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No. 1,438.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 12th June 1874.
Read the following letter from J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras,
to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd June
1874, No. 109:—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings of
29th May 1874.

2. With reference to paragraph 3, I beg to inform the Board that though
there would be no difficulty in altering the price in the outside limits if the con-
tract is taken by Mr. Pritchard, there might be considerable difficulties in the
event of any one else taking it.

3. If Mr. Pritchard takes the contract, as he is also renter of Chingleput
District, it would be his interest to prevent the lower priced Chingleput Arrack
being smuggled into the outside limits. If, however, any other person takes it,
it will not be Mr. Pritchard's interest to prevent smuggling, only the interest of
the Contractor for the outside limits, and Government.

4. As the price is now the same, there is no Government establishment to
prevent smuggling. The boundary of the outside limits is about 50 miles long,
a very large establishment would therefore be necessary to guard such a frontier
in an open country.

5. I beg that the Board will therefore favor me with their views on the
subject of revising the prices in the outside limits, after consideration of the
above fact.

6. If the price is to be altered, a larger addition to the Abkari Establishment
would be necessary; at the same time it would be advisable to reorganize the Abkari
Establishment, but to do so thoroughly and effectively, a considerable addition to
the total cost should be made. I am not quite certain from the wording of para-
graph 2 of the Proceedings, whether the Board authorize me to propose to increase
the total cost, or only to reorganize the Department without increasing the total
cost, and beg information may be sent on this point also.

ON reconsideration the Board think it best not to change the price of Arrack
in the outside limits so near the commencement of a fasli.

2. If the Collector thinks it expedient that there should be a reorganization
of the Abkari Department involving an increase in its cost, he is at liberty to sub-
mit proposals to that effect, giving his reasons in full detail.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary.

To the Collector of Madras.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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