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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th May 1875.

No. 328. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st May 1875, No. 1,391:—

Read the following letter from J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 13th May 1875, No. 116:—

CLAUSE 14 of the Contract with Mr. Pritchard for the supply of his home-made Colombo arrack stipulates that if on the 31st October 1874, the 28th February 1875, and 30th June 1875 the Collector finds that 2,000, 5,000, and 8,000 Imperial gallons of the arrack, respectively, have not been sold, the Contract may be terminated with the permission of Government.

2. The above dates were made by the Board a month later, owing to the arrangements for allotting shops for the sale of the liquor not having been completed in time. The correct periods for computation were therefore 30th November 1874, 31st March 1875, and 31st July 1875.

3. The sales during the first two of the above periods amount respectively to 1,398 Imperial gallons and 24 drams and 3,301 Imperial gallons against the stipulated quantities 2,000 and 5,000 Imperial gallons.

4. The sales being thus low, Mr. Pritchard in a letter, dated 5th May 1875, No. 234 (copy of which is herewith sent), asks that he may be allowed to withdraw his liquor from the market, and that the Contract with him may be cancelled.

5. I request the early orders of the Board on the subject. Mr. Pritchard told me six or eight weeks ago that he intended to send in his resignation, and I did not therefore report the small sales.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From T. PRITCHARD, Esq., Distillery Contractor to Government, to J. HUNTER-BLAIR, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated Madras, 5th May 1875, No. 234.

I HAVE the honor to state, with reference to the extract from Proceedings of Government as per margin, that I commenced selling my home-made Colombo arrack in October 1873

2. "The Government, however, attach much importance to the substitution for town consumption of a superior country-made spirit for Colombo arrack, and they see no reason whatever to suppose that this need result in any loss of revenue. The Board of Revenue will accordingly be good enough to issue instructions to the Collector of Madras to afford Mr. Pritchard every facility for this purpose, allotting him special shops for the sale of this liquor, if necessary, or adopting any other means for bringing it to the favorable notice of consumers, which he may deem expedient."

27th May 1874, No. 643.

4. "Mr. Pritchard may supply, under the conditions mentioned in paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings, up to 8,000 Imperial gallons of his (home-made) 'Colombo' arrack, but it must be under the distinct understanding that he has nothing whatever to do with the shops at which it is sold. The Collector should be instructed to license a few shops in various parts of the town for the sale of this liquor. The agreement under which it is supplied must provide that, if the demand for it does not exhaust the quantity to be supplied at stated intervals, the Government will take no more."

with great success (*vide* my letter to the Officiating Collector of Madras, dated 13th January 1874); and, as it was tested by the Chemical Examiner and preferred by competent judges to the imported liquor, I was induced to make a large supply, and offered Government 20,000 Imperial gallons for consumption from 1st July 1874 to 30th June 1875, but the quantity was restricted to 8,000 (*vide* Proceedings of Government as per margin).

2. I saw clearly that, as I was deprived of all control over the bazarmen, my liquor would not have fair play; and as this has been proved by their selling about half the quantity they ought to sell, I beg you will be pleased to obtain

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28th May 1875.*

the permission of the Board of Revenue for my withdrawing it from this market, and disposing of it in the Chingleput District on such terms as they may be pleased to order. Similar liquor is sold at Coimbatore, Trichinopoly, and other places.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. HUNTER-BLAIR,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government, which is necessary in order that the Collector may put an end to the Contract.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 329.

ORDER THEREON, 28th May 1875, No. 834.

Separate Revenue, No. 39.
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UNDER the circumstances stated, the Government sanction the cancelment of the Contract with Mr. Pritchard for the supply of home-made Colombo Arrack.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. MACGREGOR,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

N^o 234.

Madras. 5th May 1875.

To
Hunter Blair Esq
Collector of Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to state,
18th August 1873.

2. The Government however attach much importance to the substitution for town-consumption of a superior Country made spirit for Colombo strack, and they see no reason whatever to suppose that this need result in any loss of Revenue. The Board of Revenue will accordingly be good enough to issue instructions to the Collector of Madras to afford Mr. Pritchard every facility for this purpose, allotting him special shops for the sale of this liquor, if necessary, or adopting any other means for bringing it to the favorable notice of Consumers which he may deem expedient.

with reference to the extract from Proceedings of Government as per Memoirs, that I commenced selling my Home made Colombo strack in October 1873 with great success. Vide my letter to the officiating Collector of Madras, dated 13th January 1874 and as it was tested

by the Chemical Examiner, and

Obdt. of 11875: J. J. J. J.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated May, 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 28th May 1875, No. 84.

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No. 328-329.

Home-made Colombo Arrack.—Sanctioning the enrolment of the contract with Mr. Pritchard for the supply of —

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8 of the Board's Proceedings, up to
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made) Colombo brandy, but it must
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with the shops at which it is sold.
The Collector should be instructed
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I beg you will be pleased
to obtain the permission of the
Board of Revenue for my withdraw-
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disposing of it in the Chingleput
District on such terms as they
may be pleased to order. Similar
liquor is sold at Sumbatone,
Trichinopoly and other places.

I have the honor &c.

/Sd/ J. Pritchard.

Distillery Contractor
to Government
/True Copy/

/Sd/ J. Hunter Blair
Collector of Madras.
/True Copy/

W. H. H.

By Secretary

Copy by C.B.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 21st May 1875.

Read the following

N^o 116

From,

J. Hunter Blair Esq^r,
Collector of Madras

To, Mr. E. Stokes Esq^r,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir, Clause 14 of the Contract with
Mr. Ditchard for the supply of his
Ghee made Colombo Arrack statu-
-lates that, if on the 31st October
1874, the 28th February 1875, and 30th
June 1875, the Collector finds that
2000 - 5000 and 8000 Imperial Gallons
of the Arrack respectively, have not
been sold, the contract may be
terminated with the permission of Government.
The

Enclosure in 2nd

= ending of the Board

of Revenue to the

Secretary to Government

= sent 1st P. M. 21st May

21st May 1875.

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Request to obtain Board
permission under the
= clause 14 of the contract
his contract of selling of
Colombo Arrack in the
district & also to send
the same in the District

2. The above dates were made by the Board a month later owing to the arrangements for allotting shops

Board's Proc.
dated 13th Aug^r
1874 N^o 2243.

for the sale of the liquor, not having been completed in time. The correct periods for computation were therefore 30th November 1874, 31st March 1875, and 31st July 1875.

3. The sales during the first two of the above periods amount respectively to 1398 Imperial Gallons and 24 Drams and 3,301 Imperial Gallons against the stipulated quantities 2000 & 5000 Imperial Gallons.

4. The sales being thus low Mr Pritchard in a letter dated 5th May 1875, N^o 234, copy of which is herewith sent, asks that he may be allowed to

to withdraw his liquor from the market and that the contract with him may be cancelled.

5. I request the early orders of the Board on the subject. Mr Pritchard told me six or eight weeks ago that he intended to send in his resignation, and I did not therefore report the small sales.

Madras,
Collectors Office,
13th May 1875-

I have &c
(Signed) J. Hunter Blair
Collector of Madras.

Submitted for the sanction of Government which is necessary in order that the Collector may put an end to the Contract.

(True Copy & Extract)

H. C. M.

As Secretary

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department



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N^o 834

Under the circumstances stated, the Govt
sanction the cancellation of the contract with
Mr. Pitchard for the supply of home-made Colambos
Arrack.

[Signature]

28 May 75.
14 Copies despatched
And Copy to the Board on Dec 28 May

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 21st May 1875
P.D. 24th May
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[Signature]

For sanction of Govt.
letter from Govt of
Madras forwarding
copy of one from
the District, where
Contractor requires
that he should
for the sake of his
home-made Arrack
arrange, may be
reconsidered for
certain reasons