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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 March 1897.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 181, dated 10th May 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 March 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 1,940 proof gallons or about ·2 per cent. The following are the explanations offered by the Collectors for the variations in the several districts.

3. *Ganjám and Nellore.*—The increase is attributed to the extension of the system of separate sale of shops. In Ganjám it is also ascribed to the low prices of arrack during the year 1896–97.

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

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

6. *Kurnool.*—The decrease is ascribed to the extension of the system of separate sale of shops, the enhancement of the Excise duty and the unfavourable season.

7. *Madras.*—The increase in the Madras town and the outside shops is small. The decrease in the cantonment shops is attributed 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. *Chingleput.*—The increase is ascribed to the works in progress in the Ponnéri taluk in connection with the Madras-Bezwada Railway and to the high price of toddy due to the supply being scanty.

9. *North Arcot and Tanjore.*—The increase is stated to be due to the low prices charged for arrack.

10. *South Arcot.*—The decrease, chiefly in the frontier taluks, is attributed to the enhancement of the rates of Excise duty and to the consumption of cheap French liquor.

11. *Trichinopoly.*—The increase, chiefly in the Trichinopoly taluk, is reported to be due 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, Tinnevelly and Coimbatore.*—The increase is ascribed to the favourable character of the season. In Madura it is also attributed to the increase in the number of wholesale depôts opened during the year.

13. *Nilgiris.*—The decrease 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 under review.

15. *South Canara.*—The increase is due to the fact that the Mangalore and Uppinangadi 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 increase in Wynaad is small. The decrease in the other Excise taluks has not been satisfactorily accounted for by the Collector. In certain taluks the decrease is reported to be due to the adverse state of the season.

FOREIGN SPIRITS.

17. The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued up to the month amounted to 13,833 proof gallons in 1896–97 against 13,932 in 1895–96, being a decrease of 99 proof gallons or about ·7 per cent. The variations in the several districts are explained below.

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

19. No explanation has been offered by the Collector of Anantapur for the decrease in his district.

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.*—One thousand one hundred and eighty-six out of 1,209 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 reported to be due to the small purchases made by the Méttupálaiyam tavern-keeper during 1896–97.

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

(True Extract.)

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Acting Secretary.

(True Copy.)

Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" all Collectors.
" the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division.
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" to the Inspector, Madras Town Circle.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

APPENDIX.

COMPARATIVE statement of consumption of spirits in the several Excise tracts of the Madras Presidency in and up to the month of March 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. Ganjám	1895-96..	..	1,348	4,932	2,917	52,504	28	544
	1896-97..	..	988	3,334	2,025	61,695	20	331
2. Vizagapatam	1895-96..	..	6,366	650	4,717	84,020	..	..
	1896-97..	6	4,291	482	3,202	74,041	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1895-96..	2,389	8,030	1,029	7,944	100,482	..	..
	1896-97..	1,268	6,739	647	5,991	88,830	..	..
4. Nellore	1895-96..	..	2,847	..	1,993	34,918	..	..
	1896-97..	..	4,598	..	3,219	42,796	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1895-96..	2,155	1,320	..	2,648	37,343	..	306
	1896-97..	2,002	1,170	..	2,421	33,812	..	94
6. Anantapur	1895-96..	430	572	..	745	16,627	7	570
	1893-97..	567	428	..	753	13,742	..	224
7. Bellary	1895-96..	168	2,973	..	2,215	36,457	11	540
	1896-97..	247	2,252	..	1,774	30,645	28	524
8. Kurnool	1895-96..	846	311	49	914	18,400	12	226
	1896-97..	1,085	257	..	1,048	15,774	35	207
9. Madras — Madras town, including the outside shops.	1895-96..	24	5,517	..	3,881	57,112		
	1896-97..	20	5,790	..	4,069	57,447	148	1,437
9. Madras — The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	1895-96..	..	1,592	..	1,114	16,034	336	3,193
	1896-97..	..	1,428	..	1,000	14,324		
10. Chingleput	1895-96..	..	2,068	..	1,447	29,955	..	..
	1896-97..	..	3,091	..	2,164	35,736	..	..
11. North Arcot	1895-96..	314	4,762	..	3,584	63,482	1	8
	1896-97..	244	5,201	..	3,836	65,719	..	17
12. South Arcot	1895-96..	..	8,095	..	5,667	92,753	..	6
	1896-97..	..	7,295	3	5,108	67,319	..	12
13. Tanjore	1895-96..	3	3,114	..	2,183	31,882	..	16
	1896-97..	..	4,006	..	2,804	39,774	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1895-96..	70	3,638	..	2,603	38,250	154	1,618
	1896-97..	52	3,887	..	2,763	40,306	129	1,209
15. Madura	1895-96..	..	3,382	..	2,368	37,059	..	64
	1896-97..	..	4,693	..	3,285	43,594	..	32
16. Tinnevelly	1895-96..	..	1,617	..	1,132	20,360	..	..
	1896-97..	..	2,130	..	1,491	24,603	..	..
17. Coimbatore	1895-96..	2,340	1,356	..	2,821	39,787	48	952
	1896-97..	3,171	1,350	..	3,482	44,989	30	528
18. Nilgiris	1895-96..	10	3,315	..	2,329	29,382	393	7,613
	1896-97..	76	3,550	..	2,516	29,195	273	7,416
19. Salem	1895-96..	6	5,962	..	4,178	57,476	..	..
	1896-97..	13	6,050	..	4,245	60,446	..	6
20. South Canara (Excise tracts)	1895-96..	..	5,794	..	4,056	30,286	..	..
	1896-97..	..	4,502	..	3,152	41,258	..	..
21. Malabar — Wynaad taluk	1895-96..	699	..	..	559	5,526	..	32
	1896-97..	600	..	..	480	5,823		
21. Malabar — Other Excise taluks	1895-96..	932	4,291	1,409	4,313	46,181	..	40
	1896-97..	941	4,519	1,036	4,330	43,068		
Total	1895-96..	10,386	78,270	8,069	66,328	*976,876	802	*13,932
	1896-97..	10,292	78,215	5,502	65,188	974,936	851	13,833

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