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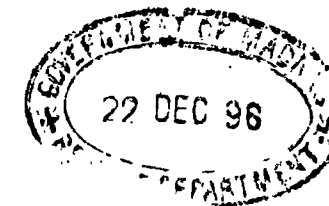
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BOARD OF REVENUE (SEPARATE REVENUE), No. 473, 29TH NOVEMBER 1896.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 473, dated 29th November 1896.

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 October 1896.

COUNTRY SPIRITS.

2. Compared with the corresponding period of last year, there has been, in the Excise tracts of the Presidency, a net decrease in consumption of 714 proof-gallons or about .1 per cent. This excludes the consumption for the month under review in the districts of Kistna, Bellary and Malabar and in the Excise tracts of the South Canara district, the particulars of which have not been received yet. This will probably amount to a little over 18,000 proof-gallons. The Collectors concerned are requested to see that in future the statement is promptly and punctually submitted by the 15th of the month following that to which it relates. The failure to do so occasions considerable delay and inconvenience in the preparation of this report which is due in the Government office on the 1st of the second month following that to which it relates. The following are the explanations offered by the Collectors for the variations in the several districts.

3. *Ganjam and Nellore*.—The increase in these districts is attributed to the further extension of the system of separate sale of shops. In Ganjam it is stated to be partly due also to the comparative cheapness of arrack this year.

4. *Vizagapatam*.—The decrease is attributable to the fixing of a minimum selling price in the tracts in which shops were sold independently.

5. *Cuddapah*.—The decrease is observed chiefly in the Jammalamadugu taluk and in the Cuddapah town. It is said to be due to the adverse character of the season.

6. *Anantapur*.—The decrease in this district is reported to be due to the cheapness of toddy, the unfavourable state of the season and the high price of country spirits.

7. *Kurnool*.—The decrease in the Cumbum and Markapur taluks is attributable to the enhancement of the rate of Excise duty from Rs. 1-5-0 to Rs. 3-1-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof. The decrease in the rest of the district is said to be due to the bad season and the further extension of the system of independent sale of shops.

8. *Madras*.—The decrease in the town is explained as due to absence of rain in the month in question, the effect of heavy monsoon rains being to increase the consumption of arrack. The decrease in the cantonment shops is ascribed to the opening of a regimental canteen at St. Thomas' Mount and to the removal of a wing of a native regiment from Pallavaram.

9. *Chingleput*.—The increase in consumption is noticeable in the Ponnéri taluk and in the Conjeeveram town. In the former it is attributed to the State Railway works, while the cause for the increase in the latter is being ascertained.

10. *South Arcot*.—The decrease in the frontier taluks is very large amounting to 16,219 proof-gallons. It is partly attributable to the enhancement of the rate of Excise duty and the unfavourable state of the season. The Inspectors of the Cuddalore and Villupuram Circles believe that the consumption of cheap French liquor on the frontier partly accounts for the decrease. The Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, reports that the decrease is mainly due to the failure of the ground-nut season. The Collector of South Arcot and the Deputy Commissioners, Central and Southern

Divisions, will be requested to make further inquiries regarding the matter. The Assistant Commissioner, Negapatam, will be requested to order particular attention to be paid to the working of the preventive force along the frontier.

11. *Tanjore*.—The increase in consumption is said to be due to the cheapness of country spirits.

12. *Madura and Salem*.—The increase in these districts is reported to be due to the increased facilities afforded for the supply of country spirits by the opening of a greater number of depôts in the current year.

13. *Tinnevelly and Coimbatore*.—The increase in these districts is said to be due to the favourable state of the season. The prevailing high price of toddy on account of the introduction of the tree-tax system is assigned as an additional reason by the Collector of Tinnevelly.

14. The variations in the remaining districts are small and call for no remark. On the whole the adverse state of the season in parts of the Presidency has produced very little effect on consumption so far.

FOREIGN SPIRITS.

15. The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued up to the month amounted to Rs. 9,350 proof-gallons in 1896-97 against Rs. 6,981 in 1895-96, being an increase of Rs. 2,369 proof-gallons or about 34 per cent. The variations in the several districts are explained below.

16. *Ganjam*.—The Manager of the Aska distillery attributes the decrease to the cheap rates at which country spirits are being sold at present, being the result of reckless competition among the renters.

17. *Anantapur*.—The decrease is reported to be due to absence of demand in the Dharmavaram tavern.

18. *Madras*.—The increase up to the month is ascribed to the sale of gin manufactured in the Vepery and Ránipétai distilleries. The Deputy Commissioner, Central Division, will be requested to report whether this liquor is being consumed largely by the classes accustomed to drink ordinary arrack and how its retail prices compare strength for strength with that of the latter.

19. *Trichinopoly*.—Six hundred and sixty-nine gallons out of 692 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 fluctuations in the requirements of the Mission.

20. *Coimbatore*.—The decrease in this district is reported to be due to a falling off in the demand for locally-made foreign spirits at Mettupálaiyam. The cause of this falling off should, however, be ascertained and the Deputy Commissioner is requested to make further inquiries.

21. *Nilgiris*.—The increase in this district is attributed to a larger number of coolies being employed on the Railway works in the district.

22. The variations in the other districts being small, require no explanation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

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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 October 1896.

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. Ganjam	1895-96 .. 10	1,933	6,738	4,048	32,191	37	309
	1896-97 .. 35	2,379	9,288	5,389	42,441	60	183
2. Vizagapatam	1895-96 .. 45	10,495	1,450	7,955	52,042	..	..
	1896-97 .. 45	9,072	925	6,756	48,665	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1895-96 .. 2,485	10,337	3,447	10,603	49,250	..	..
	1896-97 .. †	†	†	†	47,017	..	..
4. Nellore	1895-96	5,434	..	3,804	20,626	..	..
	1896-97	6,516	..	4,562	24,534	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1895-96 .. 2,339	2,049	..	3,306	22,796	..	..
	1896-97 .. 2,674	1,833	..	3,492	21,192	..	71
6. Anantapur	1895-96 .. 864	1,930	..	2,042	11,639	40	392
	1896-97 .. 727	862	..	1,185	9,804	34	211
7. Bellary	1895-96 .. 458	5,260	..	4,048	23,486	32	343
	1896-97 .. †	†	†	†	19,129	46	380
8. Kurnool	1895-96 .. 1,894	676	300	2,108	13,040	23	129
	1896-97 .. 1,516	351	..	1,458	10,551	28	97
9. Madras	Madras town including the outside shops. 1895-96 .. 23	8,727	..	6,131	34,490	..	..
	The rest of the Madras Town Circle. 1896-97 .. 79	7,947	..	5,626	33,699	141	309
	1895-96	2,559	..	1,791	9,061	484	2,137
	1896-97	2,124	..	1,487	8,045	..	..
10. Chingleput	1895-96 .. 30	5,535	..	3,839	17,219	..	..
	1896-97	5,360	..	3,751	19,909	..	..
11. North Arcot	1895-96 .. 450	10,536	..	7,735	39,020	..	7
	1896-97 .. 520	10,203	..	7,558	38,677	..	17
12. South Arcot	1895-96 .. 52	15,027	48	10,579	56,399	..	1
	1896-97 .. 16	9,193	53	6,489	39,304	..	12
13. Tanjore	1895-96 .. 36	5,265	10	3,718	19,999	..	..
	1896-97 .. 1	5,948	..	4,164	23,008	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1895-96 .. 117	6,186	..	4,424	23,141	161	1,052
	1896-97 .. 102	5,721	..	4,086	22,635	203	692
15. Madura	1895-96	5,867	..	4,107	20,794	..	24
	1896-97	6,689	..	4,683	24,451	..	24
16. Tinnevelly	1895-96	2,996	..	2,097	10,361	..	..
	1896-97	3,385	..	2,369	12,572	..	..
17. Coimbatore	1895-96 .. 3,413	1,876	..	4,044	23,568	95	587
	1896-97 .. 3,565	1,921	..	4,197	25,615	53	318
18. Nilgiris	1895-96 .. 10	3,651	..	2,563	17,832	..	3,828
	1896-97 .. 74	3,389	..	2,432	17,564	757	5,186
19. Salem	1895-96 .. 128	8,824	..	6,279	34,579	..	..
	1896-97 .. 44	7,504	..	5,288	34,849	..	6
20. South Canara (Excise tracts)	1895-96	2,238	..	1,567	10,658	..	..
	1896-97 .. †	†	†	†	24,322	..	..
21. Malabar	Wynaad taluk .. 1895-96 .. 399	..	..	319	2,643	..	..
	Other Excise taluks 1896-97 .. †	†	†	†	2,718	..	..
	1895-96 .. 1,042	4,155	1,565	4,368	25,772	..	16
	1896-97 .. †	†	†	†	19,191	..	..
Total	1895-96 .. 13,780	1,21,556	13,558	1,01,535	5,70,606	529	6,981
	1896-97 .. 9,373	1,20,497	10,266	74,951	5,69,892	1,665	9,350

* Revised figure.

† The statements have not been received.

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