

Revenue (1897) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3426

DATED 20th July

[Despatch Abstract.]

Informing T. Ratnasami Nadar
Arumakk Supply contractor, Malabar Dt. that it
has been decided to extend his contract for
one year

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CURRENT No.

From

J. Ratnasami Nador,
Arack Supply Contractor,
Malabar St.

No.

Dated 14th July 1897

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Sub. No. 3 of 268/20 to July 1897
Order

Petitioner will be informed that it
has been decided to extend his contract for
one year & that Govt sees no reason for
extending it further.

[Signature]

SUBJECT.

Praying that the lease
of arack supply to the
Malabar St. may be
extended for another
three years from 1st Oct.
next.

List
19/7/97

To the Petitioner No. 23-7-97

Note. Reference is made to the 5th
of the note for orders on the 10th proposals
for the management of the Arack in
Malabar during 1897-98. The G.O.
is in the Press.

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PEITION



To

His Excellency the GOVERNOR in Council

of Fort St. George,

OOTACAMUND.

*The humble petition of T. Ratnasami Nadar,
Arrack supply Contractor of Malabar District
most respectfully sheweth:—*

That petitioner's current lease of the arrack supply to the Malabar District expires by the 30th September 1897, and so he begs to submit the following facts to Your Excellency's kind consideration and to request that Your Excellency will be pleased to grant him a further extension of his said contract for another 3 years from 1st October next on the same conditions as at present.

The excise system of Malabar was in a state of confusion and disorder, and to bring it to a satisfactory condition, the Honorable Board of Revenue invited petitioner and offered the lease to him for three years from 1st October 1891. The Honorable Board furnished petitioner an account of the quantity of consumption as shown in the margin and petitioner was led to believe that his undertaking would be remunerative as the consumption will be doubled after the abolition of the amsom distilleries. So, petitioner established 4 distilleries in the District at a very high cost. But as a matter of fact, the consumption was not so much as was expected even for one year during the last six years, which will be evident from the account noted below for five years.

	Year.	Quantity.
In	1,888-89,	74,613. Gallons.
"	1,889-90,	57,716. "
"	1,890-91,	66,632. "
"	1,892-93,	39,600. Gallons.
"	1,893-94,	30,700. "
"	1,894-95,	40,700. "
"	1,895-96,	46,180. "
"	1,896-97,	42,700. "

Even this reduced consumption had been attended by certain unforeseen circumstances beyond his control which had proved adverse to his interests. For, at the outset of his contract he had no sufficient time allowed to manufacture arrack locally in his distilleries to meet the supply and so he had to import arrack from Colombo and Travancore where he had to make the purchases at higher rates than that allowed to petitioner in terms of his contract and to pay the transit charges in addition.

Petitioner used to spend large amounts every year for improvements under the orders of the salt and abkari authorities. He is put to great loss owing to the work of the same nature being done several times, and on improvements of instruments.

The tree tappers in Cannanore made a strike in consequence of certain regulations enforced by Government which resulted in petitioner not being able

to obtain sufficient quantity of toddy for distillation and so he had to import arrack from Paravoor and other places in Travancore at very great expense. Even at much pecuniary loss, not to speak of his personal inconvenience, petitioner spared no pains to meet the demands of arrack without any complaint, whereas the former contractors have been censured and fined for not meeting the ordinary demands for arrack.

In 92-93 the Government opened several excise depôts in the rural parts of the District under its own management. These having become unsuccessful Mr. H. Bradley the then Collector of Malabar compelled petitioner to take up these and some additional depôts in 93-94. From that time forward petitioner has been managing the depôts and owing to insufficient consumption in these depôts petitioner was put to a loss of about Rs. 1200, for establishment annually besides the cost of the liquor counted as wastage nearly Rs. 300, or Rs. 1500 in all.

In 95-96, owing to the inconvenient orders of the local authorities there was no sufficient quantity of arrack in stock, and so petitioner was obliged to transport liquor from Travancore state and that was managed at a short period and at a great expense and thereby incurred a loss of about Rs. 2,000, in that year.

When Mr. Gibson was the abkari commissioner, his honour directed petitioner to close the distillery at Korapuzha. It was accordingly done and the pipes and the other plants and articles were removed. This distillery was again ordered to be reopened. In so opening again the distillery petitioner incurred a very large expenditure.

Mr. Bradley was very much pleased with the manner in which petitioner had conducted his first term of lease and recommended to the Honourable Board for an extension of the lease for three years. The Honourable Board was then pleased to confer the current triennial lease on petitioner. A reference to the correspondence between the Collector and the Honourable Board will convince your excellency of the trouble and difficulty petitioner has encountered and the heavy expenditure he has incurred to meet the demands of arrack.

Petitioner experiences very great difficulty and trouble in renting the trees from the jennies and in securing the service of the tappers.

Petitioner is prepared to carry out any improvements and alterations in his distilleries which the Government and the Commissioner may be pleased to order during the tenure of his lease.

Petitioner saw the Commissioner in person at Madras. His honor told him that he would write to the Government for an extension of the contract for one year. But as petitioner has incurred heavy loss, he humbly begs to request that your excellency in council will be pleased to grant an extension of the contract for three years more under the present conditions and protect petitioner.

MADRAS,
14th July 1897. }

J. B. [Signature]