Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th June 1872.

No. 64. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th June 1872:—

Read again Government Order, 28th May 1872, No. 834-A.

Read also the following petition from Messrs. CORBETT and MORRISON, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Arcot, 3rd June 1872.

We regret to learn that it is under contemplation to put up the sub-division of North Arcot to auction, our application having failed owing, we believe, to our supposed inability to undertake the work and perform it to satisfaction.

2. In reference to our dues to Government we beg to state that we have paid up much of our arrears, and the balance due on our contract now is only Rs. 7,000, which we are prepared to pay up before our contract expires or earlier if necessary.

3. Though the Government have been pleased to waive security for the principal division, we sought not to avoid the question of guarantee in our application.

4. In respect of the sub-division, therefore, we beg, as a special case, the Board would be pleased to accept Rs. 20,000 as deposit, and place the district under us for carrying out the Excise System in it.

5. We have hitherto given no reason to forfeit the good opinion of the Collectors, the Board, or the Government, and it is painful, therefore, to bear the reflection which will necessarily be raised should it be supposed that we are in a worse position now to fulfil engagements than we have been these many years. Our resources are more than we need mention, and the Board have only to dictate the security required should they consider the Rs. 20,000 now offered inadequate.

6. We purpose waiting on the Collector at once and satisfying him on all points, as from the short time he has been in the district and our attention being diverted to the proposed Abkari changes, we have not had the opportunity of explaining to him our position.

7. The sale of the sub-division will lead to contractors establishing more than twenty stills in the district, and on consulting the map it will be seen how the three districts to be worked under the Excise will be menaced, and that by all the bitter feelings that revengeful minds can dictate.

THE *Board resolve* to lay this petition before Government for such orders as they may deem necessary.

2. Messrs. Corbett and Morrison protest against the sale of the Abkari lease of the sub-division as inimical to the interest of the surrounding distillers on the Excise System and of Government.

3. The Board believe that it will be a great mistake to lease out the sub-division on the usual system. It is surrounded by districts in which the Excise System is to be introduced, and if the lease-holder can smuggle liquor outside his boundaries and sell it at 11 Annas a gallon, he will gain a profit of 10 per cent., whilst the distillers who pay an Excise Duty, and whose liquor will be displaced, will not be able to sell at less than Rs. 2-8-0 or Rs. 3 a gallon.

4. It was on this account that the Board considered it self-evident that when the Excise System should be at work in Chingleput, South Arcot, and the principal division of North Arcot, it must also be at work in the sub-division.

5. In the telegram Messrs. Corbett and Morrison offer to give Rs. 20,000 security for the sub-division. The Board think it a pity to refuse security when it is offered as in this case. The Excise Duty is to be paid monthly in arrears, and the letter recorded with Government Order, 28th May 1872, No. 834-A., gives reasons for believing that the prompt payment of the sums due month by month should be guaranteed by substantial security.

No. 65. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1872, No. 830.

Separate Revenue, No. 7.
Abkari.

THE Government leave the matter for disposal by the Board at their discretion.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

The Board would be pleased to
accept £20,000 as depreciation
place the district rentals as per
Carrying out the excess of system
in 1879

We have hitherto given no reason
to forfeit the confidence of the
Electors, the Board, or the Government,
and it is fair & therefore desirable
the reflection which will necessarily
be raised should it be resolved to
that we are in a worse position
than if the Corporation had
our Reasons never been
the real intention, and the Board
have only to dictate the security
required should they consider
the £20,000 now offered inadequate.

We further request an the Motion
of one of Solicitors will
be made, to form the Electors
who have in the district authorizing
them to pay directly to the
Treasurer Rates so due
from such Ratepayers

of Explaining Our position
The Sale of the Undertaking would
be subject to Corporate Establishment
more than 20 still in the district,
And on Cancelling the Mortgage
the Security for the three districts the
would be Cancelled, the Expenses would be
Interest & Sinking Fund by
Annuities Cancelled

We have &c

(Signed) Cole Chairman

(Countersigned)

J Grote
Secretary.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1895

From Board of Revenue

Dated 4th June — 1872.

FOR ORDERS.

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 4th June 1872.

Read a Government Order
28th May 1872 No 834.

Read Petition from Messrs Corbett
and Morrison to the Board, dated
the 3d June 1872.

The Board resolve to
the Petition before Government
for such order as they may deem
necessary.

Messrs Corbett & Morrison
forward a Sanad for the sale of
Abkari Shops of the Division
comprising the Taluk of Ra-
surmadry Chellum and Ko-
vilpatty and the Board
will be glad to receive the Sanad
with the Division on Chellum
Taluk. Do Surrender of Ky-
dachellum in which the Shops

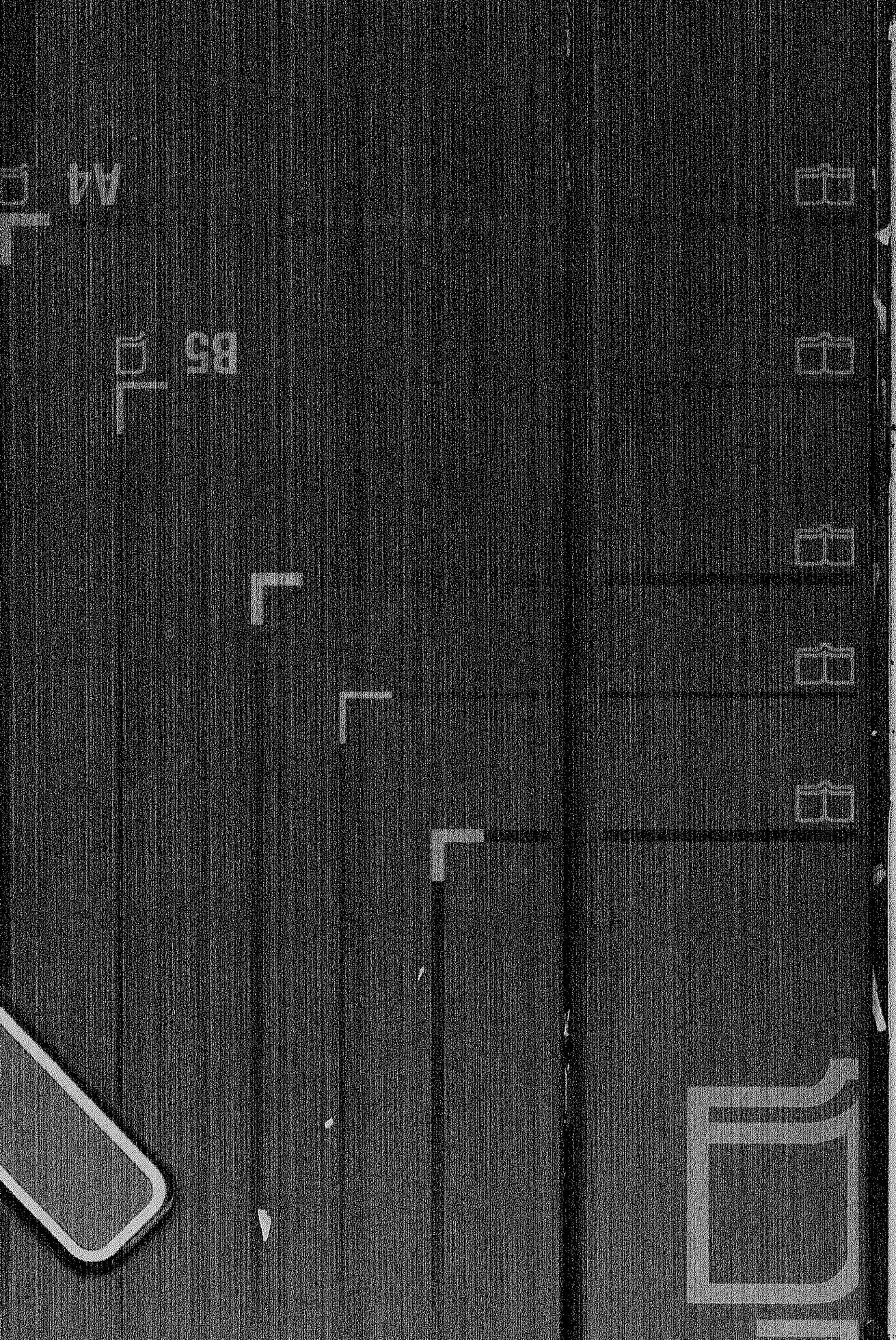
Appleton to be introduced, and
if he be a holder Cecil Smyth
Esquier entitled to a Compliance
and shall at all times so fall on
he will give a profit of 10 per Cent,
which the Distillers shall pay
an Excise duty, and shall register
will be displaced, and not
be able to sell at less than
Co 2-8-0 or Co 3-0-0 a Gallon.

That on this Report
that the Board Considered
further Evidence that when the
Excise Appleton should be at
work in Chingleford, South Coast,
and the Principal Division of
North Street, it would also be work
in the Sub Division.

On the Telegram Inspector
Corbett & Divisional officer Jones
Co 20-0-0 each for the Sub Divisions
He should think it a fit &
proper

Reference should be made to Officer
as to this Case. The Excise duty
to be paid Monthly in advance,
and the Letter proposed to be
Sanctioned & Order 28th May 1872.
A Minute to issue for taking
bail for prompt payment of the
Excise duties month by month, and
be Guaranteed by Substantial
Securities.

(True Extract)

J Hyde
Secretary

The Chief Secretary to Inland Revenue
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