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**Illicit Sale of Toddy.**

No. 16. *Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, dated 23rd June 1876, No. 840:—*

**AUSPACON.**—Recording Proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding the illicit sale of toddy in the North Arcot District and ordering these Proceedings to be communicated to the Judicial Department for the issue of the necessary orders to the Inspector-General of Police.

No. 1087.

Referred to the Inspector-General of Police for inquiry and report.

Ootacamund,  
13th July 1876.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,  
*Chief Secretary.*

No. 17. *Read also the following letter from the Inspector-General of Police to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 28th September 1876, No. 4325:—*

With reference to your endorsement, No. 1087, dated 13th July 1876, on G.O. No. 840, of the 23rd June 1876 (herewith returned), I have the honor to forward letters from the Superintendents of Police, North Arcot, Salem, and Coimbatore regarding illicit sales of toddy.

2. With regard to the statements made by the Collector of North Arcot in paragraph 6 of his letter to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Captain Cox, the Superintendent of Police, has clearly shown that in fifteen out of twenty-eight cases of unlicensed shops mentioned by Mr. Whiteside the Police *did* give information. It would have been better to ascertain the facts before writing this.

3. No unlicensed shops have been brought to notice in Salem. In Coimbatore the Police seem to have been active in the matter.

From the Superintendent of Police, North Arcot, to the Inspector-General of Police, dated Chittoor, 21st August 1876, No. 648.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 3141, dated 8th ultimo, directing me to inquire and report on the conduct of the Police in neglecting to check the illicit sale in the Chittoor Taluk, I have the honor to forward, herewith, a list of the twenty-eight unlicensed toddy shops referred to in the Collector's letter, No. 200, dated 8th May 1876, in respect to which he convicted the late taluk-holder.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,  
5th October 1876. No. 2033.*

2. I also append a list of cases of illicit sale of toddy regarding which the Police laid information before the Taluk Magistrate in June and July 1875.

3. A comparison of the lists will show that as regards fifteen of the twenty-eight shops in the Collector's list the Police gave the Taluk Magistrate all the assistance in their power. The accounts of the sub-renter show that toddy was sold also in the remaining thirteen shops, or, at least, that thirteen other persons were illegally authorized by the sub-renter to sell toddy in or near the villages mentioned in the list.

4. Unless the Police force is largely increased it is impossible to check the illicit sale of toddy in open and other places, and, though it appears from the Collector's letter that the Taluk Magistrate was able to do without Police assistance what the Police were unable to do, I have already shown that the Police gave him information about fifteen of the shops in June and July, and I have reason to believe that the discovery of the others was made after the sub-renter's accounts had been seized and examined.

5. I have the honor to return the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue which accompanied your memorandum.

List of the twenty-eight Toddy Shops referred to in the Police Superintendent's letter, No. 570, dated 24th July 1876.

The principal authority under which the shops were held.

Names of Villages.

Under D. Poma (Machilipatti), which the Shop-keepers possess by authoritative licenses.

Under Taluk and presents of money of the Sub-renter.

Under Aranki.

Under old licenses, &c., of toddy prior to 1865-1866.

1. Bangampett, hamlet of Theunapalli.
2. Arcund.
3. Kasala Pally.
4. Nallangadu.
5. Thumba Elaka Kuppam.
6. Muthiam.
7. Th. Kura The. Jany.
8. Thavaram Pally.
9. Padur.
10. Kalala Roada.
11. Sannara Pally.
12. Kotha Kola.
13. Kerpapandi Pally.
14. Marakur Kuppam Pally.
15. Narasingarayan Patta.
16. Manakur.
17. Valli Katta.
18. Vappalai.
19. Raniapuram.
20. Chittoor, Kaduligam Patta.
21. Kattamanchi Taluk, Kottala Patta.
22. Vattal Etti.
23. Pancharam.
24. Bani Bally Patta.
25. Sackarudi Patta.
26. Panchala.
27. Pancha.
28. Panchala Pally.
29. Shops in all.

(Signed) W. S. WHITEHEAD,

Collector.

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List of unlicensed Shops where Toddy was sold.

| No. | Place.              | Names of Sellers.           | When reported by Police to Taluk Magistrate by Ommence Regara. |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Sanniyaspully       | Chungan                     | 18th June 1875.                                                |
| 2.  | Calavagunta         | Nadipivadu                  | 18th "                                                         |
| 3.  | Bangampett Topo     | Muniappen                   | 19th "                                                         |
| 4.  | Padurankam          | Bodukka                     | 25th "                                                         |
| 5.  | Arugundah           | Guravaypan and three others | 24th "                                                         |
| 6.  | Ganzulapally        | Chengunnah                  | 24th "                                                         |
| 7.  | Chengunnah          | Do.                         | 25th "                                                         |
| 8.  | Nallangadu          | Narasunnah                  | 26th "                                                         |
| 9.  | Poothoor            | Ramasawmy                   | 21st "                                                         |
| 10. | Thavarampully       | Ramasawmy                   | 28th "                                                         |
| 11. | Vandipally          | Guravi                      | 29th "                                                         |
| 12. | Cannapully Topo     | Venkatappa and three others | 6th July "                                                     |
| 13. | Repala              | Muniappa Naidu              | 6th "                                                          |
| 14. | Narasingroypett     | Venkatappa and another      | 7th "                                                          |
| 15. | Cappugampully Topo  | Petty Rangiah Setty         | 10th "                                                         |
| 16. | Vasanthapuram       | Chengunnah                  | 19th June "                                                    |
| 17. | Moely               | Ramanash                    | 27th "                                                         |
| 18. | Kottor              | Muniappen                   | 28th "                                                         |
| 19. | Mahadevanungalam    | Kamali Ramanah              | 7th July "                                                     |
| 20. | Mahanda Cippam Topo | Muramaida                   | 10th "                                                         |
| 21. | Rampuzam Topo       | Gomudun                     | 10th "                                                         |

Chittoor.

(Signed)

H. W. R. OCS, Captain.

Superintendent of Police.

21st August 1876.

From the Superintendent of Police, Salem, to the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Salem, dated 10th September 1876, No. 524.

With reference to Inspector-General's memorandum, No. 3141, dated 15th July 1876, that accompanied Board's Order, No. 1415, dated 30th May last, I have the honor to report that in the different divisions strict instructions were given to Divisional Inspectors to make a thorough inquiry but that up to date no Inspector has reported the existence of any unlicensed toddy shops.

From the Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, to the Inspector-General of Police, dated Coimbatore, 12th September 1876, No. 290.

With reference to the proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1415, dated 30th May, I have the honor to report that the Police of this district have been kept in a constant state of alertness as to toddy and arrack sale and manufacture.

3. The arrack dealer gives a reward of Rs. 100 for every conviction of illicit distilling, and during this year three arracks were given the reward—one by the ryots, people, and two by the Police.

3. One taluk (Chengunnah) only appears to be notorious for illicit sale of toddy. The cases reported for this year are as follow.

Reported by Police—11 cases, 21 persons, of whom 18 were convicted.

Reported by Akbari people to the Police and by them to Magistrate—26 cases, 51 persons, of whom 21 were convicted.

Total—37 cases, 72 persons, of whom 39 were punished.

The number of cases for the whole district is as follows—

| Chittoor | Chengunnah | Perundivottai |
|----------|------------|---------------|
| 52       | 151        | 114           |

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,  
5th October 1876. No. 2038.*

No. 18. Origin question, 5th October 1876, No. 2038.

The report of the Inspector-General will be communicated to the Revenue Department. The Police appear to have exerted themselves successfully in the matter, and the North Arcot complaint on the subject seems to have been undeserved.

(True Extract.)

*For Chief Secretary.*

To the Revenue Department,  
Inspector-General of Police,  
Magistrate of North Arcot.

Ed. A. S. Rogers.

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