abkari Sub-Renter of the Sudiattem Taluq in the Principal Division of this District. He has therefore a thorough knowledge of the local working of the System, and of the people who are the actual vendors of liquor.

3. Muthusami Mudali is possessed of large house property in Madras, and is a wealthy man. He is also, I am aware, associated in this Tender for the Contract with Svobey Chetty the Dubash of Messrs. Stephenson & Co. and who is about to enter the Service of Messrs. Cambridge & Co. in the same Capacity. As regards the pecuniary position of Muthusami Mudali therefore, and his Capability of completing Satisfactorily his Contract, I suppose there need be no doubt; while his local Experience and thorough knowledge of the business now being carried on in this District point him out as a man to whom, in my opinion, the Contract might very suitably be given.

4. He would have no difficulty in Carrying on the business vigorously from the 1st July, as it would be merely a Continuance and Extension of his present work.

5. I think it my duty here respectfully to inform the Board of Revenue that in my opinion it would be advisable to work the Abkari System of this District in 2 Farms. The Government interests are thereby exposed to less risk of injury, for as we have to deal with 2 separate sets of Contractors, we have an infinitely better prospect of detecting our Rivals regularly, than if the matter is left entirely in the hands of one Firm.

6. Messrs Corbett & Morris we have been connected with the Abkari business of this District for many years; and I should be sorry to see that Connection cease. I am very willing that they should retain in their

their hands the Contract of the
Principal Division; but they are
not really wealthy. The money deposited
by them in the Treasury at Chittoor
as Security when they took up their
Contract that is now Expiring was
not their own Capital, but was borrowed
through Meganada Mudali from
the late Thoppé Mudali of Bangalore,
and the Executor of this Estate came
lately to Complain to me that he could
not obtain repayment of the loan;
that Messrs Corbett & Morrison declare
that they will not refund the money
refunded to the Estate by Meganada
Mudali, & on his part recriminates
in like manner on Messrs Corbett
& Morrison. I mention this fact
in order to shew the Board that
the Contractors of the Principal
Division are hardly men of such
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and as he is now actually on the
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I have no objection to offer to
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North Arcot
Collector's Office
Salivirigiamagaram
24th June 1872

I have &c
(Signed) W. S. Whiteside
a/g Collector

Submitted

Submitted for the orders of Government in Continuation of Boards Proceedings dated 18th May 1872.

The Board adhere to their opinion that it will be best to give the Abkarry Contract of the whole district to Messrs Corbett and Morrison.

(True copy & Extract)

J Gole

Secretary

To The Chief Secretary to Government Revenue Department with Enclosure.

Capt Dunsterville
Chief Secretary

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD
OF REVENUE.

Dated 28th May 1872.
Despatched 28 — " "
Received 28th — " "

Subject Abkari
Returns No. 834 A. 28th May/72

Submitting letter from Coll.r of N. Arcot in which he recommends that the Abkari contract of the sub-division may be given to Muthusami Mudali, and adhering to his opinion in favor of contract of the whole D.t being given to Mess.rs Corbett & Mayo

No. 834 A.

Submitting with the Returns for the Year 1871-72 the Report of the Collector of North Arcot on the subject of the Abkari Administration of the District.

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