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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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Dated 22nd September

1876
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No. 235. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th September 1876, No. 2,297:—

Read the following letters:—

From W. LOGAN, Esq., Collector of Malabar, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tellicherry, 31st July 1876, No. 208.

THE toddy farm of the Wynaad Taluq was sold to one Vythinathayyan for Faslis 1285, 1286, and 1287 at the rent of Rupees 250 per annum. It was lately brought to my notice that the renter had not as yet taken out any licenses for the manufacture and sale of toddy, although he had all along been providing for the punctual payment of the rent. Inquiries were made which left no doubt that the arrack renter had bought up the toddy farmer's interest with a view to increase the sale of arrack, and it was only after I had sent the arrack renter a peremptory order that his license, too, would be cancelled if he did not withdraw from all interest in the toddy farm that the Toddy-renter at last applied for a license on the 14th ultimo.

2. In connection with this subject I beg also to bring to the notice of the Board the case of the jungle tribes of Wynaad who, from time immemorial, have enjoyed the privilege of manufacturing for domestic purposes toddy from the trees grown in the backyard of their dwelling houses, but which privilege they have of late been deprived of in consequence of the order of the Board declaring the home-manufacture of fermented liquor illegal in all districts except the border mountains of South Canara and the Agency tracts of Ganjam and Vizagapatam. This order has very unfavorably operated on these jungle tribes, who, in a petition (translation enclosed) to me, set forth the misfortunes which have befallen them in consequence of having incurred the displeasure of their deities,—a result which they superstitiously attribute to their inability to procure toddy for their local festivals.

3. Under the above circumstances I have the honor to suggest—

- (1.) That the present toddy farm lease may be cancelled from 1st October next;
- (2.) That the jungle tribes in Wynaad may be exempted from the operation of the Order (*Fort St. George Gazette* of 5th August 1873, page 1259) declaring the manufacture of fermented liquor for *bond fide* home consumption illegal; and,
- (3.) That the toddy farm may be again sold subject to the above restriction.

4. In order that the toddy-renter may know precisely on what terms he holds, and with a view to protect his interests as much as possible, I would suggest that the privilege of manufacturing toddy for home consumption should be granted only to the *jungle tribes* (Kurumbers, Moopers, &c.), and that a certificate under the hand and seal of the Deputy Collector should be granted to all who wish to avail themselves of this privilege, which certificate should be conclusive evidence of the holder's right to manufacture for home consumption.

From the same officer, dated Calicut, 30th August 1876, No. 237.

IN reply to Official Memorandum, No. 1,343, of the 25th instant, I have the honor to inform you that the application of the toddy renter for a license has not been complied with pending Board's Order on my letter quoted in the above Official Memorandum.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd September 1876.*

2. As regards the second query, I see no reason, in the event of the Board's sanctioning my proposal, to apprehend the consequences which the Board seem to fear, as the petitioners want only toddy for their domestic purposes, and as the arrack renter will doubtless take the necessary precautions to protect his own interest by preventing any illicit manufacture of arrack. The quantity of toddy manufactured is very small. The whole farm fetched only Rupees 250 per annum.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Translation of Petition.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the prohibition against the manufacture of *toddy* for *bona fide* domestic consumption be removed as regards the jungle tribe in the Wynaad under the safeguard specified in the concluding paragraph of the Collector's first letter. It appears that the toddy renter's application for a license has not yet been complied with, and that there is no reason to apprehend that the arrack renter's interest will be injuriously affected by the grant of the concession recommended.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 22nd September 1876, No. 1,321.

Separate Revenue, No. 27.

Abkari.

THE Government observe that the revenue derived from the Wynaad toddy farm (Rs. 250 per annum), though comparatively insignificant, is calculated to

cause considerable hardship to the jungle tribes inhabiting these parts, accustomed, as they are, to get their toddy free of all restrictions. Considering that there are few trees in Wynaad from which toddy can be obtained, and the abuse to which a lease of the toddy farm is liable, as has been proved by the circumstances brought to notice, His Grace the Governor in Council directs that the farm be given up altogether; the current lease being cancelled on account of the lessee's failure to take out a license.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated. 8th Sept. 1876.

No. 2297.

Read the following.

No. 218.

From W. Logan Esq
Collector of Malabar.

To C. St. Galton Esq.
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue. Madras.

Sir,

The Taddy Tax
of the Wynad Taluk was
sold to one Vythi Kathappan
for Tulas, 1285, 1286 and 1287
at the rate of Rs. 250
per annum. It was lately
brought to my notice that
the renter had not as yet
taken out any license

Oct. of 1876

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September, 22nd.

Recd.

Recd.

G.O. 22nd September 1876, No. 1,321.

SEPTEMBER
Nos. 2357-26.

Manufacture of Taddy by the jungle tribes in
Wynad for domestic consumption.—Pasting no-
tices on Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
recommending removal of restriction against the
—; directing the relinquishment of the taddy
farm altogether; and the cancellation of the current
lease for reason stated.



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would be cancelled if he
did not withdraw from all
interest in the Toddy farm
that the Toddy renter at

last applied for a licence
on the 14th ult.

2. In connection with
this subject I beg also to
bring to the notice of the
Board the case of the jungle
tribes of Wyoah who, from
time immemorial, have en-
joyed the privilege of manu-
facturing for domestic pur-
poses toddy from the trees
grown in the backyards of
their dwelling houses, but
which privilege they have
of late been deprived of
in consequence of the order
of the Board declaring
the home manufacture of

of fermented liquor illegal
in all districts except the
border mountains of South
Canara, and the adjacent
tracts of Ganjam and
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red the displeasure of
their deities - a result which
they superstitiously attri-
bute to their inability
to procure toddy for their
local

* Trans-
lation en-
closed.

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Local festivals.

3. Under the above cir-
cumstances I have the
honor to suggest

I. that the present toddy
farm lease may be cancel-
led from 1st October next.

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of 5th August 1933 page 1259)
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for bona fide home con-
sumption illegal.

§ III that the Toddy farm
may be again sold subject

to the above restriction.

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cisely on what terms he
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only to the Jungle tribes
(Kumblers, Goojers & Co. &c.)
and that a certificate
under the hand and seal
of the Deputy Collector should
be granted to all who wish
to avail themselves of this

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privilege, which certificate
should be conclusive evi-
dence of the holder's right
to manufacture for home

Consumption. I have
relating to office } signed W. Logan
on Cermit. Telleberg } Collector
31st July 1896

Read also the following.

21/3/21
From W. Logan Esq
Collector of Malabar
To J. A. Galton Esq
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue & Co.
Sir,

In reply to official
Memorandum No 1343 of
the 25 instant, I have the
honour to inform you that the

Application of the Toddy
renter for a license has not
been complied with, pending
Board's order on my letter
urged in the above offi-
-cial memo.

2. As regards the
second query, I see no rea-
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sanctioning my proposal,
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for their domestic purposes,
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necessary precautions to
protect his own interests
by preventing any illicit
manufacture of arrack.
The quantity of Toddy ma-
-ufactured is very small.
The whole for the fetched
only Rs. 250 per annum.

Isolator Collis Officer }
Calicut. 30 Aug 1891 }
Hence }
W. Logan
Collector.

Submitted for the
orders of Government, with
the Board's recommendation
that the prohibition against
the manufacture of Toddy
for bona fide domestic con-
-sumption be removed as re-
-gards the Single tribes

in the Wagon and under the
safeguard specified in the
concluding paragraph of
the collector's first letter.

It appears that the Toddy
runner's application for a
license has not yet been
complied with and that
there is no reason to appre-
hend that the aboriginal
runner's interests will be
unjustly affected by the
grant of the concession re-
commended.

/True Copies and Extract/

To
The Secretary to Government R.D.
with translation of Peti-
tion hereto referred.
W. H. [Signature]
C.D.

Sept. 8. Sept 24th 61
 Sep 8 12th 61
 Recd. Obed
 W. D. D. 1831-32. Sept 24th 61
 Subscribing for orders
 letters from the same
 of the 24th, and
 recommending that
 prohibition against
 issuing orders of
 credit for domestic
 currency be re-
 moved as regards
 single bills in the way.

W. 3738 Oct
Dec 1876
Recording of the
13th of June

amended order

The Government observe
that the ^{Revenue derived from} ~~proceeds of~~ the Wynaad
Loddy farm (Rs 250 per
annum), though consid-
erably insignificant
is calculated because
considerable hardships
to the jungle tribes in-
habiting these parts are
- caused as they are
set their Loddy free of all
restrictions - Considering
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Wynaad from which Loddy
can be obtained & the
about how much a lease
of the Loddy farm is likely
as has been proved by the
circumstances brought to notice
His Grace the Governor in 1891
directs that the farm be
given up altogether; the cur-
rent lease being cancelled

take satisfaction

22 September 1876

Permission to jungle tribes in
Wynand to manufacture
beer for domestic consumption

By the Board of Directors 22 Sept
1876

Revenue Dept

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Proceedings of the Indian Government

Under date the 10 Sep 1876

Read Com. Board of

Revenue 8: Sep. 1876.

Under the circumstances

stated, the Govt. considers

that the jungle tribes in

Wynand should be permitted

to manufacture fermented

beer for domestic con-

sumption under a

Certificate from the Deputy

Collector, as proposed.

The Board will issue

instructions accordingly.

2 The Board have not

made any recommendation

regarding the Collector's

proposal

The whole of the land is worth
of 2500 a year - & has been
bought up by the Arrack dealer
in order to force the use of an
dead spirit & will be bought
up in spite of us at any
price for the same deleterious
object - The high price for
Arrack bought earnestly
by the natives of the
provinces they endorse the
this policy and it is
intelligible - The States only
has they cannot get the order
very natural beer of the
country to cause they have
been sold in mass & the
distiller whom we cannot
look after - Beer jungle
parts & defeats the spirit of Govt.
and strong are very
Hon. Colleagues to inform this

agreed to cancel the
present toddy farm lease

from 1st October next. ^{partly some for a few years}
and to re-sell it subject ^{- at least for this lease -}
to the restriction entailed ^{is obtained at a heavy cost}
by the concession in favor ^{& the people & both a pardon}
of jungle tribes. ^{to the concession to complainant}
^{who have laid their grievance}
^{- out too true - if person be-}
^{fore the head of the fort -}

It is not explained
how the wants of the people
in regard to toddy are met
in the absence of a license
to the parties. If there
had been illicit sales,
the Police should have
brought such to notice.

The Board will furnish
full information on the
subject.

12/9 ML
This question of toddy
in these hills parts - there are
few trees but eat & toddy
by natives coconut trees
- is a serious one - we have
it before us here on the hills
My servant also takes a
cup of toddy in the morning
and gets it here & gets drunk
on spirit or bad beer what
he takes instead. ML

I agree it is a
clear case of fraud -
ship ML

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