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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st July 1876.*

No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th June 1876, No. 1,602 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd May 1876, No. 1,341.

Read also the following letter from J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 15th June 1876, No. 38 :—

PROCEEDINGS of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1876, No. 1,341, desire me to ascertain the proportions of hops, barley-malt and sugar Messrs. Honeywell and Frend propose to use in the manufacture of beer.

2. Mr. Honeywell will use per hogshead for beer for consumption on the Hills :—

Malt	...	...	...	...	...	4 Bushels.
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	75 lbs.
Hops	...	...	...	...	...	3 do.

For beer for consumption in the low country, per hogshead :—

Malt	...	...	...	...	...	4 Bushels.
Sugar	...	...	...	...	...	75 lbs.
Hops	...	...	...	...	...	4½ do.

3. Mr. Frend will employ equal parts of malt and sugar with 2½ lbs. of hops to the hogshead. Mr. Frend brews only for local consumption.

IN their Order of the 9th December 1875, No. 1,786, Government resolved to maintain the rate of excise on country-brewed beer at 4 Annas per gallon, to limit the manufacture to beer brewed from malt, hops and sugar, and to retain the existing restriction as to alcoholic strength, *viz.*, that it should not exceed 8 per cent. They also decided that in future no brewery should be allowed elsewhere than on the Hills, and called upon the Board to consider and report what arrangements will best secure the manufacture of a sound and wholesome beverage.

2. The Board thereupon called upon the Chemical Examiner to state his Board's Proceedings, dated 17th January 1876, opinion as to the proportion of sugar to No. 117. be allowed in the manufacture of beer, and directed the Commissioner of the Nilgiris to report what changes in the existing system should be made. They enquired whether the Government intended by the expression 'malt' to restrict brewers to the use of barley-malt or preparation of it, and to prohibit the use of other grains, but the Proceedings were simply recorded.

3. The replies of the Commissioner of the Nilgiris and Chemical Examiner, embodied in the Proceedings read above, leave the matter very much where it was before. Mr. Cockerell states that he can offer no suggestions as to arrangements for testing the quality of the beer, and that the only precaution possible is the check afforded by unexpected visits to the breweries. The Chemical Examiner merely states that it is not usual to add sugar to beer worts. The Board therefore called upon the Commissioner to ascertain from Messrs. Honeywell and Frend the proportions of hops, barley-malt and sugar they propose to employ in the manufacture, and to state whether he considers the employment of a salaried officer of Government, to be attached to each brewery and paid for by the licensee

necessary, reporting at the same time how the system of permits has worked. Mr. Cockerell states in reply that Mr. Honeywell will use 4 bushels of malt and 75 lbs. of sugar per hogshead, and from 3 lbs. to 4½ lbs. of hops according as the beer is required for consumption on the Hills or the plains. Mr. Frend proposes to use equal parts of malt and sugar with 2½ lbs. of hops to the hogshead. Mr. Cockerell has not replied to the Board's other queries, though he took more than three weeks to reply to a reference which he was requested to answer with the least possible delay. As the fasli has nearly expired, and it is necessary that the forms of licenses for manufacture and sale of beer should be amended before reissue for the ensuing fasli, the Board will not await his reply, but request the early orders of Government on the following points which seem to call for settlement in connection with this question.

4. First, as to the materials to be used. Mr. Honeywell proposes to take three parts of malt to one of sugar, whereas Mr. Frend wishes to employ malt and sugar in equal proportions. The Board have no trustworthy information as to the quantity of sugar and hops required for brewing beer for consumption in this country, but compared with the proportion of sugar employed in the manufacture by Messrs. Abraham and Co. and Messrs. Norton and Co., *vide* paragraph 5, Board's Proceedings, recorded in G.O., dated 9th December 1875, No. 1,786, Mr. Honeywell's demand seems moderate, and the Board would suggest that a condition be inserted in the license to the effect that the materials to be employed in the manufacture of beer must be restricted to *barley-malt* or preparations of it, sugar and hops, the proportion of sugar not to exceed 25 per cent., and the quantity of hops not to fall short of 3 lbs. per hogshead.

5. Secondly, as regards the precautions to be taken to ensure that the conditions of the license are complied with, the Board have already brought to notice the difficulties in the way of testing beer. The Commissioner of the Nilgiris has not stated his opinion regarding the employment of a well-salaried officer of Government to look closely into the ingredients used and check the quantity of liquor leaving the distillery, but so many restrictions have recently been placed on the operations of the brewers, that the Board are inclined to think that the expense of the salaries of an Excise officer and Police guard would press heavily on them, and that it is not expedient to impose this charge at present. The only precautions the Board can suggest are constant inspections without previous notice by the Commissioner or his Assistant, and occasional analyses of the beer by the Chemical Examiner and by the Zillah Surgeons, if the necessary apparatus can be supplied.

6. Thirdly, as regards the number of shops to be allowed in the several districts, definite instructions are required. The Board are not sure whether the sanction accorded in G.O., dated 5th April 1875, No. 537, to the Board's proposals is to be considered in force, the Government having subsequently decided in

the order under reply that the so-called country-beer does not merit encouragement; meanwhile Collectors have been instructed to issue no fresh licenses pending further orders. The Board might be vested with discretionary power to sanction a limited number of shops on application through the Collectors, no fresh licenses being granted without their approval.

7. Fourthly, the Board request instructions as to whether the sale within this Presidency of beer brewed at Bangalore is to be permitted. Applications of this nature have reached the Board, and permission has been refused, pending the orders of Government. The Government have decided that no breweries will be allowed elsewhere than on the Hills, but the Board are not sure that it was intended to prohibit the sale of Bangalore beer. If it is permitted, the Madras Excise must be paid in addition to the Mysore duty, and a condition to this effect must be inserted in the retail licenses. Although the shopkeepers are bound to keep accounts showing whence the beer has been obtained payment of the duty will probably be evaded, the Board are exceedingly doubtful whether a wholesome beverage can be brewed at that altitude and they have no control over the manufacture. They are therefore opposed to the sale of Bangalore beer.

8. The early instructions of Government are requested on the points above indicated to enable the Board to amend the licenses. The Commissioner of the Nilgiris will not issue manufacturing licenses to Messrs. Honeywell and Frend for the ensuing fasli pending receipt of the orders of Government, nor should retail licenses be renewed in the districts where they have been granted until it is decided whether any amendments are required; meanwhile manufacture and vend may be carried on under the present licenses.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1876, No. 885.

Separate Revenue, No. 1.

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THE Board request the orders of Government on the following four points:—

1. The desirability of inserting in the license a condition to the effect that the materials employed in the manufacture of beer must be restricted to the ingredients and quantities specified in paragraph 4.
2. Whether a salaried officer should be employed to check the quantity of liquor leaving the distillery and examine the ingredients used, paragraph 5.
3. Whether any restriction should be placed on the number of shops to be allowed in the districts, paragraph 6.
4. Whether the sale of beer brewed at Bangalore should be permitted, paragraph 7.

With regard to No. 1, the Government observe that as the brewers have assented to the proposal, the condition as stated by the Board may be inserted in the license.

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No. 2. The employment of a separate officer is an expensive arrangement. The Government prefer the expedients suggested by the Board to see that the terms of the license are conformed to.

No. 3. The Government are not prepared to allow any addition to the existing number of shops.

No. 4. The sale of beer brewed at Bangalore is not desirable as the Government have no control over the brewers. The Government consider that no facility should be given to its sale, beyond what the law affords at present.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Licenses for Manufacture and Sale of Country-
brewed Beer. - Passing orders on Board's Proceed-
ings requesting early orders of Government on
certain points relative to issue of —, and observing
that the Government are not prepared to allow
any addition to the existing number of shops.

JULY.
Nos. 3-4.

Date: July, 1st.
Reel.
G.O., 1st July 1876, No. 838.
Reel.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

Govt. of 1876: 1000000

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Board's Proceedings 20 June
1876 / No 25-34/

In these proceedings the Board
request early orders on the
following points, in order that
the forms of Licenses to be is-
sued for the ensuing Fiscal
year may be altered in ac-
cordance with the decision of the Board.

1. Whether a card which can
be inserted in the license
to the effect that the materials
to be employed in the manufac-
ture of beer must be restricted
to barley malt, or preparation
of it; sugar & hops, the proportion
of sugar not to exceed 25 per cent.
& the quantity of hops not to
fall short of 3 lbs. per hogshead.

2. Whether a salaried officer
to be paid by the Licensee should be
employed to look closely into the
ingredients used & check the
quantity of liquor leaving the
distillery, or whether the same suffi-
cient in the Board's opinion to
have constant inspection by

I do not think
the card is necessary
The Brewers have
assented to this
I am
Yours
J. A. M.

The expense will be by
Assessors

the Com. messenger or his as-
sistant & occasional analysis
of his beer by his chemical ex-
-aminer & by his Lallah surgeon.

3 whether the board might be
vested with discretionary
power to sanction a limited
number of shops on app^{ts} through
his Collector, with his recom-
mendation that no fresh licenses
should be granted without his
approval

4. whether the sale of beer brewed
at Bangalore may be permitted
within his Residency.

There seems no objection to the
first, - It was in fact approved
of by Govt. in G.O. of 1st Dec 1875 no
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As regards the second point,
the advantage of a ^{limited} salaried officer
is at best very doubtful & the
arrangement is also an ex-
pensive one. The inspections
& examinations advocated
by the Board seem for the pre-
sent sufficient.

The Board's proposal regarding
the numbering of shops may be

Yes

Yes

Yes can conceivably be
in the condition of things
both duties

Yes

Let it be tried

Yes

Well. I refer to the
Govt.

MR

I do not understand this
as compared with the
amount in margin to
para 4 -

MR

approved

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It does not seem desirable
to allow the sale of Bangalore
beer, over the manufacturing
of which his Govt. have no
control.

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No. 1,341.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 22nd May 1876.

Read the following papers:—

From J. R. COCKERELL, Esq., Commissioner of the Nilgiris, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 27th April 1876, No. 22.

With reference to paragraph 4 of Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 117, dated 17th January last, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of the license granted to Messrs. Honeywell and Friend for the manufacture of beer on the Nilgiris, together with a copy of the bond executed by them under orders of the Board of Revenue, No. 2,503, dated 12th April 1869.

2. The license is the ordinary H Form License prescribed in Standing Order of the Board of Revenue, No. 198, with two additional clauses added under orders of the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings, No. 691, dated 30th April 1872.

3. With regard to paragraph 4 of the Government Order desiring the Board will consider what arrangements will best secure the manufacture of a sound and wholesome beverage, and on which the Board desire suggestions from me, I have the honor to state that the subject is surrounded with very great difficulties. Unless a professional European Brewer on a high salary is employed at the Breweries I discern no means of testing the quality of the beer, and short of this precaution all that can be done as it appears to me is that the Commissioner should make unexpected visits to the Breweries as hitherto.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Copy of License for Manufacture of Beer.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of Bond.

Memorandum from the Acting Chemical Examiner, Madras, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th May 1876, No. 243.

Has the honor to state that it is not usual to add sugar to beer worts. The sweet Scotch ales used to have honey added after fining, but this practice has been discontinued.

(Signed) A. PORTER, M.D.,
Acting Chemical Examiner.

THE Board think the Chemical Examiner must be mistaken in stating that sugar is not generally used in the manufacture of beer. Dr. Macrae mentions it in his letter of the 7th August 1875, No. 301, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 7th October 1875, No. 2,802, as one of the ingredients, and it seems clear from the Commissioner's letter embodied in Board's Proceedings, dated 27th April 1875, No. 1,059, that some sugar is essential.

2. The Board resolve before addressing Government on the subject of their Order of the 9th December 1875, No. 1,786, to request the Commissioner to call upon Messrs. Honeywell and Friend to state the proportions of hops, barley, malt, and sugar they propose to use in the manufacture of their beer (*vide* paragraph 5,

Board's Proceedings, dated 7th October 1875, No. 2,802). He will also, with reference to paragraph 15 of the same Proceedings, state whether he considers it necessary that a salaried officer of Government should be attached to the Brewery to see that beer is brewed only from the materials allowed, that the proportions prescribed are maintained, and to check the quantity of liquor issued from the Brewery; if so, he will state the salary which he proposes. The Commissioner should state how the system of permits sanctioned in Board's Proceedings, dated 30th April 1872, No. 691, has worked.

3. As it is necessary that the form of license to be prescribed and the conditions to be embodied therein should be settled before the commencement of the ensuing fasli, a reply to this reference is requested with the least possible delay to enable the Board to obtain the orders of Government in time to issue the requisite instructions.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Commissioner of the Nilgiris.

Ed. A. Grubert.

Beer.—Requesting Commissioner of Nilgiris to call upon Messrs. Honeywell and Friend to state the proportions of hops, barley, malt, and sugar they propose to use in the manufacture of their —; and to report whether he considers employment of a salaried officer of Government at the Brewery necessary, and how the system of permits sanctioned by Board has worked.

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No. 1,341.

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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND MAY 1876, No. 1,341.

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BOARD OF REVENUE

1876.

Revenue Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 20 June 1876.

No. 1602

Read again Board's Proceedings read

22nd May 1876, No. 1341.

Read also the following

From J. R. Lockyer Esquire

Commissioner Nilgiris.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 22nd May 1876, No. 1341, desire me to ascertain the proportions of hops, barley-malt, and sugar Messrs Honeywell and Friend propose to use in the manufacture of Beer.

2. Mr Honeywell will use per Hogshead for Beer for consumption on the Hills,

Malt — 4 Bushels
Sugar — 76 lbs
Hops — 3 lbs,

for Beer for consumption in the Low Country

per Hogshead.

Malt — 4 Bushels

Sugar — 75 lbs

Hops — 4 1/2 lbs

3. Mr. Friend will employ equal parts of malt and sugar with 2 1/2 lbs of hops to the Hogshead. Mr. Friend brews only for local consumption.

I have &c

Commissioner's office }
Cotacumana 15 June 76 } Signed J. R. Lockrell
Commissioner.

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Taking the bushel at 54 lbs the proportion is nearly 3 to 1 as shown below:

	lbs	percent
Malt 4 bushels	216	73.47
Sugar	75	25.51
Hops	3	1.02
	294 lbs	100.00

proportions. The Board have no trust-

worthy information as to the quantity of sugar and hops required for brewing beer for consumption in this country,

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para 14, Proce-
-dings, 7 October
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