

Revenue (1898) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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the Mysore Territory where certain irregularities
in the Akhali Administration were noticed.

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From
The Secretary to the Commissioner
of Salt, Abkari and Separate Revenue,
Madras.

Mis. No. 3195.

Dated 12th August 1898.

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SUBJECT.

Reporting to Government the names -
of the places in the Mysore Terri-
tory where certain irregularities
in the Abkari Administration were -
noticed by the Assistant Commis-
sioner, Bellary Sub Division.

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Extract of letter from Mr. G.W. Brown, Assistant Commissioner, Bellary Sub Division No.1529, dated 3rd May 1898.

" I have the honour to submit herewith a report on the inspection of the Hindupur, Penukonda and Madakesira Taluks of the Penukonda Circle and the office at Penukonda.

Mysore Frontier and matters connected therewith.

82. In the course of this inspection I visited several villages of Mysore lying near the border and where there are topes supplying shops in our taluks, and observed the following matters which might be with advantage brought to the notice of the Mysore Superior Authorities.

Almost everywhere unmarked trees are being tapped. I personally noticed this in Vatana Kottapalle near Hindupur - Frontier and in Kuderahalle near Amarapur. Whether this was illicit tapping or merely tapping before marking, I am, of course, not in a position to say, but in any case, it is an irregularity which would not be tolerated for a moment on this side of the border and strikes at the root of the whole system. Every-body I asked including Toddy Inspector(as I believe he is called)of Serah agreed that tapping before marking was absolutely prohibited and the shop-keepers and tappers all declared that it was a very serious offence. One man alone at Kuderahalle said that he had been told by the Inspector to tap and that he could come in a few days and mark.

83. Marking appears to be frequently done by hand or perhaps after using the stencil plate the blanks are filled in which gives the whole figure the appearance of being hand marked. In regard to this, I believe a circular has been issued, but I can say that it is either not being carried out or trees not paid for are being marked, probably the former.

84. In the village of Kuderahalle I observed a man tapping marked trees on a time-expired license relating to trees in quite a different survey number. At first he said that the license he produced was his authority, but finally admitted that he had no license for the trees he was tapping. The question of course arises, had these trees(though marked) been paid for?.

85. The rule that every consignment be covered by a permit does not seem to be insisted on. I observed a cask of toddy being transported, and when I enquired whether it was covered by a permit, the reply was in the negative followed by the remark that in Mysore permits were not necessary--presumably not insisted on, was what was meant.

86. Another point I think which might with advantage be brought to the notice of the Mysore Excise Authorities, is the very large allowance made for the yield of marked trees which is often far in excess of the possible yield, even admitting, as no doubt is the case, that the selected trees are usually superior in this respect to those in our taluks. It has been observed that such permits are usually fully availed of and when the system first started were ^{often} largely exceeded; there must therefore have been either admixture of toddy from unmarked trees or from the low taxed trees marked for Mysore shops, the Revenue for which goes to the coffers of that State. In any case our revenue was defrauded. In this respect there has been an improvement lately in the Tumkur District, ^{that} but I believe very large quantities are still allowed for the trees marked for the Bellary and Rayadrug shops.

87. Perhaps it might not be put of place to invite attention to the very low price at which toddy is sold in certain shops of the Mysore Territory bordering on our Taluks. In the village of Melakunta, Serah Taluk, the selling price was quoted to me at 0-1-8 per gallon, the minimum price on our side being four annas. If the beverage can be profitably retailed at this price, the inducement to smuggle to our shops is very strong, particularly when a renter owns shops on both sides of the border.

88. It would, I think, be of mutual advantage if the superior officers of both Departments could occasionally meet and discuss on the spot the various matters which affect the revenue of both Governments".



Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

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2. An extract of the letter from the Assistant Commissioner on the subject is herewith submitted for the information of Government.

(True extract)

G. J. S. S.
18.8.98 Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with one enclosure.

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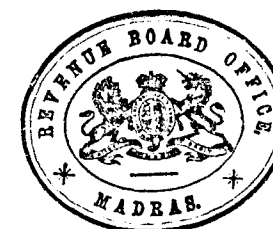
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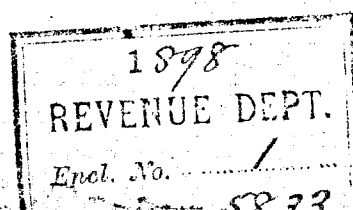
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Read B.P. (S.R.) No.
3195 of 12.8.98 (c.no. 5833)

Order no 3434 of 23-8-98

Ordered that the
following letter be despatched
to the Resident in Mysore.

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To
The Board of Rev.
(S.R.)

W. S. S. S.
23/8/98

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Letter no 3435

To

W. S. S. S.
23/8/98

The Resident in Mysore.

(under G.O. 3170
28.7.98)

- (i) Vatana Kottapalle near the
Hindupur frontier.
- (ii) Kuderahalle near Amarapur
- and (iii) Melakunta of the Sorah taluk

In acknowledging
the receipt of your letter No.
3618 of 22nd July 1898, I am
directed to state that the
irregularities referred to
in my letter No. 2640 of 23rd
June 1898 were noticed in
the villages marginally noted
2. An extract

from the Assistant Commissioner's
letter on the subject is enclosed
for ^{your} information of the ~~District~~ ^{Department}.

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22/8/98

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