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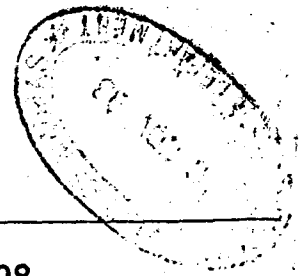
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 322, dated 28th October 1898.

The Board begs to submit to Government, with the following remarks, a statement showing the consumption of country spirits and of locally-made foreign spirits in the several Excise tracts of the Madras Presidency in and up to the month of September 1898.

COUNTRY SPIRITS.

2. Compared with the corresponding period of last year, there has been, in the Excise tracts of the Presidency, a net decrease in consumption of 66,425 proof-gallons or about 14.6 per cent., of which, however, about 5,600 gallons will be covered by the consumption in the South Canara and Malabar districts, the returns for which have not yet been received. A general cause given by several Collectors for the fall in consumption is the acquisition of a practical monopoly of the spirit supply of the greater part of the Presidency by the company trading under the name of the "East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories (Limited)" which leads to increased price. The following explanations are offered by the Collectors for the local variations in their districts.

3. *Bellary and Trichinopoly*.—The variations have not been explained by the Collectors concerned.

4. *The Nilgiris*.—The increase is attributed to an increase in the temporary population.

5. *Nellore, Cuddapah, Chingleput, South Arcot, Tinnevely and Salem*.—The decrease is attributed to the unfavourable character of the season. In Salem, it is also ascribed to a temperance movement recently set on foot by the weaving community.

6. *Ganjām, Tanjore and Madura*.—The decrease is attributed to high price of food-grains and an increase in the selling price of arrack. In Tanjore, it is also ascribed to the preference shown to toddy, and in Madura to the opening of a fewer number of shops than in the previous year.

7. *Kistna and Madras*.—The decrease is attributed to high prices of food-grains and to the closure of certain public works. In Kistna, it is also ascribed to an increase in the selling price of arrack.

8. *North Arcot*.—The decrease is attributed to an increase in the selling price of arrack and to the opening of a smaller number of wholesale vend depots than in the previous year.

9. The variations in the other tracts of the Presidency call for no remarks.

FOREIGN SPIRITS.

10. The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued up to the month under review amounted to 7,597 proof-gallons against 8,569 in 1897-98, being a decrease of 972 gallons or about 11.3 per cent.

11. The increase in the Cuddapah and Anantapur districts and the decrease in the Nilgiris have not been explained by the Collectors concerned, and the D-21 (a) statement has not been received from the Collector of Bellary.

12. *Madras Town Circle*.—The increase is attributed to the sale of Malabar arrack in taverns.

13. *Ganjām*.—The explanation given of the decrease is that locally-made foreign spirits are going out of favour.

14. *Trichinopoly*.—The decrease in the quantity of raisin wine issued is reported to be due to fluctuations in the requirements of the Madura Catholic Mission.

15. The variations in the other districts call for no remarks.

(True Extract.)

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" all Collectors.

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" the Inspector, Madras Town Circle.

APPENDIX.

COMPARATIVE statement of Consumption of Spirits in the several Excise tracts of the Madras Presidency in and up to the month of September 1898.

Districts.		COUNTRY SPIRITS IN GALLONS.					LOCALLY-MADE FOREIGN SPIRITS IN PROOF, GALLONS.	
		In the month.				Total up to the month (proof).	In the month.	Up to the month.
		20° under-proof.	30° under-proof.	60° under-proof.	Total (proof).			
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Ganjām	1897-98 ..	4	1,910	5,259	3,444	26,300	36	203
	1898-99 ..	1	1,333	5,248	3,032	24,857	9	110
2. Vizagapatam	1897-98 ..	115	7,250	698	5,446	30,744	..	..
	1898-99 ..	30	6,167	657	4,604	30,069	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1897-98 ..	1,060	6,856	770	5,855	34,839	..	..
	1898-99 ..	1,157	5,491	600	5,009	30,200	..	..
4. Nellore	1897-98 ..	..	5,301	..	3,711	19,860	..	..
	1898-99 ..	..	3,811	..	2,668	16,392	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1897-98 ..	3,049	1,600	..	3,559	18,682	18	46
	1898-99 ..	1,478	982	..	1,870	13,510	29	222
6. Anantapur	1897-98 ..	830	931	..	1,316	6,019	10	45
	1898-99 ..	436	773	..	890	6,288	18	147
7. Bellary	1897-98 ..	825	4,404	..	3,743	16,879	29	171
	1898-99 ..	648	3,452	..	2,935	19,950	11	70
8. Kurnool	1897-98 ..	2,996	321	..	2,621	10,684	5	64
	1898-99 ..	1,731	243	..	1,655	10,308	17	77
9. Madras Town, including the outside shops. The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	1897-98 ..	..	6,027	..	4,219	23,840	..	..
	1898-99 ..	..	4,832	..	3,382	21,833	401	(a) 1,920
	1897-98 ..	..	1,943	..	1,360	6,510	1,219	2,975
	1898-99 ..	..	605	..	563	3,559	..	..
10. Chingleput	1897-98 ..	..	(a) 3,599	..	(a) 2,519	13,570	..	..
	1898-99 ..	..	2,184	..	1,536	8,791	4	4
11. North Arcot	1897-98 ..	428	8,051	..	5,978	31,871	..	42
	1898-99 ..	494	5,464	..	4,220	23,479	7	87
12. South Arcot	1897-98 ..	..	8,540	2	5,979	33,729	..	..
	1898-99 ..	53	5,256	..	3,722	23,983	16	19
13. Tanjore	1897-98 ..	4	3,842	..	2,693	15,956	..	..
	1898-99 ..	1	3,124	..	2,188	13,605	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1897-98 ..	50	4,305	..	3,054	18,399	207	637
	1898-99 ..	69	3,752	..	2,682	17,402	80	271
15. Madura	1897-98 ..	..	5,133	..	3,593	20,050	8	8
	1898-99 ..	..	4,213	..	2,949	17,989	22	49
16. Tinnevely	1897-98 ..	15	3,413	..	2,401	12,647	..	..
	1898-99 ..	..	3,385	..	2,369	11,630	..	1
17. Coimbatore	1897-98 ..	2,992	1,528	..	4,263	25,710	41	232
	1898-99 ..	3,485	1,865	..	3,743	26,395	33	204
18. The Nilgiris	1897-98 ..	58	3,140	..	2,244	14,750	780	5,187
	1898-99 ..	30	3,630	..	2,565	16,131	288	3,280
19. Salem	1897-98 ..	84	7,341	..	5,206	29,673	..	..
	1898-99 ..	10	5,018	..	3,520	24,494	4	69
20. South Canara	1897-98 ..	..	3,087	..	2,161	20,295	..	..
	1898-99 ..	(b) ..	(b) ..	(b) ..	(c) 11,864	..	..	..
21. Malabar	1897-98 ..	486	(b) ..	(b) ..	389	3,020	..	..
	1898-99 ..	(b) ..	(b) ..	(b) ..	4,645	21,056	8	14
	1897-98 ..	1,111	4,940	745	4,645	21,056	..	..
	1898-99 ..	(b) ..	(b) ..	(b) ..	(c) 13,663	..	..	12
Total ..	1897-98 ..	15,107	(a) 98,462	7,474	(a) 80,499	455,063	1,543	(a) 8,569
	1898-99 ..	9,623	65,290	6,503	56,063	388,638	1,765	7,897

(a) Revised figure. (b) The statement has not been received. (c) Represents the figure up to August 1898.

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