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of the Madras Presidency in April 1897.*

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 228, dated 5th June 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 the month of April 1897.

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 7,075 proof-gallons or about 8·8 per cent., of which, however, about 6,173 gallons will be covered by consumption in the Chingleput and Malabar districts, the returns for which have not yet been received. The following explanations are offered by the Collectors for the variations in the several districts.
3. *Ganjām, Vizagapatam, Bellary and Madras (Madras town, including the outside shops).*—The decrease is attributed to the unfavourable state of the season; in Ganjām also to the closure of certain shops.
4. *Kistna.*—The increase is attributed to the introduction of the Excise system into the Bāpatla taluk.
5. *Nellore.*—The Collector reports that the increase is mainly due to the extension of the Independent shop system which has now been a year in force and the Bez-wada-Madras Railway works now in progress.
6. *Cuddapah.*—The increase in consumption has not been explained by the Collector. It is probably due to competition between the renters.
7. *Anantapur.*—The decrease is ascribed to the cheapness of toddy, the high price of arrack and the adverse state of the season.
8. *Kurnool.*—The increase is ascribed to large consumption in certain villages on the occasion of festivals.
9. *North Arcot.*—The increase is attributed to low prices of arrack in certain shops owing to competition among the renters.
10. *Tanjore.*—The increase is attributed to the institution of two warehouses which afford greater facilities for the purchase of liquor than in the corresponding part of the previous year.
11. *Trichinopoly.*—The increase is not explained.
12. *Madura, Tinnevely and Coimbatore.*—The increase is attributed to the favourable character of the season.
13. *Salem.*—The increase is reported to be due to the opening of a larger number of wholesale depôts than in the previous year.
14. *South Canara.*—The decrease is attributed to dearness of provisions and the failure of the areca-nut crop.
15. The variations in the other tracts from which reports have been received are small and call for no remarks.

FOREIGN SPIRITS.

16. The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued in the month under review amounted to 1,658 proof-gallons against 1,105 in 1896–97, being an increase of 553 proof-gallons or a little above 50 per cent. The variations in the several districts are explained below.

17. *Madras.*—The increase is attributed to large imports of country-made foreign liquor from the Rānipéttai distillery.

18. *Trichinopoly.*—The figures shown against this district in columns 7 and 8 of the Appendix 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 reported to be due to fluctuations in the requirements of the Mission.

19. *The Nilgiris.*—The increase is attributed to a growing preference for foreign liquor as compared with country liquor. There has, however, been no decrease in the consumption of the latter.

20. The variations in the other districts are small and call for no remarks.

(True Extract.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" all Collectors.
" the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division.
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" 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 April 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. Ganjam	1896-97..	73	8,031	15,087	9,615	9,615	8	8
	1897-98..	20	3,035	10,889	6,538	6,538	10	10
2. Vizagapatam	1896-97..	67	10,279	2,190	8,124	8,124	..	..
	1897-98..	70	8,681	1,348	6,671	6,671	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1896-97..	2,050	5,882	652	5,808	5,808	..	..
	1897-98..	604	8,068	818	6,338	6,338	..	..
4. Nellore	1896-97..	..	3,939	..	2,757	2,757	..	..
	1897-98..	..	4,533	..	3,173	3,173	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1896-97..	1,481	1,287	..	2,486	2,486	..	..
	1897-98..	3,339	1,495	..	2,917	2,917	7	7
6. Anantapur	1896-97..	823	656	..	1,118	1,118	48	48
	1897-98..	465	603	..	794	794	..	..
7. Bellary	1896-97..	623	3,524	..	2,965	2,965	48	48
	1897-98..	427	2,640	..	2,190	2,190	29	29
8. Kurnool	1896-97..	1,149	150	..	1,027	1,027	24	24
	1897-98..	1,375	140	..	1,198	1,198	29	29
9. Madras	Madras town, including the outside shops.	62	7,271	..	5,139	5,139	159	159
	The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	65	6,700	..	4,742	4,742	459	459
	1896-97..	..	1,783	..	1,248	1,248	..	..
	1897-98..	..	1,747	..	1,223	1,223	..	..
10. Chingleput	1896-97..	2	2,324	..	1,628	1,628	..	..
	1897-98..	†	†	..	†	†	..	..
11. North Arcot	1896-97..	227	4,729	..	3,492	3,492	..	..
	1897-98..	394	5,891	..	4,439	4,439	24	24
12. South Arcot	1896-97..	..	8,027	..	5,619	5,619	..	..
	1897-98..	..	7,995	..	5,598	5,598	..	..
13. Tanjore	1896-97..	6	4,405	..	3,088	3,088	..	..
	1897-98..	..	4,850	..	3,255	3,255	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1896-97..	51	4,132	..	2,933	2,933	76	76
	1897-98..	98	4,449	..	3,193	3,193	46	46
15. Madura	1896-97..	..	4,385	..	3,069	3,069	..	..
	1897-98..	..	4,870	..	3,479	3,479	..	..
16. Tinnevely	1896-97..	..	2,050	..	1,435	1,435	..	..
	1897-98..	..	2,780	..	1,946	1,946	..	..
17. Coimbatore	1896-97..	2,902	1,269	..	3,282	3,282	..	..
	1897-98..	3,637	1,268	..	3,810	3,810	48	48
18. Nilgiris	1896-97..	94	3,349	..	2,420	2,420	742	742
	1897-98..	87	3,399	..	2,449	2,449	1,006	1,006
19. Salem	1896-97..	6	6,500	..	4,555	4,555	..	..
	1897-98..	40	7,583	..	5,340	5,340	..	..
20. South Canara (Excise tracts)	1896-97..	..	6,690	..	4,683	4,683	..	..
	1897-98..	..	6,099	..	4,269	4,269	..	..
21. Malabar	Wynaad taluk	691	†	..	553	553	..	..
	Other Excise taluks	701	4,283	1,084	3,992	3,992	..	..
	1896-97..	†	†	†	†	†	..	..
	1897-98..	†	†	†	†	†	..	..
Total	1896-97..	11,097	91,645	19,022	80,637	80,637	1,105	1,105
	1897-98..	9,621	86,803	12,757	73,563	73,563	1,658	1,658

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