

Revenue (1098) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 41

Dated 27th January

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving the Board's recommendation
regarding the annex & apply to the cess
acts of the South Canara Dist.

[illegible]

G.O.	No.	Description.	D. a.	G.O.	No.	Description.	Date.

CURRENT No. 365

Order N^o 418 / 21st Jan^y. 1898.

The Boards' recommendations ^{rat}

~~is~~ are approved

No. 6 Over

Dated 15th January 1893.

Received /5 _____

Registered/7

Enclosures /

Spare copies

SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government a report
on the working of the system of ar-
rack supply to the Excise tracts of
of the South Canara district under
the direct management of Government
and making certain further proposals
in connection with the same.

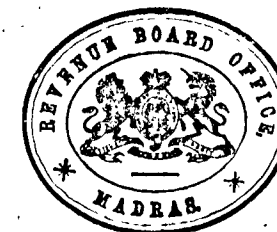
The 18th of June (I.R.) ^{Wesley}
(7 in order) ^{21/1/98}
dis. 8.2.98 ³⁰

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
1/	226	21-1-97	
	272	22-1-97	
	273	21-1-97	

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated January 15, 1893.

No. 6

Read letter from the Collector of South Canara Ref. on G.B.R.No.301/97, dated 23rd October 1897, stating that he shall post-pone taking action on the telegraphic order approving his proposal to reduce over proof spirit by blending with 60 degrees under proof and making certain remarks; and Board's reference thereon dated 3th November 1897, referring to the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari for remarks letter from the Collector of South Canara adducing certain reasons for blending the Vizagapatam arrack with toddy arrack.

Read also letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari Madras, No.297, dated 19th November 1897, reporting on the bad condition and arrangement of Messrs Albuquerque and Sons distillery in Mangalore and recommending the continuance of the present system of arrack supply till September 1898.

Read also letter from the Assistant Commissioner, Calicut Sub division No.5529, dated 20th November 1897, submitting that the two samples of arrack distilled at Vizagapatam were

given

given to the public at South Canara who on testing it found the
the arrack of a better flavour.

Read also petition from A. Albuquerque and Sons dated 17th
November 1897, requesting the Board to grant the petitioners such
remedy as will make up all the losses sustained by them on account
of the sudden cessation of their contract and to grant them such
relief as will remedy all their grievances.

Read also letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, Madras,
No. 5, dated 4th January 1898, recommending the storage of liquor in
casks in the Mangalore and Puttur warehouses for certain reasons.

Read also letter from the same officer No. 4, dated 15th January 1898
remarking upon letter from the Collector of South Canara adducing cer-
tain reasons for blending Vizagapatam arrack with 60 degrees under
proof toddy arrack.

Read also letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division
No. 22, dated 2nd January 1898, submitting report as to how the system
of supplying Vizagapatam arrack to the excise tracts of South Canara
have worked up to the 1st week of December.

Resolution.

In consequence of the sudden cancellation by Messrs Alberquer-
que and sons of Mangalore in August last of their acceptance of the
contract for supplying country spirits to the Excise areas of South
Canara during the current year, the Board was compelled to arrange
for supply of jaggery arrack from Vizagapatam on the conditions
reported

reported to Government in Board's Proceedings No. 530, dated

6th September 1897. As stated in that Proceedings, while the
negotiations were in progress, Messrs Albuquerque and sons
again petitioned to be allowed to resume the contract and
it was decided that no final orders should be passed as to
whether they should be allowed to do so or not until the
Abkari Deputy Commissioner had gone into the subject on the
spot and had reported on their distillery and plant. The Col-
lector was at the same time requested to submit a scheme
for the supply of spirits from Vizagapatam under the direct
management of Government and his proposals were received and
and disposed of in Board's Proceedings No. 407, dated 21st Sep-
tember 1897. The Collector and the Assistant Commissioner
were further requested to submit reports as to whether the
jaggery arrack supplied found favour with the consu-
mers.

2. In approving the Board's action reported in the first
of the Board's Proceedings referred to above, Government re-
marked in Government Order No. 326, dated 29th September 1897
that all fresh arrangements regarding the supply of arrack
should be reported in time to enable it to consider them be-
fore they were actually carried out and that it would be des-
sirable for the Commissioner to visit the district himself
and consider matters on the spot with the Collector; and

also

also called for a report as to why, it had not been found possible to supply the district with toddy spirit from Godavari or Malabar. In reply the Board in Proceedings No. 4510 Mis, dated 2. 10 5766 10-11-97 14th October 1897 gave its reasons for thinking that the supply of toddy arrack from Godavari or Malabar was out of the question and that jaggery arrack should continue to be issued at any rate pending receipt of the Abkari Deputy Commissioner's report. A further report on the working of the system, to be submitted soon after the close of November, was ^{upon} therefore called for in Government Order No. 1766 Mis, dated 10th November 1897.

3. With reference to para 2 of Board's Proceedings No. 407, dated 25th September 1897, referred to above, the Collector reported towards the end of October last that the jaggery ^{spirits} supplied were fairly well liked by the consumers who were, however, said to take objection to the reduction of the spirits with water. He therefore suggested that the liquor might be blended with toddy arrack of 60 degrees under proof. This was approved in Board's Proceedings Mis. No. 4597, dated 20th October 1897. The Assistant Commissioner, however, reported immediately after, that the arrack was well liked and that the objection to its reduction with water would entirely disappear as the consumers became accustomed to it. The Collector was accordingly requested in Board's Proceedings Mis No. 4650, dated 28th October 1897. 9. 10 5766 10-11-97 to hold the orders issued for blending with weak spirits in abeyance. These Proceedings were also ~~read~~ submitted to Government and read at the head of its order Mis. No. 1766, dated 10th November 1897, quoted

quoted above.

4. The papers read at the head of these Proceedings are the further reports on the subject received from the Collector, the Deputy Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner and the Abkari Deputy Commissioner and a ^{fresh} petition from Messrs Albuquerque and sons requesting a renewal of their lease. In spite of several adverse circumstances such as (1) the large balance of over 2100 gallons of 50 degrees under proof liquor belonging to Messrs Albuquerque and sons taken over in depots on the 1st October 1897, (2) the very high prices of food grains owing to depletion of stocks by abnormal exports (3) the fact that no one came forward till November for licenses for the Furingpet, Surakhal and Mangeshwar depots (4) the large number of shops unsold and unopened in October and November last reported by the Deputy Commissioner, Southern division, as tending to retard sale progress, it is clear from the foregoing reports and from the returns of consumption that the jaggery spirit supplied is making its way in the district. The Commissioner has also had the advantage of discussing the matter both with the late Collector ~~and~~ Mr. Nicholson, and with the Abkari Deputy Commissioner since his return from the district and as a result is confirmed in the opinion that ^a reversion to toddy arrack in the existing taluks of the district is most inadvisable. It further appears that

the

the local distillery and plant owned by the late supply contractors, Messrs Albuquerque and sons, are very defective and ^{entirely} unsuited ^{and} to the present requirements of the department; so much so that, apart from all other considerations, the renewal of their lease is impossible on this ground alone. The Collector is requested to inform them accordingly with reference to para 5 of Board's Proceedings No. 530, dated 6th September 1897, para 1 of Board's Proceedings Sub. No. 1037, dated 22nd September 1897 and their petition read above. The existing direct management by Government must continue till the 30th September next, a warehouse at Pittur being opened in addition to the one at Mangalore, as proposed by the Abkari Deputy Commissioner.

5. The rate at which the Vizagapatam distillers supply their spirits, namely, Rs. 0-11-6 per gallon of 50 degrees under proof, is, however excessive ^{and} as it appears from ^{the} reports read above and otherwise that arrack consumers in South Canara are prepared to accept liquor made either from jaggery or molasses and either with or without velum bark, the special reasons which were thought to make it advisable to obtain supplies from this distant distillery no longer exist. ^{therefore} It is proposed to ~~throw~~ the supply for the remainder of the year open to competition. The Collector reports that the existing stock together with the consignments already despatched from Vizagapatam will last till the 11th February next and that 50,000 proof gallons will be required for issue to shops for the rest of the year. The Board therefore proposes to invite tenders for the privilege of supplying

supplying this quantity in three instalments on or before the 23th February, 31st March and 30th April 1898, so as to store the necessary supply before the monsoon season begins. The result of the tenders will be known by the end of the current month, and as the first instalment of 3000 gallons proof is required to be supplied by the successful tenderer only by the 23th February next, the Collector will be requested to make arrangements with the Vizagapatam distillers for continuing up till that period. It is requested that Government will be pleased to intimate to the Board its approval of the foregoing proposals before the 24th instant, the date fixed for the opening of the tenders.

6. The Abkari Deputy Commissioner reports that the objection to the practice of reducing the Vizagapatam arrack with water is purely sentimental: he believes it to have been started by the late renters with a view to discrediting the new system of supply. The Board agrees with him in thinking that, when arrack has been blended with water throughout almost the whole of the Presidency for years past without any untoward result, the objection to such blending in South Canara cannot be serious. The orders in Board's Proceedings Mis. No. 4597, dated 20th October 1897, permitting the blending of Vizagapatam arrack with toddy spirits, are hereby formally cancelled. The local officers have, however, been requested to use the best water available for the purpose of reduction.

the local dist-

7. The Abkari Deputy Commissioner also strongly recommends in view of the fact that the present arrangement is only a temporary one, that the liquor in both the Mangalore and Puttur warehouses be stored in casks rather than in vats and that only four new vats be provided for the latter warehouse for reducing and issuing purposes. The Deputy Commissioner's recommendation is approved, and he is requested to arrange for the construction of the vats in question at a cost not exceeding Rs. 600.

8. In accordance with the wishes of Government expressed in para 1(3) of Government Order No. 326, dated 29th September 1897, referred to above, the Commissioner proposes to visit the district shortly, and the result of his inspection together with his proposals for the ^{future} working of the arrack lease will be duly reported.

(True extract)

W. B. Srinivasan
Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

To the Collector, South Canara.

To the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division.

To the Abkari Deputy Commissioner.

To the Assistant Commissioner, Calicut Sub division.

Enclosure
Tenders for the supply of Country Spirits to the Government Excise Depots in the South Canara District.

Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of 30000 proof gallons of Country Spirits to be delivered at the Government Excise depots, Mangalore and Puttur, in the South Canara District as hereunder set forth:—

Depots	Proof Gallons	Not later than
	6000 -	February 28 th 1898
Mangalore -	{ 7000 -	March 31 st 1898
	{ 8000 -	April 30 th 1898
Puttur —	{ 2000 -	February 28 th 1898
	{ 3000 -	March 31 st 1898
	{ 4000 -	April 30 th 1898

- The Spirits supplied shall be of proof strength or over in proportionate amount.
- The tender must specify the rate and strength or strengths at which the tenderer is prepared to supply the Spirits and the materials from which they will be manufactured.
- Each tender must be enclosed in a cover superscribed with the words "Tender for the supply of Country Spirits to the Government Excise depots, Mangalore and Puttur" and must reach the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue, before 12 O'clock noon on the 24th January 1898 after which no tender will be received. A sample of four quart bottles of the Spirits proposed to be supplied should also be deposited with the tender, duly labelled and described.
- The tenders will be opened on the 24th January 1898 at 12 O'clock noon. Their final disposal will rest with the Board of Revenue which reserves full power

power to accept according as it may deem best for the public interests and to reject without assigning reasons.

6. The decision of the Board will be arrived at as soon as possible and will be communicated direct to the tenderers.

7. The party whose tender is accepted shall, within one week after the Board's decision has been communicated to him, deposit a sum of Rs 2,000 in Cash or Government Promissory notes endorsed to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Separate Revenue, and if he fails to do so, the Board's decision accepting the tender will be cancelled. This deposit will be returned on his supplying according to his tender and the terms of this notice or according as these may be modified by further agreement; and in case of failure to so supply, the deposit will be forfeited and the agreement terminated; and the Board will be at liberty to make other arrangements.

8. The Spirits supplied shall be of good quality and not inferior to the sample furnished by the tenderer. The determination of any dispute on this or any other matter connected with the Contract will rest with the Commissioner.

9. The Collector of South Canara will arrange for the payment of the Cost of the Spirits supplied by the Successful tenderer according as accepted. Payment will be made on the actual quantity delivered at the depôts.

10. The Contract will be subject to the usual rules regarding wastages in transit.

11. The Successful tenderer must supply the liquor in thoroughly sound and well-coopered Casks which will be retained in the depôts till emptied under such terms as may

401
may be agreed upon to suit the convenience of the department.

Board of Revenue
(Separate Revenue)
13th January 1898

(K. S. Narayan) M. A.
Ag. Assistant Secretary

14/1/98

Same as C. No 365 of 1898

1898.

Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue),

MADRAS.

Printed February th.



Proceedings, No. 6, 13th January 1898.

JANUARY.

20.1.98

Submitting to Government a report on the working of the system of arrack supply to the excise tracts of the South Canara district under the direct management of Government and making certain further proposals in connection with the same.

1898

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

365

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

READ—letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated 23rd October 1897,
Ref. on G.B.R. No. 801.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that he shall postpone taking action on the telegraphic order approving his proposal to reduce over-proof spirit by blending with 60° under-proof, and making certain remarks as noted within and Board's reference thereon to the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, dated 8th November 1897.

READ—letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, Madras, dated 19th November 1897, No. 297.

ABSTRACT.—Reporting on the bad condition and arrangement of Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons distillery in Mangalore and recommending the continuance of the present system of arrack supply till September 1898.

READ—letter from the Assistant Commissioner, Calicut Sub-Division, dated 20th November 1897, No. 5529.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting that the two samples of arrack distilled at Vizagapatam were given to the public at South Canara who, on testing it, found the arrack of a better flavour.

READ—petition from A. ALBUQUERQUE & SONS, Mangalore, dated 17th November 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Expressing certain grievances of the petitioners and requesting the Board to grant them such remedy as will make up all the losses sustained by them on account of the sudden cessation of their contract.

READ—letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, Madras, dated 4th January 1898, No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Recommending the storage of liquor in casks in the Mangalore and Puttur warehouses for certain reasons.

READ—letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, Madras, dated 5th January 1898, No. 4.

ABSTRACT.—Replying to the Board's reference, dated 8th November 1897.

READ—letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, dated 2nd January 1898, No. 22.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting report as to how the system of supplying Vizagapatam arrack to the excise tracts of South Canara have worked up to the first week of December.

RESOLUTION—No. 6, dated 13th January 1898.

In consequence of the sudden cancellation by Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons of Mangalore in August last of their acceptance of the contract for supplying country spirits to the excise areas of South Canara during the current year, the Board was compelled to arrange for the supply of jaggery arrack from Vizagapatam on the conditions reported to Government in Board's Proceedings, No. 380, dated 6th September 1897. As stated in that Proceedings, while the negotiations were in progress, Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons again petitioned to be allowed to resume the contract and it was decided that no final orders should be passed as to whether they should be allowed to do so or not until the Abkari Deputy Commissioner had gone into the subject on the spot and had reported on their distillery and plant. The Collector was at the same time requested to submit a scheme for the supply of spirits from Vizagapatam under the direct management of Government and his proposals were received and disposed of in Board's Proceedings, No. 407, dated 25th September 1897. The Collector and the Assistant Commissioner were further requested to submit reports as to whether the jaggery arrack supplied found favour with the consumers.

2. In approving the Board's action reported in the first of the Board's Proceedings referred to above, Government remarked in G.O., No. 826, dated 29th September 1897, that all fresh arrangements regarding the supply of arrack should be reported in time to enable it to consider them before they were actually carried out and that it would be desirable for the Commissioner to visit the district himself and consider matters on the spot with the Collector; and also called for a report as to why it had not been found possible to supply the district with toddy spirit from Gódvári or Malabar. In reply, the Board in Proceedings, Mis. No. 4510, dated 14th October 1897, gave its reasons for thinking that the supply of toddy arrack from Gódvári or Malabar was out of the question and that jaggery arrack should continue to be used at any rate pending receipt of the Abkari Deputy Commissioner's report. A further report on the working of the system to be submitted soon after the close of November, was thereupon called for in G.O., Mis. No. 5766, dated 10th November 1897.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, No. 407, dated 25th September 1897, referred to above, the Collector reported towards the end of October last that the jaggery spirits supplied were fairly well liked by the consumers who were, however, said to take objection to the reduction of the spirits with water. He thereupon suggested that the liquor might be blended with toddy arrack of 60° under-proof. This was approved in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4597, dated 20th October 1897. The Assistant Commissioner, however, reported immediately after, that the arrack was well liked and that the objection to its reduction with water would entirely disappear as the consumers became accustomed to it. The Collector was accordingly requested in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4630, dated 22nd October 1897, to hold the orders issued for blending with weak spirits in abeyance. These Proceedings were also submitted to Government and read at the head of its order, Mis. No. 5766, Revenue, dated 10th November 1897, quoted above.

4. The papers read at the head of these Proceedings are the further reports on the subject received from the Collector, the Deputy Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner and the Abkari Deputy Commissioner and a fresh petition from Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons requesting a renewal of their lease. In spite of several adverse circumstances, such as (1) the large balance of over 2,100 gallons of 50° under-proof liquor belonging to Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons taken over in depôts on the 1st October 1897, (2) the very high prices of food-grains owing to depletion of stocks by

abnormal exports, (3) the fact that no one came forward till November for licenses for the Feeringapet, Suratkal and Manjeshwar depôts, and (4) the large number of shops unsold and unopened in October and November last reported by the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, as tending to retard sale progress, it is clear from the foregoing reports and from the returns of consumption that the jaggery spirit supplied is making its way in the district. The Commissioner has also had the advantage of discussing the matter both with the late Collector, Mr. Nicholson, and with the Abkâri Deputy Commissioner since his return from the district, and as a result is confirmed in the opinion that a reversion to toddy arrack in the excise taluks of the district is most inadvisable. It further appears that the local distillery and plant owned by the late supply contractors, Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons, are very defective and entirely unsuited to the present requirements of the department; so much so that, apart from all other considerations, the renewal of their lease is impossible on this ground alone. The Collector is requested to inform them accordingly with reference to paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, No. 380, dated 6th September 1897, paragraph 1 of Board's Proceedings, No. 5087-Sub., dated 22nd September 1897, and their petition read above. The existing direct management by Government must continue till the 30th September next, a warehouse at Puttur being opened in addition to the one at Mangalore as proposed by the Abkâri Deputy Commissioner.

5. The rate at which the Vizagapatam distillers supply their spirits, namely, As. 15-6 per gallon of 30° under-proof, is, however, excessive and, as it appears from the reports read above and otherwise that arrack consumers in South Canara are prepared to accept liquor made either from jaggery or molasses and either with or without velum bark the special reasons which were thought to make it advisable to obtain supplies from this distant distillery no longer exist. It is proposed therefore to throw the supply for the remainder of the year open to competition. The Collector reports that the existing stock together with the consignments already despatched from Vizagapatam will last till the 15th February next and that 30,000 proof gallons will be required for issue to shops for the rest of the year. The Board therefore proposes

* Vide notification appended.

to invite tenders * for the privilege of supplying this quantity in three instalments on or before the 28th February, 31st March and 30th April 1898, so as to store the necessary supply before the monsoon season begins. The result of the tenders will be known by the end of the current month, and as the first instalment of 8,000 gallons proof is required to be supplied by the successful tenderer only by the 28th February next, the Collector will be requested to make arrangements with the Vizagapatam distillers for continuing up till that period. It is requested that Government will be pleased to intimate to the Board its approval of the foregoing proposals before the 24th instant, the date fixed for the opening of the tenders.

6. The Abkâri Deputy Commissioner reports that the objection to the practice of reducing the Vizagapatam arrack with water is purely sentimental; he believes it to have been started by the late renters with a view to discrediting the new system of supply. The Board agrees with him in thinking that, when arrack has been reduced with water throughout almost the whole of the Presidency for years past without any untoward result, the objection to such reduction in South Canara cannot be serious. The orders in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4597, dated 20th October 1897, permitting the blending of Vizagapatam arrack with toddy spirits, are hereby formally cancelled. The local officers have, however, been requested to use the best water available for the purpose of reduction.

7. The Abkâri Deputy Commissioner also strongly recommends, in view of the fact that the present arrangement is only a temporary one, that the liquor in both the Mangalore and Puttur warehouses be stored in casks rather than in vats and that only four new vats be provided for the latter warehouse for reducing and issuing purposes. The Deputy Commissioner's recommendation is approved, and he is requested to arrange for the construction of the vats in question at a cost not exceeding Rs. 600.

8. In accordance with the wishes of Government expressed in paragraph 1 (3) of G.O., No. 826, dated 29th September 1897, referred to above, the Commissioner proposes to visit the district shortly, and the result of his inspection together with his proposals for the future working of the arrack lease will be duly reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

C. G. TODHUNTER,
Ag. Secretary.

(True Copy.)

Ag. Assistant Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of South Canara.
" Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division.
" Abkâri Deputy Commissioner.
" Assistant Commissioner, Calicut Sub-Division.

APPENDIX.

TENDERS for the supply of country spirits to the Government excise depôts in the South Canara district.
Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of 30,000 proof gallons of country spirits to be delivered at the Government excise depôts, Mangalore and Puttur, in the South Canara district, as hereunder set forth:—

Depôts.	Proof gallons.	Not later than
Mangalore	6,000	28th February 1898.
	7,000	31st March "
	8,000	30th April "
Puttur	2,000	28th February "
	3,000	31st March "
	4,000	30th April "

- The spirits supplied shall be of proof strength or over in proportionate amount.
- The tender must specify the rate and strength or strengths at which the tenderer is prepared to supply the spirits and the materials from which they will be manufactured.
- Each tender must be enclosed in a cover superscribed with the words "Tender for the supply of country spirits to the Government excise depôts, Mangalore and Puttur," and must reach the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), before 12 o'clock noon on the 24th January 1898, after which no tender will be received. A sample of four quart bottles of the spirits proposed to be supplied should also be deposited with the tender, duly labelled and described.
- The tenders will be opened on the 24th January 1898 at 12 o'clock noon. Their final disposal will rest with the Board of Revenue which reserves full power to accept according as it may deem best for the public interests and to reject without assigning reasons.
- The decision of the Board will be arrived at as soon as possible and will be communicated direct to the tenderers.
- The party whose tender is accepted shall, within one week after the Board's decision has been communicated to him, deposit a sum of Rs. 2,000 in cash or Government promissory notes endorsed to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), and, if he fails to do so, the Board's decision accepting the tender will be cancelled. This deposit will be returned to him supplying according to his tender and the terms of this notice or according as these may be modified by further agreement; and in case of failure to so supply, the deposit will be forfeited and the agreement terminated; and the Board will be at liberty to make other arrangements.
- The spirits supplied shall be of good quality and not inferior to the sample furnished by the tenderer. The determination of any dispute on this or any other matter connected with the contract will rest with the Commissioner.
- The Collector of South Canara will arrange for the payment of the cost of the spirits supplied by the successful tenderer or according as accepted. Payment will be made on the actual quantity delivered at the depôts.
- The contract shall be subject to the usual rules regarding wastages in transit.
- The successful tenderer must supply the liquor in thoroughly sound and well-coopered casks which will be retained in the depôts till emptied under such terms as may be agreed upon to suit the convenience of the department.

Government {1898} of Madras.
REVENUE.

Recd.

Regd.

} 1898.

Enclosures

Spare copies

G.O., No. 41, 21st January 1898.

JANUARY.

Arrack supply to the excise tracts of the South Canara District.

Approving the Board's recommendations regarding the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), No. 6, dated 13th January 1898:—

Read—letter from the Acting Collector of South Canara, dated 23rd October 1897, Ref. on G.B.R. No. 801.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that he shall postpone taking action on the telegraphic order approving his proposal to reduce over-proof spirit by blending with 60° under-proof, and making certain remarks as noted within and Board's reference thereon to the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, dated 8th November 1897.

Read—letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, Madras, dated 19th November 1897, No. 297.

ABSTRACT—Reporting on the bad condition and arrangement of Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons distillery in Mangalore and recommending the continuance of the present system of arrack supply till September 1898.

Read—letter from the Assistant Commissioner, Calicut Sub-Division, dated 20th November 1897, No. 5529.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting that the two samples of arrack distilled at Vizagapatam were given to the public at South Canara who, on testing it, found the arrack of a better flavour.

Read—petition from A. ALBUQUERQUE & SONS, Mangalore, dated 17th November 1897.

ABSTRACT.—Expressing certain grievances of the petitioners and requesting the Board to grant them such remedy as will make up all the losses sustained by them on account of the sudden cessation of their contract.

Read—letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, Madras, dated 4th January 1898, No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Recommending the storage of liquor in casks in the Mangalore and Puttar warehouses for certain reasons.

Read—letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Abkari, Madras, dated 5th January 1898, No. 4.

ABSTRACT.—Replying to the Board's reference, dated 8th November 1897.

Read—letter from the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, dated 2nd January 1898, No. 22.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting report as to how the system of supplying Vizagapatam arrack to the excise tracts of South Canara have worked up to the first week of December.

Resolution—No. 6, dated 13th January 1898.

In consequence of the sudden cancellation by Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons of Mangalore in August last of their acceptance of the contract for supplying country spirits to the excise areas of South Canara during the current year, the Board was compelled to arrange for the supply of jaggery arrack from Vizagapatam on the conditions reported to Government in Board's Proceedings, No. 380, dated 6th September 1897. As stated in that Proceedings, while the negotiations were in progress, Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons again petitioned to be allowed to resume the contract and it was decided that no final orders should be passed as to whether they should be allowed to do so or not until the Abkari Deputy Commissioner had gone into the subject on the spot and had reported on their distillery and plant. The Collector was at the same time requested to submit a scheme for the supply of spirits from Vizagapatam under the direct management of Government and his proposals were received and disposed of in Board's Proceedings, No. 407, dated 25th September 1897. The Collector and the Assistant Commissioner were further requested to submit reports as to whether the jaggery arrack supplied found favour with the consumers.

2. In approving the Board's action reported in the first of the Board's Proceedings referred to above, Government remarked in G.O., No. 826, dated 29th September 1897, that all fresh arrangements regarding the supply of arrack should be reported in time to enable it to consider them before they were actually carried out and that it would be desirable for the Commissioner to visit the district himself and consider matters on the spot with the Collector; and also called for a report as to why it had not been found possible to supply the district with toddy spirit from Gódvári or Malabar. In reply, the Board in Proceedings, Mis. No. 4510, dated 14th October 1897, gave its reasons for thinking that the supply of toddy arrack from Gódvári or Malabar was out of the question and that jaggery arrack should continue to be used at any rate pending receipt of the Abkari Deputy Commissioner's report. A further report on the working of the system to be submitted soon after the close of November, was thereupon called for in G.O., Mis. No. 5766, dated 10th November 1897.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, No. 407, dated 25th September 1897, referred to above, the Collector reported towards the end of October last that the jaggery spirits supplied were fairly well liked by the consumers who were, however, said to take objection to the reduction of the spirits with water. He therefore suggested that the liquor might be blended with toddy arrack of 60° under-proof. This was approved in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4597, dated 20th October 1897. The Assistant Commissioner, however, reported immediately after, that the arrack was well liked and that the objection to its reduction with water would entirely disappear as the consumers became accustomed to it. The Collector was accordingly requested in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4630, dated 22nd October 1897, to hold the orders issued for blending with weak spirits in abeyance. These Proceedings were also submitted to Government and read at the head of its order, Mis. No. 5766, Revenue, dated 10th November 1897, quoted above.

4. The papers read at the head of these Proceedings are the further reports on the subject received from the Collector, the Deputy Commissioner, the Assistant Commissioner and the Abkari Deputy Commissioner and a fresh petition from Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons requesting a renewal of their lease. In spite of several adverse circumstances, such as (1) the large balance of over 2,100 gallons of 30° under-proof liquor belonging to Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons taken over in depôts on the 1st October 1897, (2) the very high prices of food-grains owing to depletion of stocks by

abnormal exports, (3) the fact that no one came forward till November for licenses for the Feeringapet, Suratkal and Manjeshwar depôts, and (4) the large number of shops unsold and unopened in October and November last reported by the Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division, as tending to retard sale progress, it is clear from the foregoing reports and from the returns of consumption that the jaggery spirit supplied is making its way in the district. The Commissioner has also had the advantage of discussing the matter both with the late Collector, Mr. Nicholson, and with the Abkâri Deputy Commissioner since his return from the district, and as a result is confirmed in the opinion that a reversion to toddy arrack in the excise taluks of the district is most inadvisable. It further appears that the local distillery and plant owned by the late supply contractors, Messrs. Albuquerque & Sons, are very defective and entirely unsuited to the present requirements of the department; so much so that, apart from all other considerations, the renewal of their lease is impossible on this ground alone. The Collector is requested to inform them accordingly with reference to paragraph 5 of Board's Proceedings, No. 380, dated 6th September 1897, paragraph 1 of Board's Proceedings, No. 5087-Sub., dated 22nd September 1897, and their petition read above. The existing direct management by Government must continue till the 30th September next, a warehouse at Puttur being opened in addition to the one at Mangalore as proposed by the Abkâri Deputy Commissioner.

5. The rate at which the Vizagapatam distillers supply their spirits, namely, As. 15-6 per gallon of 30° under-proof, is, however, excessive and, as it appears from the reports read above and otherwise that arrack consumers in South Canara are prepared to accept liquor made either from jaggery or molasses and either with or without velum bark the special reasons which were thought to make it advisable to obtain supplies from this distant distillery no longer exist. It is proposed therefore to throw the supply for the remainder of the year open to competition. The Collector reports that the existing stock together with the consignments already despatched from Vizagapatam will last till the 15th February next and that 30,000 proof gallons will be required for issue to shops for the rest of the year. The Board therefore proposes

* Vide notification appended.

to invite tenders * for the privilege of supplying this quantity in three instalments on or before the 28th February, 31st March and 30th April 1898, so as to store the necessary supply before the monsoon season begins. The result of the tenders will be known by the end of the current month, and as the first instalment of 8,000 gallons proof is required to be supplied by the successful tenderer only by the 28th February next, the Collector will be requested to make arrangements with the Vizagapatam distillers for continuing up till that period. It is requested that Government will be pleased to intimate to the Board its approval of the foregoing proposals before the 24th instant, the date fixed for the opening of the tenders.

6. The Abkâri Deputy Commissioner reports that the objection to the practice of reducing the Vizagapatam arrack with water is purely sentimental; he believes it to have been started by the late renters with a view to discrediting the new system of supply. The Board agrees with him in thinking that, when arrack has been reduced with water throughout almost the whole of the Presidency for years past without any untoward result, the objection to such reduction in South Canara cannot be serious. The orders in Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 4597, dated 20th October 1897, permitting the blending of Vizagapatam arrack with toddy spirits, are hereby formally cancelled. The local officers have, however, been requested to use the best water available for the purpose of reduction.

7. The Abkâri Deputy Commissioner also strongly recommends, in view of the fact that the present arrangement is only a temporary one, that the liquor in both the Mangalore and Puttur warehouses be stored in casks rather than in vats and that only four new vats be provided for the latter warehouse for reducing and issuing purposes. The Deputy Commissioner's recommendation is approved, and he is requested to arrange for the construction of the vats in question at a cost not exceeding Rs. 600.

8. In accordance with the wishes of Government expressed in paragraph 1 (3) of G.O., No. 826, dated 29th September 1897, referred to above, the Commissioner proposes to visit the district shortly, and the result of his inspection together with his proposals for the future working of the arrack lease will be duly reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. TODHUNTER,
Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Collector of South Canara.
" Deputy Commissioner, Southern Division.
" Abkâri Deputy Commissioner.
" Assistant Commissioner, Calicut Sub-Division.

APPENDIX.

TENDERS for the supply of country spirits to the Government excise depôts in the South Canara district.

Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of 30,000 proof gallons of country spirits to be delivered at the Government excise depôts, Mangalore and Puttur, in the South Canara district, as hereunder set forth:—

Depôts.	Proof gallons.	Not later than
Mangalore	6,000	28th February 1898.
	7,000	31st March "
	8,000	30th April "
	2,000	28th February "
Puttur	3,000	31st March "
	4,000	30th April "

2. The spirits supplied shall be of proof strength or over in proportionate amount.

3. The tender must specify the rate and strength or strengths at which the tenderer is prepared to supply the spirits and the materials from which they will be manufactured.

4. Each tender must be enclosed in a cover superscribed with the words "Tender for the supply of country spirits to the Government excise depôts, Mangalore and Puttur," and must reach the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), before 12 o'clock noon on the 24th January 1898, after which no tender will be received. A sample of four quart bottles of the spirits proposed to be supplied should also be deposited with the tender, duly labelled and described.

5. The tenders will be opened on the 24th January 1898 at 12 o'clock noon. Their final disposal will rest with the Board of Revenue which reserves full power to accept according as it may deem best for the public interests and to reject without assigning reasons.

6. The decision of the Board will be arrived at as soon as possible and will be communicated direct to the tenderers.

7. The party whose tender is accepted shall, within one week after the Board's decision has been communicated to him, deposit a sum of Rs. 2,000 in cash or Government promissory notes endorsed to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), and, if he fails to do so, the Board's decision accepting the tender will be cancelled. This deposit will be returned on his supplying according to his tender and the terms of this notice or according as these may be modified by further agreement; and in case of failure to so supply, the deposit will be forfeited and the agreement terminated; and the Board will be at liberty to make other arrangements.

8. The spirits supplied shall be of good quality and not inferior to the sample furnished by the tenderer. The determination of any dispute on this or any other matter connected with the contract will rest with the Commissioner.

9. The Collector of South Canara will arrange for the payment of the cost of the spirits supplied by the successful tenderer according as accepted. Payment will be made on the actual quantity delivered at the depôts.

10. The contract will be subject to the usual rules regarding wastages in transit.

11. The successful tenderer must supply the liquor in thoroughly sound and well-coopered casks which will be retained in the depôts till emptied under such terms as may be agreed upon to suit the convenience of the department.

No. 41, REVENUE, 21ST JANUARY 1898.

ORDER—No. 41, Revenue, dated 21st January 1898.

Separate Revenue No. 3.

The Board's recommendations are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue).

First copy sent to Pres.

Returned for signature.

Despatched in print.

READ AGAIN G.O., No.
119

REVENUE NO.

READ AGAIN G.O., No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH REASON

REVENUE NOT PAID TO 17, 1898, BEING PAID FOR 1898
IN 1899.

Exd. Shaik Karim

30 Copies

3-1-1898

3-1-1898

3-1-1898

3-1-1898