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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th May 1874.*

No. 246. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th May 1874, No. 1,114 :—

Read the following letter from A. McC. WEBSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Madras, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th April 1874, No. 61 :—

Referring to paragraph 1 of the Order of Government, No. 94 of 21st January last, Revenue Department, in which the Government direct the *introduction* of retail licenses for the sale of European liquors from the commencement of the ensuing fasli, I have the honour to state that the Deputy-Collector of Madras has been in the habit of issuing licenses for the retail sale of European liquors for several years past, and the issue of these licenses will, therefore, be continued, as the doubt which arose regarding the applicability of Section 6, Act XIX. of 1852, to European liquors has been removed.

2. I have the honour to request that the Board will inform me whether they propose to introduce a system of license fees for the sale of European liquors from the next fasli, and also a condition in the license fixing a minimum price as recommended by Mr. Blair in his letter No. 183 of 18th August last.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. No orders have yet been passed by Government on the important question submitted to them in Board's Proceedings, dated 9th June 1873, No. 965, viz. :— *Will Government interfere to restrict and regulate the consumption of European spirits in the Town of Madras?*

3. If such interference is to take place, the Board think the most judicious form it could take at first would be to charge a fee of, say, Rupees 50 for each retail license, and introduce a clause in the license forbidding the licensee to sell spirits at less than Rupees 6 an Imperial gallon.

No. 247. Order thereon, 8th May 1874, No. 639.

| Separate Revenue, No. 22. |
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The Government observe that the Board submitted the questions raised in their Proceedings of the 9th June 1873, No. 965, because they considered that the law did not allow of their interference.

2. Their doubts on this point having been set at rest by the concurrence of the Government in the opinion expressed by the Advocate-General, it is for the Board to determine how far it is desirable to use the abundant powers conferred on them by law.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 12th May 1874, No. 1114.

No. 61 Read the following

From,

A. McC. Webster Esqre
Acting Collector of Madras.

To,

J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir,

Referring to para 1 of the order of Government No. 94 of 21st January last, Revenue Department, in which the Government direct the introduction of retail licenses for the sale of European liquors from the commencement of the existing Fasli, I have the honor to state that the Deputy Collector of Madras

has been in the habit of issuing licenses for the retail sale of European liquors for several years past, and the issue of these licenses will therefore be continued as the doubt which arose regarding the applicability of Section Act XIX of 1852 to European liquors has been removed.

2. I have the honor to request that the Board will inform me whether they propose to introduce a system of license fees for the sale of European liquors from the next Fasli, and also a condition in the license fixing a minimum price as recommended by Mr. Blair in his letter No. 183 of 18th August last.

I have &c.

Madras Collector's Office
16th April 1874.

(Sd.) H. F. Webster
Actg Collector of Madras

Submitted

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Submitted for the orders of Government.

No orders have yet been passed by Government on the important question submitted to them in Board's Proceedings 9th June 1873 No. 965, viz: Will Government interfere to restrict and regulate the consumption of European spirits in the Town of Madras?

If such interference is to take place the Board think the most judicious form it could take at first would be to charge a fee of say Rupees 50 for each retail license and introduce a clause in the license forbidding the licensee to sell spirit at less than Rupees 6 an Imperial gallon.

/True copy & Extract/

J. Grote
Secretary

C. Gillingham
C. Narasimhachary

To,
The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 12th May 1874.
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Submitting Petition of Messrs Gilbert and Co. with Memorandum from Collector of Madras enquiring whether Board propose to introduce system of license fees for retail sale of European liquors.

No 684.

The Government observe that the Board submitted the questions raised in their Proceedings dated 9th June 73 No 965. Hitherto they considered that the Law did not allow of latter in Forfeiture case. 2. Their doubts on this point having been set at rest by the Law Officers opinion suspected by the Advocate General it is for the Board to determine how far it is desirable to use the discretion conferred on them by Law.

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26 May 74

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