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Revenue DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	1600.	Press
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Dated	19.12.1874	

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No. 252. Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 11th December 1874, No. 3,590 :—

BEFORE issuing detailed instructions to Collectors with regard to G.O., dated 8th December 1874, No. 1,520, I am directed to ask for *early* orders on the following points :—

I. *The separation of Arrack and Toddy.*—As the Board understand Government, the separation of Arrack and Toddy is to take place from the 1st July 1875 in the Old and New Excise Districts, and on the 1st July 1878 in other districts.

This question seems to have been treated too briefly in the Proceedings which have been before Government, and the Board must plead its great importance, not only as regards the revenue, but as regards the introduction of a guarantee into the Excise System, as their excuse for recurring to the subject.

The Board respectfully submit that Toddy and Arrack cannot be considered "independent" branches of revenue, because Arrack can always be distilled from Toddy. It is true that hitherto Arrack has been openly distilled from Toddy by the recognised Renters in three districts only, but it does not follow that the practice is impossible elsewhere. There is Toddy which can be distilled in every district except the Nilgiris. So long as the Toddy Shopkeeper is a retainer of the Arrack Renter, he will throw away the Toddy which remains in his shop unsold at the end of the day, but if he is freed from the Renter's control, instead of wasting it, he will put it into a chatty and distil it into Arrack. No skill or capital is required. The still in common use consists of a couple of small chatties, and is so simple in construction that it can be made by any one. The distillation will be *illicit*, but there is no preventive establishment, and the Police can do very little to check malpractices of this kind. Every gallon of Arrack thus distilled will add to the profits of the Shopkeeper and the Toddy Renter to whom he is subordinate, but it will displace a gallon of the Arrack Renter's liquor, and thus, in Excise Districts at all events, cause an immediate loss to the revenue. The loss will not be made up by any increase in the Toddy Rents, for they will necessarily be determined by bids based on the state of affairs existing hitherto.

The Board fear that it will be impossible for an applicant for one of the New Excise Districts to foresee what sales he is likely to effect under those new conditions. He will have to tender a guarantee of the minimum revenue he expects, but the guarantee will be much smaller than it ought to be.

The "impossibility" of separating Arrack and Toddy in certain districts, and the "trouble and inconvenience" predicted by the Board, depend not so much on the prospect that the Arrack Renter in districts where Arrack is usually distilled from Toddy will fail to get a sufficient supply of Toddy for distillation (though this is a real difficulty, because most of the Toddy-trees belong to private individuals), but on the fact that the Toddy Shopkeepers will themselves distil, and that the Arrack Renter will find that the only possible way in which he can secure himself from great loss will be by entering into some compact with the Toddy Renter.

These considerations are of great importance in the districts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam, where the Toddy-shops are scattered widely through thinly-populated tracts, and there is even now much illicit distillation. The Board have

ascertained that the Renters, Messrs. Minchin Brothers and Co., are convinced that they cannot guarantee the revenue which they are to be asked to guarantee, or anything like the same amount if the Toddy is taken from them.

II. *Old Excise Districts.*—It is possible that the Board's proposals with regard to some of these districts may have to be modified. If so, the Board presume they will be at liberty to submit modifications for the orders of Government.

III. *New Excise Districts.*—The Board presume that they are to submit the form of advertisement calling for tenders for the approval of Government. They propose to fix the prices and duty themselves, and to call for tenders as to the minimum revenue which will be guaranteed.

III. *Districts in which the Farming System is to continue.*—No orders have been passed as to introducing the improvements which have been suggested by the Board. With the consent of Government, the Board propose to submit, for their approval, a form of advertisement providing for the alterations of system which they consider desirable.

No. 253. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1874, No. 1,600.

Separate Revenue, No. 23.
Abkári.

THE Governor in Council has given due attention to the arguments adduced by the Board in favor of a reconsideration of that part of the Order of Government, dated 8th December 1874, No. 1,520, which relates to the separation of the Arrack and Toddy Rents. He has determined, however, to adhere to the order notwithstanding the difficulties indicated. Such difficulties, it is to be observed, are involved in any change of system, and though they may be more conspicuous in the localities mentioned, His Excellency in Council is not prepared on that account to depart from the sound principle which has now been laid down.

2. The Board will consider whether any, and, if so what, changes in the Abkári law are rendered necessary by the adoption of the Excise System especially as regards illicit distillation.

3. If modifications are necessary in the Old Excise Districts, the Board's proposals may be submitted for orders as well as the form of advertisement relating to the New Excise Districts.

4. Referring to the concluding sentence in the foregoing Proceedings, it is not clear what further orders are required beyond those contained in paragraphs 13 and 14 of the G.O. The Governor in Council approves of the preparation and submission of the form of advertisement relating to districts in which the Farming System is to be continued.

(True Extract.)

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. Wright.

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The inferiority of separating Owners and Tenants in certain districts, and the trouble and inconvenience caused by the Landlord having not so much control over the Tenant owners as Tenants in the Tenant's interest. Landlords will find it to their advantage to [illegible] Tenants [illegible] Though this is a real difficulty

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Foreign Department

Memo: for Orders.

Ord 4391 of 1874.

1. The Board have
Under Secy of State
Home Dept
Calcutta 9th Dec 1874
Transmitted Copy of
Despatch No 1820
dated 8th Dec 1874
from Secy of State
for India
Requesting early orders
of Govt on certain
points in connection
with G.O. dated 8th
Dec 1874 No 1820
regarding Pen Debts
Report on the Affairs
Rajdeen
Code 1000 - 19 December 1874

For order

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Revenue 1874 Despatches
from
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
To The Secretary to
Government
Dated 11th Dec 1874
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Rec 12 — " —
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R. 17 Dec 74 R. 19 Dec
C. 12/13/74 R. 15 Dec 74

and to in accordance
with the instructions
given me Council the 6th
November 1861.

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was the C. O. to a
further term of seven days
in the House of Correction
to commence on the
expiration of the present
sentence.

The Sentence
was that the C. O. to
be discharged upon
entering into his own
recognizance with two
sureties in the sum of
£10 each to keep
the peace for the
term of six months
from this date.

Engrossed on parchment
the Clerk of the Peace
Circulated to the
Visiting Justices
the second month
should not pass
on the proceeds. Sentence
Confirmed this
the Sentence Referred
to the next Visiting Jus-
tices on Commencing on 1st
July 1862.

5. Ordered that
Second Sentence

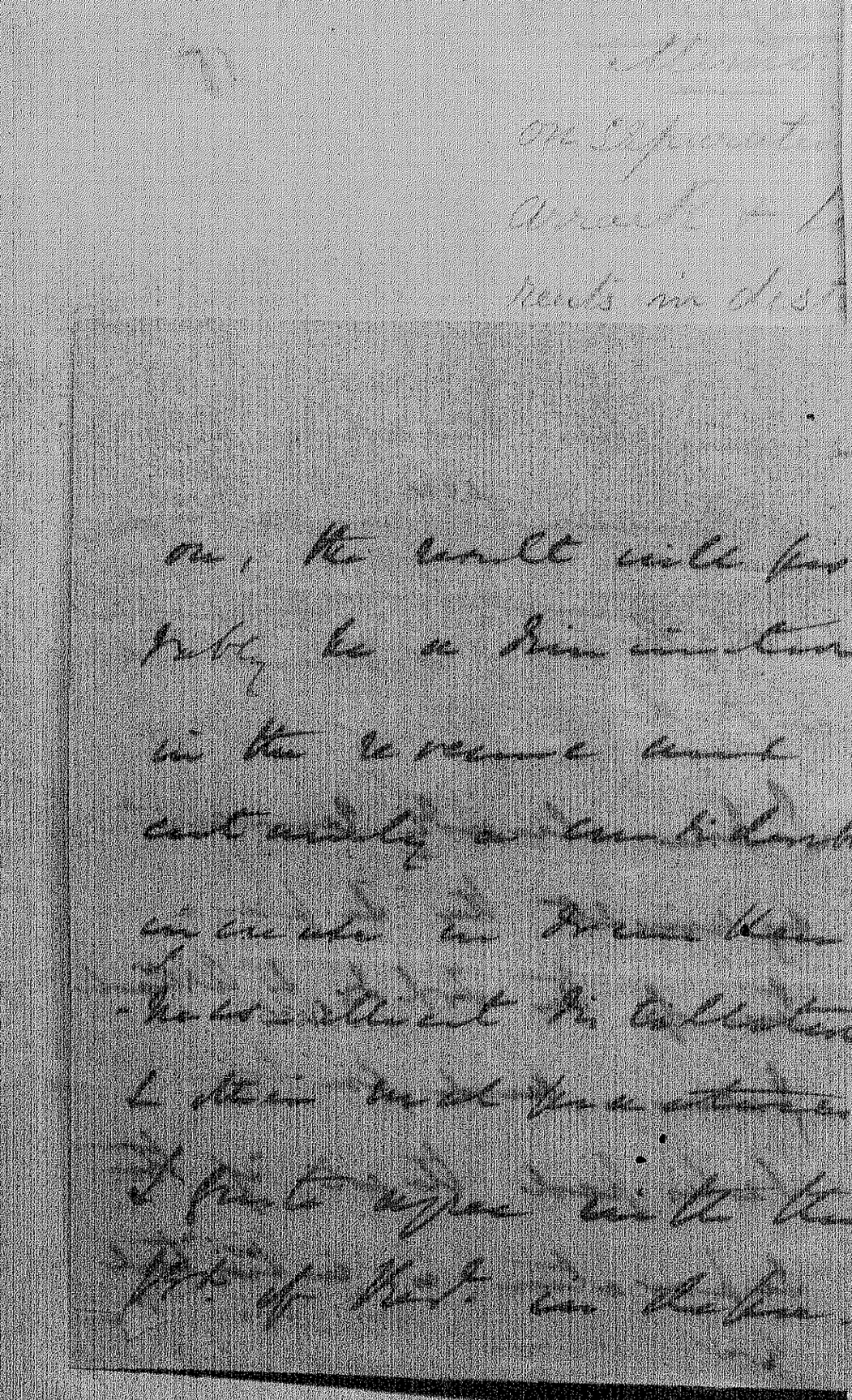
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 19

FOR ORDERS.



FOR ORDERS.

Revenue Department.

No. 1800

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19th December 1874.

READ the following Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

H. E. 10th December 1874.

Dem 16 Februari 1870