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No. 5,253.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th December 1877.

Read the following letter from B. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Collector Madras, to H. R. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 10th December 1877, No. 3624:—

I HAVE the honor to bring to the notice of the Board of Revenue that the licensed vendor of intoxicating drugs at St. Thomas' Mount has addressed a petition to the Deputy Collector of Madras stating to that officer that ganjah and maddat (a preparation from opium) are sold without a license at Sydapet and St. Thomas' Mount, and requesting that if Government be unable to suppress the sale by unlicensed vendors, he may be relieved from the payment of the daily dowle of 1 Rupee, and that the security and deposit lodged by him, viz., Rupees 35*, may be returned.

	Rs.
* Deposit of ten days' dowle	10
Security	25
Total ...	35

2. In the Madras Abkári Act (XIX of 1852) there is no provision for punishing unlicensed sales of intoxicating drugs, and the Opium Act XXIII of 1878 has not yet come into force—*vide* Section 1 of Act VI of 1877. In this state of the law, I do not see how the petitioner's request can justly be refused; but as the revenue now accruing from the licensed sale of intoxicating drugs viz., Rupees 580, is at stake, I have thought it right to refer the question for the Board's orders, which I beg may be passed at an early date.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

3. There is no legal sanction for the levy of license fees for the sale of intoxicating drugs in the town of Madras, and unless the draft rules framed by the Board under the Opium Act XXIII of 1878 are likely to be speedily brought into force, the revenue from this source must be relinquished for the present, and the security returned to the depositor.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Asst. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Madras.

Encl. W. J. Lewis.

1877.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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To

The Secretary to the Government
of Madras

Pub. Dept. Sir,

I have the honor to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to cause the blank columns in the accompanying statement showing the excise receipts and charges in Madras to be filled up, and the statement to be returned at your early convenience.

Simla
The 9th October
1877

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obdt Servant

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Asst Secy to the Govt of India

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No 2219

Communicated to the Board of Revenue with the request that the blank columns in the accompanying statement may be filled up and the statement returned as early as possible.

22d Octr 1875

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Revenue 1875 Depts

No 4067

From

The Govt of India
Financial Dept

Dated 9th Octr 1875

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Forwarding a statement showing the revenue receipts and charges in Madras with the request that the blank columns therein may be filled up & the statement returned —

No 2219 - 22 October 1875