Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1253-4

DATED 5th March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Board of Rev to report on certain points in connection with the introduction of Tree-tax System with the same rates of Tree-tax into the tracts lease to Mysore and British bordering on either side of the frontier,

and requesting the Resident in Mysore to obtain the views of the Mysore Govt on the Board's proposals in regard to the introduction of Tree tax laws on the frontier & to furnish certain particulars of Consignments of Mysore cardamoms.

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G.O. Mis. No. 1253 dy 5th March 1897.

The Board is requested to report whether, on the introduction of the tree-tax system into the tracts bordering on either side of the ~~Mysore~~ Mysore and British frontiers with the same rates of tree-tax both Mysore and British toddy might not be allowed to be transported with no more restriction than is now enforced in the interior of a tree-tax area. This course might, however, affect the revenue prejudicially if toddy trees are so much more plentiful on the Mysore side that, if there are no special restrictions, the British shops will get much toddy from Mysore trees the tax on which has been paid in Mysore. A report containing information as to the several points at which Mysore toddy enters and leaves this Presidency, the routes generally taken and other particulars necessary

necessary for a satisfactory solution of the questions raised should be submitted at an early date. The matter is important and deserves careful consideration, especially with reference to the contemplated introduction of the tree-tax system into Bellary and Anantapur.

2. Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Resident in Mysore:-

xR
5/3/97
From orders

Letter No 1254

Secs 10.3.97

To

The Resident in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No 4147, dated 17th November 1896, giving Cover to a Communication from the Mysore Darbar on the question of the transport of toddy from one

this tract. Whether in which will show the under that System.

village to another through the intervening British territory.

2. In reply, I am to forward a copy of B.P. this No 428, S.R, dated 4th Feb: 97, and to request that you will be good enough to ascertain the views of the Mysore Govt: in regard to the introduction of the tree-tax system into that State and the suggestions made by the Board in the Concluding portion of para 1 of its Proc. The Subject of the extension of the tree-tax System to the Bellary and Anantapur Districts from 1st October next is now engaging the attention of this Govt.

3. I am further to request that the particulars of consignments of Mysore Arrack transported through British territory, asked for by the Board in para 2 of its Proc. may also be obtained.

5/3/97.

xR
5/3/97

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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C No. 1270 of 1897

From

Mysore Resident

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

The question for decision is whether, even after the introduction of the tree-tax system into Bellary and Anantapur, the existing practice in regard to the transport of toddy from one Mysore village to another through the intervening British Territory may be allowed to continue, as requested by the Govt of Mysore. The existing practice is for renters in Mysore to transport their toddy with (1) passes from the Collectors of the adjoining British districts through which the toddy is transported and (2) permits obtained from the Mysore authorities. The Board is not in favour of allowing the transport of toddy to continue, after the introduction of the T.T. system, either under the existing arrangement, or under that at present in force as regards the similar transport of Mysore arrack. Mysore arrack is allowed

Draft 11.4.97

+ presumably general permits

I find that some of the Mysore arrack are very strong. The present rate of still-head duty is Rs 4.12.0 for 20° u.p. and the selling price at the shops is Rs 6.6.0 (51 drams at 2annas. May make it 51 instead of 48 drams & the fallen to get a little more out of the customers.

C. 1/3/97. The dram measures are all
R 3/3/97

be transported through British territory under permits ~~issue~~ issued by the Mysore authorities subject to the following conditions :—

(1) Permit should be signed by the "Naikadi" in charge of the wholesale depot from which the arrack comes;

(2) Quantity must be accurately entered;

(3) also the places whence and whither and the route by which the arrack is to go;

(4) the forms must be printed, consecutively numbered and the books stitched and sealed;

(5) the period of currency must be defined and must not be excessive..

2. With a View to prevent inconvenience to the Mysore toddy renters after the existing arrangement is withdrawn, on the introduction of the t.t. system into Bellary & Anantapur, the Board suggests that the Mysore Govt[×] may be moved to introduce the t.t. system simultaneously with its introduction into the districts named above and to adopt the same rates of tree tax as those in ~~the~~ force on the British side of the frontier with the understanding that trees in Mysore will be marked for British

FOR ORDERS.

(supplied by Govt.)— This of course considerably affects the arrangements of Mysore arrack finding its way into Bellary & Anantapur. Sir K. Sheshadri Ayer assures me that all spirits sent from the distillery at Bangalore & the depots in the interior are sent in sealed casks & that the depot keepers have to account for every drop despatched, lest a small wastage allee. It is difficult, therefore, how there can be any smuggling

RD
26/4/97

× That Govt have already under consideration the introduction of the t.t. system into the and with this object have secured a loan of the services of Mr Sedgwick from this Govt (Vide G.O. No 370 dt 21st January 1897) also extract from Mysore Excise Admin Rpt for 1895-96

renters by the Mysore authorities without payment of tree tax in Mysore on requisition made by officers of the Madras Salt, abkari & Customs dept on payment of the tree tax into British territories and Vice Versa.

3. A report is due from the Board re the introduction of the t.t. system into Bellary & Anantapur on the 10th March 1897. Should it be decided to extend that system to these two dists, the Mysore Govt may be moved to adopt the Board's suggestion ~~made~~ in para 2 of this note. So much of that suggestion as refers to marking trees in Mysore on the requisition of our officers and Vice Versa is not quite clear. It deals with the question of supply of toddy in the tracts bordering on either side of the frontier, on the extension of the t.t. system. But the question under consideration is one of transport of ~~toddy~~ toddy from one Mysore village to another across the intervening British territory and Vice Versa. It will be difficult to carry out the Bd's suggestion as regards supply ~~in practice~~. Supposing that 100 trees are marked in Mysore for one of the toddy shops close to the frontier in the ~~Anantapur~~ there will be Anantapur dist, ~~we shall have~~ no means of ascertaining whether

to the toddy imported into Anantapur
is the produce of marked trees only
& whether the quantity transported
represents the
in a fairly yield of the trees marked &c.
For all this, we shall have to depend
upon the honesty of the Mysore officials.
That Govt will be placed in a similar
predicament with regard to trees marked
in Bellary & Anantapur. Should the
areas on either side of the frontier be placed
with the same rates of taxation
under the B.T. system, the existing
re transport of toddy
arrangement it is submitted, may continue,
there will be no appreciable danger to the
revenue.

4. In para 2 of the Current, the Board
draws attention to the grave danger
British
to the revenue caused by the present
arrangement described in the concluding
portion of para 1 of this note, under
which Mysore arrack is allowed to
be transported in unsealed consignments
through intervening British territory. It
considers that the risk to the revenue
involved is very serious and that the
question needs careful consideration.
& requests Govt to obtain from the
Mysore authorities talukwar details
of the quantities of Mysore arrack
transported through British territory
during the last two years so as to

Yes. The Mysore preventive Sttf will have to see that unmarked trees are not tapped &c

Would it not matter be that, in the case that both Mysore & British toddy might be allowed to move about with no more restriction than is now enforced in the interior of a B.B. district? or are toddy tax & drink consumed more plentiful on the Mysore side that if there are no restrictions, our shops will get much toddy from Mysore than is at present paid in Mysore? It strikes me that we don't know enough of the circs & drink (for the present) to be safely do what he cannot. I think I would ask the Govt how things are. The Talukwise has been of three working enquiries & may have info on these doubtful points. In the meantime, the G.P. might be sent to the Mysore Govt a copy of its opinion on the introduction of the T.T. system into the Mysore as Govt arrack wanted asked for

BB

(1) flagged E
x is given only for 1894-95

Have several times noted on the fall in consumption in the Ceded Districts whereas the Mysore as the reason but can't get any answer. In my remarks on the last Abk. Admn Report, bound in the copy of which has not been sent to me, Govt have asked for it.

Issue
BB
The Coll. I.A. was 24/2/97
told to the Collr stated and he had told the
Govt. he will agree.

24/2/97.

Send subsequently after receipt of copy bound in the G.O from the Govt

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23.2.97

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enable it to arrive at some definite conclusions as to the extent of the risk to the revenue & is necessary to institute local enquiries as to whether the whole of the quantity covered by permits recrossed the frontier.

5. a statement (2) showing the consumption and the average retail selling price of arrack in the Taluks bordering on Mysore during the past three years is put up. It will be observed that there is a striking difference in the retail selling price of Mysore and British arrack and that Mysore arrack is cheaper. Of the Taluks in Anantapur and Bellary through which Mysore arrack is most likely to pass there has been a general fall in consumption in 1895-96 as compared with 1893-94. The statement which the Board requests Govt to obtain from the Mysore authorities will show whether the quantity of Mysore arrack transported through British territory is on the increase at this distance of time it may not be possible to ascertain whether the whole of it recrossed the frontier. The Mysore Govt may be requested to furnish the statements which the Board wants, and, in future, to send a monthly or quarterly statement of the arrack transported through British Territory.

24/2/97

— 1 2 annas per dram of A

Statement showing the Consumption, average selling price, etc. of the taluks & divisions bo
on the Mysore frontier.

Districts & Taluks		1893-94	1894-95	1895-96	Average selling price per gallon in 1895-96 — 20° U.P. R A P	30° U.P. R A P	Mysore retail price per gallon of 20° U.P. R-A-P.
		Proof gallons.					
Bellary Dt.							
Harpanhalli	taluk	525	558	563	- - -	6 - -	
Hadligi	"	499	698	450	- - -	6 - 10	
Bellary	"	23486	24543	21946	- - -	6 - -	
Hospet	"	2521	2391	3051	- - -	5 1 3	
Rayadrug	"	2144	1319	1010	6 12 -	5 14 7	
Anantapur Dt.							
Kalyandrug	taluk	-	617	657	5 13 4	5 12 10	
Dharmavaram	"	2731	1303	1205	6 - -	6 - -	
Penukonda	"	1910	1770	1322	- - -	6 - -	
Madakasira	"	932	582	769	- - -	4 13 8	
Hindupur	"	994	505	444	- - -	6 - -	5-5-0 (Vide extract from Mysore Excise Report for 1894-95. flagged (A))
Cuddapah Dt.							
Madiri	taluk	2600	2305	1909	6 - -	6 - -	
Madanapalle	"	3410	2754	2170	6 - -	4 6 -	
Kolar Dt.							
Punganuru	division	2062	1593	1166	6 7 3	6 - -	
Palmaner	taluk	1082	1513	1286	6 8 8	- - -	
Kangundi	division	2545	2460	2430	- - -	5 - -	
Salem Dt.							
Hosur	taluk	3189	3394	3837	- - -	6 - -	
Krishnagiri	"	4329	4007	3620	- - -	5 13 4	
Coimbatore Dt.							
Kollegal	taluk	2210	2087	2335	6 2 7	6 4 8	

was formed out of the old Dharmavaram and Rayadrug Taluks.

Taluks dotted underneath in red are Taluks in which transfers to the
[illegible] in which granted in June 1899, the

3 annas per dram of A[illegible]

Chapter II. Spirits a[illegible] Fermented Liquors.

Section I. Arrack.

20. Rate of duty— A[illegible] rate of duty on arrack ab[illegible] per gallon of 20° under proof and proportionately for high[illegible] and lower strengths, was [illegible] throughout the Province. Proposals have been submitted to Government to raise the rate of duty from Rs 4 to Rs 4-8-0 per gallon of 20° under proof, and proportionately for higher and lower strengths, with effect from the 1st July 1876.

21. Retail price of arrack— The retail price of arrack contemplated to be Rs 5-5-0 per gallon of 20° under proof. This price was fixed in June 1859, the

minims to 1500 minims,
the retail prices, viz, one
and eight pies, which
~~been fixed~~ previously fixed
dram of 1600 minims, being
~~fixed~~ for retained for the
liced dram of 1500 minims.
has been recommended to
Government to restore the
standard dram measure of
1/48 of a gallon, with effect from
8th July 1896, the retail prices
being ~~restored~~ raised from Rs
5—5—0 to Rs 6—0—0 such
proposed restoration of the
standard dram measure and
raising of the retail prices
would give the consumer an
additional quantity of 100 minims
of arrack and at the same time
increase the ~~same~~ prices for
1 anna by 2 3/4 pie; and the
arrack would then

2 annas per dram of
gallon. The above propo
were made not in the
of the arrack revenue; bu
serve as a check on the pre
increasing consumption

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Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 1270

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
10 FEB 97
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

From the Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue

Order.

No. 428

Dated 4th February 1897
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SUBJECT.

Reporting to Government on the proposal of the Ellapoor Government that the ~~Coorsaiting~~ practice as regards the transport of Ellapoor toddy through intervening British territory may be continued even after the introduction of the tree tax into the Anantapur and Bellary districts or that the arrangements in force regarding the transport of arrack there be adopted in respect

Submitted 11/2/97

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Political (1896) Department.

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A. L. Hannay
Asst.
Ag. Chief Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
21 NOV 96
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

From The Resident in Mysore

No. 4147

Dated 17/11 } 96
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Ans
19.11.96

For A. L. George
20th November 1896

Order R. 2278 dt. 8th Dec. 1896

Referred to the Board of Rev for remarks.

To the Board (S.R.) dtd. 3-12-

KD
28/11/96

SUBJECT.

Forwarding copy of a letter from the Mysore Durbar on the subject of the transport through British territory of toddy from one village to another within the limits of the Mysore State, & recommending approval of the proposals contained therein.

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Letter No: 4040-R. F. 100-92 dated the 29th October 1896 from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore to the First Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.

I am directed to invite attention to paragraph 10 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Madras, received with your office letter No. 3713/212-92 dated 19th November 1892 quoted in the margin for ready reference, on the subject of the transport through British territory of Toddy from one village to another within the limits of the Mysore State. Such consignments have been till recently permitted without objection by the local officers of the Anantapur District upon passes issued by the Collector, but in June last it is reported that that officer stated in reply to a requisition from the Deputy Commissioner of the Sunkur District for the usual passes for the

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"In regard to toddy, no difficulty appears now to exist, the Collector of Anantapur now gives passes containing the necessary details to the Mysore renters and the Collector of Coimbatore will be directed to do the same. This is effective in the case of toddy of which the consignments are regular and uniform but would not do for arrack which is consigned in varying quantities and at uncertain intervals."

year ending 30th June 1897, that in consequence of the contemplated introduction of the tree-tax system into his District from October next "a reference has been made to the Board whether permits for transporting Toddy through the British villages into Mysore could be granted or not," and that the result would be communicated.

2. The passports asked for are reported to have been subsequently granted by the Collector of Anantapur, but as the action of the Collector has introduced an element of doubt into the question, I am directed to request that the Resident may be pleased to move the Government of Madras to issue orders for the continuance of the existing practice as regards the transport of Mysore toddy through British Territory, and of British toddy through Mysore Territory even after the introduction of the tree-tax system.

3. I am at the same time to suggest that as is done in the case of arrack under similar circumstances, Mysore permits may be recognized as regards consignments of toddy, which are strictly speaking neither imports into nor exports from British India, but which simply pass through British territory on their way from one Mysore village to another. The Mysore authorities issue permits for the transport of toddy in the form which was approved as regards arrack by the Board of Revenue, Madras, in paragraph 6 of their Resolution above quoted, and the said permits are granted in bound books and sealed and consecutively numbered, and signed by responsible officials.

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FROM

THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY
18 NOV. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

TO

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Dated Bangalore, 17th November 1896.

SIR,

Reverting to the correspondence ending with your letter Political No 614 dated the 2nd November 1892, I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor in Council, a copy of a letter No. 4040-R.F 100-92 dated the 29th ultimo from the Mysore Darbar on the subject of the transport through British territory of toddy from one village to another within the limits of the Mysore State.

2. I see no objection to the proposals

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of the Darbar and recommend them for the approval of the Government of Madras.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

W. M. Goodwyn
Resident.
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c.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Upon the Receipt
of
No 428
Dated 4th February 1897

Read endorsement from Government, Revenue Department No 227 S.R. dated 1st December 1896 referring to the Board for remarks letter from the Resident in Mysore forwarding copy of a letter from the Mysore Dunbar on the subject of the transport through British territory of toddy from one village to another within the limits of the Mysore state and recommending approval of the proposals of the Dunbar.

Resolved.

With reference to the foregoing endorsement of Government the Board beg leave to report that as regards toddy it has no objection to the existing arrangement of transport through British territory under passes issued by the Collector during continuance till the introduction of the tree-tax system into the taluks in the Anantapur and Bellary districts adjoining the Mysore frontier. After the system so introduced the Board considers that it would be extremely unsafe and dangerous to the interests of Government to allow the transport of Mysore toddy through British territory either under the existing arrangement or under that in force at present as regards arrack, and would suggest that the Mysore Government which has under consideration the introduction of the tree-tax system into the state might be urged to bring the system into force simultaneously with its introduction into the Bellary and Anantapur districts and to adopt the same rates of tree-tax as those in force on the British side of the frontier with the understanding that marked trees in Mysore will be marked for British renters by the Mysore authorities without payment of tree-tax in Mysore on requisitions to be made the officers of this Department made on payment of the usual tree-tax into British treasuries and vice versa.

2. The Board would take this opportunity of pointing out to Government the grave danger to the British Revenue caused by the present arrangement under which Mysore arrack is allowed to be transported in unsealed consignments through intervening British territory when there is every possibility

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the arrack entering into consumption to the serious detriment of the Madras revenue. The present arrangement was accepted in Board's Proceedings Misc. No. 3591 dated 19th Sept. October 1892, partly because the Board saw a difficulty in adopting any other course, but it considers that the risk to the revenue involved is a very serious one and that the question needs careful examination. It therefore requests that Government will be pleased to obtain from the Mysore authorities detailed statistics of the quantities of Mysore arrack which have been transported through British territory under this arrangement during the last two years so as to enable it to arrive at some definite conclusions as to the extent of the risk to the revenue and if necessary to institute local enquiries as to whether all the protected spirits eventually recrossed the frontier.

I have &c.

Edward Gulbert
Assistant Secretary

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