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Submitting to Government, with remarks, the statement of 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 October 1898.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(Separate Revenue).

Resolution—No. 358, dated 25th November 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 October 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 90,804 proof-gallons or about 16·2 per cent. up to the month. The following explanations are offered by the Collectors for the local variations in their districts. For *Bellary* and *Kurnool* none have been submitted.

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

4. *Ganjam, Kistna and Madura.*—The decrease is reported to be due to high prices of food-grains and an increase in the selling price of arrack. In Kistna, it is also attributed to the closure of certain large public works. The rise in the price of arrack in Ganjam is reported to be due to the fact that the town shops of Chatrapur, Gopalpur and Berhampur are practically in the hands of a single renter.

5. *Nellore, Cuddapah, Madras, Chingleput and Salem.*—The decrease is ascribed to the unfavourable character of the season. In Madras, it is also attributed to high prices of food-grains and to the closure of certain public works and of a large number of tanneries. A further reason given for the decrease in Salem is the temperance movement recently set on foot by the weaving community.

6. *Anantapur and Tanjore.*—In Anantapur, the decrease is reported to be due to the plague scare and in Tanjore it is ascribed to an increase in the selling price of arrack.

7. *Trichinopoly and South Canara.*—The decrease is attributed to high prices of food-grains and the opening of a smaller number of shops than in the previous year. In South Canara it is also ascribed to depression of trade.

8. *North Arcot.*—The decrease is reported to be due 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. *South Arcot and Tinnevelly.*—The decrease is attributed to the unfavourable character of the season and to an increase in the selling price of arrack brought about by the amalgamation of the two firms now trading under the name of the "East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories (Limited)." In South Arcot, it is also reported to be due to the fact that the Dipavali festival which took place in October last year falls in November in 1898.

10. *Malabar.*—The decrease in the Wynaad taluk is reported to be due to the exceptionally unfavourable character of the season and to the dearness of provisions. In the other Excise tracts of the district, it is attributed to scarcity of provisions, the

depression of trade, the preference shown for toddy because of its comparative cheapness, the inadequacy of stock in some of the arrack wholesale vend depots and to the fact that cholera, which partly accounted for a large consumption in the previous year is no longer prevalent.

11. The decrease* in the Kistna, Cuddapah, Madras, Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot, Salem and South Canara districts is large and in the Board's view not sufficiently explained. The special attention of the Collectors and Departmental officers concerned is called to the matter and their remarks called for.

* Decrease in proof-gallons up to the month of October—

Kistna	5,264
Cuddapah	7,561
Madras	7,705
Chingleput	7,150
North Arcot	11,554
South Arcot	14,764
Salem	7,710
South Canara	6,700

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

Foreign Spirits.

13. The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued up to the month under review amounted to 8,673 proof-gallons against 9,765 in 1897-98, being a decrease of 1,092 proof-gallons or about 11·2 per cent.

14. The increase in Cuddapah and Anantapur and the decrease in Bellary have not been explained and the D. 21 (*a*) statement from the Collector of the Nilgiris has not been received.

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

16. *Ganjam.*—The decrease is reported to be probably due to the use of imported foreign liquor obtained from Madras and other places.

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

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

(True Extract.)

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APPENDIX.

COMPARATIVE statement of consumption of spirits in the several Excise tracts of the Madras Presidency in and up to the month of October 1898.

Districts.		COUNTRY SPIRITS IN GALLONS. In the month. 20° under-proof.	30° under-proof.	60° under-proof.	Total (proof).	Total up to the month (proof).	LOCALLY-MADE FOREIGN SPIRITS IN PROOF-GALLONS. In the month.	Up to the month.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1. Ganjám	1897-98	4	1,869	6,670	3,980	30,280	2	206
	1898-99	1	1,559	6,856	3,834	28,691	21	131
2. Vizagapatam	1897-98	110	7,051	664	5,289	46,033	..	..
	1898-99	30	7,001	742	5,221	35,200	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1897-98	1,301	8,438	709	7,427	42,056	..	..
	1898-99	2,488	6,374	375	6,602	36,802	..	..
4. Nellore	1897-98	..	6,466	..	4,526	24,386	7	7
	1898-99	..	4,614	..	3,229	19,621	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1897-98	3,203	2,112	..	4,113	22,775	..	46
	1898-99	1,276	972	..	1,701	15,211	8	230
6. Anantapur	1897-98	1,165	1,541	..	2,003	8,022	21	66
	1898-99	579	1,095	..	1,223	7,500	..	147
7. Bellary	1897-98	1,205	5,668	..	4,855	21,784	36	207
	1898-99	598	5,808	..	4,544	24,494	11	81
8. Kurnool	1897-98	3,048	260	..	2,620	13,304	5	69
	1898-99	1,688	266	..	1,493	11,804	17	94
9. Madras Town Circle. Madras town, including the outside shops.	1897-98	..	8,365	..	5,856	29,666	..	..
	1898-99	..	6,231	..	4,362	25,995	155	2,075
The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	1897-98	..	2,803	..	1,983	8,523	678	3,653
	1898-99	..	1,329	..	930	4,489		
10. Chingleput	1897-98	..	*6,180	..	*4,431	*18,001	..	..
	1898-99	..	2,943	..	2,060	10,851	10	14
11. North Arcot	1897-98	537	11,579	..	8,636	40,406	25	67
	1898-99	676	6,901	..	5,373	28,852	7	94
12. South Arcot	1897-98	53	13,526	23	9,520	43,240	..	..
	1898-99	207	6,193	3	4,502	28,485	..	19
13. Tanjore	1897-98	4	6,617	..	4,655	20,691	..	..
	1898-99	..	3,956	..	2,769	16,374	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1897-98	65	6,392	..	4,526	22,925	84	721
	1898-99	100	4,692	..	3,364	20,766	..	271
15. Madura	1897-98	..	7,548	..	5,284	25,384	..	8
	1898-99	..	4,337	..	3,036	21,005	..	49
16. Tinnevelly	1897-98	4	4,173	..	2,924	15,571	..	..
	1898-99	..	3,815	..	2,671	14,301	..	1
17. Coimbatore	1897-98	1,374	2,602	..	4,001	30,611	31	263
	1898-99	3,496	1,785	..	4,047	30,442	18	222
18. The Nilgiris	1897-98	88	3,115	..	2,251	17,001	830	6,017
	1898-99	20	3,665	..	2,612	18,643	260	3,540
19. Salem	1897-98	125	9,782	..	6,947	*30,020	..	..
	1898-99	30	6,189	..	4,366	28,850	32	101
20. South Canara (Excise tracts)	1897-98	..	3,018	..	2,112	22,407	..	..
	1898-99	..	2,674	..	1,872	16,707	..	..
21. Malabar — Wynaad taluk	1897-98	499	..	..	399	3,419	..	..
	1898-99	298	..	..	238	3,077	..	14
Other Excise taluks	1897-98	1,153	5,617	1,453	5,435	26,491	14	26
	1898-99	700	4,420	839	3,990	† 21,352		
Total	1897-98	17,018	*124,192	9,510	*104,362	*559,415	1,196	9,765
	1898-99	12,189	86,651	6,815	73,932	468,611	1,076	8,673

* Revised figure.

† Includes 40 gallons of jaggery arrack.

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