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No. 32. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th May 1875, No. 1,373 :—

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 33. ORDER THEREON, 4th June 1875, No. 872.

Separate Revenue, No. 5.
Abkari.

GOVERNMENT do not think it necessary to refer to the Government of India in a matter of this kind, and prefer that the Board should obtain the information themselves through the Bengal Board of Revenue and the Revenue Commissioner.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Govt. of Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated June, 4th.

Read.

Encl.

JUNE.

Nos. 32 33.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Chemical Examiner, with 29 sample bottles of beer and copies of Collectors' letters forwarding them, and of Board's Proceedings, dated 27th April 1875, No. 1,059.

,, the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

,, the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

,, the Collector of Bellary.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Revenue Department

To The Secretary to the Govt of India
Department of Rev. Agri & Commce

Sir

I am directed by the Collector Nilgiris to request to request that you will be good enough to transmit to him Government with the information as to the ingredients of the Country beer brewed in Bengal and to ascertain whether any specific definition of country beer has been laid down for adoption in that Presidency.

I have &c

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 20TH MAY 1875, No. 1,373.

Dep: 25 May/75 Encl.

Received 31 May
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MAY.

No. 1,373.

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Ordered accordingly that application be made to the Govt of India for the information required by the Board of Rev. vide para 3.

Forward this in a letter from Govt to the Rev. Board

Do. returning the Correspondence to the Board of Rev.

The Secretary to the Govt of India Revenue Department

No 32
C 2nd June/75 Ab 3 June/75.

No. 272 Revised draft

Pub: Bd of Revenue. 4th June/75.

Requesting Govt to apply to Govt of India for information as to inspections of Canal by Revenue in Bengal &c. } H. E. 20: July 1875 No. 1373

Govt do not think it necessary to refer the Govt of India in a matter of this kind & suppose that the Board should obtain the information required through the Bengal Board of Revenue & the Revenue Commissioner -

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For Mr Eardley

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Country Bus burned in
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