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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari & Separate Revenue
Madras

Order

Mis No. 1432

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SUBJECT.

Requesting Government to address the Government of Bombay with a view to the rule in force in that province namely that essences for flavouring liquor cannot be supplied by chemists and druggists of Bombay for the manufacture of liquor, being relaxed so far as distillers in this Presidency are concerned.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 8th April 1897.

Mis No. 1432

Resolution.

In reply to a requisition from the Aravanghad Distillers for the supply of essences required for flavouring liquor intended for issue to foreign liquor vendors, Messrs Kemp & Co of Bombay have stated that, under the rules in force in that Presidency, such essences cannot now be supplied for the manufacture of liquors. It appears that the essences necessary cannot be obtained elsewhere in India and if their sale is prohibited by the Government of Bombay the conversion of country liquor into 'Foreign' liquor in accordance with the rules contained in Clause 1 of the notification in Government order No. 77 Revenue dated 30th January

January 1893 and clause 8, para 1 of Government order No 109 Revenue, dated 10th February 1894 must altogether cease at least for a time. It is unnecessary to point out that this will involve a serious loss to Government in the revenue derived from foreign liquor licenses and great inconvenience to the class who usually resort to taverns instead of arrack shops. The Board therefore requests that Government will be pleased to address the Government of Bombay on the subject in view to the relaxation of the rule so far as the Distillers in this Presidency are concerned

(True Extract)

Assistant Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government,

Revenue Department

Hon'ble
9.4.97

The Hon'ble Mr Bliss C.I.E

C.No 3129 of 97

For orders:-

The Board of Revenue (Exp. Rev.) states in the above Current that Messrs Kemp and Co of Bombay have informed the Aramaghat distillers that under the rules in force in the Bombay Presidency, they cannot issue essences for flavouring country liquors. It is reported that such essences cannot be obtained elsewhere in India and if their sale is prohibited in Bombay the conversion of "country liquors" into "foreign liquors" must altogether cease for a time. As this would involve a serious loss to government in the revenue derived from foreign liquor taverns and great inconvenience to the class who usually resort to taverns instead of arrack shops, the Board requests that the Govt of Bombay may be addressed to relax the rule so far as the distillers in this Presidency are concerned.

2. In 1890, the Board pointed out that tavern keepers were in the habit of colouring and flavouring liquors and proposed in view to bringing this under control

control the issue of a rectification licence to tavern keepers. the Govt. expected that such licence should be issued only to well known and respectable firms and that a condition should be inserted in tavern licences prohibiting the rectification of country spirits. It was found on experience that the enforcement of the condition was a matter of considerable difficulty and the Board accordingly suggested vide Progs no 576 ✓ 15.12.93 (in G.O. no 109 ✓ 10.2.94) that the issue of rectification licences should be discontinued, rectification being permitted in distilleries only. the Government sanctioned this proposal.

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3. It will thus be seen that rectification is now allowed only in distilleries and under Rule 62 of the distillery and warehouse Rules the liquor so issued may should be "coloured or flavoured, so as to resemble gin, brandy, whiskey or rum"; and under para 107 the notification for regulating the issue of foreign liquors, "foreign liquor" includes "coloured or flavoured spirits manufactured in the country

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Is this so? The Rules are not quite clear.

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Respectfully submitted that a copy of Bom. Govt Resn. 8 of 15th Dec. 1877 as was published with ABK 13/5/77

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	Proof gallons
1891-92	5,316
1892-93	8,967
1893-94	8,633
1894-95	9,202
1895-96	13,932
Average	9,210

or under ordinary annual Rules

BB

country and raised at the rates of import duty applicable to foreign liquors." the Govt. thus insists that country liquor to be sold in taverns must be coloured or flavoured in these circumstances. the Govt. is bound to see that essences required for colouring or flavouring are made available. it is submitted

4. The consumption of locally made foreign spirits during the last five years has been as noted in the margin. the loss of revenue under this head on the average of the last 5 years will Rs 55,260 per annum. But of course a greater portion of this loss will be made good by an increase under imported liquors.

5. It is not known why the Govt. of Bombay has prohibited the sale of these essences and it is a matter for consideration whether it will consent to relax the restriction so far as the distillers in this Presidency are concerned as such a course might lead to malpractices.

For orders as to whether the Govt. of Bombay should addressed

I am not but point-

ABK
19/5/77

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Government sees no reason to address the Government of Bombay on behalf of the distillers in this Presidency.

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13/5/97
dist from orders
To the Board of Revenue (sep: Rev)
DRS. 18-5-97

Govt do not think it necessary to address the Govt of Bombay to make any special exemption in favour of the essences exported by the distillers in this Presi:

14/5/97.

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not that it is only a matter of two months time to obtain the essences from Europe & that it is only from a very few distillery that the complaints emanate: Taking the total Consumption of two months at 4000 gallons Even of the whole Consumption now in question, instead of the demand of the terms of the next few stocks. The Bombay Govt have their own reasons for wishing the prohibition and no doubt form their notice of it to Messrs Kemp & Co. If the Bombay Govt want to control the supply of these essences they can not grant the request of this Govt. I submit that there is no reason for this Govt to interfere on behalf of distillers who are fully capable of making their own arrangements if they only will take the trouble.

11/5/97.

12/5/97

I understand that the Hon'ble agrees with the last sentence of my note. Draft &c.

11/5/97.