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Dated 11th Mar. 1899

[Despatch Abstract.]

approving the Board's proposal to
negotiate for the purchase of the Parli
and Chavakkat distilleries

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From

The Secretary to the Commissioner of
Salt, Abkari & Separate Revenue,
Madras.

Mis No. 322

Dated 27th February 1899.

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SUBJECT.

Requesting the sanction of
Government to the purchase of the
Parli and Chavakkat distilleries
belonging to the present Excise con-
tractor, Malabar.

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The Board's
proposal to negotiate
for the purchase of
the Parli and Chavakkat
distilleries is approved.

(From Order)

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To the Board SR.

From order

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue).

Dated 27th February 1899. 480-.

Mis No. 322

Resolution:-

The Board begs to address Government again in the matter of the construction of distilleries for the West Coast ^{Sandwich} in G.O. No. 694, Press, dated 19th November 1898.

2. Since receipt of the Government Order the matter has been under reference and consideration: the Commissioner has visited Parli and Chakkat and has discussed the subject with the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, the Assistant Commissioner and the Abkari Deputy Commissioner and has seen reason to modify in some respects the proposals made by him in the Proceedings dealt with in the Government order above referred to.

3. One of the greatest difficulties of the present method of working is the temptation which free tapping for distilleries in tree-tax areas holds out to the tappers and the contractor's underlings. The present contractor pays an insufficient price for the toddy brought to his distillery and the tappers retaliate, not only upon him but upon Government, by illicit sale. To such an extent is this carried on that the nominal yield of distillery tapped trees in Malabar is half that of trees tapped in South Canara and the spirit yield of the toddy only about two-thirds.

4. The ways of avoiding this difficulty were one of the chief matters discussed with the local officers and the

Commissioner hopes that he has arrived at a practicable solution of it, - this is to eventually restrict toddy tapping for distillation entirely to the strip of the Ponnani taluk lying west of Cochin territory between it and the sea, and south of the village of Arimur, that is the Chavakkat Deputy Tahsildar's division, and to supply all the toddy arrack required for the West Coast from a single distillery at Chavakkat. The local officers report that there is an ample number of trees there, and it will be a simple matter to develop the existing distillery so that it can supply as much as may be wanted. The building is recent and well constructed, space is ample and it can be added to indefinitely. Means of transport are readily available on the back waters.

Coincidentally, the Board would revert in the whole of this tract to the combined arrack and toddy renting system, making the distillery contractor the renter, and this, while getting over the difficulty of distillery tapping in a tree-tax area, would also enable it to abolish the Frontier No. II Circle and so make a large saving in establishment. The working of the tree-tax system within this tract owing to its conformation and to Cochin Abkari arrangements all along its side has been found unprofitable. A belt would of course be instituted along the north of the rented tract.

5. The only objection the Board can see to this plan is that it will deprive of their employment a number of men now engaged in distillery tapping elsewhere. The Board has seriously considered this and believes that there is no reason to think that these men will necessarily be deprived of their means of livelihood. The present contractor's difficulties in keeping them at work show that the tappers are by no means dependent on him for their living, and local reports and Customs returns show that the jaggery trade is being developed year by year. A statement of the latter is enclosed. ~~for Malabar and for South Malabar.~~ Owing to recent developments in the sugar business there is a demand for more jaggery than can be produced at present prices, and the Board believes that distillery tappers will find employment without difficulty in making jaggery.

6. The fact that his other distilleries will be thrown back on the contractor's hands might be considered a further reason against closing them without compensation, more especially in view of the fact that his venture has not been a successful one, but this difficulty may be got over without large expense. Korapuzha has already been taken up and paid for, for Railway purposes; the Cannanore distillery is in a rented building, the plant only being the contractor's. The Parli distillery is in fair working order at the present time, but its stills are not satisfactory in construction from the Abkari Deputy Commissioner's point of view; the rest of its plant would come in useful for Government purposes. The distillation there is from palmyra toddy only; palmyra toddy arrack is not consumed willingly by coconut toddy arrack drinkers and under recent arrangements it seems possible that Messrs. Parry & Co's molasses arrack may take its place. The Board would therefore anticipate a time when toddy distillation may be confined to coconut toddy at Chavakkat but is not as yet certain that it should at once proceed to do so. It proposes therefore to buy the Parli and Chavakkat distilleries, and it now requests Government's authority to treat with the present contractor for these at once so that payment may be made before the 1st April and part of the present provision of Rs. 22,500 utilized. Having secured the properties, the Board proposes to set to work without further delay to add to Chavakkat so as to make it capable of supplying the West Coast, using and adapting the contractor's plant as far as possible.

7. Valuation statements for the three distilleries are enclosed. They are no doubt much below what the contractor will demand, but the Board has reason to think he will be prepared to sell.

8. This done, the Board's proposals for future working will be somewhat on the following lines. The output of liquor at Parli distillery is very largely in excess of the demand for that sort of spirit and further consideration shows that it should not be abolished altogether its output will for the future be largely limited and eventually made to cease,

*The Board has been asked to submit a formal reappropriation statement for the necessary allotment
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while and as Chavakkat is being extended. Tenders for manufacture at the two distilleries will be invited, toddy being obtained solely in the rented tract above described for Chavakkat and for a limited area and output at Parli for a term of 3 years. The excise duty for that term should be raised by 50 per cent or less as Government may determine - no reason appearing for the continuance of the present low excise duty on the West Coast. The privilege of supplying coconut toddy arrack to South Canara and of "Malabar arrack" elsewhere should also form part of the contract. The contractor may be allowed the rate of cost price now in force ~~as a maximum~~ ^{and} required to set up excise depots for supply in the two districts and jaggery or molasses arrack should ~~continue~~ ^{be} compete on equal terms with toddy arrack, a further condition being added to those at present in force ^{in Malabar} to secure that, where the Collector so orders, both must be kept on sale at minimum rates and not one to the exclusion of the other. And the privilege should be paid for. These, however, are suggestions which require further consideration.

9. The Board requests the favour of very early orders on the proposal to purchase as above stated. It is now telegraphing to M. V. V. T. Kandasami Nadar asking him to meet the Commissioner in Madras to discuss the valuation of his distilleries.

(True Extract)

G. S. S. S.
Acting Secretary.

2.3.99.

To the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
with 4 Enclosures.

Statement showing the quantity of unrefined Sugar exported from the Malabar District during the years 1893-94 to 1897-98 and the first 10 months of the current year (1898-99)

Years	To Foreign Countries	Coastwise	Total
	cwt	cwt	cwt
1893-94	4,640	32,524	37,164
1894-95	2,411	18,958	21,369
1895-96	898	42,716	43,614
1896-97	7,127	41,771	48,898
1897-98	1,087	66,094	67,181
First 10 months of 1898-99	335	44,684	45,019

Board of Revenue
(Separate Revenue)
Madras.
2nd March 1899

K. S. S. S.
Assistant Secretary

Quantity.	Particulars.	Denomina- tion.	Rate.			Amount.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
12250	C. ft. of laterite in mortar	100 cft	14	"	"	1715	"	"
750	" " " " Mud work	-do-	20	"	"	150	"	"
55	Squares of tiled roofing including paper	Square	16	"	"	880	"	"
380	S. ft. of Doors & windows	S. ft.	8	"	"	190	"	"
429	C. ft. of () wood-work wrought & put up	c ft	1	"	"	429	"	"
11	Vats Kept in Warehouses	each	75	"	"	825	"	"
4	Receivers	each	35	"	"	140	"	"
2	Coolers	do	30	"	"	60	"	"
4	Fermentation vats	do	30	"	"	120	"	"
2	Copper Still (Capacity 750 g)	do	250	"	"	500	"	"
1	Pump	do	30	"	"	30	"	"
36	R. ft. of pipes 2" in diam	R. ft	"	12	"	27	"	"
208	R. ft. Do 1 1/2" - do.	do	"	12	"	156	"	"
16	R. ft. of Spent Wash Pipe	do	1	8	"	24	"	"
30	R. ft. of water-carrying pots	do	1	"	"	30	"	"
2	Smoke discharging pipes	each	8	"	"	16	"	"
Contingencies about 5 per cent. .. Other miscellaneous items						208	"	"
* Excludes the value of the land which calculated on twenty years' rental amounts to Rs 240.						Total ..	5500	"

Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue
Secy. to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

Secretary
Assistant Commissioner of
Salt and Abkari Revenue.

SPECIFICATION:—

Farli Distillery
Consolidated Abstract

Particulars	Amount		
Distillery building (per estimate attached)	R	a	p
	2,564	"	"
Stills - do - (do)	950	"	"
Distillery officers bungalow (do)	724	"	"
Plant (per valuation list attached)			
Copper stills complete	Rs 2200	"	"
Receivers	590	"	"
Liquor vats	1550	"	"
Fermentation vats	300	"	"
Pipes	217	8	"
Brass locks	131	"	"
Pumps	100	"	"
	5088	8	"
Out-houses			
Baling platform on river side	Rs 30	"	"
Distillery officers kitchen	50	"	"
Blacksmiths sheds	10	"	"
	90	"	"
	Rupees	9,416	8

* Excludes the value of the land which calculated at on twenty years' rental amounts to Rs. 330.

Board of Revenue
(Separate Revenue)
Madras
2nd March 1899

Assistant Secretary.

Assistant Commissioner.

From
THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF
SALT AND ABBARI REVENUE,
Col. Division,
To
THE SECRETARY TO THE
COMMISSIONER OF SALT, ABBARI
AND SEPARATE REVENUE.

Dated
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No.
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of 189 - 189.
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ABSTRACT:—

Quantity.	Particulars.	Denomina- tion.	Rate.			Amount.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
	<u>Distillery building</u>							
2189 cft	Foundation Laterite in mortar	per 100 cft	10	"	"	218	14	"
2138 cft	Basement do	do	10	"	"	213	13	"
12537 cft	Superstructure Brick in mud	do	8	"	"	1003	"	"
649 cft	Wood work	per cubic foot	"	12	"	486	12	"
654 cft	Doors & Windows (jungle wood)	per sq foot	"	4	"	163	6	"
5385 sq ft	Roofing. Rafters, beams & double pan tiles	per square	8	"	"	430	8	"
17	Sky Lights	each	"	12	"	12	12	"
401 sq ft	Flooring laterite lampu	per square	"	4	"	1	4	"
2540 sq ft	Celling Bamboos mat	do	"	8	"	12	12	"
3070 sq ft	Cementing with cement	do	"	8	"	15	10	"
2083 sq ft	Earth work	do	"	4	"	5	5	"
Contingencies @ about 5 per cent. ..								
Total ..						2564	"	"

This represents the present value of the building

Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue
Secy. to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

Assistant Commissioner of
Salt and Abkari Revenue.

SPECIFICATION:—

ABSTRACT:—

Quantity.	Particulars.	Denomina- tion.	Rate.			Amount.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
	<i>Shilla building</i>							
1510.7 cft	Foundation laterite in mortar	¢ 100 cft	10	"	"	151	"	"
1533.9 cft	Basement do	do	10	"	"	153	4	"
4055.0 cft	Superstructure do	do	10	"	"	406	"	"
1736 sq ft	Roofing wooden with missim tiles	¢ square	10	"	"	173	9	"
31.8 cft	Woodwork	¢ c ft	"	12	"	23	14	"
1094.7 cft	Earthwork	¢ square	"	4	"	4	12	"
189.0 sq ft	Flooring	do	"	4	"	1	7	"
282.0	Well Laterite on mortar	do	12	"	"	33	5	"
16.0	Wood work rough	¢ c ft	"	2	"	2	"	"
524.0	Roofing wooden without tiles	¢ square	"	2	"	"	13	"
	Contingencies @ about 5 per cent. ..							
						Total ..	950	" "

This represents the present value of the building

Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue
Secy. to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

Assistant Commissioner of
Salt and Abkari Revenue.

Assistant Commissioner.

From
THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF
SALT AND ABKARI REVENUE,
Sul-District

To
THE SECRETARY TO THE
COMMISSIONER OF SALT, ABKARI
AND SEPARATE REVENUE

Dated
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Assistant Commissioner.

From
THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF
SALT AND ABKARI REVENUE,
Sul-Division,
To
THE SECRETARY TO THE
COMMISSIONER OF SALT, ABKARI
AND SEPARATE REVENUE,
No. 189.
Dated }
Despatched }
Estimate No. of 189-189.
Work:—

ABSTRACT:—

Quantity.	Particulars.	Denomina- tion.	Rate.			Amount.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
	<i>Shells building</i>							
1510.7 cft	Foundation laterite in mortar	¢ 100 cft	10	"	"	151	"	"
1533.9 cft	Basement do	do	10	"	"	153	4	"
4055.0 cft	Superstructure do	do	10	"	"	406	"	"
1736 sq ft	Roofing wooden with mission tiles	¢ square	10	"	"	173	9	"
31.8 cft	Woodwork	¢ c ft	"	12	"	23	14	"
1094.7 cft	Earthwork	¢ square	"	4	"	4	12	"
189.0 sq ft	Flooring	do	"	4	"	1	7	"
282.0	Well Laterite in mortar	do	12	2	"	33	5	"
16.0	Wood work rough	¢ c ft	"	2	"	2	"	"
524.0	Roofing wooden without tiles	¢ square	"	2	"	"	13	"
	Contingencies @ about 5 per cent. ..							
Total ..						950	"	"

This represents the present value of the building

Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue
Secy. to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

Assistant Commissioner of
Salt and Abkari Revenue.

SPECIFICATION:—

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Assistant Commissioner.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE
COMMISSIONER OF SALT, ABKARI
AND SEPARATE REVENUE

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF
SALT AND ABKARI REVENUE,
Salt Division,

From

To

ABSTRACT:—

Quantity.	Particulars.	Denomina- tion.	Rate.			Amount.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>Distillery Officers bungalow</i>								
693.1 cft	Foundation laterite in mud	¢ 100 cft	9	"	"	62	6	"
866.7 cft	Basement. Burnt-brick in mud	do	8	"	"	250	12	"
2268.7 cft	Superstructure do	do	8	"	"			
74.0 cft	Wood work (for roof)	¢ cft	1	a	"	74	"	"
336.7 sq ft	Doors & windows jungle wood	¢ sq ft	"	3	"	44	8	"
2320. sq ft	Roofing wooden rafters &c & mission tiles	¢ square	12	"	"	278	6	"
3236.5 cft	Earthwork	do	"	4	"	8	2	"
1276.7 cft	Flooring laterite bampes	do	"	4	"	3	2	"
714.0	Ceiling bamboo mat	do	(worthless)					
457.0	Plastering with Chunam	do	"	8	"	2	12	"
Contingencies @ about 5 per cent. ..								
			Total ..			724	"	"

This represents the present value of the building

Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue
Secy. to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

Assistant Commissioner of
Salt and Abkari Revenue.

SPECIFICATION:—

Valuation statement of Plant at Parli Distillery

No	Particulars	Capacity	Rate	Amount	No	Particulars	Capacity	Rate	Amount
		Gals		R a			Gals		R a
	<u>Stills (Copper)</u>					<u>Liquor Vats</u>			
1	No 1 Complete	1150	Each	700	1	Wooden vat	991	Each	100
2	No 2 "	750	"	400	2	do	732	"	60
3	No 3 "	350	"	250	3	do	1175	"	120
4	No 4 "	850	"	500	4	do	1364	"	120
5	No 5 "	600	"	350	5	do	625	"	50
				Rs 2200	6	do	676	"	50
					7	do	700	"	60
					8	do	670	"	55
	<u>Receivers</u>								
1	Receivers wooden	634	Each	80	9	do	794	"	65
2	do	380	"	60	10	do	308	"	30
3	do	526	"	70	11	do	183	"	25
4	do	280	"	45	12	do	145	"	20
5	do	534	"	70	13	do	314	"	30
6	do	278	"	45	14	do	733	"	60
7	do	442	"	60	15	do	764	"	60
8	do	269	"	40	16	do	733	"	60
9	do	407	"	60	17	do	712	"	60
10	do	400	"	60	18	do	442	"	45
					19	do	728	"	60
				Rs 590	20	do	575	"	55
					21	do	516	"	55
					22	do	443	"	45
	<u>Pipes</u>								
	Pipes running feet	435	ft	800	23	do	735	"	60
				ft	24	do	764	"	60
27	Brass cocks Large	3 Rs	each	81	25	do	776	"	60
50	do Small	1 R	each	50	26	do	400	"	45
				131	27	do	400	"	45
									Rs 1550
2	Pumps	50	Each	100		<u>Fermentation vats</u>			
						10 wooden vats	300	30	300

Assistant Commissioner.

To

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF
SALT AND ABRARI REVENUE,
Sul-Division,
AND SEPARATE REVENUE

THE SECRETARY TO THE

COMMISSIONER OF SALT, ABRARI

AND SEPARATE REVENUE

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Cammarose Distillery
ABSTRACT:—

Quantity.	Particulars.	Denomina- tion.	Rate.			Amount.		
			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
2	Stills (Capacity 850)	each	500	"	"	1000	"	"
4	Receivers	(all together)				195	"	"
7	Issues & Store vats	(Do)		1		520	"	"
8	Fermentation vats	(Do)				405	"	"
1	Cooler	each	30	"	"	30	"	"
1	Pump	"	75	"	"	75	"	"
155	R. pipes	R. ft	"	12	"	116	4	"
Contingencies @ about 5 per cent. ..								
Miscellaneous items							158	12
Total ..						2500	"	"

Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Abkari Revenue
Secy. to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

Kammanaswetti
Secretary,
Assistant Commissioner of
Salt and Abkari Revenue.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No. 1562 of 9.

From the Board of Revenue (S.R.).

No. 822 Dated 27—2—1897.
Recd 4—3—97.
FOR ORDERS.

To Secretary.

In G.P. No. 694
dt. 19-11-98, the ~~secretary~~
construction of two
distilleries in the
Malabar district
was sanctioned.
In the paper read
above, the Board
~~points out the difficulties in~~
out the difficulties in
the way of
the efficient manage-
ment of the excise
revenue of the
district, and states
that there would be
saved if the distilleries
at Chavakkat and
Pazhi, which are
the property of the
present excise contractor,

Assistant Commissioner.

From

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF

SALT AND ABKARI REVENUE,

Sul-Division,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE

COMMISSIONER OF SALT, ABKARI

AND SEPARATE REVENUE.

Dated

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be ^{as purchased} taken over by Govt.
It accordingly asks for
sanction to ^{negotiate} treat with
Messrs J. Rathasami Dadas
for the ^{purpose} purchase of the
distilleries in question.
Early orders are re-
quested ^{by the Board} so that pay-
ment may be made
before 1st April. ~~from the provision~~

2. In para 8 of the
current, the Board
~~describes~~ sketches pro-
posals for future working.
but remarks that they require further consideration. It
but the further report
promised may be
awaited.

KO
4-2-99 H.M.

The Board's proposal
as to negotiating for the
purchase of the two distilleries
may be approved.

8/10/99/5

To Secretary

Please see draft

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KO 11-3-99

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