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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 117, dated 6th April 1898.

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 February 1898.

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 45,534 proof-gallons or about 5 per cent. The following explanations are offered by the Collectors for the variations in the several districts.

3. *Cuddapah, Bellary, Kurnool and Tinnevely.*—The increase is attributed to the favourable character of the season. In Tinnevely it is also ascribed to the opening of nine more shops than in the previous year.

4. *South Arcot.*—Increase is observed chiefly in the Vriddhachalam, Tiruvannamalai and Kallakurchi taluks. The increase in the Vriddhachalam taluk is reported to be due to heavy rain in September last, inadequate supply of toddy at the close of the previous toddy lease, a slight reduction in the price of arrack in certain parts of the taluk and the employment of a large number of coolies on the Pelandorai anicut works; and that in the Tiruvannamalai taluk to a reduction in the price of arrack owing to competition between shopkeepers, and inadequate supply of toddy. The increase in the Kallakurchi taluk has not been explained by the Collector.

5. *Coimbatore.*—The increase is attributed to a falling off in the supply of toddy owing to deficiency of rainfall.

6. *Malabar.*—The increase in the Wynaad taluk is ascribed to the influx of coolies for work in certain newly-opened coffee and tea estates; and in the other excise tracts of the district, to the prevalence of cholera and partly also to an improvement in the quality of the arrack supplied.

7. *Ganjām, Kistna, Nellore and South Canara.*—The decrease in these tracts is reported to be due to the unfavourable character of the season. In Ganjām, it is also attributed partly to the closure of certain shops; and in Kistna and South Canara to an increase in the selling price of the liquor. The decrease in South Canara is said to be also due to the number of shops being twenty-five less than in the previous year.

8. *Vizagapatam.*—As reported by the Collector in the previous months, the decrease up to the month is attributable to the unfavourable character of the season. The increase in the month under review is ascribed to its improvement.

9. *Madras.*—The decrease is attributed to the bad state of the season and to the closure of certain large public works which were in construction during the previous year.

10. *Chingleput.*—The decrease is reported to be chiefly due to the fact that a large number of labourers who were employed in the previous year on the railway works in the Ponnéri taluk and the water-supply works in the Conjeeveram town have since left the district. The Conjeeveram taluk (excluding the town) shows, however, a large increase which is stated by the Collector to be due to the scarcity of toddy.

11. *Tanjore.*—The decrease is ascribed to the working of a smaller number of wholesale vend depôts than in the previous year. The matter is being enquired into.

12. *The Nilgiris.*—The decrease is attributed to a growing preference for foreign liquor as compared with country liquor.

13. The variations in the other tracts call for no remarks.

FOREIGN SPIRITS.

14. The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued up to the month under review amounted to 14,153 proof-gallons against 12,932 in 1896-97, being an increase of 1,176 proof-gallons or about 9 per cent.

15. *North Arcot.*—The increase is reported to be due to the sale, in the Kālahasti and other taverns, of gin manufactured in the Nellikuppam distillery.

16. *The Nilgiris.*—The reason for the increase has been given in paragraph 12 *supra*.

17. *Anantapur and Kurnool.*—The only reason given for the decrease is smaller demand.

18. *Bellary.*—The decrease is attributed to the unfavourable state of the season during the earlier months of the year.

19. *Coimbatore.*—The decrease is ascribed to diminution in the quantity issued to the district from the Arvāghat distillery.

20. *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 variation is attributed to the fluctuation in the requirements of the Mission.

21. The variations in the other tracts call for no remarks.

(True Extract.)

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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 February 1898.

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 ..	2	1,787	4,726	3,143	59,670	17	311
	1897-98 ..	10	1,568	5,540	3,322	48,703	43	298
2. Vizagapatam	1896-97 ..	52	6,070	649	4,550	70,839	..	..
	1897-98 ..	9	6,389	630	4,732	56,784	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1896-97 ..	1,744	8,566	1,019	7,799	82,839	..	..
	1897-98 ..	800	6,762	550	5,594	66,518	..	..
4. Nellore	1896-97 ..	..	4,525	..	3,168	39,577	..	..
	1897-98 ..	..	3,874	..	2,712	37,485	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1896-97 ..	1,698	988	..	2,050	31,391	..	23
	1897-98 ..	2,021	1,328	..	2,545	34,716	..	94
6. Anantapur	1896-97 ..	443	447	..	667	12,989	..	53
	1897-98 ..	524	753	..	947	12,724	7	224
7. Bellary	1896-97 ..	178	2,253	..	1,720	28,871	22	496
	1897-98 ..	329	2,792	..	2,218	32,914	25	313
8. Kurnool	1896-97 ..	1,052	223	..	1,076	14,726	6	172
	1897-98 ..	1,707	207	..	1,511	19,680	5	99
9. Madras	Madras Town, including the outside shops.	..	5,983	..	4,205	53,378	..	..
	The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	21	4,419	..	3,093	44,594	175	2,857
	1896-97 ..	..	1,713	..	1,199	13,324	79	2,828
	1897-98 ..	..	1,324	..	927	12,641	..	..
10. Chingleput	1896-97 ..	..	4,043	..	2,830	33,572	..	..
	1897-98 ..	241	3,686	..	2,580	31,304	..	..
11. North Arcot	1896-97 ..	187	5,915	..	4,333	61,883	..	17
	1897-98 ..	..	5,493	..	3,995	60,097	7	115
12. South Arcot	1896-97 ..	..	6,518	12	4,567	62,211	..	12
	1897-98 ..	..	8,912	..	6,239	67,040	..	..
13. Tanjore	1896-97 ..	3	5,000	..	3,500	36,970	..	..
	1897-98 ..	58	3,410	..	2,389	31,042	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1896-97 ..	70	3,922	..	2,792	37,543	87	1,080
	1897-98 ..	..	4,035	..	2,860	35,892	88	1,000
15. Madura	1896-97 ..	..	4,779	..	3,338	40,309	..	32
	1897-98 ..	..	4,761	..	3,326	39,640	..	24
16. Tinnevely	1896-97 ..	..	2,700	..	1,890	23,112	..	..
	1897-98 ..	..	2,613	..	1,829	25,346	..	..
17. Coimbatore	1896-97 ..	3,150	1,398	..	3,499	41,507	44	498
	1897-98 ..	3,420	1,302	..	3,647	47,617	18	381
18. The Nilgiris	1896-97 ..	81	3,010	..	2,172	26,649	434	7,143
	1897-98 ..	42	2,546	..	1,816	24,784	792	8,869
19. Salem	1896-97 ..	6	6,335	..	4,789	46,201	..	6
	1897-98 ..	1	5,894	..	4,127	58,521	..	..
20. South Canara (Excise tracts)	1896-97 ..	..	3,551	..	2,486	38,105	..	..
	1897-98 ..	..	3,130	..	2,191	32,043	..	..
21. Malabar	Wynaad taluk ..	599	..	..	479	5,343	..	..
	Other Excise taluks ..	598	..	987	478	5,804	16	40
	1896-97 ..	990	4,106	..	4,061	38,738	..	29
	1897-98 ..	892	4,169	720	3,920	41,995	..	..
Total	1896-97 ..	10,325	84,422	7,393	70,313	609,748	805	12,982
	1897-98 ..	10,613	79,355	7,441	67,018	584,114	1,064	14,158

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