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Revenue (1898) Departmen

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2076

DATED 13th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording with remarks B.P. sanctioning the proposal of the Collr of S. Canara to open annual ganja depots at Mangalore & Udipi for 1898-99.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 3364.

5/5/13/5/98

From The Secretary to the Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue.

Order Misc - No. 2076 d/13.5.98.

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~~The arrangements of the Board of Rev~~ Mis No. 1743.

~~If~~ 2 have sanctioned in the present case ~~the demand for special~~ ~~of the~~ reported as exceptional. ~~The~~ **Dated** 3rd May 1898

~~will in no way stand in the trade will~~ ~~not~~ ~~does not~~ deem it expedient **Received** 6 "

~~direct itself to the conditions and~~ that the Govt. ~~of~~ intervene in the **Registered** 7 "

~~that it is not expedient for~~ way of opening depots for the supply **Enclosures**

~~for it to interfere in the business~~ ~~of~~ ~~adjust itself~~ to local conditions.

~~of~~ the drug. Trade should be left to ~~the~~ **Spare copies** Nil

~~The present management should~~

~~only~~ be discontinued at the end of the year 1898/1899

~~a memorandum of the result in the case of~~

~~opium foods and liquors is enclosed.~~

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12/5/98

(Sanctioned).

To

The Bd. of Rev (Cr. & J. Dept.) 16.5.98.

SUBJECT.

Sanctioning the proposal of the Collector of South Canara to open Amani ganja depôts at Mangalore and Udipi for 1898-99, and requesting the Deputy Commissioner Central Division to make necessary arrangements at an early date.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE
MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

Dated 3rd May 1898.

Mis **No.** 1743.

Read the following letter from the Collector of South Canara Ref.on PrNo. 93/Eng of 1898 dated 28th April 1898.

"I have the honour to report that petitions have been received from many of the current year's renters of ganja shops in the District complaining of the want of stock of the drugs required for sale by them and praying amongst other things that they may be permitted to get their supplies from the Bombay Presidency or that the amounts of their deposits may be returned to them.Some of them even say that their attempts to get the supply from the North Arcot and Kistna Districts have proved unsuccessful.

2.Only one man viz Bantval Narayina Baliga has as yet come forward for a wholesale vend license.He prays that a store house may be maintained by Government in this District with a stock sufficient for the monsoon and further requests that if such depot cannot be maintained here,he may be permitted to transport the drugs duty free,that the same may be stored in a building provided by him and that the prescribed duty may be levied from him before the removal of the drugs from the store house.The absence of easy communication with other parts of the Presidency during the monsoon is a point in favour of his request.But he seems apparently either on account of the novelty of the thing or from want of capital, not prepared to work the license on his own responsibility, if one be given him.I have refused a license to him after consultation with the Assistant Commissioner who is now here

here.

3.The Assistant Commissioner and I are both agreed that the wholesale depôts for the current lease should be worked under amani. Assistant Commissioner suggests that two depôts may be opened one at Mangalore and another at Udipi under the direct control of the Inspectors of the respective Circles:~~I~~ the drugs being stored at Mangalore in the present arrack excise depôt,and at Udipi in the Circle office. I approve the suggestion and request that the Board may be pleased to sanction the proposal for the current year.The proposal entails no extra expense on account of establishment.

4.If the Board approves of this proposal I request that arrangements may be immediately made for supplying the drugs as also the necessary instruments for weighing them. I consider that 30 maunds of ganja and 5 maunds of bhang will be required for consumption during the monsoon and this should be supplemented by a similar quantity early in September. I have as yet no complete information as to the quantity of ganja found in the possession of shopkeepers and others on 1st April 1898.I have called for this information from Tahsildars.I may mention however, that the Mangalore Inspector has in his possession some 7½ maunds of ganja which was recently seized in the possession of a local merchant who had imported it from Hassan in Mysore.The merchant admitted that he shortly before sold an equal quantity to the shopkeepers of Bantwal and Coondapoor If this is a fact both shopkeepers should have had a very large stock on the 1st April on which duty should have been paid.The absence of any reports from the Tahsildars of Mangalore and Coondapoor precludes my speaking definitely on the point as yet.

The 7 ½ maunds ~~in~~ the possession of the Inspector may be available for supply.Unfortunately it is not immediately available as it appears that the town Sub-Magistrate Mr:Roberts through a crass ignorance of the law has apparently acquitted the merchant and ordered the property seized to be returned to him.The Inspector however has wisely refused to comply with the order or give up the drug to an unlicensed person and the whole case is now under investigation on the Magisterial side.

5.There are indications of an early monsoon this year.So I request that if my proposals are approved the fact may be intimated to me by wire and the necessary drugs and weighing implements supplied

supplied with the least possible delay"

RESOLUTION:---

In view of the special difficulties of transport to the district and of the reluctance of private parties to open wholesale depôts for ganja under the new rules until they have had some experience of their working the Board ~~xxx~~ sanctions the proposal of the Collector of South Canara to open Amani Depôts under the charge of the local officers of the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department as a special case for the current year.

2.The Deputy Commissioner Central Division will be requested to make the necessary arrangements for supply at a very early date.

3.The Collector will be furnished with weighing machines as soon as possible.

/True Copy and Extract/

R. W. Thomsett

Ag.Assistant Secretary.

To the Collector of South Canara

" " Deputy Commissioners Southern and Central Divisions

" " Assistant Commissioner Calicut Sub-Division

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department

B.P. No 1743 of 3-5-98 (C. No 3364)

To Levy:-

The H. M. has recently held that it is not the duty of the Dept. to see that stocks of ganja are made available for use. The paper is now in the Madras office. It is, however, thought that in the special circumstances now reported in the case of the South Canara district the Board's orders need not be objected to.

2. Please see a draft order put up on the back of the current.

KD 9/5/98

Hon.

I am inclined to think that it is a mistake to interfere in the ganja business & stock stores on amani. If the demand is sufficiently strong, trade will soon find a way for importing the drug.

B.P. 9/5/98

To Levy

Please see draft G.O. on the back of the current. KD. 12/5/98

8/5/98

We can say as little as this as possible for the present year. But what an amazing thing it is that there should be ordinary peaks & troughs in the S.C. district!

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