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Recording statement of consumption of -
country spirits & of locally-made foreign
spirits in the several Excise Districts of the
Madras Presidency in & up to the month of
May 1877.

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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 May 1897.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 264, dated 5th July 1897.

The Board begs 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 May 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 10,172 proof-gallons, or about 6.4 per cent., of which, however, about 2,000 gallons will be covered by consumption in the Chingleput district, the return for which has not yet been received. The following explanations are offered by the Collectors for the variations in the several districts:

3. *Nellore*.—The increase is reported to be due to the extension of the Independent shop system which has now been a year in force and the Bezwada-Madras Railway works now in progress.

4. *North Arcot and Tanjore*.—The increase is attributed to the cheapness of arrack.

5. *Trichinopoly*.—The increase is ascribed to the rise in the selling price of toddy consequent on the rate of tree-tax being higher this year than in the previous year.

6. *Madura, Tinnevely and Coimbatore*.—The increase is attributed to the favourable character of the season.

7. *Salem*.—The increase is reported to be due to the greater facilities afforded by the opening of a larger number of wholesale depôts than in the previous year.

8. *Ganjâm, Vizagapatam, Kistna, Anantapur, Bellary, Madras town (including the outside shops) and South Canara*.—The decrease in these districts is attributed to the unfavourable state of the season. In Ganjâm it is also said to be due to the closure of certain shops; and in Anantapur and Madras town to the cheapness of toddy.

9. *Cuddapah and Malabar*.—The variations in these districts have not been explained by the Collectors.

10. The variations in the other tracts from which reports have been received are small and call for no remarks.

FOREIGN SPIRITS.

11. The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued up to the month under review amounted to 3,014 proof-gallons, against 2,184 in 1896-97, being an increase of 830 proof-gallons or a little above 38 per cent. The variations in the several districts are explained below.

12. *Ganjâm*.—The decrease is attributed to low prices of arrack owing to keen competition among the renters.

13. *Anantapur*.—The decrease is reported to be due to there being no demand for foreign spirits.

14. *Bellary*.—The decrease is ascribed to the unfavourable character of the season.

15. *Madras*.—The increase has not been explained by the Deputy Commissioner, Central division.

16. *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 slight compared with the previous year.

17. *Coimbatore*.—The issues made to this district are reported to be due to the purchases made by the Erode tavern-keeper.

18. *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.

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

(True Extract.)

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(True Copy.)

Assistant Secretary.

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.

Erd. Shaik Karim.

APPENDIX.

COMPARATIVE statement of consumption of spirits in the several Excise tracts of the Madras Presidency in and up to the month of May 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..	18	3,073	9,467	5,952	15,567	46	54
	1897-98..	38	1,231	6,593	3,499	10,037	21	31
3. Visagapatam .. .	1896-97..	23	8,569	1,250	6,529	14,654	..	..
	1897-98..	2,341	5,984	515	4,413	11,084	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts) ..	1896-97..	715	8,195	1,049	8,029	13,837	..	..
	1897-98..	..	5,613	560	4,725	11,063	..	..
4. Nellore	1896-97..	..	4,076	..	2,853	5,610	..	..
	1897-98..	..	4,095	..	2,867	6,040	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1896-97..	2,028	1,066	..	2,368	4,454	..	..
	1897-98..	2,460	1,358	..	2,918	5,835	15	23
6. Anantapur	1896-97..	1,022	1,035	..	1,542	2,660	7	55
	1897-98..	568	717	..	957	1,751	7	7
7. Bellary	1896-97..	352	4,352	..	3,328	6,293	64	112
	1897-98..	420	2,948	..	2,400	4,590	17	46
8. Kurnool	1896-97..	1,536	291	..	1,433	2,460	..	24
	1897-98..	1,470	159	..	1,287	2,485	8	32
9. Madras .. { Madras town, including the outside shops. The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	1896-97..	80	6,031	..	4,286	9,425	255	414
	1897-98..	..	5,227	..	3,659	8,401	162	621
	1896-97..	..	1,207	..	845	2,093	..	..
	1897-98..	23	1,185	..	829	2,052	..	..
10. Chingleput	1896-97..	..	3,570	..	2,517	4,145	..	..
	1897-98..	†	†	..	†	2,178	..	..
11. North Arcot	1896-97..	366	6,707	..	4,987	8,479	..	..
	1897-98..	418	7,004	..	5,237	9,678	..	34
12. South Arcot	1896-97..	..	6,748	..	4,724	10,343	..	..
	1897-98..	..	7,126	12	4,993	10,591	..	..
13. Tanjore	1896-97..	2	3,332	..	2,334	5,422	..	..
	1897-98..	..	3,373	..	2,361	5,616	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1896-97..	49	4,041	..	2,868	5,801	62	138
	1897-98..	63	4,258	..	3,030	6,223	90	136
15. Madura	1896-97..	..	4,011	..	2,808	5,877	..	..
	1897-98..	..	4,227	..	2,959	6,438	8	8
16. Tinnevely	1896-97..	..	1,328	..	1,280	2,715	..	..
	1897-98..	..	2,279	..	1,596	3,542	..	..
17. Coimbatore	1896-97..	3,087	1,400	..	3,450	6,732	..	..
	1897-98..	3,712	1,504	..	4,022	7,832	51	99
18. The Nilgiris	1896-97..	105	3,516	..	2,545	4,965	645	1,387
	1897-98..	109	3,544	..	2,568	5,017	982	1,988
19. Salem	1896-97..	..	7,087	..	4,961	9,516	..	..
	1897-98..	..	8,728	..	6,110	11,450	..	..
20. South Canara (Excise tracts) ..	1896-97..	..	7,461	..	5,223	9,906	..	..
	1897-98..	..	6,556	..	4,589	8,858	..	..
21. Malabar .. { Wynaad taluk ..	1896-97..	602	..	..	482	1,035	..	..
	1897-98..	895	..	..	718	1,432	..	..
	1896-97..	601	3,179	1,060	3,130	7,122	..	..
	1897-98..	765	3,016	751	3,024	6,750	..	..
Total ..		1896-97..	12,250	90,775	12,826	78,474	159,111	1,079
		1897-98..	11,617	80,132	8,431	68,759	148,939	1,356
								2,184
								3,014

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