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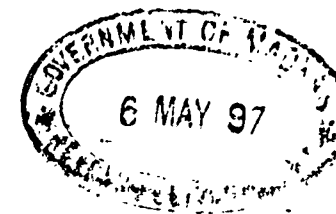
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with reference to H. M. S. Director.

Submitting to Government, with remarks, the statement of consumption of country spirits and of locally-made foreign spirits in the several Excise tracts of the Madras Presidency in and up to the month of February 1897.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 137, dated 3rd April 1897.

The Board begs leave to submit to Government, with the following remarks, a statement showing the consumption of country spirits and of locally-made foreign spirits in the several Excise tracts of the Madras Presidency in and up to the month of February 1897.

COUNTRY SPIRITS.

2. Compared with the corresponding period of last year there has been in the Excise tracts of the Presidency a net increase in consumption of 1,092 proof gallons or about .1 per cent. This excludes the consumption for the month under review in the Kurnool and Chingleput districts, the particulars of which have not been received yet. This will bring the increase to a little above 3,800 gallons or about .4 per cent. The Collectors concerned are requested to see that in future the statement is more promptly and punctually submitted. The increase is probably partly due to the enhancement of the tax but not necessarily so as that has been generally allowed for by purchasers of shops at the toddy sales when making their bids. The following are the explanations offered by the Collectors for the variations in the several districts.

3. *Ganjam and Nellore*.—The increase is attributed to the extension of the system of separate sale of shops. In Ganjam it is also ascribed to the comparative cheapness of arrack during the year under review.

4. *Vizagapatam*.—The decrease is reported to be due to the fixing of a minimum selling price of arrack in the tracts in which shops were separately sold and to the unfavourable season prevailing in the district.

5. *Kistna*.—The decrease is ascribed to the high prices of food-grains in the district. The Collector is requested to investigate more fully the causes for the fall in consumption and report the result to the Board.

6. *Cuddapah, Anantapur and Bellary*.—The decrease in these districts is stated to be due to the adverse state of the season. In Anantapur it is also attributed to the cheapness of toddy compared with arrack.

7. *Madras*.—The increase in the Madras town and the outside shops is small. The decrease in the cantonment shops is ascribed to the opening of two native regimental canteens at St. Thomas' Mount and that in the Saidapet taluk to the late harvest during the year under review.

8. *North Arcot*.—The increase is attributed to the low prices charged for arrack due to competition.

9. *South Arcot*.—The decrease, markedly in the frontier taluks, is ascribed to the enhancement of the rate of Excise duty and to the consumption of cheap French liquor. The Collector expects an improvement during the current year.

10. *Tanjore*.—The increase in the district is reported to be due to the increased facilities afforded for the supply of arrack by the opening of two warehouses during the year as compared with only one during the previous year.

11. *Trichinopoly*.—The increase, chiefly in the Trichinopoly taluk, is attributed to the insufficient supply of toddy due to the enhanced rate of tree-tax and to the greater prevalence of cholera during the past season.

12. *Madura, Tinnevely and Coimbatore*.—The increase in these districts is reported to be due to the favourable season. In Madura it is also attributed to the increase in the number of wholesale depôts opened during the year.

13. *Nilgiris*.—The increase is small and calls for no remark.

14. *Salem*.—The increase is ascribed to the increased facilities for the supply of liquor by the opening of a greater number of wholesale depôts during the year.

15. *South Canara*.—The increase is due to the fact that the Mangalore and Up-pinangadi taluks and a portion of the Kasaragod taluk are now under the Excise system which, up to September 1895, was in force only in the Mangalore town area.

16. *Malabar*.—The Collector states that a separate report will be submitted regarding the variations in consumption. He will be requested to expedite its submission.

FOREIGN SPIRITS.

17.—The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued up to the month amounted to 12,982 proof gallons in 1896-97 against 11,945 in 1895-96, being an increase of 1,037 proof gallons or about 8.7 per cent. The variations in the several districts are explained below.

18. *Ganjam*.—The manager of the Aska distillery attributes the decrease to the low price of country spirits due to competition.

19. *Anantapur*.—The decrease is ascribed to the absence of demand in the Dharmavaram tavern consequent probably on the scarcity.

20. *Madras*.—The increase up to the month is ascribed to the sale of gin and brandy in the Vepery distillery up to September 1896 and to the sale in Madras of gin manufactured in the Ránipéttai distillery since that date.

21. *Trichinopoly*.—1057 out of 1,080 gallons represent the quantity of raisin wine manufactured by the Jesuit Mission at Trichinopoly under the sanction accorded in G.O., No. 4443, dated 12th August 1891. The decrease is due to the fluctuating requirements of the Madura Catholic Mission.

22. *Coimbatore*.—The decrease is stated to be due to the small purchases made by the Méttupálaiyam tavern-keeper during the year.

23. *Nilgiris*.—The increase is reported to be due to a larger number of coolies being employed on the railway and lake-filling works in the district. It is also attributed to a reduction in the price of foreign liquor owing to competition.

24. The variations in the remaining districts are small and call for no remarks.

(True Extract.)

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(True Copy.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

" all Collectors.

" the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division.

Copy to other Deputy Commissioners.

" all Assistant Commissioners.

" the Inspector, Madras Town Circle.

APPENDIX.

COMPARATIVE statement of consumption of spirits in the several Excise tracts of the Madras Presidency in and up to the month of February 1897.

Districts.		COUNTRY SPIRITS IN GALLONS.					LOCALLY-MADE FOREIGN SPIRITS IN PROOF GALLONS.	
		In the month.				Total up to the month (proof).	In the month.	Up to the month.
		20° under-proof.	30° under-proof.	60° under-proof.	Total (proof).			
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Ganjém	1895-96..	..	2,202	7,857	4,684	49,587	17	516
	1896-97..	2	1,787	4,728	3,143	59,670	17	311
2. Visagapatam	1895-96..	30	8,719	940	6,503	79,903	..	..
	1896-97..	52	6,070	649	4,550	70,839	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1895-96..	2,450	8,393	2,313	8,760	88,250	..	..
	1896-97..	1,744	8,566	1,019	7,799	82,839	..	..
4. Nellore	1895-96..	..	3,506	..	2,454	32,924	..	..
	1896-97..	..	4,525	..	3,168	39,577	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1895-96..	1,969	1,637	..	2,721	34,400	..	..
	1896-97..	1,698	988	..	2,050	31,391	..	94
6. Anantapur	1895-96..	630	591	..	918	15,881	42	610
	1896-97..	443	447	..	667	12,989	..	224
7. Bellary	1895-96..	118	3,269	..	2,383	34,223	18	442
	1896-97..	178	2,253	..	1,720	28,871	22	496
8. Kurnool	1895-96..	996	362	99	1,089	18,075	12	211
	1896-97..	†	†	†	†	13,650	5	173
9. Madras	1895-96..	50	6,076	..	4,293	53,231	..	..
	1896-97..	21	5,983	..	4,205	53,378	212	769
	1895-96..	..	2,543	..	1,780	14,919	178	2,857
	1896-97..	..	1,713	..	1,199	13,324	..	..
10. Chingleput	1895-96..	..	3,540	..	2,478	27,754	..	..
	1896-97..	†	†	†	†	30,742	..	..
11. North Arcot	1895-96..	325	5,722	..	4,265	59,898	..	7
	1896-97..	241	5,915	..	4,333	61,883	..	17
12. South Arcot	1895-96..	..	11,196	..	7,837	86,802	..	6
	1896-97..	..	6,518	12	4,567	62,211	..	12
13. Tanjore	1895-96..	4	3,319	3	2,328	29,699	..	..
	1896-97..	..	5,000	..	3,500	36,970	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1895-96..	79	3,738	..	2,680	35,648	117	1,464
	1896-97..	58	3,922	..	2,792	37,543	87	1,080
15. Madura	1895-96..	..	4,540	..	3,178	34,687	..	24
	1896-97..	..	4,769	..	3,338	40,309	..	32
16. Tinnevely	1895-96..	..	2,490	..	1,743	18,699	..	..
	1896-97..	..	2,700	..	1,890	23,112	..	..
17. Coimbatore	1895-96..	2,609	1,370	..	3,046	37,071	91	892
	1896-97..	3,150	1,398	..	3,499	41,507	46	498
18. Nilgiris	1895-96..	..	2,462	..	1,723	26,538	486	7,004
	1896-97..	81	3,010	..	2,173	26,849	434	7,143
19. Salem	1895-96..	..	6,272	..	4,390	53,299	..	..
	1896-97..	6	6,835	..	4,789	56,201	..	6
20. South Canara (Excise tracts)	1895-96..	..	4,889	..	3,422	26,229	..	..
	1896-97..	..	3,551	..	2,486	38,106	..	..
21. Malabar	1895-96..	899	..	..	719	4,967	..	..
	1896-97..	599	..	..	479	5,343	..	..
	1895-96..	912	4,102	1,395	4,159	42,066	..	..
	1896-97..	890	4,106	987	4,061	38,738	16	40
Total ..	1895-96..	11,071	90,938	12,607	77,553	904,750	995	11,945
	1896-97..	9,263	80,056	7,393	66,407	805,842	806	12,982

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