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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

16th October 1877, No. 3,115.

Read the following paper:—

No. 134. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1877,
No. 4,451.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 31st July
1877, No. 2,414, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Country and European Spirits.*—Passing orders on the subject of
putting — on an equality when the present licenses expire.

If the concession is to be granted, the Board do not see why it should be restricted to country spirit distilled from cane juice; they think it might be claimed with equal force in respect of all country-made spirit of superior quality, whatever the materials employed, on payment of a duty equivalent to the import duty leviable on European spirits. The simplest plan would be, in granting the monopolies, to except such liquor distilled by license-holders under Section 12 of the Abkari Act as the Board may permit to be excised and brought into the market for sale on payment of duty at the rate prescribed for imported liquor; but, as already pointed out in Board's Proceedings, dated 12th October 1876, the law requires that the liquor which is the subject of exclusive privilege should be specified, and it may be held that "Country spirits," except such as the Board determine to excise at Rs. 4 per gallon under Section 12, is not a sufficiently exact definition to comply with the requirements of the Act. The matter will require careful consideration when the time arrives for settling the terms on which the leases are to be renewed: meanwhile, the Board resolve to communicate the order read above, with copies of the papers marginally noted, to Collectors of Excise Districts, with the request that they will procure information as to the exact nature of the materials used by the renters of their respective districts, and offer any suggestions that may occur to them with regard to the question under discussion and the practical difficulties in the way of the introduction of the proposed change without injury to the monopolists and the Government revenue. The reports should reach the Board's Office not later than the end of November.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 135. ORDER THEREON, 16th October 1877, No. 3,115.

Separate Revenue, No. 14.
Abkari.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

31/5/2
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G.O., 1st April 1876, No. 459, and 24th June 1876, No. 850.

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(A true Extract.)

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Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" Collector of Ganjam,
" " of Vizagapatam,
" " of Nellore,
" " of Bellary,
" " of North Arcot,
" " of South Arcot,
" " of Tanjore,
" " of Chingleput,
" " of Trichinopoly,
" " of Coimbatore,
" Commr. of Nilgiris,
" Collector of Salem,

With copies of G.Os., dated 1st April 1876, No. 459,
and 24th June 1876, No. 850, and 31st July 1877,
No. 2,414.

Exd. W. J. Lewis:

24th Sept 1877
18th Oct 1877

BOARD of REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 22ND SEPT. 1877, No. 4,451.

22nd Sept 1877

Received 24th October

SEPTEMBER.

No. 4,451.

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Proceedings of Government on subject of put-
ting — on an equality when the present leases
expire, and stating that Board do not see why
the concession should be restricted to country
spirit distilled from cane juice.

22/9/77

14th Sept 1877