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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 2, dated 9th January 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 November 1896.

COUNTRY SPIRITS.

2. Compared with the corresponding period of last year, there has been in the excise tracts of the Presidency a net increase in consumption of 19,244 proof gallons or about 3 per cent. The following explanations are offered by the Collectors for the variations in the several districts.

3. *Ganjám and Nellore.*—The increase in these districts is ascribed to the further extension of the system of independent sale of shops. The Collector of Ganjám adds that the increase in his district is partly due also to the comparative cheapness of arrack this year.

4. *Vizagapatam.*—The decrease in this district is attributable to the fixing of a minimum selling price in the tracts in which shops were sold separately and in part to the unfavourable state of the season.

5. *Cuddapah, Anantapur and Bellary.*—The decrease in these districts is reported to be due to the adverse character of the season. In Anantapur it is stated to be partly due to the cheapness of toddy compared with the high price of country spirits.

6. *Kurnool.*—The decrease in consumption is attributable to the enhancement of the rate of excise duty from Rs. 1-5-0 to Rs. 3-1-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof in the Cumbum and Markapur taluks. It is said to be due also to the bad season and the further extension of the system of separate sale of shops throughout the district.

7. *Madras.*—The decrease in the town and in the outside shops is small, but there is a large decrease in the rest of the circle which is observed exclusively in the cantonment shops. It is stated to be due to the opening of native regimental canteens at Saint Thomas' Mount, which keep the native troops from resorting to the arrack shops.

8. *Chingleput.*—The increase in consumption is noticeable in the Ponnéri taluk and in Conjeeveram town. In the former, it is attributed to the State Railway works while it is reported that the cause for the increase in the latter has not yet been ascertained, though inquiries are being made.

9. *North Arcot, Tanjore, Tinnevelly and Coimbatore.*—The increase in these districts is stated to be due to the favourable state of the season. In North Arcot and Tanjore it is said to be due also to the low price of country spirits, while in Tinnevelly the insufficient supply of toddy in this part of the year and the use of arrack as medicine to prevent cholera are given as additional causes.

10. *South Arcot.*—The decrease in the frontier taluks is very large, amounting to 16,692 proof gallons. It is probably due in part to the enhancement of the rate of excise duty. It is reported to be due also to the unfavourable state of the season, the failure of the ground-nut crops and the consumption of cheap French liquor on the frontier. The Collector of South Arcot and the Deputy Commissioners, Central and Southern divisions, have been requested to make further inquiries on the subject. The attention of the Assistant Commissioner, Negapatam Sub-division, has also been invited to the necessity for increased watchfulness on the part of the preventive force along the frontier.

11. *Madura and Salem.*—The increase in these districts is said to be due to the increased facilities afforded for the supply of country spirits by the opening of a greater number of depôts in the current year.

12. *South Canara.*—The increase in this district 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.

13. *Malabar.*—The Collector reports that no special causes for the variations in consumption have been brought to his notice. But the large fall in consumption in the Calicut, Chirakkal and Kurumbranát taluks requires special investigation.

14. The variations in the remaining districts, being small, require no explanation.

FOREIGN SPIRITS.

15. The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued up to the month amounted to 10,134 proof gallons in 1896–97 against 8,827 in 1895–96, being an increase of 1,307 proof gallons or about 14·8 per cent. The variations in the several districts are explained below.

16. *Ganjám.*—The manager of the Aska distillery attributes the decrease to the cheap rates at which country spirits are being sold at present, being the result of reckless competition among the renters.

17. *Anantapur.*—The decrease is said to be due to absence of demand in the Dharmavaram tavern.

18. *Madras.*—The increase up to the month is ascribed to the sale of gin and brandy manufactured in the Vepery distillery.

19. *Trichinopoly.*—Seven hundred and thirty-seven gallons out of 760 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 fluctuations in the requirements of the Mission.

20. *Coimbatore.*—The decrease in this district is reported to be due to the tavern-keeper at Méttupálaiyam having purchased a smaller quantity of locally-made foreign spirits this year.

21. *Nilgiris.*—The increase is stated to be due to a larger number of coolies being employed on the Railway and Lake-filling works in the district.

22. The variations in the other districts are small and call for no remark.

(True Extract.)

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APPENDIX.

COMPARATIVE statement of consumption of spirits in the several Excise tracts of the Madras Presidency in and up to the month of November 1896.

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..	52	2,067	6,350	4,028	36,219	71	380
		1896–97..	2	1,658	5,269	3,270	45,711	31	214
2. Vizagapatam		1895–96..	40	8,552	1,025	6,428	58,470	..	..
		1896–97..	31	7,154	825	5,363	54,028	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)		1895–96..	2,534	11,188	1,651	10,519	• 59,729	..	..
		1896–97..	2,031	6,377	1,125	6,538	60,614	..	..
4. Nellore		1895–96..	..	4,629	..	3,240	23,866	..	..
		1896–97..	..	5,018	..	3,513	28,047	..	..
5. Cuddapah		1895–96..	2,349	1,732	..	3,092	25,888	..	..
		1896–97..	2,179	1,152	..	2,549	• 23,732	12	83
6. Anantapur		1895–96..	652	708	..	1,017	12,656	93	485
		1896–97..	541	548	..	816	• 10,628	7	218
7. Bellary		1895–96..	457	4,207	..	3,310	26,796	45	388
		1896–97..	126	2,415	..	1,791	23,224	27	407
8. Kurnool		1895–96..	1,434	432	56	1,470	14,510	22	151
		1896–97..	959	295	..	974	11,525	13	110
9. Madras	Madras town, including the outside shops.	1895–96..	38	6,358	..	4,481	38,971		
		1896–97..	49	7,204	..	5,082	38,781	35	344
	The rest of the Madras Town Circle	1895–96..	..	1,617	..	1,132	10,193	24	2,161
		1896–97..	..	1,717	..	1,202	9,247		
		1895–96..	4	2,941	..	2,061	19,280	..	..
		1896–97..	..	4,448	..	3,114	• 23,573	..	..
10. Chingleput		1895–96..	375	6,403	..	4,782	43,802	..	7
		1896–97..	356	8,958	..	6,555	45,232	..	17
11. North Arcot		1895–96..	..	9,165	..	6,415	62,814	..	1
		1896–97..	..	9,586	58	6,733	• 46,032	..	13
12. South Arcot		1895–96..	4	3,180	7	2,232	22,231	..	..
		1896–97..	..	5,117	..	3,582	26,590	..	..
13. Tanjore		1895–96..	101	4,056	..	2,920	26,061	42	1,094
		1896–97..	90	5,849	..	4,166	26,801	68	760
14. Trichinopoly		1895–96..	..	4,385	..	3,069	23,863	..	24
		1896–97..	..	6,250	..	4,375	28,826	..	24
15. Madura		1895–96..	6	3,105	..	2,178	12,539	..	..
		1896–97..	..	3,686	..	2,580	15,152	..	..
16. Tinnevelly		1895–96..	2,976	1,537	..	3,457	27,023	77	664
		1896–97..	3,745	1,820	..	4,270	29,885	44	362
17. Coimbatore		1895–96..	20	3,061	..	2,159	19,991	618	5,289
		1896–97..	72	3,229	..	2,318	19,882	850	5,736
18. Nilgiris		1895–96..	71	6,252	..	4,433	39,012	..	..
		1896–97..	55	8,761	..	6,177	41,026	..	6
19. Salem		1895–96..	..	1,390	..	973	11,631	..	..
		1896–97..	..	3,832	..	2,682	29,793	..	..
20. South Canara (Excise tracts)		1895–96..	802	..	..	642	3,285	..	..
		1896–97..	601	..	..	481	3,675		
21. Malabar	Wynaad taluk	1895–96..	980	3,812	1,761	4,157	29,929	8	24
		1896–97..	807	3,117	1,209	3,311	27,201		
	Other Excise taluks								
Total		1895–96..	12,895	90,777	10,844	78,195	648,761	1,068	8,827
		1896–97..	11,644	98,191	8,486	81,442	668,005	784	10,134

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