

Revenue (1899) Department.

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G.O., No. 1075.

DATED 14th March 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

communicating to the Board of
Revenue, letter from the Resident in Mysore forwarding
copy of a letter from the Mysore Durbar explaining
certain irregularities noticed by the Am. Comr.,
Bellary Sub-Division.

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From

The Resident in Mysore
Bangalore.

Order no. 1075 of 14th March '99

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the Board of Revenue in continuation
of G.O. No. 3434 of 23.8.98.

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Dated 7th March 1899

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To

The Board of Revenue (S.R.)

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Govt. if it is not satisfied with the
explanation of the Mysore authorities.

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding copy of a letter
from the Mysore Durbar explaining
certain irregularities which are
brought to the notice of the Madras
Government by Mr. Brown, Assis-
tant Commissioner Bellary Sub-
Division in the matter of Toddy-
producing trees, &c on the Mysore
side of the border.

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Copy of letter no: 5988/Rx: 235, dated the 27th February 1899 from the Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments to the 1st Assistant Resident in Mysore.

Adverting to correspondence ensuing with your letter no: 4382-212.92, dated 1st September 1898 regarding certain irregularities brought to the notice of the Madras Government by Mr. G. H. Brown, Assistant Commissioner, Bellary Sub Division, to the effect that a large number of Toddy trees on the Mysore Side of the border are tapped without being marked, that Consignments are carried without permits, and that allowance per tree is larger than that given on the Madras Side of the border, I am directed to state as follows:-

In regard to the tapping of trees in "Vatana Kottipalle" without being marked, the report of Mr. Davy, Deputy Excise Commissioner, is to the effect that

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as the trees are rather small and stunted, the numbers used to be marked below the incisions, as the tapmen were reluctant to prepare spaces on the opposite sides of the trees, under the preliminary tree-tax system; that consequently the numbers were either under the jobs attached to the trees, or they faded owing to the dripping of the toddy over them; that Mr. Brown therefore could not have seen the numbers on the trees. As regards "Kudrahalli," wherein also unmarked trees are said to have been tapped, as no village by that name could be traced on the Mysore side of the frontier near Annapur, further enquiries were instituted when it was ascertained that the grove inspected by Mr. Brown was the one near "Kodehoday" in the Chellakere Taluk of the Chitaldrug District, the Deputy Commissioner of which place has reported that no unmarked trees were tapped in that grove last year.

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Regarding transport of consignments without passes, the barbaric regret that in the absence of information regarding the locality or village at which the cash without permit was observed, the local officials have been unable to detect this particular case of irregularity. But I can add that every endeavour is made to detect and punish all transport without permits.

With regard to the large allowance made for the yield of toddy trees, the Deputy Excise Commissioner reports that this is made after due tests and no mistakes have been found to exist in this respect. In this connection it would seem that while the quantity generally allowed on the Mysore side is two seers per tree, as much as a gallon or four seers are allowed in some places on the Madras side and that the Excise Supervisor of the Kanhanhalli Range of the Bangalore District has even brought to the notice of the

the Abkhari Inspector of the Salem District
that an excessive quantity is allowed per
free in the Hosur Taluk of that District.

Lastly, regarding the low price of
toddy in the Nalankunta Shop in the Siva
Taluk, I am to add that the minimum
retail price of toddy in that Taluk is
two annas per gallon. The minimum retail
price is generally regulated with reference
to the number of trees available at the
various localities. In localities where
trees abound in large numbers, the retail
price is necessarily lower than where
the paucity thereof is felt. As an
instance, it may be mentioned that
Complaints are often made by the
Shopkeepers of the Anakkal Taluk, that
the Licensees of certain frontier British
toddy shops in Hosur Taluk, where oak
trees abound, sell toddy much cheaper
than they could afford to sell in their
own shops in the Anakkal Taluk, where trees
do

do not exist, and that consequently
a large number of consumers of the Anakkal
Taluk resort to British Shops, and not
only drink toddy there, but also bring
to their village in the Mysore State
small quantities, to the detriment of
the Shopkeepers, and the loss of State
Revenue. Similar conditions are reported
also from parts of Pavagada, Mahur,
Bowringpet and other Taluks.

I am to add in Conclusion
that Mr. Brown's inspection appears
to have been made only a short time
after the preliminary free tax system
had been introduced. Since the
introduction of the system in its entirety
from 1st July 1898, the licensees, and taxmen
have better understood the details
of the system, and the irregularities, if any
on their part, have now been greatly diminished.

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The Durbar agree that occasional meetings of neighbouring Excise officers, as suggested by Mr. Brown, would be useful for both the British, and Mysore Excise Departments, and they have accordingly instructed the Excise Commissioner to encourage as far as possible such meetings and exchange of views, and information.

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FROM

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. ROBERTSON, J. S. & C. S. &

The Secretary to the Government
of Madras, Revenue Department.

Dated Bangalore, 7th March 1899.

SIR,

With reference to Correspondence ending with your letter N^o. 3435, dated the 23rd August last, regarding certain irregularities brought to notice by Mr. G. W. Brown, Assistant Commissioner, Bellary Sub Division, in the matter of Toddy producing trees etc. on the Mysore Side of the border. I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter from the Mysore Durbar furnishing

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an explanation on the subject.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient servant.

K. S. *Exline*
for Resident.
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