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Administration of the Assack Revenue.

Approving, with certain remarks, the Board's proposals for the — in certain districts, the assack contracts in which expire on the 31st March 1898.

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Submitting to Government the Board's proposals for the administration of the arrack revenue in certain districts, the arrack contracts in which expire on the 31st March 1898.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 494, dated 22nd November 1897.

The Board begs to submit its proposals for the administration of the arrack revenue in the districts and tracts noted in the margin, the arrack contracts in which expire on the 31st March 1898. In the Godavari, Kistna and South Canara districts and in Malabar, except the Wynaad taluk, the current contracts for the privileges of supply and vend of country spirits do not expire until the 30th September 1898.

Ganjám.	South Arcot.
Vizagapatam.	Tanjore.
Nellore.	Trichinopoly.
Cuddapah.	Madura.
Anantapur.	Tinnevely.
Bellary.	Coimbatore.
Kurnool.	Nilgiris.
Madras.	Salom.
Chingleput.	Malabar (Wynaad).
North Arcot.	

2. The principal proposals sanctioned for the current lease were—

- (i) the continuance of the contract distillery supply system in the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts;
- (ii) the renewal of the contracts of supplying the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts to the local distillers, the rates of cost price of spirits remaining the same as in 1896-97;
- (iii) the extension of the system of separate sale of shops to the Cuddalore cusba farm and the Cuddapah town;
- (iv) the amalgamation of the Narasannapéta and Chicacolo northern khandams into a single vend area;
- (v) the abolition of the minimum guarantee system in the Ganjám district;
- (vi) the continuance of the three Government arrack vend depôts in the Pattukkottai taluk;
- (vii) the inclusion, in the Madras town limits for abkâri purposes, of the tract lying between the Madras Municipal limits in the south and the Adyar river and of eleven villages of the Saidapet taluk.
- (viii) the renewal of the lease of the Gunupur farm of the Vizagapatam Agency to the previous year's renters for Rs. 55,000; and
- (ix) the extension of the system of direct Government management to the Koraput farm of the Vizagapatam Agency.

3. The Chief points for consideration now are—

- (i) whether the private distillery supply system can be further extended;
- (ii) whether it is desirable to further reduce the size of vend areas or to extend the system of separate sale of shops; and
- (iii) whether the present rates of excise duty can be increased, and, if so, to what extent and in what localities.

4. The private distillery supply system is at present in force throughout the tracts to which these Proceedings relate, except the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts. Both the Collector of Ganjám and the Assistant Commissioner, Chicacolo Sub-division, consider that the reasons which induced the Board to recommend the continuance of

the contract distillery supply system for the current lease still hold good, and that until the East Coast Railway is opened through from Madras, the question of effecting a change in the system of supply is premature. The Collector of Vizagapatam is also in favour of the continuance of the existing system. The Board agrees with the local officers in considering that no change is desirable for the present, and is of opinion that, as the two chief southern firms have amalgamated, it is all the more necessary to keep up the Aska and Vizagapatam distilleries. Both Collectors recommend the continuance of the contracts to the present distillers at the current rates of cost price *, and the Board accepts their recommendation.

	20° Under- proof.	30° Under- proof.	60° Under- proof.
	A. P.	A. P.	A. P.
Ganjám ..	11 0	9 6	5 6
Vizagapatam.	13 2	11 6	6 7

5. The Collector of Ganjám renews the proposal made by him last year as to sub-dividing the Mohiri and Mandasá vend areas of the Berhampur division into two each. The proposal is approved.

The other Collectors concerned do not propose any change in the size of vend areas, as these are so situated that further sub-division is undesirable for administrative reasons.

6. The Collectors concerned have proposed the extension of the system of selling shops separately to the following towns or other tracts:—

District.	Taluk or division.	Towns or other tracts.
Ganjám	Senior Assistant Collector's division	1. Surlá. 2. Báruva.
	Head-quarter Deputy Collector's division	3. Baruvapeta.
	Personal Assistant Collector's division	4. Purushottapur.
	Anakapalle	5. Tekkali Raghunádhapuram.
Vizagapatam ..	Vizianagram	The whole.
	Rapur	
	Atmakúru	
	Udayagiri	
Nellore	Kanigiri	Do.
	Darsi division	
	Podili	
	Radvel	Do.
Cuddapah	Madakasira	Do.
Anantapur	Kudligi	Hosahalli and Chornur vend areas.
	Hadagalli	Kadlabalu vend area.
Bellary	Harpanahalli	Arasikerra and Alagilavada vend areas.

They recommended that most of these tracts be brought under the separate shop system from the commencement of the current lease, but their recommendations were not accepted by the Board in view of the unsatisfactory state of the season and the high prices which then prevailed almost everywhere. Assuming that the season will improve, the Board sees no objection to the extension.

The Collectors of Ganjám and Vizagapatam consider that, with the extension of

- Ganjám—
1. Tekkali Raghunádhapuram.
 2. Rambha-Kallikote or Purushottapur.
- Vizagapatam—
1. Vizianagram.
 2. Anakapalle.

the system of separate shops in the districts, the contract distillers should be required to open depôts at the marginally-noted places to facilitate supply. The Board agrees with them and recommends that the distillers be allowed to charge the shopkeepers, in addition to the cost price, an amount to be fixed by it for each gallon of spirits issued, to reimburse them the cost of transport and other expenses incidental to the maintenance of such depôts which will be of the nature of wholesale vend depôts for the storage and supply of duty-paid spirits, the licenses being issued to the distillers free of fee. A condition to this effect will be inserted in the licenses.

7. The Deputy Commissioner, Northern Division, and the Assistant Commissioners, Chatrapur and Chicacole Sub-divisions, are in favour of dispensing with shop rents altogether and of levying the whole revenue in the shape of still-head duty. The Collectors of Ganjám and Vizagapatam support the proposal and recommend that it may be tried in the following vend areas and towns in their districts:—

Ganjám district	...	...	...	...	Berhampur town.
					Chicacole western khandam.
					" southern "
					Ichchhapuram khandam.
					Mohiri khandam.
Vizagapatam district	...	...	...	...	Vizagapatam town.
					Anakápallo "
					Vizianagram "

Irrespective of these proposals which the Board is not at present prepared to accept, the Collector of Ganjám suggests that the excise duty may be raised to Rs. 2-3-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof and proportionately for the other authorised strengths. In fixing this rate, the Collector reports that he had regard to the danger of stimulating illicit distillation or smuggling from the Agency tracts which would result from fixing the duty at too high a rate. The Collector of Vizagapatam also proposes an enhancement, but, for the same reason as that adduced by the Collector of Ganjám, he considers that it would be unwise to raise it above Rs. 1-15-6 per gallon of 30° under-proof and proportionately for the other authorised strengths. The Board is of opinion that the rates should be the same in the two districts and recommends that they be fixed on the scale proposed by the Collector of Ganjám. Concurrently with the enhancement in the rates of excise duty, the Collectors propose that the minimum selling prices in their districts may be raised and made to cover the whole of the districts. The proposal is approved; the enhancement proposed in Ganjám, viz., Rs. 5, Rs. 4-8-0 and Rs. 2-8-0 per gallon of 20°, 30° and 60° under-proof, respectively, is, however, too high, and the Collectors will be requested to consider whether the same rates should be fixed for both districts or whether different rates are necessary. In portions of these districts where minimum prices are already in force, an enhancement not exceeding 25 per cent. may be effected. The Collectors will carefully consider the matter and communicate their proposals to the Board for approval and publication of the prices in the *Port St. George Gazette* under section 29 (f) of the Madras Abkári Act.

8. Coming to the private distillery supply tracts, the Collector of Nellore advocates the enhancement of the excise duty from Rs. 3-1-0 to Rs. 3-8-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof in view of the general and steady increase in consumption in the district, and the Collector of North Arcot reports that there is no objection to an enhancement in that district provided that the rates are raised in the surrounding districts. The other Collectors are not in favour of an increase in the existing rates. The Board considers that if the duty is to be raised, the enhancement should apply to the whole of the private distillery supply tracts, but as the country is only just recovering from the effects of the famine and the majority of the districts are not prepared for a change, matters may continue as they are during the ensuing year.

9. In recommending the renewal of the lease of the Gunupur farm to Messrs. Ripley & Co. for the current year, the Board approved of the Collector's suggestion that they should be informed that the system of Government management will be introduced in the following year, whether they have collected their outstandings or not. The Collector of Vizagapatam now represents that, owing to the unfavourable character of the past season, Messrs. Ripley & Co. were not only unable to collect the debts due to them, but that their outstandings have increased to Rs. 50,000; and he therefore recommends that further consideration may be shown to them and that their lease may be renewed for another year on the existing terms. The Collector further considers that any change in the management of the farm is unnecessary as the present lessees have expressed their willingness to co-operate with the Government in securing the object of the change, viz., the reduction in the number of stills and shops. It is not probable that the renters will ever be able to realize their arrears by ordinary means and without resort to litigation, and as they have had ample

warning given to them in this matter, the Board does not consider that any further extension of the lease is required. The Collector's proposal is accordingly not approved; the system of direct management by Government may therefore be adopted there as in the rest of the Agency tracts.

10. The Collector of South Arcot reports that, owing to the low price of arrack in the French territory, the renters in the adjoining portions of the British territory have no inducement to open their shops or steadily carry on sales therein, thereby causing a falling off in the consumption of arrack, and as a remedy proposes that either a guarantee should be imposed or that the French Government be moved to raise their duty and the cost price of liquor to a level with those prevailing in the district. As the abkári contract in Pondicherry for the next year has, however, been already disposed of, the Collector recommends that the other alternative, viz., the fixing of a minimum guarantee may be adopted in the case of the frontier farms. The Board is not in favour of the proposal, as the adoption of the minimum guarantee system would be a retrograde step, which it would be inadvisable to take except on grounds of the strongest necessity. The system has been discontinued in those tracts where it was formerly in force, and has generally proved to be a failure. At any rate, the Board considers that the question should lie over until it is seen what the figures of consumption are during the next year. Condition 14 of the renter's license requires the maintenance by the licensee of adequate supply in all the sanctioned shops, which means by implication that all the sanctioned shops must be opened. It will be amplified so as to make this clear.

11. The Collector of North Arcot requests that sanction may be accorded to the opening of an arrack shop at Chinna Upparapalle in Punganúru, as there is a great demand for arrack in the locality and there is no shop within a radius of ten miles. The proposal is recommended by the local abkári officers and has the approval of the Board.

12. The proposal to establish three Government arrack vend depôts—one at each of the Kattumavadi and Adirámptnam salt factories, and a third at Arantangi—was sanctioned in G.O., No. 19, Revenue, dated 18th January 1896. During 1896-97, only two depôts were opened—one at Adirámptnam and the other at Arantangi and in the current year the depôt at Adirámptnam was ordered to be closed in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3655, dated 23rd August 1897, in consequence of one having been opened by a private individual at Pattukkóttai. The Collector of Tanjore recommends that the depôt at Arantangi may be allowed to continue until the opening of a depôt there by a private individual. The proposal is accepted.

13. The Assistant Commissioner, Tinnevely Sub-division, brings to notice that condition 8 of the shop license and condition 15 of the depôt license requiring the maintenance of a "sufficient supply" in shops and depôts is vague and suggests that the term may be defined as meaning not less than 12 drams for a shop and 10 gallons for a depôt. The Collector approves of the principle underlying the suggestion, but is not in favour of prescribing an arbitrary limit, such as that proposed by the Assistant Commissioner for all shops and depôts in the Presidency. He considers that the amount should be fixed by Collectors, in consultation with the local abkári officers, for each important shop and depôt in each district with reference to local requirements, and accordingly suggests that condition 8 in the shop license and condition 15 in the depôt license may be altered so as to require the licensees to maintain such supply of spirits as the Collector may consider necessary to meet local demand. The proposal is a good one and has the approval of the Deputy Commissioners to whom it was referred for remarks. The conditions referred to will accordingly be modified so as to run as follows:—

"The licensee shall maintain such supply of spirits in the $\frac{\text{depôt}}{\text{shop}}$ as the Collector may consider necessary to meet local requirements."

14. The Deputy Commissioner, Central Division, has suggested the following alterations in the clauses and conditions of the sale notices and licenses:—

(1) That clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the arrack sale notice and the corresponding conditions in the license may be modified with reference to the alterations

that have been made for the current year in the similar clauses of the toddy sale notice and conditions [of the license]. The proposal is generally approved, but the question of applying to auction sales of arrack shops the same rules as to deposits as have been sanctioned for toddy shops is under consideration and will be disposed of on receipt of the reports from Collectors which have been called for.

(2) That condition 28 of the arrack shop license should be omitted as superfluous in view of clause IX of the sale notice. The Deputy Commissioner has evidently overlooked the fact that condition 28 relates to licensees while clause IX applies to purchasers at the sales who have not yet taken out licenses.

(3) That condition 6 of the shop license which lays down that the license should be placed in a conspicuous place in the shop should be modified as the rule is unnecessary and difficult to enforce. He points out that the license, if exposed, is liable to be damaged by some of the riotous characters frequenting the shops. He also suggests that the word "painted" be substituted for the word "inscribed" in condition 7 of the shop and 14 of the depôt licenses, and that condition 31 of the shop license may be modified so as to generally empower Collectors to issue minor instructions for the guidance of shop and depôt keepers. The Board is of opinion that sufficient reasons have not been adduced for the changes proposed and considers that they are unnecessary.

15. The Deputy Commissioner, Central Division, further brings to notice that notwithstanding the prohibition in condition 13 against keeping shops open later than 9 P.M., the practice in the town of Madras has been to permit shops being kept open until 10 P.M., and he suggests that the same concession may be allowed to the four outside shops. The suggestion is approved. The practice reported, though unauthorized, appears to have been one of long standing and may be permitted to continue.

16. Condition 18 prohibits the licensee from selling in his shop any liquor other than country spirits at the three authorized strengths. Whereas condition 20 would seem to authorize the sale of other liquor in the same premises under a separate license. The discrepancy was brought to notice in connection with a proposal made by the Collector of Cuddapah to issue a license to an arrack shop keeper for the retail vend of foreign liquor. The Board considers that the point should be made clear and that the words "unless under separate licenses for such excepted liquors" should be omitted from condition 20.

17. The same officer is of opinion that the sale of forms such as permits and T.T. 6s. involves much trouble, and suggests that the forms be supplied free, the license fee being raised sufficiently to cover the cost of printing them. The question will be separately disposed of.

18. The same officer considers that condition 13 of the wholesale depôt license allows the location of an arrack shop in the same building with the depôt. The Deputy Commissioner's statement is not understood as the condition expressly prohibits the location of depôts in the same building with shops for the sale of country spirits.

19. In his report on the inspection of the Madras Town Circle, the Deputy Commissioner brought to the notice of the Board in July last certain discrepancies between the conditions of the licenses issued by the department and the Police regulations for the opening of hotels, taverns and shops, and suggested that the discrepancies might be removed. The matter was referred to the Commissioner of Police with the request that the defects might be rectified. The Deputy Commissioner now draws attention to his remarks in the foregoing report. He will be requested to communicate with the Commissioner of Police on the subject and to have matters arranged.

20. To sum up, the Board's proposals for the next lease are—

(1) to continue the existing system of contract distillery supply in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts;

(2) to renew the contracts for the supply of country spirits to the ordinary tracts of the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts to the local distillers at the existing rates of costprice;

(3) to sub-divide the Mohiri and Mandasa vend areas of the Berhampur division into two each;

(4) to extend the system of the separate sale of shops to the Surla, Baruva, Baruvapeta, Purushottapur and Tekkali Raghunadhapuram towns of the Ganjam district, the whole of the Anakapalle and Vizianagram taluks of the Vizagapatam district, the whole of the Rapur, Atmakuru, Udayagiri and Kanigiri taluks and of the Darsi and Podili divisions of the Nellore district, the Badvel taluk of the Cuddapah district, the whole of the Madakasira taluk of the Anantapur district, and the whole of the Kudligi, Hadagalli and Harpanahalli taluks of the Bellary district;

(5) to require the Aska distillers to open depôts at Tekkali Raghunadhapuram and Rambha Kallikote or Purushottapur, and the Vizagapatam distillers to open depôts at Vizianagram and Anakapalle, and allow the distillers to charge the shopkeepers, in addition to the costprice, an amount to be fixed by the Board for each gallon of spirits issued;

(6) to raise the rates of excise duty in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts to Rs 2-3-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof and proportionately for the other authorised strengths;

(7) to raise the minimum selling prices in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts and to extend the system to the whole of the two districts;

(8) to extend to the Gunupur farm of the Vizagapatam Agency the system of direct Government management;

(9) to open an arrack shop at Chinna Upparapalle of the North Arcot district, and to continue to maintain the one Government arrack vend depôt at Arantangi until the opening of a depôt there by a private individual;

(10) to permit the four outside shops of the Madras Town Circle to be kept open till 10 P.M. as in the case of the town shops; and

(11) to make certain alterations in clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the arrack sale notice, in condition 14 of the arrack renter's license, in condition 15 of the wholesale depôt license, and in certain conditions of the shop license.

(True Extract.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with two enclosures in manuscript.

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Enclosure A

Statement showing the Consumption, incidence of wind rent etc
in the several districts for 1897-98 as compared with 1896-97

Private Distillery									
Bellare taluk	11460	13037	24497	33589	1	5	11	3	1
Endur	3151	3959	7110	12501	1	12	3	1	1
Rapur	187	489	676	297	0	7	0	3	1
Rapur Town	87	161	248	300	1	3	4	3	1
Atmakur taluk	502	722	1224	1887	1	8	5	3	1
Atmakur town	134	179	313	400	1	4	5	3	1
Kavali taluk	1654	1905	3559	4971	1	15	4	3	1
Udayagiri taluk	334	276	610	1158	1	14	4	3	1
Udayagiri town	59	92	151	247	1	10	2	3	1
Kandukur taluk	1696	1890	3586	3735	1	0	8	3	1
Kanigiri	392	337	729	916	0	6	9	3	1
Kanigiri town	132	123	255	350	1	6	0	3	1
Gogole taluk	4816	4901	9717	13295	1	5	11	3	1
Darsi division	696	907	1603	1545	0	15	5	3	1
Podili division	263	284	547	555	1	0	2	3	1
Venkatagiri	750	1006	1756	2188	1	3	11	3	1
Dohur	2212	2344	4556	8945	1	15	5	3	1
Total	28525	32612	61137	88269	1	71	3	1	1

Cuddapah									
Cuddapah taluk	6675	5644	12322	19814	1	9	10	3	1
Vayalpad	1859	2231	4090	4926	1	3	3	3	1
Madanapalle	1242	1889	3131	4815	1	8	7	3	1
Jammalamadugu	2982	2029	5011	11046	2	3	3	3	1
Siddhavattam	1351	1235	2586	5523	2	2	2	3	1
Badvel	973	860	1833	2474	1	5	7	3	1
Pullampet	2560	3013	5573	10901	1	15	3	3	1
Proddatur	2903	2307	5210	9681	1	13	9	3	1
Pulivendla	1926	1808	3734	10111	2	11	4	3	1
Royachoti	1170	1453	2623	3927	1	7	11	3	1
Kadiri	1625	2401	4026	5091	1	4	3	3	1
Total	25269	24870	50139	88359	1	12	2	3	1

Anantapur									
Anantapur taluk	1636	821	2457	3204	1	4	8	3	1
Gooty	4463	2398	6861	16202	2	5	9	3	1
Tadpatri	2856	1764	4620	9564	2	1	1	3	1
Dharmavaram	1006	598	1604	3060	1	14	6	3	1
Penukonda	1186	950	2136	2491	1	2	8	3	1
Hindupur	320	210	530	1016	1	14	8	3	1
Kalyandrug	357	222	579	1275	2	3	3	3	1
Madakasira	341	239	580	485	0	13	4	3	1
Madakasira town	157	102	259	267	1	0	6	3	1
Total	12322	7304	19626	37564	1	14	8	3	1

Bellare									
384	329	713	399	0	8	11	3	1	1
135	123	254	486	1	14	7	3	1	1
5423	5514	10937	13401	1	3	8	3	1	1
564	735	1299	2340	1	12	10	3	1	1
269	290	559	537	0	15	8	3	1	1
1142	1523	2665	3432	1	4	7	3	1	1
1369	1451	2820	5802	2	0	10	3	1	1
28371	32835	61206	87554	1	6	10	3	1	1
District									
6258	5289	11547	11561	1	0	0	3	1	1
2154	2585	4739	3678	0	12	5	3	1	1
1550	2360	3910	3447	0	14	1	3	1	1
3370	2293	5663	6342	1	1	10	3	1	1
743	679	1422	3612	2	8	7	3	1	1
804	711	1515	2360	1	8	11	3	1	1
2954	3545	6499	10117	1	8	9	3	1	1
3919	3093	7012	5847	0	13	4	3	1	1
1963	1855	3818	4084	1	1	2	3	1	1
789	980	1769	2459	1	6	3	3	1	1
2156	3225	5381	4189	0	12	6	3	1	1
26660	26615	53275	57696	1	1	4	3	1	1
District									
84	419	1260	2153	1	11	4	3	1	1
3177	1698	4875	9919	2	0	7	3	1	1
1879	1145	3024	4081	1	5	7	3	1	1
716	430	1146	946	0	13	2	3	1	1
1039	830	1869	2253	1	3	3	3	1	1
323	210	533	542	1	0	3	3	1	1
234	146	380	744	1	15	3	3	1	1
264	186	450	503	1	2	0	3	1	1
126	80	206	156	0	12	1	3	1	1
8599	5144	13743	21297	1	8	10	3	1	1

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North Arcot										District																				
Walajapet taluk	6810	7826	14636	20877	1	6	10	3	1	4	7	10	5	0	3	8959	7997	14956	19845	1	5	4	3	1	4	6	4	4	14	7
Endiyattam ..	3351	3555	6906	8457	1	4	3	3	1	4	5	3	5	3	2	2669	2829	5498	7296	1	5	3	3	1	4	6	3	5	4	1
Nandiyavash ..	841	1253	2094	2277	1	1	5	3	1	4	2	5	5	4	7	1281	1910	3191	2385	0	11	11	3	1	3	12	11	5	3	9
Chittoor ..	3309	2966	6275	10683	1	11	3	3	1	4	12	3	5	15	5	3904	3559	7463	6582	0	14	2	3	1	3	15	2	5	8	10
Palmannur ..	1120	1136	2256	1836	0	13	0	3	1	3	14	0	5	5	0	1166	1186	2352	2814	1	3	2	3	1	4	4	2	6	2	0
Vellore ..	8521	9129	17650	25266	1	6	11	3	1	4	7	11	5	3	10	7799	8351	16150	17970	1	1	9	3	1	4	2	9	5	0	3
Arrest ..	3060	4163	7223	7932	1	1	7	3	1	4	2	7	5	2	11	2787	3744	6481	6483	1	0	0	3	1	4	1	0	5	1	1
Kangundi Division	1458	1673	3131	6453	2	1	0	3	1	5	2	0	5	8	9	1614	1830	3444	8364	2	6	10	3	1	5	7	10	6	7	11
Polur taluk	1393	2536	3929	5391	1	5	11	3	1	4	6	11	5	4	10	1550	2822	4372	5019	1	2	4	3	1	4	3	4	5	6	7
Panganuru Division	968	949	1917	3018	1	9	2	3	1	4	10	2	5	4	1	1033	1012	2045	2522	1	3	8	3	1	4	4	8	5	12	11
Arni ..	2297	2932	5229	7308	1	6	4	3	1	4	7	4	5	1	1	2297	2932	5229	7767	1	7	9	3	1	4	8	9	4	7	5
Chendragiri taluk	5158	4891	10041	18981	1	14	3	3	1	4	15	3	5	10	5	5761	5470	11231	16767	1	7	10	3	1	4	8	10	5	2	11
Kalahasti Division	1224	1269	2493	4284	1	11	6	3	1	4	12	6	5	8	4	1609	1690	3299	4029	1	3	6	2	1	4	4	6	5	6	1
Karvetnagar Zamindari																														
Tiruttani Division	2077	2109	4186	7209	1	11	6	3	1	4	12	6	5	7	9	2063	2108	4171	5931	1	6	9	3	1	4	7	9	5	7	10
Puttur ..	2877	3041	5918	10566	1	1	3	3	1	4	2	3	5	8	11	3088	3262	6350	7734	1	3	6	3	1	4	4	6	5	5	9
Total	44456	49428	93884	140538	1	7	11	3	1	4	8	11	5	5	7	45530	50702	96232	121508	1	4	2	3	1	4	5	2	5	2	5

South Arcot										District																					
Tindivanam taluk -																															
Munnur firka	269	306	575	434	0	12	11	3	1	3	13	11	4	8	173	193	366	243	0	10	7	3	1	3	11	7	4	8	0		
Independent shops	3776	4850	8626	8144	0	15	1	3	1	4	1	4	8	3750	4840	8590	6541	0	12	2	3	1	3	13	2	4	8	0			
Villupuram taluk -																															
Vend areas	1610	2049	3659	2512	0	11	0	3	1	3	12	0	4	8	1673	2125	3798	2031	0	8	7	3	1	3	9	7	4	8	0		
Independent shops	3314	3763	7077	8590	1	3	5	3	1	4	6	5	4	8	3376	3840	7216	6020	0	13	4	3	1	3	14	4	4	8	0		
Cuddalore taluk																															
Vend area	1699	2188	3887	1170	0	4	10	3	1	3	5	10	4	5	7	1214	1559	2773	1670	0	9	7	3	1	3	10	7	4	1	9	
Independent shops	9991	10734	20725	19850	0	15	4	3	1	4	1	4	4	5	7	9974	10725	20699	21402	1	0	6	3	1	4	1	6	4	7	6	
Tiruvannamalai taluk	5464	5970	11434	10509	0	14	9	3	1	3	15	9	4	2	4	5841	6385	12226	12794	1	0	9	3	1	4	1	9	4	11	4	
Tirukkoyilur	4151	4218	8369	9607	1	2	4	3	1	4	3	4	5	0	0	3503	3562	7065	10466	1	7	6	3	1	4	8	6	5	0	0	
Kalkkuchi	3824	3845	7669	9186	1	3	2	3	1	4	4	2	5	8	0	5169	5197	10366	14220	1	6	0	3	1	4	7	0	5	8	2	
Chidambaram	7976	6640	14616	14349	0	15	9	3	1	4	9	4	11	4		7854	6540	14394	14740	1	0	5	3	1	4	1	5	4	13	0	
Vridhachalam	4826	5365	10191	14796	1	7	3	3	1	4	8	3	4	11	4	5657	6259	11916	18620	0	14	4	3	1	3	15	4	4	15	8	
Total	46900	49928	96828	99147	1	0	4	3	1	4	1	4	4	10	10	48184	51225	99409	100747	1	0	3	3	1	4	1	3	4	12	7	

	Tanjore.										District.																	
Tanjore taluk.	8277	9923	18200	12432	0	10	11	3	1	3	11	11	5	8	6766	8135	14901	16092	1	1	4	3	1	4	2	4	5	29
Kambakonam ..	8684	9253	17937	11303	0	10	1	3	1	3	11	1	5		5629	5990	11619	13422	1	2	6	3	1	4	3	6	5	0 0
Mayavaram ..	2327	2636	4963	2868	0	9	3	3	1	3	10	3	5	8	2504	2822	5326	4476	0	13	5	3	1	3	14	5	4	13 6
Shiyali ..	1007	611	1618	1200	0	11	10	3	1	3	12	10	5	8	664	407	1071	1035	0	11	8	3	1	3	12	8	5	0 0
Vengalpatam ..	4894	5593	10487	8460	0	12	11	3	1	3	13	11	6	5	5240	6000	11240	9789	0	13	10	3	1	3	14	10	5	8 0
Tamilam ..	326	295	624	558	0	14	4	3	1	3	15	4	6		321	295	616	555	0	14	5	3	1	3	15	5	6	0 0
Manargudi ..	456	582	1038	1308	1	4	2	3	1	4	5	2	6		657	838	1495	1224	0	13	1	3	1	3	14	1	4	9 9
Tirutturaiyandi ..	210	291	501	372	0	11	10	3	1	3	12	10	6		246	341	587	321	0	8	11	3	1	3	9	11	6	0 0
Puttukkottai ..	731	721	1452	633	0	7	0	3	1	3	8	0	6		766	750	1516	1062	0	11	2	3	1	3	12	2	5	8 0
Total	26912	29906	56620	39134	0	11	0	3	1	3	12	0	5	1 6	22793	25678	48371	47976	0	15	10	3	1	4	10	5	2	10

Mysore										Mysore																				
Mysore Taluk										Mysore Taluk																				
Mysore	16770	22153	38923	33396	0	139	3	1	3	147	4	11	1	16324	22000	38224	39192	1	0	5	3	1	4	1	5	4	11	9		
Kulittalaj	2009	2337	4346	5180	1	31	3	1	4	41	5	131	1	2570	2921	5491	7473	1	5	9	3	1	4	6	9	5	11	6		
Perambalur	1666	1865	3531	4191	1	26	3	1	4	310	5	1211	1	1767	1977	3744	5799	1	8	9	3	1	4	9	9	5	14	10		
Adayarpalayam taluk	2304	1852	4156	6675	1	98	3	1	4	108	5	126	1	2585	2077	4662	7167	1	8	7	3	1	4	9	7	5	12	2		
	3747	2878	6625	12960	1	53	3	1	5	3	5	12	2	3137	2450	5587	11961	2	2	3	3	1	5	3	3	5	12	4		
Total	26496	31085	57581	62402	1	1	4	3	1	4	2	4	5	2	2	283	31425	57708	71592	1	3	10	3	1	4	4	10	5	2	5

Madura										District.														
Madura taluk	9790	11476	21266	15429	0	117	3	1	3	127	4	9	9027	10578	19605	18678	0	151	3	1	4	1	4	80
Torumanigalam "	1517	1393	2910	3497	1	33	3	1	4	43	5	119	1330	1221	2551	4707	1	136	3	1	4	146	5	135
Sindigal "	4473	5139	9612	14733	1	86	3	1	4	96	6	1	4504	5165	9669	15429	1	96	3	1	4	106	6	00
Weslur "	597	1137	1734	1104	0	102	3	1	3	112	5	69	595	1136	1730	1731	1	00	3	1	4	1	5	80
Swaganga and Ramnad	7521	9756	17277	24624	1	69	3	1	4	79	5	126	7520	9756	17276	23866	1	109	3	1	4	119	5	600
Palni taluk	2140	2793	4933	9534	1	141	3	1	4	151	6	83	2802	3724	6526	8967	1	510	3	1	4	610	5	618
Periyakulam "	2203	2343	4546	8868	1	152	3	1	5	2	6	113	2864	3124	5988	8447	1	67	3	1	4	77	5	800
Total	28241	34087	62278	77791	1	4	3	1	4	5	8	2	28641	34704	63345	86825	1	511	3	1	4	611	5	1211

Tinnevely										District															
Tinnevely Taluk	2800	5043	7843	8929	1	23	3	1	4 3 3	124 10 5	4432	7938	12370	11777	0	15	3	3	1	4	3	5	8	0	
Attapidaram ..	6340	8229	14569	15014	1	310	3	1	4 4 10	6	7564	9875	17439	24739	1	6	9	3	1	4	7	9	6	0	0
Kangumeri ..	322	537	859	923	1	12	3	1	4 2 2	6 10	501	834	1335	1457	1	1	5	3	1	4	2	5	6	13	0
Ambasamundram ..	870	1239	2109	3037	1	70	3	1	4 8	6 8 11	946	1354	2300	4096	1	12	6	3	1	4	13	6	6	8	0
Tenkasi ..	336	337	673	683	1	03	3	1	4 1 3	5	594	576	1190	741	0	9	11	3	1	3	10	11	5	2	0
Sankaranamakoyil ..	743	733	1476	1712	1	27	3	1	4 3 7	6	893	882	1775	1866	1	0	10	3	1	4	1	10	6	0	0
Trivilliputtur ..	527	674	1201	1228	1	04	3	1	4 1 4	6	417	538	955	1451	1	8	4	3	1	4	9	4	6	10	0
Sattur ..	1418	1186	2604	5068	1	152	3	1	5 2	6 4	1119	924	2043	5452	2	10	8	3	1	5	11	8	6	4	0
Trivankuntam ..	1212	2601	3813	4373	1	24	3	1	4 3 4	6 8	1601	8466	5067	7189	1	6	8	3	1	4	7	8	6	0	0
Total	14568	20579	35147	43967	1	40	3	1	4 5	5 14 3	18067	26407	44474	58768	1	56	3	1	4	6	6	6	0	0	

Coimbatore taluk										Coimbatore										District									
Coimbatore taluk	9262	9762	19024	22887	1	33	3	1	4	43	4	14	10037	10375	20612	27681	1	56	3	1	4	66	8	00					
Palladam ..	3543	3807	7350	8750	1	31	3	1	4	41	5	134	4573	4914	9487	10476	1	18	3	1	4	28	6	120					
Erode ..	3809	4404	8213	13896	1	111	3	1	4	121	6	79	4057	4689	8746	15552	1	125	3	1	4	135	7	1					
Karur ..	2698	2843	5541	9606	1	119	3	1	4	129	5	157	2777	2900	5677	8487	1	711	3	1	4	811	6	00					
Cherapuram ..	1586	1467	3053	6042	1	158	3	1	5	8	6	117	1830	1725	3555	7131	2	01	3	1	5	11	5	1310					
Pollachi ..	1027	1493	2520	2208	0	140	3	1	3	15	6	56	1437	2070	3507	3458	0	159	3	1	4	19	6	90					
Udumalpet ..	1830	1836	3666	4842	1	52	3	1	4	62	6	13	2816	2825	5641	4920	0	1311	3	1	3	1411	6	90					
Satyamangalam ..	3506	4538	8044	10530	1	411	3	1	4	611	6	11	4629	5950	10579	11412	1	13	3	1	4	23	6	20					
Kollegal ..	1533	1586	3119	3405	1	15	3	1	4	25	6	18	1714	1780	3494	1860	0	86	3	1	3	96	5	11					
Bhavani ..	1500	2214	4014	5955	1	79	3	1	4	89	6	10	2839	3495	6354	7032	1	18	3	1	4	28	6	00					
Total	30594	33950	64544	88121	1	510	3	1	4	610	5	124	36729	40923	77652	98009	1	42	3	1	4	52	6	011					

										<u>Nilgiri</u>				<u>District</u>																		
Cotacamund town	10573	9190	19763	44820	2	4	3	3	15	6	3	3	6	3	7173	8030	17203	32640	1	4	5	3	15	5	13	5	6	0	0	0	0	
Coonoor	5141	4905	10046	17520	1	11	11	3	15	5	10	11	6	3	5121	4900	10021	16080	1	9	8	3	15	5	8	8	6	12	0	0	0	
Nilgiri plateau	4627	4403	9030	19272	2	2	2	3	15	6	1	2	6	12	5320	5190	10510	16992	1	9	10	3	15	5	8	10	7	4	0	0	0	
Southeast Wynand	1274	1593	2867	8352	2	4	8	3	15	6	13	8	9		1457	1829	3286	9216	2	12	10	3	15	6	11	10	9	0	0	0	0	
Total	21615	20091	41706	89764	2	2	6	3	15	6	1	6	6	8	21071	19949	41020	74928	1	13	3	3	15	5	12	3	6	12	0	0	0	0

Salone taluk	11020	11604	22624	24661	1	1	5	3	1	4	2	5	5	14	Salone	District	7326	9495	18821	30816	1	10	2	3	1	4	11	2	5	4	0	
Tirupattur	10164	11875	22039	22038	1	0	0	3	1	4	1	1	6		12010	14010	26020	20820	0	12	10	3	1	3	13	10	6	0	0	0	0	
Tiruchengode	1601	1786	3387	5844	1	11	7	3	1	4	12	7	5	10	1680	1815	3495	7134	2	0	8	3	1	5	1	8	6	0	0	0	0	
Uttangarai	3126	2737	6363	13449	2	1	10	3	1	5	2	10	6		3803	2853	6656	10872	1	10	2	3	1	4	11	2	6	0	0	0	0	
Krishnagiri	2966	2677	5643	11370	2	0	3	3	1	5	1	3	6		2825	2580	5405	10206	1	14	2	3	1	4	15	2	5	0	0	0	0	
Attur	1737	2104	3841	4277	1	1	10	3	1	4	2	10	5	14	2207	2710	4917	5369	1	1	6	3	1	4	2	6	6	0	0	0	0	
Namakkal	2416	2753	5169	9778	1	14	10	3	1	4	15	10	6		2851	3212	6063	8985	1	7	8	3	1	4	8	8	6	0	0	0	0	
Hosur	2438	2113	4551	7809	1	11	6	3	1	4	12	6	6		3033	2641	5674	8013	1	6	7	3	1	4	7	7	6	0	0	0	0	
Channarayana	6256	6478	12734	18399	1	7	1	3	1	4	8	1	4	8	6736	6945	13681	13197	0	15	5	3	1	4	0	5	4	8	0	0	0	
Total	42224	44127	86351	117825	1	5	10	3	1	4	6	10	5	12	44471	46261	90732	115412	1	4	4	3	1	4	5	4	5	11	1	0	0	0

Wynaad taluk	3883	4434	8317	6345	0	12	2	3	15	<u>Malabar</u>	<u>District</u>	4314	4925	9219	11410	1	38	3	15	5	28	6	90
										4	11	2	6	9									

San Juan

1847	1098	2745	2385	0	10	10	1	12	2	7	10	0	0
132	125	257	327	1	4	4	1	12	3	4	3	12	0
2500	1568	4068	13035	3	3	3	1	12	4	15	3	5	0
464	220	684	2600	3	12	10	1	12	5	8	10	4	8
3887	2573	6462	9355	1	7	2	1	12	3	3	2	4	8
1124	749	1873	4250	2	4	3	1	12	4	3	4	8	0
43	6	49	81	1	10	5	1	12	3	6	5	4	8
37573	25568	63141	85572	1	5	8	1	12	3	1	8	4	1

Vizagapatam

Dist. Unit												
17476	13780	31456	35646	1	2	2	1	12	2	142	3	80
250	266	516	810	1	9	1	1	12	3	51	4	80
800	784	1584	2520	1	9	6	1	12	3	56	3	80
714	511	1225	2170	1	12	4	1	12	3	84	3	130
410	260	670	1596	2	6	1	1	12	4	21	3	80
543	416	959	1055	1	1	7	1	12	2	137	3	40
519	350	869	972	1	1	11	1	12	2	1311	3	80
1640	1090	2730	3252	1	3	1	1	12	2	151	3	80
1550	1178	2728	2410	0	14	2	1	12	2	102	3	143
3154	2362	5516	7248	1	5	0	1	12	3	1	3	80
300	215	515	590	1	2	4	1	12	2	144	4	00
9290	7745	17035	15540	0	14	7	1	12	2	107	3	80
619	365	984	2410	2	7	2	1	12	4	32	3	120
286	158	424	480	1	1	1	1	12	2	131	3	80
1457	1090	2547	5115	2	0	1	1	12	3	121	4	43
499	338	837	1500	1	12	8	1	12	3	88	3	120
460	420	880	920	1	0	8	1	12	2	128	4	80
551	317	868	1145	1	5	1	1	12	3	11	3	120
590	380	970	1236	1	4	5	1	12	3	5	3	80
1147	910	2057	2830	1	6	0	1	12	3	2	3	120
657	484	1141	2425	2	2	0	1	12	3	14	3	120
1028	544	1572	3385	2	2	6	1	12	3	146	4	80
43720	34168	78083	95255	1	3	6	1	12	2	156	3	95

A. B. Buchanan
Ag. Assistant Secretary

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Enclosure B.

Statement showing the average selling prices of
Country spirits in certain excise tracts of the Madras
Presidency, for the six months ending with 30th
September 1897.

1897
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Enclosure No. 1
is Current No. 100

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maine recording supply tract

Vellore District

	Vellore Taluk	5	0	3
	Gudur ..	5	15	11
	Rapur ..	6	..	..
	Town	6	..	..
Ha	Atmakur Taluk	6	..	..
	Town	6	..	..
	Kanali Taluk	6	..	..
	Udayagiri ..	6	..	..
	Town	6	..	..
	Kandukur Taluk	5	12	3
	Kanigiri ..	6	8	..
	Town	6	8	..
N	Angole Taluk	5	0	9
	Darsi Division	5	13	10
	Potili Division	6	8	..
K	Venkatajini ..	6	..	..
D	Polura ..	5	12	6
2	Average	5	7	5

Cuddapah District

	Cuddapah Taluk	5	2	..
	Vayalpad ..	4	8	..
m	Madanapalle ..	4	8	..
2	Jammalamedugu ..	5	4	..
4	Siddhanatham ..	5	14	..
	Badvel ..	6	..	..
	Pullampet ..	5	1	..
	Proddatur ..	4	..	..
	Pulinenda ..	4	6	..
	Rayachoti ..	4	..	..
m	Kadiri ..	3	12	..
	Average	4	13	6

Channarayana Taluk
 Crook ..
 Tadpatri ..
 Tharmavaram ..
 Pennkonda ..
 Hindapur ..
 Kalyandurg ..
 Madakavalli ..
 .. Town

Average

Bellary District

Bellary Taluk
 Hospet Taluk
 Ludlji ..
 Vend areas
 Independent-shops
 Adoni Taluk
 Madagalli Taluk
 Vend areas
 Independent-shops
 Harpanahalli Taluk
 Vend areas
 Independent-shops
 Ilur Taluk
 Rayachur ..
 Average

Kurnool District

Enallakot Taluk
 Kandikotkur ..
 Kandgal ..
 Sireel ..
 Koi Kuntla ..
 Pattikonda ..
 Cumlum ..
 Markapur ..

Average

6	..	..
6	..	..
6	..	..
5	12	..
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6	..	..
5	14	..
5	9	3
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5	4	..
5	4	..
6	10	..
5	4	..
5	4	..
6	..	..
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Madras

Madras Town including the outside limits	5 12 "
The rest of the Madras Town Circle	5 8 "
Average	5 10 10

Chingleput District

Conjeveram Taluk	4 14 10
Chingleput ..	5 15 "
Madurantakam ..	5 12 4
Ponneri ..	4 12 1
Trimmaller ..	4 15 "
Average	4 15 11

North Arcot District

Malajapet Taluk	4 14 7
Gudizatham ..	5 4 1
Wandurash ..	5 3 9
Chittoor ..	5 8 10
Palmaner ..	6 2 "
Vellore ..	5 0 3
Arcot ..	5 1 1
Kangandi Division	6 7 11
Polur Taluk	5 6 7
Pungamurad Division	5 12 11
Arni Division	4 7 5
Chandrapur Taluk	5 2 11
Kalahasti Division	5 6 1
Kumbakonam Division	5 7 10
Puttur ..	5 5 9
Average	5 2 5

Tindivanam Taluk	4 8 "
Munur fiska	4 8 "
Independent Shops	
Villupuram Taluk	4 8 "
Kend areas	4 8 "
Independent Shops	
Kendalou Taluk	4 1 9
Kend areas	4 7 6
Independent Shops	4 11 4
Tiruvannamalai Taluk	5 "
Tinkkoilur Taluk	5 8 2
Chakurichi ..	4 13 "
Kidambaram ..	4 15 8
Vidduhaichalam ..	

Average

Tanjore District

Tanjore Taluk	5 2 9
Kumbakonam ..	5 "
Kayavarum ..	4 13 6
Shirgali ..	5 "
Regapalam ..	5 8 "
Kannilam ..	6 "
Mannargudi ..	4 9 9
Tiru thuraiyandi ..	6 "
Patlukottai ..	5 8 "
Average	5 2 10

Trichinopoly District

Trichinopoly Taluk	4 11 9
Masuri ..	5 11 6
Kulithalai ..	5 14 10
Pirambalur ..	5 12 2
Edayarpalayam ..	5 12 4
Average	5 2 5

Madras District

Madura Taluk	4 8 ..
Tirumangalam ..	5 13 5
Madurai ..	6 ..
Madurai ..	5 8 ..
Tiruvannamalai ..	5 6 ..
Tiruvannamalai ..	5 6 ..
Pallu Taluk	6 4 8
Periakulam ..	5 8 8 ..
	6 12 ..
Average	5 12 11

Tinnevely District

Tinnevely Taluk	5 8 ..
Attappidaram ..	6 ..
Thangumari ..	6 13 ..
Ambaram ..	6 8 ..
Tenkasi ..	5 2 ..
Sankarathurai ..	6 ..
Srinivilliputhur ..	6 10 ..
W. Sallur ..	6 4 ..
G. Srikumbham ..	6 ..
Average	6 ..

Coimbatore District

Coimbatore Taluk	6 ..
Pudlakulam ..	6 12 ..
Terode ..	7 0 1
Ch. Karur ..	6 ..
Th. Tharapuram ..	5 13 10
Th. Pollachi ..	6 9 ..
Th. Damalpet ..	6 9 ..
S. S. Mangalam ..	6 2 ..
Kollegal ..	5 11 11
Bhamani ..	6 ..
Average	6 11

Vizagapatam District (Continued)

Coastal and Town	6 ..
Coarwar ..	6 12 ..
Vilgiri Plateau ..	7 4 ..
S.E. Wynnaad	9 ..
Average	6 12 ..

Salem District

Salem Taluk	5 4 ..
Tirupattur ..	6 ..
Tiruchengodu ..	6 ..
Uthangarai ..	5 ..
Krishnagiri ..	6 ..
Thur ..	6 ..
Kamakal ..	6 ..
Kosur ..	4 8 ..
Thornafuri ..	5 11 1
Average	

Madhav District

Wynnaad Taluk	6 9 ..
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Contract Distillery Supply Tracts

Ganjam District

Berhampore Taluk
 Ichchapuram Town
 Chhatrapur ..
 Kompeta ..
 Berhampore ..
 Gopalpur ..
 Goomsur Taluk
 Aska Town
 Russankonda ..
 Bellupur ..
 Chicaole Taluk
 Calingapatnam Town
 Chicaole Town
 Parlakimidi ..
 Parlakimidi Maliks

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Average

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Vizagapatnam District

Vizagapatnam Taluk
 Golconda ..
 Narsapuram Town
 Parimaliddi Taluk
 Yellamanchikotam
 Anakapalle Taluk
 Kasimkotta Town
 Anakapalle ..
 Bimlipatam Taluk
 Town

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 3 8 ..

Vizagapatnam District (Continued)

Vizianagaram Taluk
 Town
 Chikurapalle Taluk
 Town
 Virasabali Taluk
 Sunganampukota ..
 Gajapati nagaram ..
 Palkonda ..
 Town
 Saluru Taluk
 Boddhili ..
 Parvatipur ..

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Average

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Order

From

Messrs Ripley & Co.
Renters of the
Gumpur Agency Abhori
Vizagapatnam Dist.
No. Madras

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PART 2.

NOTICE OF SALE OF THE PRIVILEGE OF VEND OF COUNTRY SPIRITS IN THE INDEPENDENT SHOPS OF THE NELLORE, CUDDAPAI, ANANTAPUR, BELLARY, KURNOOL, MADRAS, CHINGLEPUT, NORTH ARCOT, SOUTH ARCOT, TANJORE, TRICHINOPOLY, MADURA, TINNEVELLY, COIMBATORE, NILGIRI AND SALEM DISTRICTS.

Notice is hereby given that the right of selling country spirits in each of the shops in the tracts marginally noted, for the year beginning from 1st April 1897 and ending with 31st March 1898, will be put up to public auction on the dates and at the places to be notified by the Collectors* concerned. The sales will be conducted, in the case of the Madras district, at Madras; and in the case of the towns and other tracts, at some convenient place, by the Collectors of the respective districts, or some officer deputed by them for the purpose, of not lower grade than Deputy Collector. The Collectors concerned will also notify the number of shops fixed for each town or other tract, the upset prices of the shops and the limits within which the shops may be established. Purchasers will

District.	Town or other tract.	District.	Town or other tract.	District.	Town or other tract.
Nellore.	Nellore taluk.	Anantapur.	Anantapur taluk.	Bellary	Meghara.
	Gudur taluk.		Gooty taluk.		Holalu.
	Kavali taluk.		Tadpatri taluk.		Harakanahali.
	Kandukur taluk.		Dharmavaram taluk.		Hejarada.
	Ongole taluk.		Penukonda taluk.		Magalam.
	Poluru division.		Hindupur taluk.		Harpanahali.
	Venkatagiri division.		Kalyandrug taluk.		Kulshalie.
	Repur.		Madakasira.		Thogarikatta.
	Atmakur.		Bellary taluk.		Kanvihalu.
	Udayagiri.		Hospet taluk.		Nanibevoor.
	Kanigiri.	Bellary.	Adoni taluk.	Kurnool.	
Cuddapah.	Cuddapah taluk.		Alur taluk.		Madras.
	Jammalamadugala taluk.		Rayadurg taluk.		Chingleput.
	Vayalpad taluk.		Kudligi.		North Arcot.
	Madanapalle taluk.		Kotturu.		South Arcot.
	Pullampet taluk.		Hanasi.		(except the firkas in immediate contact with the French Frontier)
	Proddatur taluk.		Devinamuradahali.	Tanjore.	
	Kadiri taluk.		Oojini.		Trichinopoly.
	Rayachoti taluk.		Tuluhala.		Madura.
	Pallivendla taluk.		Siribi.		Tinnevely.
	Sidhout taluk.		Huvinhadagali.		Coimbatore.
			Hampasagaram.		Nilgiris.
			Hirehadagali.		Salem.
			Bemeikal.		
			Iugi.		
			Sogi.		
			Kattebammur.		

be allowed to open their shops in any place approved by the Collector within the limits prescribed.

II. Each bidder at the auction shall deposit the sum of Rs. 50 previous to bidding. In the case, however, of shops, the annual rental of which is expected to be below Rs. 300, the initial deposit may, at the discretion of the Collector, be fixed at two months' rent calculated with reference to the previous year's sales. In this case such shops will be sold separately from the rest. The shops will be knocked down to the highest bidder above the upset price, subject to formal confirmation by the Collector who shall be at liberty to accept or reject the bid at his discretion. Such formal confirmation will, unless revised by the Board of Revenue for special reasons, be tantamount to an acceptance of the bid, and will be necessary whether the sale be held by the Collector himself or by any other officer appointed by him. Parties intending to bid must attend either in person or by duly accredited agents.)

III. The deposit or bid of any person convicted of an offence under the Indian Penal Code will not be accepted by the officer conducting the sale or by the Collector if he considers the offence of which the depositor or bidder was convicted to be of such a nature as to render this course advisable.)

IV. As soon as the auction is completed, the deposits made by the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. As the auction proceeds, the person whose bid is accepted for each shop shall at once deposit a sum equal to half a month's rent for that shop in addition to the deposit required under clause II above. Should he fail to do so, the deposit made by him under clause II will be forfeited, the shop will at once be put up again on the above conditions, and he will be debarred from bidding again for the same or for any other shop.

V. Persons to whom shops have been knocked down, and who have made deposit as provided in clause IV, shall also, within seven days from the date of the auction, deposit such further sum as, with the former deposits, will make up an amount equal to two months' rent of each shop knocked down to them, and shall execute the necessary engagements and take out licenses on the conditions hereinafter set forth. Should the initial deposit exceed two months' rent, the excess will be refunded to him unless he is required to deposit four months' rent under clause VI *infra*.

VI. If on inquiry subsequent to sale, but before formal confirmation thereof, the purchaser shall be found to be of doubtful solvency, he may be required to deposit twice the amount prescribed under clause V *supra*, or to get two sureties to execute security bond for the due payment of all moneys that may become due by him under the terms of the contract. The bond shall be stamped (article 28, schedule I, Act I of 1879) and registered at the expense of the renter if the amount secured exceeds Rs. 1,000.

* In the case of the Madras district, including the outside limits and the Saidapet taluk, for the word "Collector" wherever it occurs in this notification, read "Deputy Commissioner of Salt, Abkari and Customs Department, Central Division."

II. Each bidder shall deposit at least Rs. 20 previous to bidding. This deposit will entitle him to bid for shops paying a rental of Rs. 40 per mensem and under. Should, during the course of the sale, he desire to bid larger amounts he must increase his deposit correspondingly up to a limit of Rs. 50. Deposits, if tendered, will be received at any time within three days previous to the date of sale.

No party will be allowed to bid for another unless he holds a power of attorney from him. In case of dispute the selling officer's decision shall be final. If for any reason the highest bid is rejected, the next highest shall be taken or the shop resold at his discretion.

IV. The officer conducting the sale may, at his discretion, refuse to allow any person to bid on the ground that he has been convicted by a Criminal Court or has previously been guilty of such a breach of the conditions of a license or of a contract under the Abkari Act, as, in his opinion, renders him undesirable as a holder of a license.

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34. Every person employed by the licensee to superintend depôts or placed in charge of shops shall, before entering upon his employment, execute the engagements prescribed by law. All engagements entered into by persons to be employed by him on the 1st day of April 1897 shall be deposited with the Collector within one month from that date, or of the date of executing the engagement.

35. If it comes to the knowledge of the licensee that any person employed by him in the carriage or sale of spirits commits any breach of the Abkari laws or of the engagements entered into by him, it shall be his duty to report the matter to the Collector and to comply with the directions of the Collector respecting the continued employment of such person. The licensee shall not employ persons convicted under the Indian Penal Code in the carriage or sale of liquor without the permission of the Collector to be obtained in each case.

36. The licensee shall not, during the term of the license, have any interest in the exclusive privilege of vending toddy or opium in any part of the rent area to which the license relates, nor shall he permit any person having any interest in the exclusive privilege of vending toddy or opium in any part of the rent area, to hold any share or interest in his exclusive privilege of selling country spirits or to conduct sales in his shops in any part of the rent area.

N.B.—In the case of rent areas adjacent to—

Foreign territory, or
Rented districts, or

Districts in which the rate of still-head duty is lower,

add the following to condition No. 36:—

"Nor shall he during the term of his license, without the written permission of the Collector, have any interest, direct or indirect, in any arrack rented (or monopoly vend, as the case may be) area in the [here specify the foreign territory or district, as the case may be], or permit the holder of any such rent area to have any such interest in the rent area held by him under the license."

37. Interest shall be payable on all moneys due by the licensee at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum.

38. In case of any breach of the conditions of the license either by the licensee, or, by any person in his employment, it shall be competent to the Collector to impose upon the licensee a fine not exceeding the sum of Rs. 50 for every such breach of such conditions, or, at the option of the Collector, to declare the money or Government promissory notes or Postal Savings Bank deposits, deposited with him, forfeited and to cancel the license and re-sell the exclusive privilege at the risk of the licensee, or good by the licensee. It shall be lawful for the Collector to deduct the amount of all fines imposed under this clause from any sums deposited by the licensee as security for the due performance of the conditions of the license, or to realize the amount of such fines by the disposal of any or all of the Government promissory notes or Postal Savings Bank deposits deposited by the licensee. When a lease is cancelled, the rent for the whole period of the lease shall become due at once.

39. The imposition of a fine, or the forfeiture of deposits or the cancellation of the license under the last preceding condition shall not be held to prevent the prosecution of any person for any offence which may be committed against the provisions of the Madras Abkari Act, 1886, or other law for the time being in force and relating to the Abkari revenue.

40. If the licensee shall be convicted on prosecution before a Magistrate of any offence against the Madras Abkari Act, 1886, or other law for the time being in force and relating to the Abkari revenue, it shall be lawful for the Collector to declare his license forfeited. If the licensee shall be convicted under the Indian Penal Code, such conviction will render him liable to forfeiture of his license, if the offence of which he is convicted be such as, in the opinion of the Collector, renders him unfit to hold it. If the license is forfeited under this condition, the Collector will re-sell or otherwise dispose of the exclusive privilege at the risk of the licensee.

41. All sums payable by the licensee may be deducted from the amount of his deposits or recovered by attachment and sale of his property under any law for the time being in force for the recovery of arrears of Land Revenue.

42. Any sums deducted by the Collector under the powers herein contained from the sum deposited by the licensee as security for the due performance of the contract shall be replaced by the latter within fifteen days from the date of the receipt of a notice from the Collector informing him of such deduction having been made.

43. The Collector reserves to himself the right to grant "occasional licenses" for the sale of country spirits on the occurrence of fairs, festivals, &c., in places in the vicinity of which there are no regularly licensed shops. Such licenses shall be granted to the representatives of the renter and their period shall not exceed ten days, and the fee to be paid therefor shall be fixed at the discretion of the Collector.

44. The licensee shall not have pecuniary dealings of any kind whatever with any of the officials of the Salt, Abkari and Customs Department.

45. The licensee shall be bound by any additional general rules which may, from time to time, be prescribed under the Abkari laws now in force or which may hereafter be enacted, and shall, on requisition by the Collector or any officer duly authorised by him, deliver up his license for amendment or for the issue of a fresh license accordingly.

SCHEDULE.

Rent area.	Upset price.	Place of sale.	Date of sale.	Officer by whom sale will be conducted.	Remarks.
	RS.				

or clauses II and IV...
son, or will be otherwise disposed of.

Re-sales effected under clause VII will be...
gain, and, in the event of a loss by re-sale, will make good the...
payable for the whole period under the terms of the original sale and the total...
successful bidder at the re-sale. In the latter case the forfeited deposits will be de...
arising from the re-sale, and the remainder, if any, will be recovered from the bidder...
manner as if it were an arrear of Land Revenue. Should, however, the forfeited deposits be...
er than the loss by re-sale, the whole of such deposits will be credited to Government. The...
ulting bidder will be similarly liable if the privilege be disposed of otherwise than by re-sale and...
disposal results in loss to Government as compared with the original sale.

IX. Purchasers at auction sales or re-sales shall not be permitted to sell, transfer or sub-rent...
their privilege or any portion thereof at will, without the consent of the Collector, who will be at...
erty to refuse to sanction it. Nor shall they appoint any persons to act as their agents in the...
management of their privilege without previously obtaining the Collector's approval of the agents.

X. The purchaser of the privilege is liable to the penalties prescribed for breaches of the con...
ditions set forth below, though a formal license may not have been issued to him.

CONDITIONS.

1. The privilege conferred extends only to the sale of country spirits of the strengths of 20° under...
proof, 30° under proof, and 60° under proof.

2. (i) The amount for which the privilege above described has been purchased shall be payable...
into a Government treasury in equal monthly instalments due on or before the 15th of each month,
beginning from April 1897.

(ii) If the deposit made by the licensee under clause V *supra* be in cash, it will be taken in...
payment of the instalments due in the last two months of the period of the rent. If the deposit is in...
Government promissory notes or Postal Savings Bank deposits which the licensee wishes to retain,
they will be returned to him on payment of the whole of the rental due by him, otherwise they...
will be sold or disposed of in any other manner and the amount realized taken towards the payment...
of the instalments due in the last two months of the period of the rent, any balance still due being...
recovered as if it were an arrear of Land Revenue. Failing payment by the 25th of each month, the...
Tahsildar (or the Deputy Tahsildar in independent charge as the case may be) will immediately proceed...
to recover the arrears due in any of the methods prescribed by section 28 of the Abkari Act. If it be...
decided to re-sell the privilege, the Tahsildar (or the Deputy Tahsildar in independent charge) will...
suspend the defaulter's license and issue notice of re-sale not later than the 5th of the following...
month. I will re-sell the privilege on the day fixed with effect from the date of the issue of license to...
the new purchaser. In that case the deposit will be applied to cover arrears due and the loss, if any,
by such suspension and re-sale, and if it should be more than sufficient to do so, the balance will be...
forfeited. If, however, the deposit should fall short of the arrears due and the loss by re-sale, the...
licensee will be responsible for the difference.

(iii) The re-sale referred to will, however, be subject to formal confirmation by the Collector,
who shall be at liberty to accept or reject any bid at his discretion. Such formal confirmation will,
unless revised by the Board of Revenue for special reasons, be tantamount to an acceptance of the bid.
The accepted bid will represent the amount which is to be paid for the remaining period of the lease...
for the privilege.

(iv) If the Collector does not confirm the re-sale, he may make such other arrangements as may...
appear advisable for the remainder of the period of the lease, in which case he shall serve a notice on...
the defaulting licensee informing him of the nature of the arrangements made.

(v) Any sum due by the licensee under the foregoing clauses of this condition shall be collected...
under Act II of 1864. No remission or abatement of the rent shall on any account whatever be...
claimable by the licensee.

3. The licensee may purchase the spirits to be sold in his shop from any distiller who is licensed...
to manufacture country spirits for supply to any of...
the marginally-noted districts or parts of districts,

Nellore.	Tanjore.
Cuddapah.	Trichinopoly.
Anantapur.	Madura.
Bellary.	Tinnevely.
Kurnool.	Coimbatore.
Madras.	Nilgiris.
Chingleput.	Salem.
North Arcot.	Wynaad taluk of Malabar.
South Arcot.	

or from any warehousekeeper, or from any licensed...
wholesale dealer in country spirits licensed to...
supply the district or tract in which the shop is...
situated. The maximum rates to be charged by...
licensed distillers for spirits supplied by them are...
as under per Imperial gallon (delivered at the...
distillery):—

	RS.	A.	P.
For spirits 20° under proof	0	12	0
Do. 30° do.	0	10	6
Do. 60° do.	0	6	0

With warehousekeepers and wholesale dealers the licensee must make his own arrangements as...
to price.

4. The above rates are in addition to excise duty, which shall be prepaid to Government at the...
rates specified below per Imperial gallon before the removal of the spirits from the distillery or...
warehouse.

Number of hauls	<i>P. setiferus</i> (%)	<i>P. setiferus</i> + <i>P. setiferus</i> + <i>P. setiferus</i> (%)	<i>P. setiferus</i> + <i>P. setiferus</i> + <i>P. setiferus</i> (%)
1	10	5	2
2	25	10	3
3	40	15	4
4	55	20	5
5	70	25	6
6	80	30	7
7	85	35	8
8	90	40	9
9	95	45	10
10	98	50	10

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G. O. No. 24 of 14th Jan^y 1898.

The Board's proposals for the administration of ^{the} arack revenue for the year 1898-99 contained in its Proceedings read above are approved subject to the following remarks:-

(1) The Govt. is of opinion that having regard to the unpropitious character of the season in the Mellore district, ~~the~~ the proposal to extend the system of selling arrack shops separately may ~~be~~ ^{deferred} stand over for the present. The change may be introduced in the Cuddapah, Bellary and Anantapur districts, if at the time of receipt of ^{these} orders the Collectors ^{do} concerned ~~did~~ not see any objection to it ^{in view of the state of the} ~~on the score of an unfavourable~~ season.

(2) The increase in the rate of excise ^{proposed for} duty in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts should stand over for at least another year ^{in order} to give the vend rents, which showed a ~~very~~ heavy fall during the current year, a chance of recovering ~~themselves~~ ⁴. The proposal to raise the minimum selling price in the two districts should also be postponed ~~for the present.~~ ^{attach}

(3) C's proposals changing the habits of the people
the year 1898.

* The words in italics apply to shopkeepers to whom the power of granting special permits has been delegated by the Collector, with the permission of the Commissioner of Salt, Akkari and Separate Revenue, under clause III (g) of Notification No. 60, published on pages 100 and 101 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 4th February 1890.

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Approving, with certain remarks, the Board's proposals for the — in certain districts, the arrack contracts in which expire on the 31st March 1898.

No. 24, REVENUE, 14TH JANUARY 1898.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), No. 494, dated 22nd November 1897 :—

Resolution—No. 494, dated 22nd November 1897.

The Board begs to submit its proposals for the administration of the arrack revenue in the districts and tracts noted in the margin, the arrack contracts in which expire on the 31st March 1898. In the Gódvári, Kistna and South Canara districts and in Malabar, except the Wynaad taluk, the current contracts for the privileges of supply and vend of country spirits do not expire until the 30th September 1898.

Ganjám.	South Arcot.
Vizagapatam.	Tanjore.
Nellore.	Trichinopoly.
Cuddapah.	Madura.
Anantapur.	Tinnevely.
Bellary.	Coimbatore.
Kurnool.	Nilgiris.
Madras.	Salem.
Chingleput.	Malabar (Wynaad).
North Arcot.	

2. The principal proposals sanctioned for the current lease were—

- the continuance of the contract distillery supply system in the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts;
- the renewal of the contracts of supplying the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts to the local distillers, the rates of cost price of spirits remaining the same as in 1896-97;
- the extension of the system of separate sale of shops to the Cuddalore cusba farm and the Cuddapah town;
- the amalgamation of the Narasannapéta and Chicacole northern khandams into a single vend area;
- the abolition of the minimum guarantee system in the Ganjám district;
- the continuance of the three Government arrack vend depôts in the Pattukkóttai taluk;
- the inclusion, in the Madras town limits for abkári purposes, of the tract lying between the Madras Municipal limits in the south and the Adyar river and of eleven villages of the Saidapet taluk.
- the renewal of the lease of the Gunupur farm of the Vizagapatam Agency to the previous year's renters for Rs. 55,000; and
- the extension of the system of direct Government management to the Koraput farm of the Vizagapatam Agency.

3. The Chief points for consideration now are—

- whether the private distillery supply system can be further extended;
- whether it is desirable to further reduce the size of vend areas or to extend the system of separate sale of shops; and
- whether the present rates of excise duty can be increased, and, if so, to what extent and in what localities.

4. The private distillery supply system is at present in force throughout the tracts to which these Proceedings relate, except the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts. Both the Collector of Ganjám and the Assistant Commissioner, Chicacole Sub-division, consider that the reasons which induced the Board to recommend the continuance of

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the contract distillery supply system for the current lease still hold good, and that until the East Coast Railway is opened through from Madras, the question of effecting a change in the system of supply is premature. The Collector of Vizagapatam is also in favour of the continuance of the existing system. The Board agrees with the local officers in considering that no change is desirable for the present, and is of opinion that, as the two chief southern firms have amalgamated, it is all the more necessary to keep up the Aska and Vizagapatam distilleries. Both Collectors recommend the continuance of the contracts to the present distillers at the current rates of cost price *, and the Board accepts their recommendation.

	20° Under- proof.	30° Under- proof.	60° Under- proof.
Ganjám ..	A. P. 11 0	A. P. 9 6	A. P. 5 6
Vizagapatam.	13 2	11 6	6 7

5. The Collector of Ganjám renews the proposal made by him last year as to sub-dividing the Mohiri and Mandasá vend areas of the Berhampur division into two each. The proposal is approved.

The other Collectors concerned do not propose any change in the size of vend areas, as these are so situated that further sub-division is undesirable for administrative reasons.

6. The Collectors concerned have proposed the extension of the system of selling shops separately to the following towns or other tracts :—

District.	Taluk or division.	Towns or other tracts.
Ganjám	Senior Assistant Collector's division ..	1. Surlá.
	Head-quarter Deputy Collector's division	2. Bárúva.
Vizagapatam ..	Personal Assistant Collector's division	3. Baruvapeta.
	Anakapalle	4. Purushottapur.
	Vizianagram	5. Tekkali Raghunádhapuram.
		The whole.
Nellore	Rapur	
	Atmakúru	
	Udayagiri	
	Kanigiri	
	Darsi division	
Cuddapah ..	Podili	Do.
Anantapur ..	Badvel	
	Madakasira	
Bellary	Kadligi	Do.
	Iladagalli	Do.
	Harpanahalli	Hosahalli and Chornur vend areas.
		Kadlabalu vend area.
		Arasikerra and Alagilavada vend areas.

They recommended that most of these tracts be brought under the separate shop system from the commencement of the current lease, but their recommendations were not accepted by the Board in view of the unsatisfactory state of the season and the high prices which then prevailed almost everywhere. Assuming that the season will improve, the Board sees no objection to the extension.

The Collectors of Ganjám and Vizagapatam consider that, with the extension of

- Ganjám—
1. Tekkali Raghunádhapuram.
 2. Rambha-Kallikote or Purushottapur.
- Vizagapatam—
1. Vizianagram.
 2. Anakapalle.

the system of separate shops in the districts, the contract distillers should be required to open depôts at the marginally-noted places to facilitate supply. The Board agrees with them and recommends that the distillers be allowed to charge the shopkeepers, in addition to the cost price, an amount to be fixed by it for each gallon of spirits issued, to reimburse them the cost of transport and other expenses incidental to the maintenance of such depôts which will be of the nature of wholesale vend depôts for the storage and supply of duty-paid spirits, the licenses being issued to the distillers free of fee. A condition to this effect will be inserted in the license

7. The Deputy Commissioner, Northern Division, and the Assistant Commissioners, Chatrapur and Chicacole Sub-divisions, are in favour of dispensing with shop rents altogether and of levying the whole revenue in the shape of still-head duty. The Collectors of Ganjám and Vizagapatam support the proposal and recommend that it may be tried in the following vend areas and towns in their districts:—

Ganjám district	...	...	...	...	Berhampur town..
					Chicacole western khandam.
					" southern
					Ichchhápúram khandam.
					Mohiri khandam.
Vizagapatam district	...	...	...	...	Vizagapatam town.
					Anakápalle
					Vizianagram

Irrespective of these proposals which the Board is not at present prepared to accept, the Collector of Ganjám suggests that the excise duty may be raised to Rs. 2-3-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof and proportionately for the other authorised strengths. In fixing this rate, the Collector reports that he had regard to the danger of stimulating illicit distillation or smuggling from the Agency tracts which would result from fixing the duty at too high a rate. The Collector of Vizagapatam also proposes an enhancement, but, for the same reason as that adduced by the Collector of Ganjám, he considers that it would be unwise to raise it above Rs. 1-15-6 per gallon of 30° under-proof and proportionately for the other authorised strengths. The Board is of opinion that the rates should be the same in the two districts and recommends that they be fixed on the scale proposed by the Collector of Ganjám. Concurrently with the enhancement in the rates of excise duty, the Collectors propose that the minimum selling prices in their districts may be raised and made to cover the whole of the districts. The proposal is approved; the enhancement proposed in Ganjám, viz., Rs. 5, Rs. 4-8-0 and Rs. 2-8-0 per gallon of 20°, 30° and 60° under-proof, respectively, is, however, too high, and the Collectors will be requested to consider whether the same rates should be fixed for both districts or whether different rates are necessary. In portions of these districts where minimum prices are already in force, an enhancement not exceeding 25 per cent. may be effected. The Collectors will carefully consider the matter and communicate their proposals to the Board for approval and publication of the prices in the *Fort St. George Gazette* under section 29 (f) of the Madras Abkári Act.

8. Coming to the private distillery supply tracts, the Collector of Nellore advocates the enhancement of the excise duty from Rs. 3-1-0 to Rs. 3-8-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof in view of the general and steady increase in consumption in the district, and the Collector of North Arcot reports that there is no objection to an enhancement in that district provided that the rates are raised in the surrounding districts. The other Collectors are not in favour of an increase in the existing rates. The Board considers that if the duty is to be raised, the enhancement should apply to the whole of the private distillery supply tracts, but as the country is only just recovering from the effects of the famine and the majority of the districts are not prepared for a change, matters may continue as they are during the ensuing year.

9. In recommending the renewal of the lease of the Gunupur farm to Messrs. Ripley & Co. for the current year, the Board approved of the Collector's suggestion that they should be informed that the system of Government management will be introduced in the following year, whether they have collected their outstandings or not. The Collector of Vizagapatam now represents that, owing to the unfavourable character of the past season, Messrs. Ripley & Co. were not only unable to collect the debts due to them, but that their outstandings have increased to Rs. 50,000; and he therefore recommends that further consideration may be shown to them and that their lease may be renewed for another year on the existing terms. The Collector further considers that any change in the management of the farm is unnecessary as the present lessees have expressed their willingness to co-operate with the Government in securing the object of the change, viz., the reduction in the number of stills and shops. It is not probable that the renters will ever be able to realize their arrears by ordinary means and without resort to litigation, and as they have had ample

warning given to them in this matter, the Board does not consider that any further extension of the lease is required. The Collector's proposal is accordingly not approved; the system of direct management by Government may therefore be adopted there as in the rest of the Agency tracts.

10. The Collector of South Arcot reports that, owing to the low price of arrack in the French territory, the renters in the adjoining portions of the British territory have no inducement to open their shops or steadily carry on sales therein, thereby causing a falling off in the consumption of arrack, and as a remedy proposes that either a guarantee should be imposed or that the French Government be moved to raise their duty and the cost price of liquor to a level with those prevailing in the district. As the abkári contract in Pondicherry for the next year has, however, been already disposed of, the Collector recommends that the other alternative, viz., the fixing of a minimum guarantee may be adopted in the case of the frontier farms. The Board is not in favour of the proposal, as the adoption of the minimum guarantee system would be a retrograde step, which it would be inadvisable to take except on grounds of the strongest necessity. The system has been discontinued in those tracts where it was formerly in force, and has generally proved to be a failure. At any rate, the Board considers that the question should lie over until it is seen what the figures of consumption are during the next year. Condition 14 of the renter's license requires the maintenance by the licensee of adequate supply in all the sanctioned shops, which means by implication that all the sanctioned shops must be opened. It will be amplified so as to make this clear.

11. The Collector of North Arcot requests that sanction may be accorded to the opening of an arrack shop at Chinna Upparapalle in Punganúru, as there is a great demand for arrack in the locality and there is no shop within a radius of ten miles. The proposal is recommended by the local abkári officers and has the approval of the Board.

12. The proposal to establish three Government arrack vend dépôts—one at each of the Kattumavadi and Adirámpatnam salt factories, and a third at Arantángi—was sanctioned in G.O., No. 19, Revenue, dated 18th January 1896. During 1896-97, only two dépôts were opened—one at Adirámpatnam and the other at Arantángi and in the current year the dépôt at Adirámpatnam was ordered to be closed in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 3655, dated 23rd August 1897, in consequence of one having been opened by a private individual at Pattukkóttai. The Collector of Tanjore recommends that the dépôt at Arantángi may be allowed to continue until the opening of a dépôt there by a private individual. The proposal is accepted.

13. The Assistant Commissioner, Tinnevely Sub-division, brings to notice that condition 8 of the shop license and condition 15 of the dépôt license requiring the maintenance of a "sufficient supply" in shops and dépôts is vague and suggests that the term may be defined as meaning not less than 12 drams for a shop and 10 gallons for a dépôt. The Collector approves of the principle underlying the suggestion, but is not in favour of prescribing an arbitrary limit, such as that proposed by the Assistant Commissioner for all shops and dépôts in the Presidency. He considers that the amount should be fixed by Collectors, in consultation with the local abkári officers, for each important shop and dépôt in each district with reference to local requirements, and accordingly suggests that condition 8 in the shop license and condition 15 in the dépôt license may be altered so as to require the licensees to maintain such supply of spirits as the Collector may consider necessary to meet local demand. The proposal is a good one and has the approval of the Deputy Commissioners to whom it was referred for remarks. The conditions referred to will accordingly be modified so as to run as follows:—

"The licensee shall maintain such supply of spirits in the $\frac{\text{dépôt}}{\text{shop}}$ as the Collector may consider necessary to meet local requirements."

14. The Deputy Commissioner, Central Division, has suggested the following alterations in the clauses and conditions of the sale notices and licenses:—

(1) That clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the arrack sale notice and the corresponding conditions in the license may be modified with reference to the alterations

that have been made for the current year in the similar clauses of the toddy sale notice and conditions of the license. The proposal is generally approved, but the question of applying to auction sales of arrack shops the same rules as to deposits as have been sanctioned for toddy shops is under consideration and will be disposed of on receipt of the reports from Collectors which have been called for.

(2) That condition 28 of the arrack shop license should be omitted as superfluous in view of clause IX of the sale notice. The Deputy Commissioner has evidently overlooked the fact that condition 28 relates to licensees while clause IX applies to purchasers at the sales who have not yet taken out licenses.

(3) That condition 6 of the shop license which lays down that the license should be placed in a conspicuous place in the shop should be modified as the rule is unnecessary and difficult to enforce. He points out that the license, if exposed, is liable to be damaged by some of the riotous characters frequenting the shops. He also suggests that the word "painted" be substituted for the word "inscribed" in condition 7 of the shop and 14 of the depôt licenses, and that condition 31 of the shop license may be modified so as to generally empower Collectors to issue minor instructions for the guidance of shop and depôt keepers. The Board is of opinion that sufficient reasons have not been adduced for the changes proposed and considers that they are unnecessary.

15. The Deputy Commissioner, Central Division, further brings to notice that notwithstanding the prohibition in condition 13 against keeping shops open later than 9 P.M., the practice in the town of Madras has been to permit shops being kept open until 10 P.M., and he suggests that the same concession may be allowed to the unauthorized, appears to have been one of long standing and may be permitted to continue.

16. Condition 18 prohibits the licensee from selling in his shop any liquor other than country spirits at the three authorized strengths. Whereas condition 20 would seem to authorize the sale of other liquor in the same premises under a separate license. The discrepancy was brought to notice in connection with a proposal made by the Collector of Cuddapah to issue a license to an arrack shop keeper for the retail vend of foreign liquor. The Board considers that the point should be made clear and that the words "unless under separate licenses for such excepted liquors" should be omitted from condition 20.

17. The same officer is of opinion that the sale of forms such as permits and T.T. 6s. involves much trouble, and suggests that the forms be supplied free, the license fee being raised sufficiently to cover the cost of printing them. The question will be separately disposed of.

18. The same officer considers that condition 13 of the wholesale depôt license allows the location of an arrack shop in the same building with the depôt. The Deputy Commissioner's statement is not understood as the condition expressly prohibits the location of depôts in the same building with shops for the sale of country spirits.

19. In his report on the inspection of the Madras Town Circle, the Deputy Commissioner brought to the notice of the Board in July last certain discrepancies between the conditions of the licenses issued by the department and the Police regulations for the opening of hotels, taverns and shops, and suggested that the discrepancies might be removed. The matter was referred to the Commissioner of Police with the request that the defects might be rectified. The Deputy Commissioner now draws attention to his remarks in the foregoing report. He will be requested to communicate with the Commissioner of Police on the subject and to have matters arranged.

20. To sum up, the Board's proposals for the next lease are—

(1) to continue the existing system of contract distillery supply in the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts;

(2) to renew the contracts for the supply of country spirits to the ordinary tracts of the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts to the local distillers at the existing rates of costprice;

(3) to sub-divide the Mohiri and Mandasa vend areas of the Berhampur division into two each;

(4) to extend the system of the separate sale of shops to the Surla, Baruva, Baruvapeta, Purushottapur and Tekkali Raghunadhapur towns of the Ganjám district, the whole of the Anakápalle and Vizianagram taluks of the Vizagapatam district, the whole of the Rapur, Atmakuru, Udayagiri and Kanigiri taluks and of the Darsi and Podili divisions of the Nellore district, the Badvel taluk of the Cuddapah district, the whole of the Madakasira taluk of the Anantapur district, and the whole of the Kudligi, Hadagalli and Harpanahalli taluks of the Bellary district;

(5) to require the Aska distillers to open depôts at Tekkali Raghunadhapur and Rambha Kalikote or Purushottapur, and the Vizagapatam distillers to open depôts at Vizianagram and Anakápalle, and allow the distillers to charge the shopkeepers, in addition to the costprice, an amount to be fixed by the Board for each gallon of spirits issued;

(6) to raise the rates of excise duty in the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts to Rs. 2-3-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof and proportionately for the other authorised strengths;

(7) to raise the minimum selling prices in the Ganjám and Vizagapatam districts and to extend the system to the whole of the two districts;

(8) to extend to the Gunupur farm of the Vizagapatam Agency the system of direct Government management;

(9) to open an arrack shop at Chinna Upparapalle of the North Arcot district, and to continue to maintain the one Government arrack vend depôt at Arantangi until the opening of a depôt there by a private individual;

(10) to permit the four outside shops of the Madras Town Circle to be kept open till 10 P.M. as in the case of the town shops; and

(11) to make certain alterations in clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 of the arrack sale notice, in condition 14 of the arrack renter's license, in condition 15 of the wholesale depôt license, and in certain conditions of the shop license.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. S. BRODIE,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
" all Collectors.
" Deputy Commissioners.
Copy to Assistant Commissioners.
" to the Inspector, Madras Town Circle.

READ—letter from Messrs. RIPLEY & Co., Renters of the Gunupur Agency Abkari farm, Vizagapatam district, dated 1st January 1898.
ABSTRACT.—Praying that their lease for the Gunupur Agency Abkari farm may be renewed for another year 1898-99.

ORDER—No. 24, Revenue, dated 14th January 1898.

Separate Revenue No. 2.

The Board's proposals for the administration of the arrack revenue for the year 1898-99 contained in its Proceedings read above are approved subject to the following remarks:—
(1) The Government is of opinion that, having regard to the unpropitious character of the season in the Nellore district, the proposal to extend the system of selling arrack shops separately may be deferred for the present. The change may be introduced in the Cuddapah, Bellary and Anantapur districts, if at the time of receipt of these orders the Collectors concerned do not see any objection to it in view of the state of the season.

(2) The increase in the rate of excise duty proposed for the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts should stand over for at least another year, in order to give the vend rents, which showed a heavy fall during the current year, a chance of recovery. The proposal to raise the minimum selling price in the two districts should also be postponed.

(3) Considering the habits of the people, the Government is inclined to think that 9 P.M. is quite late enough for closing the arrack shops in the town of Madras; but if the Board prefers to allow them to be kept open till 10 P.M., the concession should apply to the shops in the Madras town only and not to the outside shops.

2. With reference to their petition, dated the 1st instant, Messrs. Ripley & Co. should be informed that the Government will raise no objection to the renewal of their lease during the year 1898-99, provided that they are willing to increase their rental for next year by Rs. 5,000 over that for the current year.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue),
with Collectors' reports.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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Current is marked Urgent, as To Secy.

The Board asks for early orders (Vide telephone message put up).

In the first paper read above, the Board submits its proposals for the administration of the arrack revenue for the year 1898-99. The proposals relate to all districts except Goolavari, Kistna, S. Canara and Malabar ~~except~~ the Wynad taluk.

2. Orders are requested on the following proposals of the Board of Revenue:-

(1) To subdivide the ~~Mphiri & Mphiri~~ dasa vend areas of the Berhampore division into two each.

(2) To extend the system of selling arrack shops separately to the following towns or tracts:-

District.	Taluk or division.	Towns or other tracts.
Ganjam	Senior Assistant Collector's division	1. Surla.
	Head-quarter Deputy Collector's division	2. Baruva.
	Personal Assistant Collector's division	3. Baruvapeta.
Vizagapatam	Anakapalle	4. Purushottapur.
	Vizianagram	5. Tekkali Raghunadhapuram.
		The whole.
Nellore	Rapur	Do.
	Atmakuru	
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Cuddapah	Badvel	Do.
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	Kadligi	
Bellary	Hadagalli	Hosahalli and Chornur vend areas.
	Harpanahalli	Kadlabala vend area.
		Arasikerra and Alagilavada vend areas.

As regards Nellore, considering the season, better make no change. The change may be made in Cuddapah, Bellary & Anantapur, if, at the time of receipt of your, the Colrs think it will be made it, considering the state of the season. I have no doubt, the change will stand over.

The Board negatived a similar proposal for the current lease on the ground that the state of the season was unsatisfactory and that the prices of articles were high everywhere. It assumes that the season will improve during the next year and approves the Col's proposal.

posals. A copy of the season reports printed with the ^{last} Gazette is put up for reference. It is thought that the ^{Board's} proposal may be approved. The effect would be as regards the Nel ore, Cudapah, Anantapur and Bellary districts to abolish the system of selling the right of vending country spirits by vend areas ^{altogether}.

(3) ~~That~~ the extension of the system of separate sales of shops, the independent shop-keepers in the Ganjam and Vizagapatam districts would find difficulty in obtaining their supply of liquor. The Board of Revenue accordingly proposes that the distillers should be required to open depots at four places:-

1. Tekkali-Raghumadapuram,
2. Rambha-Kalidkot or Purushotapuram in Ganjam,
3. Vizianagaram and in
4. Anakapali in Vizagapatam.

The Board would also allow the distillers to reimburse themselves the cost of transport of the liquor to the depots and other expenses incidental to their maintenance by levying a sum to be fixed by the Board in addition to the cost price of the liquor. The Board thinks that the licenses for ^{opening} the depots may be issued free of fee.

(4) To open an arack shop at Chinna ² Apparapalli in the Punganur zemindari of the N. Arcot district. It is stated that there is no arack shop within a radius of ten miles.

(5) To retain the vend depot at Arani in the Tanjore dist. until a depot there by a private indi-

*The season is so un-
-favourable in Bellary
that perhaps that dist.
may be omitted this
year*
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*In both these districts there was
a very heavy fall this year in the
revenue. Arise in the rate
of duty will tend to drive the
vendors to some
still further. They should begin to
conceive growing themselves & probably
will do so as the shopkeepers will
be making good profits & will be inclined
to bid higher - The increase in the
rate of duty should stand over for at
least another year.*
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*The colls. of Vizagapatam propose to
raise the duty to Rs 1-15-6 a gallon only. But
the Board thinks that the duty should be the
same for both the districts and would accept
the figure recommended by the colls. of Ganjam
- viz - Rs 2-3-0.*

*There is no harm in this,
fitly, but perhaps better
make no change for the present*
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virtual.

(6) To enhance the excise duty in the Ganjam and ^{Vizagapatam} districts from Rs. 1-12-0 to Rs. 2-3-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof. The Collector of Ganjam states in support of this proposal that with the "extension of the Rushikulya Project and the opening of the country by the E. C. Ry, Wages generally throughout the district show a tendency to rise, that food grains will never regain their former low level, and that if the prices of other commodities are permanently enhanced, the price of liquor should rise also." He thinks that the condition of the people during the next lease will not be such as to preclude an increase being made. In the districts under the Private Distillery Supply system the rate of excise duty is Rs. 3-15-0 per gallon of 30° under-proof at Madras, in the Nilgiris and in the Wynad taluka of Malabar and Rs. 3-1-0 elsewhere. For orders as to whether the proposed increase may be approved. The Collectors are not in favour of raising the rate further than Rs. 2-3-0 a gallon for fear of stimulating illicit distillation or smuggling from the Agency tracts.

(7) Along with this proposal, the ~~collect~~ Board suggests that the minimum selling price in the two districts may be raised and made to ~~renew~~ cover the whole of those districts. The Board has called up on the Collrs. for detailed proposals. Submitted after careful consideration.

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(8) The Agency tracts of the Vizagapatam district ^{is} under ^{direct} Govt. management and each shop is leased out separately. The exceptions ^{to this system} are the Gulupur & Koraput farms. The former has been leased ^{to} Messrs. Ropley & Co. for many years. But the Board proposes to discontinue the arrangement and bring the ~~contract~~ ^{tract} under the system of direct management by Govt. When the lease for the current year was renewed Messrs. Ropley & Co. were informed that the system of Govt. management would be introduced in the following year and that they should collect their outstandings ^{before} ~~during~~ that time. In a petition (G.No.50) this firm states that owing to the famine and cholera ^{it was} they were unable to realise ^{its} debts, that they ^{now} amount to Rs.50,000, and that if their lease be terminated, they would be unable to recover any portion of them. They accordingly request that the lease may be renewed for another year. This petition was supported by the Collr. who stated that further consideration should be shown to the firm and that it ^{was} willing to co-operate with the Govt. in securing the object of the change, viz., ^{desired by the} the reduction in the number of stills & shops. The Board's reason for overruling the Collr's recommendation is not very clear. Orders are requested.

Mr. Sodenham of the firm of Messrs. Ropley saw me on this subject. He had to return next day. His whole case is however stated in the petition. He says that owing to the distress it was impossible to realize the firm's outstandings & keep another year of the old contract. Perhaps it may be allowed in the special case.
 I don't mind providing they will pay Rs 50,000 more next year than they have done this.
 BS

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(9) It appears that though condition 3 of the shop license requires shops to be closed at 9 P.M., the practice in the town of Madras is to keep them open till 10 P.M. The Board's proposal is to change this practice and to extend the hours there by a private indi-

Considering the habits of the people I think 9 P.M. is quite late enough. But if it is 10 P.M. is accepted, it should apply to Madras only, not the outside shops.
 BS

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I prefer the old condition. The test practically applied is whether there is or is not a supply in the shop when the inspector visits it.
 BS

Let the Bd. do as it pleases about these small matters.
 BS
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concession to the four outside shops also. (10) Condition of the shop license and condition 15 of the depot license run as follows:-

"You shall maintain a sufficient supply of spirits in your shop." ^{depot} As this requisition is rather vague, it is proposed to alter it as follows:-

"You shall maintain such supply of spirits in your depot as the Collector may consider necessary to meet local requirements."

(11) The Dy. Comr., Central Division, suggested that clauses i, ii, iii, iv, vi & vii of the arrack sale notice, should be modified with reference to the alteration made for the current year in similar clauses of the toddy sale notice. The proposal is generally approved by the Board; but it is not clearly stated what the alterations are. A copy of the toddy sale notice will be found in the file of blank forms flagged P and a copy of the arrack sale notice at the place flagged C (page 6 of the Gazette Supplement). Comparing the clauses in the two sets of forms, the following appear to be the alterations proposed:-

- Clause i, practically no change.
- ii. The alterations in the remaining clauses are shown in the spare copies of the notice ^{placed} with this notice note. It will be observed that for the first three sentences of clause ii, a separate clause will be substituted as shown on the left hand side, ^{and marked A.} For the last sentence of the clause two sentences marked B on the left-hand side will be substituted. The word "reserve" will be substituted for "upstanding" and a note at the bottom of the ^{toddy} ~~arrack~~ so

sale notice shows that in addition to upsetting prices reserve prices ~~have~~ ^{have} also to be determined beforehand, that the former are fixed merely to save time at the sales by preventing the bidding from starting too low, and that when the bids are below the reserve prices, they should be rejected. The other alterations in

clause ii are only verbal. *The Board approves the alterations except as regards deposits. This subject is under consideration.*
Clause iii. For clause iii, it is proposed to substitute a fresh clause marked C as shown on the left-hand side.

Clause iv. The alterations in clause iv are only verbal.

Clause vi. In clause vi it is proposed to permit one surety to execute the security bond and the words, --"a surety or", are proposed to be ~~substituted~~ ^{inserted before "two Sureties"}.

Clause vii. The alterations in clause vii are only verbal.

(12) To omit the words "unless under separate licenses for such excepted liquors." from condition 20 of the shop license flagged H. The clause runs as follows:-

"No foreign liquor or country spirits of greater strength than 20 degrees under-proof or country beer or toddy or any liquor other than that to which the license relates shall be kept or sold in shops maintained under this license, unless under separate license for such excepted liquors, nor shall ganja, opium or other similar intoxicant be kept or sold in the shops". The reason for the proposed omission is that while condition 18 prohibits the licensee from

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selling in his shop any liquor other than country spirits, Condition 20, as it stands, seems to authorize that a sale if only a separate license be obtained.

3. Orders are requested on the Board's proposals shown above. *The Board rejects certain other proposals made by collectors and the Dy Commr, Central Division. Here and the reasons for their rejection will be found in paras D, 9, 15(2), 15(3) and 16 of the current.*

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I think the Bd's proposal may be accepted, except as noted in the margin of the office note.

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