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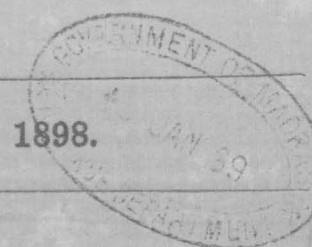
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 378, dated 22nd December 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 November 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 92,508 proof gallons or about 14.6 per cent. up to the month. The following explanations are offered by the Collectors for the local variations in their districts.

3. *Bellary and the Nilgiris.*—The increase in Bellary is reported to be due to the favourable character of the season and in the Nilgiris it is attributed to an increase in the temporary population.

4. *Kistna, Tanjore and Madura.*—The decrease is attributed to an increase in the selling price of arrack. Further reasons given are, in Kistna the completion of large public works, in Tanjore the impoverished condition of the consumers, and in Madura high prices of food-grains and people resorting more to toddy than to arrack.

5. *Nellore, Cuddapah, Madras Town Circle, Chingleput and Salem.*—The decrease is reported to be due to the unfavourable character of the season. In the Madras Town Circle it is also attributed to the high price of staple food-grains and to the closure of certain public works and of a large number of tanneries. In Salem it is also reported to be due to the temperance movement recently set on foot by the weaving community.

6. *Anantapur.*—The decrease is ascribed to the plague scare.

7. *Kurnool.*—The decrease is attributed to high prices of staple grains, decrease in the cultivation of indigo and consequent fall in the demand for labour, and increased consumption of toddy.

8. *North Arcot and South Arcot.*—The decrease is reported to be due to an increase in the selling price of arrack. In North Arcot it is also attributed to the opening of a smaller number of wholesale depots than in the previous year and in South Arcot also to the unfavourable character of the season.

9. *Trichinopoly.*—The decrease is attributed to high price of food-grains, to the unfavourable character of the season at the beginning of the lease and to an increased resort to toddy in preference to arrack.

10. *South Canara.*—The decrease is ascribed to depression of trade, dearness of provisions and to the opening of a smaller number of shops than in the previous year.

11. *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 stocks 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.

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

13. The effect of this heavy fall in consumption on the excise revenue is most serious and the Board trusts that the matter is receiving the careful attention of Collectors and Departmental officers. The explanations of it might well be given in more detail and the Board would be glad if Collectors would give full and personal consideration to them in submitting their next returns.

FOREIGN SPIRITS.

14. The total quantity of locally-made foreign spirits issued up to the month under review amounted to 9,623 proof-gallons against 10,628 in 1897-98, being a decrease of 1,005 proof gallons or about 9.5 per cent.

15. The increase in Cuddapah, Anantapur and Salem and the decrease in Bellary and the Nilgiris have not been explained by the Collectors concerned.

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

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

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

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

(True Extract.)

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(True Copy.)

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

„ all Collectors.

„ the Deputy Commissioner, Central Division.

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„ to all Assistant Commissioners.

„ to 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 November 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	2,015	4,950	3,394	33,674	26	231
	1898-99..	15	1,589	5,856	3,467	32,158	9	140
2. Vizagapatam	1897-98..	39	6,490	594	4,812	40,845	..	..
	1898-99..	39	6,466	820	4,885	40,175	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1897-98..	1,165	6,749	600	5,896	47,962	..	..
	1898-99..	1,064	6,536	422	5,595	42,397	..	..
4. Nellore	1897-98..	..	4,834	..	3,384	27,770	8	15
	1898-99..	..	3,740	..	2,618	22,239	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1897-98..	2,943	1,573	..	3,455	26,230	7	53
	1898-99..	1,164	1,012	..	1,639	16,850	14	244
6. Anantapur	1897-98..	782	1,139	..	1,423	9,445	21	87
	1898-99..	479	766	..	920	8,429	..	147
7. Bellary	1897-98..	857	4,281	..	3,682	25,416	17	224
	1898-99..	455	5,072	..	3,914	28,408	13	94
8. Kurnool	1897-98..	1,631	212	..	1,453	14,757	10	79
	1898-99..	1,293	231	..	1,196	13,078	..	94
9. Madras Town Circle. { Madras town, including the outside shops.	1897-98..	..	5,449	..	3,814	33,480	..	..
	1898-99..	..	6,051	..	4,235	30,230	231	2,306
{ The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	1897-98..	..	1,191	..	834	9,357	452	4,105
	1898-99..	..	1,424	..	996	5,455	..	..
10. Chingleput	1897-98..	..	2,720	..	1,904	19,905	..	..
	1898-99..	..	3,131	..	2,192	13,043	33	47
11. North Arcot	1897-98..	273	6,429	..	4,719	45,125	27	94
	1898-99..	649	6,627	..	5,158	34,010	11	105
12. South Arcot	1897-98..	..	7,044	31	4,944	48,193	..	..
	1898-99..	218	7,916	..	5,716	34,201	1	20
13. Tanjore	1897-98..	3	3,642	..	2,551	23,142	..	..
	1898-99..	..	3,603	..	2,522	18,896	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1897-98..	56	4,353	..	3,092	26,017	..	721
	1898-99..	52	5,068	..	3,589	24,355	91	362
15. Madura	1897-98..	..	5,080	..	3,556	28,890	16	24
	1898-99..	..	4,534	..	3,174	24,179	..	49
16. Tinnevely	1897-98..	..	3,538	..	2,477	18,048	..	..
	1898-99..	..	4,402	..	3,081	17,382	..	1
17. Coimbatore	1897-98..	3,922	1,767	..	4,374	34,985	33	296
	1898-99..	3,672	1,858	..	4,238	34,680	37	259
18. The Nilgiris	1897-98..	12	2,757	..	1,940	18,941	667	6,684
	1898-99..	20	3,474	..	2,448	21,091	278	3,816
19. Salem	1897-98..	109	6,655	..	4,746	41,366	..	..
	1898-99..	50	5,850	..	4,135	32,985	11	112
20. South Canara	1897-98..	198	3,202	..	2,400	24,807	..	..
	1898-99..	..	2,570	..	1,799	17,506	..	..
21. Malabar .. { Wynaad taluk	1897-98..	892	..	..	714	4,133	..	14
	1898-99..	402	199	..	461	3,538	..	26
{ Other excise taluks	1897-98..	1,064	3,900	1,055	4,003	30,494	..	..
	1898-99..	779	4,256	611	3,807	25,159	..	..
Total	1897-98..	13,950	85,020	7,230	73,567	632,982	1,063	10,428
	1898-99..	10,351	86,375	7,609	71,785	540,474	950	9,623

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