

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st June 1872.*

No. 204. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th June 1872, No. 996:—

With the sanction of Government a change has been made in the arrangements under which the Abkári Revenue of the five districts noted in the margin has hitherto been collected. The revenue derived from these districts has amounted to about Rupees 9,75,000 per annum for the last three years, but under the new system the Government have determined, so far as the revenue from country spirits is concerned, to be satisfied

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Ganjam... ..	66,000
Vizagapatam	1,50,000
North Arcot... ..	2,70,000
Chingleput	1,25,000
South Arcot... ..	1,75,000
Total...	7,86,000

with an excise duty payable on every gallon leaving the Distilleries, with the proviso that if the excise revenue of the several districts shall fall below the sums noted in the margin the new arrangements may be discontinued.

2. It will thus be observed that the Government are prepared to submit to an annual loss of nearly two lakhs of Rupees for the three years during which the contracts are to run, rather than forego an experiment which they consider will eventually tend as much to the benefit of the people as to the improvement of the Excise revenue.

3. At the same time the Board believe that with careful and effectual management on the part of the Distillers to whom the Government have confided the experiment in the several districts, assisted by a cordial co-operation on the part of the Police and the Collectors and their establishments, there is no reason to suppose that a loss of revenue will occur in any case.

4. It is to be observed however, that whereas under former systems the Abkári renters were liable to suffer very serious losses unless they took every precaution against illicit distillation and sales, the present contractors are under no such pressure, as they will obtain a profit on the quantity of liquor issued by them under all circumstances, though of course the amount of their profits will depend upon the extent of their sales, which must be seriously affected if smuggling takes place to any extent.

5. Under these circumstances the Board deem it advisable not to omit any precaution which may have the effect of suppressing illicit distillation and forwarding the sale of excised liquor and they accordingly resolve to request the Government to permit them to depute their Acting 3rd Member to visit the several Divisions of the Mysore Province and Coorg for purpose of enquiring, (with the permission of the Chief Commissioner) into the working of the somewhat similar excise system which is now in force there, and if possible, securing such information of the results there obtained, as will enable him to make some practical suggestions towards the end in view.

6. Such an investigation will probably occupy Mr. Dalzell for a month or five weeks so that it may be necessary to continue him on this special duty for a short period beyond the expiration of Mr. Forbe's leave, on which date, under present arrangements, he will vacate his seat at the Board.

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7. It will be desirable in the event of the Government approving of the Board's proposal, that application should be made to the Mysore authorities to afford Mr. Dalyell such assistance and information as he may require in the prosecution of his enquiries, and it will be also necessary that the Acting Second Member of the Board should resume charge of the Inam Department on Mr. Dalyell's departure.

No. 205. ORDER THEREON, 21st June 1872, No. 954.

Separate Revenue, No. 16.
Abkari.

THE Government approve and sanction Mr. Dalyell's deputation on the special duty in question which they deem of importance. He will draw the

special deputation allowance of Rs. 500 monthly while engaged on it. The Government contemplate it occupying him some two weeks beyond his tenure of office as Acting Member of the Revenue Board.

2. Mr. Dalyell will make over charge of the Inam Department to Mr. Carmichael who will be gazetted as in charge of it.

3. The Chief Commissioner of Mysore and Coorg will be requested to issue such orders as may be necessary to facilitate Mr. Dalyell's inquiries.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Yanjan
Vizagapatam
Chingleput
North Arcot
South Arcot

	Rs.
Yanjan	66,000
Vizagapatam	100,000
North Arcot	24,000
Chingleput	125,000
South Arcot	175,000
	<u>786,000</u>

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dated 13th June 1872.

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6. Such an investigation will probably occupy Mr Dalzell for a month or five weeks so that it may be necessary to continue him on this special duty for a short period beyond the expiration of Mr Forbes' leave, on which date, under present arrangements, he will vacate his seat at the Board.

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(True Extract)

J. E. Cole

Secretary

To The Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

[Signature]
Mr. [Name]
[Name]

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Proposed by the Board of Revenue to submit the
Bills to the Legislature for the purpose of
sanctioning; and the Board directed to make
over charge of the same to the Department of Mr. 1st
member. Commission of Mr. 1st to be requested
to issue the necessary orders to facilitate
Mr. Dalrymple's inquiries.

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