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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th March 1875.

Read the following papers :—

No. 205. From J. A. BOURDILLON, Esq., Officiating Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 22nd February 1875, No. 1,140.

In reply to your letter, No. 44, dated 11th January 1875, I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to inform Messrs. A. Roberts and T. Streenevasalu Naidoo that the Government of India declines to interfere with the orders of the local authorities cancelling a beer-brewing license that had been issued to the petitioners above named.

2. It is understood that the Government of Madras refused to interfere with the orders of the Board of Revenue in this case, mainly upon the consideration that a continuance of the license (which was granted during the absence of the permanent Collector) would have interfered with the existing Abkári contracts; and it is observed that the Board of Revenue, in withdrawing the license, declared themselves ready, on the expiration of these contracts, to consider applications for the grant of licenses to establish Beer breweries.

3. The Government of India would regret any proceedings tending to discourage such breweries in favor of spirits.

No. 206. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th March 1875, No. 542.

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1875, No. 54.

I have the honor to reply to Proceedings, Board of Revenue, 8th February 1875, No. 287, requesting an immediate report on paragraph 9 of Government Proceedings referred to, respecting the number of licenses to sell Indian Beer in this district.

2. There were originally three licensed places for the sale of Honeywell's Beer in this district,—Pothanore, Coimbatore, and Mettoopolliem,—but the one at Coimbatore was cancelled, as the Beer sent thence to Madras for analysis contained 10 per cent. of alcohol as reported by the Examiner.

3. I have grave doubts whether Beer made of malt and hops could be sold at 2 Annas a bottle, whether the article so sold is really such Beer or wholesome; for the specimens I have tasted resemble the description given by Mr. Whiteside in paragraph 8 of his letter to the Board of Revenue, 16th December 1874.

4. Beer-making requires a cool climate, being, even in England, brewed in the end of Autumn; so whether it could be brewed in the plains at a temperature of over 80°, or double the temperature necessary at home, is for consideration.

5. I should be inclined to recommend to the Board of Revenue that more than the existing two licenses should not be given in this district till the Beer brewed on the hills, whence the only applications have been received, has been analysed and its effect on the constitution inquired into and proved.

6. This process will have to be conducted by the Commissioner of the Nilgiri Hills, where only the breweries are situated.

7. From inquiry made, I learn that the so-called cheap Nilgiri Beer has a stupifying effect which may be due to some other ingredient (not analysed) than alcohol; that it produces stupor followed by head-ache; and, as the poppy is much cultivated on the Nilgiris and used by the Badagas, it is possible there may be such an undetected ingredient.

8. If the Board of Revenue consider that the number of Nilgiri Beer licenses should be increased, I would name Coimbatore town and Erode as additional places where such licenses might be granted. This will make four in all, and the advantage of such places is that analysis can be more easily made than if Beer were allowed to be sold in out-of-the-way places.

9. Having given as my opinion from analogy that Beer made of malt and hops cannot be made on the plains, and having received no application for the establishment of such breweries, I have no suggestion to make regarding other than Nilgiri Beer.

10. When I state the four places at which Nilgiri Beer may be sold, I do not limit the sale to one shop in each place, though I think one shop to each brewer is sufficient. Besides Mr. Honeywell, there is Mr. Frend who brews on the hills (and there may be other applicants), and whose Beer, if tested at the brewery and admitted to be wholesome, might be sold also in each of the four places named.

11. Thus making allowance for contingencies, if three Beer-shops be licensed in four places, the number of twelve might be made the limit for the information of the competitors for the Arrack and Toddy farms.

12. In reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's order, the first inspection analysis will have to be made at the breweries on the hills. This will not, of course, prevent subsequent adulteration, but a further analysis will be made of the Beer sold in the retail shops in the plains.

13. It would be well to know what ingredients the Beer is to consist of,—whether the saccharine fermentation of malt is essential, or merely that of jaggery in solution; and what extent of hops is to be contained as the preservative against acetous fermentation which is so liable to occur in Beer sold from the cask and open to a high atmospheric temperature.

THE Board resolve to submit this letter to Government, with reference to G. O., 2nd February 1875, No. 170. In that order Government directed that immediate steps should be taken to ascertain, before the Abkari sales on the 1st April, how many Beer licenses should be fixed as a maximum for each farm; and the letter now submitted from Coimbatore is one of the replies.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Government order, and to the remarks of the Collector of Coimbatore in the present letter, as to the unwholesomeness of the liquor now sold under the name of country Beer, the Board resolve to recommend to Government that the services of a competent officer be made available, with a view to his testing and reporting on the quality of the liquor now produced at the different breweries, whether on the hills or in the plains; and also as to the effect which, keeping in a hot climate, has upon it. The Board entertain grave doubts as to the wholesomeness of the liquor now sold as country Beer.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

REFERRED to the Military Department, in view to the services of Surgeon Nicholson being rendered available for the duty, if possible.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

9th March 1875.

No. 1,118.

APPOINTMENTS—TRANSFERS.

REFERRED to the Sanitary Commissioner for report, through the Surgeon-General, British Medical Service.

FORT ST GEORGE,
9th March 1875.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

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No. 207. From Surgeon-Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner for Madras, to Surgeon-General C. A. GORDON, M.D., C.B., Surgeon-General, British Medical Service, dated Madras, 12th March 1875, No. 260.

I HAVE the honor to state, in reply to your letter, No. 547/75, of 10th instant, that the services of Surgeon-Major Nicholson will not be required in connection with the experiments he has been conducting on water-carts and barrack-filters after the report of the Committee appointed in G. O., No. 1,008, of 3rd March 1875, has been made.

2. I beg to submit herewith a letter from Surgeon-Major Nicholson on the subject of the proposed utilisation of his services in the Revenue Department, and, with reference thereto, I would observe that there are a great number of subjects in the Revenue Department on which a scientific officer might be employed, and that I know no one better qualified to be the scientific adviser of the department in chemical questions than Surgeon-Major Nicholson. On receipt of Dr. Nicholson's promised memorandum, I will forward it with my observations.

3. I take this opportunity of placing on record my high appreciation of Dr. Nicholson's labors in connection with the filter experiments now about to be reported on by the Committee.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Surgeon-Major E. NICHOLSON, British Medical Service, to Surgeon Major W. R. CORNISH, F.R.C.S., Sanitary Commissioner, dated Madras, 12th March 1875.

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding country Beer, I have the honor to state that I have, for some time past, observed its manufacture in Bangalore. I shall shortly forward to you a memorandum on the subject.

2. It is with much regret that I find myself unable, owing to my approaching departure for England, to engage in the investigations which the Board of Revenue would do me the honor to confide to me. I have served twelve years in India, and have been obliged, in order to visit England for reasons of health and private affairs, to ask for relief after completion of a tour of Indian service.

3. But should the Board of Revenue consider that the attention which I have paid to applied Chemistry in India would render my services advantageous, I should, with pleasure, accede to any arrangement by which I could return to this Presidency after a stay of six months at home. I should be able to make myself acquainted with many questions of importance in Indian scientific research, and to bring out with me the apparatus for a laboratory of Chemistry applied to revenue investigations.

4. I do not think the delay would be detrimental to the question immediately under notice. The manufacture of Beer in this country is becoming worthy of inquiry in Europe as to the fiscal regulations on the employment of materials other than malt and hops; and the approaching hot season would not be the most favorable to fair examination of Indian breweries.

5. I would also recommend that the investigation should be made jointly for Mysore and for Madras. Bangalore has several breweries, and both the revenue and sanitary aspects of the country-beer question are exciting the attention of the Mysore Government. Just before I left Bangalore I was desired by the Mysore Government to report on the Beer made in Bangalore, but the request unfortunately came too late.

No. 67/75.

MEMORANDUM.

SUBMITTED.

Application has been made, through the Adjutant-General, for Surgeon Nicholson's services, in order that he may be put in orders to proceed to England by the Troopship of 28th March.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
16th March 1875.

The correspondence forwarded under his Memorandum, No. 1,118, dated 9th March are herewith returned.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th March 1875.

(Signed) C. A. GORDON,
Surgeon-General, B.M.S.

No. 1,220.

APPOINTMENTS—TRANSFERS.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department and the referred letter returned.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15th March 1875.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 208. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1875, No. 432.

Separate Revenue, No. 28.
Abkári.

IT is observed that the services of Dr. Nicholson, the officer whose name first occurred to the Government, are not available, as he is about to proceed to England. He is ready, indeed, to return at the end of six months if it is considered advantageous to employ him on this particular duty. Before finally considering the propriety of doing so, the Governor in Council resolves to request the Board to communicate with the lately-arrived Professor of Physical Science, Presidency College, who, it is understood, is a perfectly competent Chemist, in view to ascertaining the ...ties of the various descriptions of country-brewed Beer.

2. They will, in the mean time, make such temporary arrangements for Beer-shop licenses as may appear proper.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of [illegible] 1875 } Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 16th.

Read.

G. O., 16th March 1875, No. 432.

MARCH.
Nos. 205—208.

Country-breed Beer.—Requesting the Board of Revenue to communicate with the Professors of Physical Science of the Presidency College, in order to ascertaining the qualities of the various descriptions of —, and to make temporary arrangements for Beer-shop licenses in the mean time.

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No. 287.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th February 1875.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 2nd February 1875, No. 170, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Beer.*—Concurring with the Board of Revenue in their opinion that Mr. Honeywell's claim to compensation for alleged losses consequent on certain restrictions on his trade is untenable. Directing that, during the term of the next Abkári lease, the duty on — brewed in the country should be 4 Annas per gallon, and giving instructions regarding the issue of licenses.

COMMUNICATED to all Collectors, who will immediately report with reference to paragraph 9 of the Government Order. It will be observed that it is desirable that the limit of the number of brewing licenses should be settled before the Abkári sales, and therefore that the reports should be submitted with the least possible delay.

2. Collectors will also give their opinions with reference to the arrangements to be made under paragraph 10.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. T. MAYNE,
First Assistant.

To all Collectors, with copy of Government Order.
,, the Commissioner of the Nilgiris, with copy of Government Order.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 8TH FEBRUARY 1875, No. 287.

Encl.

Received

FEBRUARY.

No. 287.

Beer.—Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, concurring with Board in their opinion that the claim of Mr. Honeywell, Brewer on the Nilgiri Hills, to compensation for alleged losses consequent on certain restrictions imposed on his trade is untenable: directing that the duty on country-brewed beer during the term of next Abkári lease should be 4 Annas per gallon levied at the brewery; and giving instructions regarding the issue of licenses, communicated to all Collectors for early report on certain points connected with the subject.

Read Rec'd Folio No. 1140. 5/43

No. 265 Do.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George.

Finl. Departt. Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 45 dated 11th January 1875, I am directed to request that with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to inform Messrs. A. Roberts and T. Streenevasalu Naidoo that the Government of India declines to interfere with the orders of the local authorities cancelling a beer brewing license that had been issued to the Petitioners above-named.

2. It is understood that the Government of Madras refused to interfere with the orders of the Board of Revenue in this case mainly upon the consideration that a continuance of the license (which was granted during the absence of the permanent Collector) would have interfered with the existing Abkari Contracts, and it is observed that the Board of Revenue in withdrawing the License, declared themselves ready on the expiration of those Contracts, to consider applications for the grant of licenses to establish beer breweries.

3. The Government of India would

would request any proceedings pending to remain
such decisions in favour of Spirits.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

Fort William
the 22d February 1815

Jno Bourdon

Offg Undersecy to the Govr & Council

We must
inform accordingly.
I think all
that is required
has been done
by the exercise
of the discretion
left to the Court
"caveat emptor!"

We must
reform in the
Extreme — Money
will be expected.
I think the
Court will be
here in October
& will be glad
if there but
would like to
see them and
hear and settle
standing — Jos

would regret any proceedings tending to

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Coimbatore Collectors Office, 4th March 1895.

No. 54.

From

A. Wedderburn Esqre.
Collector of Coimbatore.

To

H. E. Stokes Esqre.
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sir

I have the honor to reply to Proceedings Board of Revenue 8th February 1895, No. 287, requesting an immediate report on para 9 of Government Proceedings referred to, respecting the number of licenses to sell Indian beer in this District.

2 There were originally 3 licensed places for the sale of Honey nellis beer in this District, Pothanur, Coimbatore and

and Metropolitan, but the one at Combatore was cancelled as the beer sent thence to Madras for analysis contained 10 per cent of alcohol, as reported by the Examiner.

3 I have grave doubts whether beer made of malt and hops, could be sold at 2 annas a bottle - whether the article so sold, is really such beer, or wholesome; for the specimens I have tasted resemble the description given by Mr Whiteside in para 8 of his letter to the Board of Revenue, 16th December 1876.

4. Beer-making requires a cool climate, being even in England brewed in the end of Autumn, so whether it

it could be brewed in the plains at a temperature of over 80° or double the temperature necessary at home, is for consideration

5 I should be inclined to recommend to the Board of Revenue that more than two licenses should not be given in this District till the beer brewed on the Hills, where the only applications have been received, has been analyzed and its effect on the constitution enquired into, and proved.

6. This process will have to be conducted by the Commissioner of the Neilgherry Hills, where all the Breweries are situated.

7 From enquiry made, I learn that the so called cheap

Neilgherry

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-detected ingredient

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and admitted to be wholesome, might be sold also in each of the four places named.

11 Thus making allowance for contingencies, if 3 beer shops be licensed in 4 places, the number of 12, might be made the limit, for the information of the Competitors for the arrack and toddy farms.

12 In reference to para 2 of the Board's order, the first inspection analysis will have to be made at the breweries on the Hills. This will not, of course, prevent subsequent adulteration, but a further analysis will be made of the beer sold in the retail shops in the plains.

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I have &c
(Sgd) A. Maddenbrun
Collector

(True copy)
H. Elton
Ag Secretary

E. H. D.
Thompson.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 5th March 1875, No. 542

Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore dated 4th March 1875 No. 54 furnishing the report called for by Government respecting the number of licences to sell Indian beer in that District.

The Board resolve to submit this letter to Government with reference to Government Order 2nd February 1875 No. 170. In that order Government directed that immediate steps should be taken to ascertain before the Abkari sales on the 1st April how many beer licenses should be fixed as a maximum for each farm; and the letter now

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Enclosure in Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th March 1875 No. 542
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Copy & Extract forwarded to Collr. of Coimbatore dated 25th March 1875.

now submitted from Coimbatore is one of the replies.

3. With reference to para 3 of the Government Order and to the remarks of the Collector of Coimbatore in the present letter, as to the unwholesomeness of the liquor now sold under the name of Country beer the Board resolve to recommend to Government that the services of a competent officer be made available with a view to his testing and reporting on the quality of the liquors now produced at the different breweries, whether on the hills or in the plains, and also as to the effect which keeping in a hot climate has upon it. The Board entertain grave doubts as to the wholesomeness of the liquor now sold as Country beer.

/True Extract/

H Elliott
Ag Secretary

To, The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with Copy of Collector's &
of Board's Proceedings dated
28 February 1875 No 287.

E Elliott
for H Elliott

No 260.

Office of Sanitary Commr
Madras 12th March 1875.

From

The Sanitary Commissioner
for Madras.

To

The Surgeon General
British Medical Service

Sir. I have the honor to state in reply to your letter No 524/75 of 10th inst: that the services of Surgeon Major Nicholson will not be required in connection with the experiments he has been conducting on water carts and barrack filters after the report of the Committee appointed on G.O. No 1002 dt 11 ult has been received by the scientific advisers of the Department in chemical questions, than Surgeon Major Nicholson. On receipt of Dr. Nicholson's promised memorandum, I will forward it with my observations

3. I take this opportunity of placing

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2. I beg to submit herewith a letter from Surgeon Major Nicholson on the subject of the proposed utilization of his services in the Revenue Dept, and with reference thereto I would observe that there are a great number of subjects in the Revenue Dept on which the scientific officer might be employed, and that I know no one better qual[illegible]

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Appointments - Surgeon
Nicholson
Proposed employment
in Revenue Dept
Rec'd 15th March 1875
No 1118 dated 13th March 1875
From Surgeon General
Madras
Submitting letter
from Surgeon Major
Nicholson
Requesting that
he may be employed
in the Revenue Dept
on the completion
of the experiments
he is now conducting
on water carts
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Recommending
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Surgeon Genl's Office
B. Mo. .
Fort St George 13th Mar/75.

Memo.

Submitted.

Application has been made through the Adjt. General for Surgeon Nicholson's services, in order that he may be put in orders to proceed to England by the Troopship of 28th March.

The correspondence forwarded under his Memo No 1118 of 9th March are herewith returned.

J. Hardy
Surgeon Genl.
B. Mo. .

To
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15th Mar. 1875

In recording my high appreciation of Dr. Nicholson's labors in connection with the Filter experiments now about to be reported on by the Commission I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedt. Servt.
W. M. Cornish
S. R. C.
Sanitary Commissioner

Madras 12th March 1875.

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From

Surgeon Major L. Nicholson M.D.

To

The Sanitary Commissioner

Sir,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding Country Bee. I have the honour to state that I have for some time past observed its manufacture in Bangalore. I shall shortly forward you a Memorandum on the subject.

2. It is with much regret that I find myself unable, owing to my approaching departure for England, to engage in the investigations which the Board of Revenue would do me the honour to confide to me. I have served 12 years in India and have been obliged, on sick Furlough England for reasons of health and private affairs, to ask for relief after completion of a tour of Indian service.

3. But should the Board of Revenue consider that the attention which I have paid to applied chemistry in India would render my services advantageous

No 924

Bangalore 18th March 1875

From

The Secy to Govt.

Brit Depts

To

The Secy to Govt. Boards &c &c

Rec'd 15th March

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Forwarding letter from the Sanitary Commr on the subject of the preparation with illustrations of Surg Major Nicholson's services in the Brit Depts

I should with pleasure accede to any arrangement by which I could return to this Presidency after a stay of six months at home. I should be able to [illegible] with many questions of importance in Indian scientific research and to bring out with me the apparatus for a laboratory of Chemistry applied to revenue investigations.

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I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
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Surgeon Major &c.

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Pol. Dept.

15/3/23.

My dear Mr. Carmichael

We are getting a lot of replies to the G.O. ordering the number of beer licences required in each district to be fixed. We continue our telegrams to Govt. asking for a chemical officer to test the beers. We are now awaiting G.O. on this request before dispatching of the other replies, though this, in accordance to the G.O. we have got, ought to be done before

the Abkari salaries 1st April.
If we got the chemist, probably
the last C.O. would be recalled on
his report, for there is a unani-
mous outcry against the stuff
they call country beer; and it
would not be necessary to fix
the number of licenses anywhere.
One of the great difficulties
in working the thing will be
that the alcoholic strength of Madras
can only be ascertained by
chemical analysis, as the

by drunken Arab is fermented rice, some
kind of adulterated with the native
medicine of vegetable, which affects
a ~~make~~ kind of intoxication
Specific gravity. The hawkers with the
toddy carry about with them
Sea water, and add some of it to a G.O.
adulterate liquor. 2
Yours sincerely
W. D. O'Connor

No 432 Rev. Dept

Read letter from Govt Sicily
d/22-2-5 No 1140, Fin & Dept

Also
Pacts Bk Rev. d/5th March
with Encl. from Collr of Coimbatore.

also
Docket from Mily Dept,
d/15th March inst, transferring
certain papers from the Surg. Genl,
B. M. S.

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Physical Science, Pres & College,
who, it is understood, is a person
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descriptions of country wood here.

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2. They will in the meantime
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Ind Copy to Rev Board
14 Septr 1842

of Orders thereon.