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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th January 1861.

No. 368. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Military Department, dated 18th January 1861, No. 232:—

Direct that the Abkarry contract at Bellary be put up for sale by public auction, and wish to be informed under what authority Mr. Abraham obtained the contract for two years instead of its being put up to auction annually.

(Vide Military Proceedings, 18th January 1861, Nos. 368—370.)

No. 369. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1861, No. 185.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following papers:—

From the Commissary General, Madras, 19th December 1860, *No.* 307; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

I have the honor to submit, for the favorable consideration of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the recommendation by Captain R. Benson, Deputy Assistant Commissary General at Bellary, that the lease of the Abkarry Farm at Bellary, be extended to the present holder for a term of two more years for the following reasons, namely.

The highly respectable character of Mr. Abraham who now holds and has held the Contract for many years, having obtained it in succession year after year on public competition.

The absence of drunkenness amongst the Soldiery, owing to the excellent arrangement of Mr. Abraham, as testified by the Officer Commanding Her Majesty's 74th Highlanders.

The advocacy of the extension of the lease to Mr. Abraham on the above grounds by Major General Coffin, Commanding the Ceded Districts.

The high rate which is now paid for the Contract by Mr. Abraham, namely 79,575-0-0 Rupees per annum, the highest yet obtained for it, and which is not likely to be exceeded if put up to competition, and the avowal of Government that Revenue is secondary in such Contracts to the effectual prevention of drunkenness amongst the Troops.

Under the above explanation, I respectfully beg to recommend, that Mr. Abraham's Abkarry Contract be extended to him for two years more from 1st May 1861, at the same rate which he now pays for it.

Letter from Captain Benson, No. 2270, *dated* 14*th December* 1860.
Petition from Mr. Abraham.
Letter from Officer Commanding 74*th Highlanders, No.* 541, *dated* 8*th December* 1860.

The original correspondence noted in the margin, accompanies this for reference.

Memorandum from the Commissary General, Madras, 14*th January* 1861, *No.* 13; *to the Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George.*

The Commissary General has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Memorandum from the Military Secretary to Government of the 4th instant, and to forward a revised Return of the Troops, European and Native, quartered at Bellary on the 1st May 1859 and 27th December 1860, as therein requested.

From the Commissary General to Govt., No. 1, *dated* 4*th January* 1861.

The letter received with the above Memorandum, is herewith retransmitted.

ORDER, No. 232, 18*th January* 1861.

The Governor in Council considers the report of the manner in which Mr. Abraham has managed the Abkarry Farm at Bellary, to be satisfactory.

2. His Honor in Council, however, sees no reason for authorising a departure from the fair and correct principle laid down in the Order of Government in the Revenue Department dated 7th March 1850, No. 240, which was communicated for the information and guidance of the Commissary General, and from which no deviation should be allowed for the future.

3. The Abkarry Contract at Bellary will accordingly be put up for sale by Public Auction.

4. The Governor in Council wishes to be informed under what authority Mr. Abraham obtained the Contract for a period of 2 years, instead of its being put up to Auction annually as ordered.

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

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