

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 152

DATED 10 th March

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the proposal of the Coll^{rs} of South Canara to permit the distilling of the tree known as "Dadasal" in the Dist^{ct} for toddy on payment of a tax of Rs 8 per tree per annum & issuing a notification to that effect.

BACK PAPERS.

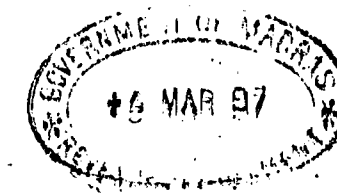
G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Revenue (1897) Department.

CURRENT No.



From The Secretary to the
Commissioner of Salt, Abhari and
Separate Revenue Madras
Mis No. 788

Order

Dated 1st March 1897

Received

Registered

Enclosures

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Requesting Government to issue
a supplemental notification
permitting the grant of licenses
for the tapping of the toddy-
producing tree known as a
"Dadasal" in the South Sa-
nara District.

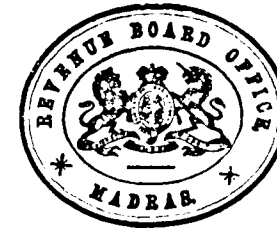
10 43/97

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 1st March, 1897.

Mis No. 788

Read again Board's Proceedings Mis No. 450 dated 5th February 1897 forwarding to the Superintendent Government Museum, Madras, for identification and report the flower and leaves of the tree known as "Dadasal", in the South Canara District.

Read also the following letter from the acting Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras, No. 160 dated 16th February 1897.

"With reference to Board's Proceedings Mis No. 450 dated 5th February 1897, I have the honour to state that the palm belongs to the genus *Arenga*. There has been considerable confusion with regard to the species of this genus. *Arenga saccharifera* forms a stem, 20 to 40 feet in height. It is the common sago and toddy palm of Malacca and the Malay Archipelago.

The

The specimen sent belongs doubtless to the much smaller species *Arenga Wrightii* which I find recorded as occurring on the lower slopes of the Nilgiris. The name "Dadasal" has been apparently used for *Caryota Wrens* which is, of course, an altogether different palm and I can find no previous record of its being in use for *Arenga*."

Resolution

Submitted to Government for orders.

2. The existence of a tree known as "Dadasal" in parts of the South Kanara District from which toddy fit for human consumption was being manufactured, was first brought to the notice of the Board in 1893. It was then reported that it resembled a coconut tree that it yielded nearly half a gallon of toddy per diem and was tapped for about 4 months in the year and it was suggested to the Board, that this class of trees might be included in the Treestax notification and their tapping licensed on payment of a tax of 8 annas per annum. The further information thereupon called for, showed that the tree attains to a height of 15 or 20 feet

feet and that the toddy obtained therefrom resembles that drawn from the sago palm so closely in colour, consistency, taste and smell that even a habitual drinker was unable to distinguish the one from the other. It was then estimated that there were about 7000 of these trees in the Udipi circle (Baindur range) and 2000 in the Mangalore circle (Beltauqadi range) and the average duration of yield of the trees was stated to be between two and three months. Leaves of the tree were submitted for identification to the District Forest officer, who considered that it was a dwarf species of the date tree. No action was, however, taken by the Board in the matter, as precise information was not forthcoming as to the tree itself, the extent to which it was available and the yield.

3. The Treestax system was extended throughout the district from the 1st October 1895 and the tapping of the tree has been prohibited everywhere since that date as it is not one of the palm trees as included in the notifications issued under sections 12 and 24 of the Abkari Act.

4. The Inspector Udipi circle now reports that the annual yield is about 15 gallons, that the estimate of the number of existing trees referred to in para 2 supra is excessive, that only 300 trees are likely to be tapped annually and that the beverage is very popular in and near the ghat villages in which they are found. The Inspector anticipates only a small increase of revenues under tree tax and shop-rents of a few ghat shops, but in view of the fact that it is a popular source of toddy supply with the few people who live where it is found, and that it is hard to deprive them of their customary drink, recommends the issue of a supplemental notification permitting tapping on payment of a moderate tree tax of 8 annas per annum. The collector of South Canara supports the Inspector's recommendation. He considers that the proposed rate of 8 annas will suffice as the trees yield only for a limited period 5 or 6 months.

5. The Superintendent Government Central Museum, to whom the flower and the leaves of the tree were forwarded for identification reports

reports that it is a species of the drunga palm probably "arenga wightii". It clearly is a toddy producing tree within the meaning of section 12 of the Shikari Act and its tapping is therefore prohibited except under licenses issued by the Collector. The Board supports the Collector's proposal and requests that a supplemental notification permitting the tapping of the tree known as "Dadasal" on payment of a tax of eight annas per annum may be issued as suggested by the Inspector and the Collector. As the Collector reports that the tree commences to yield at the end of March or the beginning of April, the Board solicits the early orders of Government on the subject.

(True Copy and Extract)

Edmund Clissett
Assistant Secretary

To The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

3/2/57

C No. 1997

From the Board of Revenue, Sep. Nine

The Hon. Mr. Bliss C.J.E.

Dated 1st March 1897.

FOR ORDERS.

The rate of tax is very low, of course. But all the S. Canara rates are low - I hope we may be able to raise them in time

Yours
 M. S. P. &
 sent notification to
 Gazette
 10/3/97

In the current read above the Board of Revenue supports the proposal made by the Collector of South Canara to legalize the tapping of the toddy producing tree known as "Dadasal". Under Sections 12 and 24 of the Akbari Act and the notification issued thereunder the tapping of this ~~tree~~ tree is prohibited. The toddy drawn from this ~~tree~~ tree is reported to be popular and as pointed out by the Collector and the Board it is hard to deprive the people of their customary drink. It is accordingly submitted that a notification may be published permitting the tapping of the tree on payment

c. 8/3/97.

R. 9/1/97

payment of a tax of eight annas per annum. "Dadasal" appears to be the Vernacular name of the tree. Its English name is not known.

FOR ORDERS.

air.
6/3/97
S.O. No. 152 of 10th March 1897.

The Collector's proposal supported by the Board of Revenue is approved. The following notification will be published in the Fort Saint George and the South Canara District Gazettes.

Issued 11/3/97
BN
9/3/97

Notification
Under Section 24 of the Ahkari Act and in exercise of all other powers enabling him in this behalf His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to permit the tapping of the tree known as "Dadasal" in the South Canara District on payment of a tax of eight annas per tree per annum. The issue &c of licenses under Section 12 of the Ahkari Act for the tapping of this tree and

D
1,000-11-8-96.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No.

From

Dated

189

FOR ORDERS.

for the drawing of toddies therefrom shall be governed by the rules published at pp 935-937 of Part I of the Fort Saint George Gazette of 4.8.1896.

This is certified as correct
with reference to the last sentence
in the Board's Order

air.
6/3/97

11/3/97

To
The S. of Rev (S. of Rev)
The Sup. & Gov. Pres. 13-3-97
notice.

FOR ORDERS. 3

Government {1897} of Madras.
REVENUE.

Recd.

Regd.

Enclosures

1897.

Spare copies

G.O., No. 152, 10th March 1897.

MARCH.

Toddy.

Approving the proposal of the Collector of South Canara to permit the tapping of the tree known as "Dadasal" in the district for — on payment of a tax of 8 annas per tree per annum, and issuing a notification to that effect for publication in the Fort St. George and the South Canara District Gazettes.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), Mis. No. 788, dated 1st March 1897:—

Read—again Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 450, dated 5th February 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Forwarding to the Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras, for identification and report, the flower and leaves of the tree known as "Dadasal" in the South Canara district.

Read—also the following letter from the Acting Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras, dated 16th February 1897, No. 160:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 450, dated 5th February 1897, I have the honour to state that the palm belongs to the genus *Arenga*. There has been considerable confusion with regard to the species of this genus. *Arenga Saccharifera* forms a stem 20 to 40 feet in height. It is the common sago and toddy palm of Malacca and the Malay Archipelago. The specimen sent belongs doubtless to the much smaller species *Arenga Wightii* which, I find, recorded as occurring on the lower slopes of the Nilgiris. The name "Dadasal" has been apparently used for *Caryota Urens* which is, of course, an altogether different palm and I can find no previous record of its being in use for *Arenga*.

Resolution—Mis. No. 788, dated 1st March 1897.

Submitted to Government for orders.

2. The existence of a tree known as "Dadasal" in parts of the South Canara district, from which toddy fit for human consumption was being manufactured, was first brought to the notice of the Board in 1893. It was then reported that it resembled a cocoanut tree; that it yielded nearly half a gallon of toddy per diem and was tapped for about four months in the year, and it was suggested to the Board that this class of trees might be included in the tree-tax notification and their tapping licensed on payment of a tax of 8 annas per annum. The further information thereupon called for, showed that the tree attains to a height of 15 or 20 feet and that the toddy obtained therefrom resembles that drawn from the sago palm so closely in colour, consistency, taste and smell that even a habitual drinker was unable to distinguish the one from the other. It was then estimated that there were about 7,000 of these trees in the Udipi circle (Baindur range) and 2,000 in the Mangalore circle (Beltangadi range), and the average duration of yield of the tree was stated to be between two and three months. Leaves, &c., of the tree were submitted for identification to the District Forest-officer, who considered that it was a dwarf species of the date tree. No action was, however, taken by the Board in the matter, as precise information was not forthcoming as to the tree itself, the extent to which it was available and the yield.

3. The tree-tax system was extended throughout the district from the 1st October 1895 and the tapping of the tree has been prohibited everywhere since that date, as it is not one of the palm trees included in the notifications issued under sections 12 and 24 of the Abkari Act.

4. The Inspector, Udipi Circle, now reports that the annual yield is about 15 gallons; that the estimate of the number of existing trees referred to in paragraph 2 *supra* is excessive; that only 300 trees are likely to be tapped annually; and that the beverage is very popular in and near the ghât villages in which they are found. The Inspector anticipates only a small increase of revenue under tree-tax and shop rents of a few ghât shops, but in view of the fact that it is a popular source of toddy supply with the few people who live where it is found, and that it is hard to deprive them of their customary drink, recommends the issue of a supplemental notification permitting tapping on payment of a moderate tree-tax of 3 annas per annum. The Collector of South Canara supports the Inspector's recommendation. He considers that the proposed rate of 8 annas will suffice as the trees yield only for a limited period, five or six weeks.

5. The Superintendent, Government Central Museum, to whom the flower and the leaves of the tree were forwarded for identification, reports that it is a species of the *Arenga* palm probably "*Arenga Wightii*." It clearly is a toddy-producing tree within the meaning of section 12 of the Abkari Act and its tapping is therefore prohibited except under licenses issued by the Collector. The Board supports the Collector's proposal, and requests that a supplemental notification permitting the tapping of the tree known as "Dadasal" on payment of a tax of 8 annas per annum may be issued as suggested by the Inspector and the Collector. As the Collector reports that the tree commences to yield at the end of March or the beginning of April, the Board solicits the early orders of Government on the subject.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

ORDER—No. 152, Revenue, dated 10th March 1897.

Separate Revenue No. 15.

The Collector's proposal supported by the Board of Revenue is approved. The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George and the South Canara District Gazettes:—

NOTIFICATION.

Under section 24 of the Abkari Act and in exercise of all other powers enabling him in this behalf, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to permit the tapping of the tree known as "Dadasal" in the South Canara district on payment of a tax of 8 annas per tree per annum. The issue, &c., of licenses under section 12 of the Abkari Act for the tapping of this tree and for the drawing of toddy therefrom shall be governed by the rules published at pages 935—937 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th August 1896.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).
„ the Superintendent, Government Press, with notification.

Brd. Shaik Karim.

30 Copies.

to Press.

NUMBER OF COPIES
REQUIRED. { Order complete.
Letter only.
Order complete with Letter.

signature.

in print.

No.

DATE.

to C. No.

GOVERNMENT

OF GOVERNMENT.

WITH DITTO.

DOES NOT FILED UP BRING MEANT FOR DISPATCH
IN ORIGINAL.

N.B. -

- A = Print in full.
- B = Not to be printed.
- F = Print abstract only.
- Q = Print heading only.