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of the sales of the privilege of sale of opium
in the several districts of the Presidency for
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 204, dated 25th May 1897.

The Board begs to submit, for the information of Government, the appended statement showing the results of the sales of the privilege of vending opium in the several districts of the Presidency for 1897-98, as compared with those for 1896-97. The sales resulted in a net decrease of Rs. 25,319½ or about 7.1 per cent. which is chiefly attributable to the prohibition under the revised Opium rules of the manufacture and sale in opium shops of preparations used in smoking. Explanations for the variations in the several districts are briefly noted below.

2. The increase in Ganjám, Vizagapatam (Agency tracts), Kistna, Cuddapah and Malabar is reported to be due to competition amongst the bidders. In Ganjám it is, however, also due to the opening of two new shops at Udayagiri and Tikkaballi for the current year. In Vizagapatam (ordinary tracts), Madras Town Circle, North Arcot, South Arcot, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore and Salem, the decrease is ascribed to the cause mentioned in paragraph 1 *supra*. The adverse state of the season and want of competition are also assigned as additional reasons in North Arcot and Coimbatore respectively. The fall in Godáviri and Nellore is attributed to the losses which it is said have been sustained by the renters of the previous year. The Collector of Godáviri adds that the large decrease in the district is, to a great extent, the consequence of the unfavourable character of the season and the high prices prevailing all through the district. The decrease in Bellary is explained as due partly to the difficulty of procuring supplies of opium in Hospet from Madras and partly to the adverse state of the season. The variations in the remaining districts are small and call for no remark.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

(True Copy.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to all Collectors." all Deputy Commissioners.
" all Assistant Commissioners.
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APPENDIX.

STATEMENT showing the results of the sales of opium farms and shops in the several districts of the Madras Presidency for 1897-98 as compared with those for 1896-97.

Districts.	1896-97.		1897-98.		Increase or decrease (+ or -).
	Number of farms.	Rentals.	Number of farms.	Rentals.	
Ganjám	3	Rs. 33,000	3 farms and 2 shops.	Rs. 36,605	+ 3,605
Vizagapatam (including the Agency tracts)	14	58,995	14	62,123	+ 3,128
Godáviri	34	1,14,670	34	99,350	- 15,320
Kistna	13	36,139	13	37,499	+ 1,360
Nellore	11	5,951	12	5,470	- 481
Cuddapah	6	2,037	11	7,210	+ 5,173
Anantapur	7	6,308	7	5,088	- 1,220
Bellary	8	6,847	8	6,709	- 138
Kurnool	2	20,000	2	14,850	- 5,150
Madras Town Circle	5	1,298	5	971	- 327
Chingleput (excluding the Saidapet taluk)	15	10,480	15	6,902	- 3,578
North Arcot	8	2,443	8	1,383	- 1,060
South Arcot	8	† 6,272	9	3,184	- 3,088
Tanjore	5	5,555	5	2,362	- 3,193
Trichinopoly	8	3,978	8	4,291	+ 313
Madura	9	2,522	5	2,636	+ 114
Tinnevely	10	5,366	10	4,451	- 915
Coimbatore	2	7,440	2	7,610	+ 170
Nilgiris	9	6,167	9	3,957†	- 2,209†
Salem	1	1,300	1	1,415	+ 115
South Canara	10	† 14,744	10	16,930	+ 2,186
Malabar					
Total	201	† 3,57,033	197 farms (2 shops)	3,31,713½	- 25,319½

• Excludes the opium shops in the Agency tracts.

† Revised subsequently.