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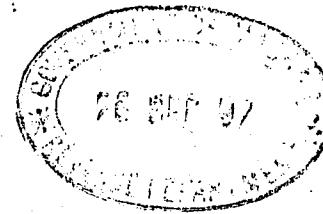
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 373, dated 2nd September 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 July 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 29,197 proof-gallons, or about 8.9 per cent., of which, however, about 1,500 gallons will be covered by the consumption in the Kurnool 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. *North Arcot*.—The increase is attributed to the cheapness of arrack owing to competition among the renters.

4. *Madura and Salem*.—The increase is reported to be due to the opening of a larger number of shops in Madura and of wholesale depôts in Salem than in the previous year.

5. *Tinnevely and Coimbatore*.—The increase is ascribed to the favourable character of the season.

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

7. *Chingleput*.—The decrease is reported to be chiefly due to less labour being now employed on the railway works in the Ponnéri taluk and the water-supply works in Conjeeveram town than in the previous year.

8. *Tanjore*.—The decrease is ascribed to the opening of a smaller number of wholesale depôts in the Tanjore and Kumbakónam taluks as compared with the previous year.

9. *Cuddapah and Malabar (Wynaad taluk)*.—The variations in these tracts 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 6,527 proof-gallons against 5,536 in 1896-97, being an increase of 991 proof-gallons or about 17.9 per cent. The variations in the several districts are explained below.

12. *Madras*.—The increase is attributed to large importation of country-made gin from the Ranipettai distillery.

13. *North Arcot*.—The increase is reported to be due to the sale, in Kalahasti and Vellore taverns, of a quantity of gin obtained from the Nellikuppam distillery.

14. *The Nilgiris*.—The increase is ascribed to a growing preference for foreign liquor as compared with country liquor.

15. *Cuddapah*.—The decrease has not been explained by the Collector.

16. *Anantapur and Bellary*.—The decrease is attributed to the unfavourable character of the season.

17. *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.

18. *Ganjâm*.—The D-21 (a) statement of the Collector has not yet been received.

19. The variations in the other 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.
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" 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 July 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 ..	15	2,246	10,627	5,835	26,986	22	86
	1897-98 ..	..	1,908	7,399	4,295	18,829	15	126
2. Vizagapatam	1896-97 ..	34	8,971	900	6,667	23,437	..	..
	1897-98 ..	60	6,332	548	4,699	20,234	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1896-97 ..	2,670	8,585	1,110	8,590	30,827	..	..
	1897-98 ..	1,013	6,308	759	5,530	22,986	..	..
4. Nellore	1896-97 ..	..	4,738	..	3,317	12,303	..	..
	1897-98 ..	..	4,722	..	3,306	12,666	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1896-97 ..	2,551	1,776	..	3,284	11,447	11	62
	1897-98 ..	2,349	1,417	..	2,871	12,239	..	28
6. Anantapur	1896-97 ..	898	954	..	1,386	6,042	48	113
	1897-98 ..	454	694	..	849	3,926	14	28
7. Bellary	1896-97 ..	325	3,837	..	2,946	13,362	48	243
	1897-98 ..	439	3,037	..	2,477	10,680	37	111
8. Kurnool	1896-97 ..	1,634	348	..	1,551	6,972	..	41
	1897-98 ..	..	..	..	..	4,562	12	49
9. Madras	Madras town, including the outside shops.	1896-97 ..	93	6,230	..	4,435	18,076	..
	The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	1897-98 ..	..	5,200	..	3,640	15,574	295
		1896-97 ..	..	1,562	..	1,094	4,142	332
		1897-98 ..	..	1,502	..	1,051	4,040	..
10. Chingleput	1896-97 ..	..	4,853	..	3,397	10,098	..	..
	1897-98 ..	..	3,520	..	2,464	8,875	..	..
11. North Arcot	1896-97 ..	508	7,274	..	5,498	19,117	..	15
	1897-98 ..	441	7,015	..	5,263	20,399	17	42
12. South Arcot	1896-97 ..	..	9,298	19	6,515	22,242	..	..
	1897-98 ..	..	8,235	33	5,778	22,052	..	..
13. Tanjore	1896-97 ..	1	4,990	..	3,494	11,851	..	..
	1897-98 ..	4	3,705	..	2,697	10,793	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1896-97 ..	68	4,921	..	3,499	12,350	183	356
	1897-98 ..	54	4,312	..	3,062	12,466	84	304
15. Madras	1896-97 ..	..	5,034	..	3,524	12,537	..	16
	1897-98 ..	..	5,027	..	3,519	13,122	..	..
16. Tinnevely	1896-97 ..	..	2,677	..	1,874	6,095	..	..
	1897-98 ..	..	3,496	..	2,463	7,955	..	..
17. Coimbatore	1896-97 ..	20	3,505	..	4,094	14,584	42	193
	1897-98 ..	4,486	1,843	..	4,697	16,878	48	175
18. The Nilgiris	1896-97 ..	90	3,674	..	2,644	10,356	585	3,149
	1897-98 ..	123	3,312	..	2,417	10,015	900	3,710
19. Salem	1896-97 ..	32	7,232	..	5,058	19,553	..	..
	1897-98 ..	..	7,192	..	5,034	21,582	..	..
20. South Canara (Excise tracts)	1896-97 ..	..	5,646	..	3,952	18,086	..	..
	1897-98 ..	..	4,086	..	2,860	15,592	..	..
21. Malabar	Wynaad taluk ..	1896-97 ..	600	..	480	1,756	..	..
	Other Excise taluks ..	1897-98 ..	700	..	560	2,150	8	16
		1896-97 ..	757	2,787	880	2,909	..	6
		1897-98 ..	723	3,040	613	2,951	..	..
Total	1896-97 ..	13,761	99,476	13,536	66,073	329,218	1,242	5,536
	1897-98 ..	10,866	85,643	9,850	72,383	300,021	1,457	6,527

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