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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 July 1898.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 283, dated 6th September 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 July 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 30,489 proof-gallons, or about 10·2 per cent. up to the month. A general cause given by several Collectors for the fall 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)." The following explanations are offered by the Collectors for the local variations in their districts.

3. *Bellary, Kurnool and Coimbatore.*—The increase is reported to be due to the favourable character of the season. In Kurnool and Coimbatore it is also ascribed to the fact that a larger number of shops have been opened than in the previous year.

4. *Anantapur.*—The increase is attributed to the fact that a large number of toddy shops have not been working. An increase in the number of arrack shops opened is also observed.

5. *The Nilgiris.*—The increase is reported to be due to an increase in the temporary population.

6. *Kistna.*—The decrease is attributed to an increase in the selling price of arrack, high prices of food-grains and to the closure of certain public works which were under construction.

7. *Nellore, Cuddapah, Madras, Chingleput, South Arcot, Tinnevely and Salem.*—The decrease is attributed to the unfavourable character of the season. In Madras it is also ascribed to high prices of staple food-grains and to the closure of certain public works which were under construction. In Tinnevely, cheapness of toddy and dearness of arrack are also reported to be the causes. In Salem the decrease is also ascribed to a temperance movement recently set on foot by the weaving community.

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

9. *Tanjore and Madura.*—The decrease is attributed to the high price of food-grains. In Tanjore it is also ascribed to a preference shown to toddy because of its comparative cheapness and in Madura to the opening of a smaller number of arrack shops than in the previous year.

10. *South Canara.*—The decrease is reported to be due to the smaller number of shops opened, dearness of provisions and an increase in the selling price of arrack.

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 to 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.

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 3,930 proof-gallons against 5,849 in 1897-98, being a decrease of 1,919 proof-gallons or about 32·8 per cent.

14. *Anantapur.*—The increase is reported to be due to an increasing demand for country gin.

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

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

17. The D-21 (a) statements from the Collector of Bellary and the Inspector, Madras Town Circle, have not been received.

18. *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.

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 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 July 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.	
		26° under-proof.	30° under-proof.	60° under-proof.	Total (proof).				
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1. Ganjām	1897-98 ..	2	1,908	7,399	4,295	18,329	15	126	
	1898-99 ..	60	1,554	6,894	3,947	16,667	4	79	
2. Vizagapatam	1897-98 ..	60	6,352	516	4,699	20,234	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	60	6,783	600	6,012	20,663	..	..	
3. Kistna (Excise tracts)	1897-98 ..	1,013	6,365	759	5,530	22,986	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	1,020	6,177	500	5,340	19,560	..	..	
4. Nellore	1897-98 ..	..	4,722	..	3,306	12,366	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	..	4,352	..	3,046	10,991	..	..	
5. Cuddapah	1897-98 ..	2,349	1,417	..	2,871	12,239	..	28	
	1898-99 ..	2,360	1,095	..	2,659	9,427	21	165	
6. Anantapur	1897-98 ..	461	694	..	840	3,926	14	28	
	1898-99 ..	473	775	..	920	4,484	28	107	
7. Bellary	1897-98 ..	439	3,637	..	2,477	10,590	37	111	
	1898-99 ..	931	3,336	..	3,113	13,636	3	59	
8. Kurnool	1897-98 ..	1,880	308	..	1,650	6,212	12	49	
	1898-99 ..	1,910	227	..	1,686	7,091	18	52	
9. Madras	Madras Town, including the outside shops.	1897-98 ..	5,200	..	2,640	15,674	..	..	
	The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	1898-99 ..	4,745	..	3,321	14,804	332	(a) 1,270	
		1897-98 ..	1,502	..	1,051	4,040	61	293	
		1898-99 ..	750	..	525	2,441	..	..	
10. Chingleput	1897-98 ..	..	(a) 3,373	..	(a) 2,361	(a) 8,616	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	..	2,165	..	1,516	5,014	..	..	
11. North Arcot	1897-98 ..	441	7,015	..	5,263	20,890	17	42	
	1898-99 ..	600	5,183	..	4,108	16,304	8	98	
12. South Arcot	1897-98 ..	..	8,235	33	5,778	22,052	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	74	6,123	..	4,845	16,701	..	2	
13. Tanjore	1897-98 ..	4	3,705	..	2,597	10,793	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	1	3,234	..	2,265	9,286	..	..	
14. Trichinopoly	1897-98 ..	54	4,812	..	3,062	12,466	84	304	
	1898-99 ..	79	4,102	..	2,925	11,331	94	181	
15. Madura	1897-98 ..	..	5,027	..	3,519	13,122	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	..	4,018	..	2,813	11,736	5	27	
16. Tinnevely	1897-98 ..	20	3,480	..	2,463	7,955	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	..	3,028	..	2,120	7,100	..	..	
17. Coimbatore	1897-98 ..	4,186	1,583	..	4,697	16,378	40	175	
	1898-99 ..	4,360	1,951	..	4,806	16,249	40	181	
18. The Nilgiris	1897-98 ..	123	2,312	..	2,417	10,015	908	3,710	
	1898-99 ..	49	3,550	..	2,797	10,952	463	2,696	
19. Salem	1897-98 ..	..	(a) 10,054	..	(a) 4,969	(a) 20,123	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	43	6,961	..	4,221	17,429	38	61	
20. South Canara (Excise tracts)	1897-98 ..	..	4,086	..	2,860	15,692	..	..	
	1898-99 ..	..	3,034	..	2,124	10,051	..	..	
21. Malabar	Wynand taluk ..	1897-98 ..	700	..	560	2,150	..	..	
	Other Excise taluks ..	1898-99 ..	507	..	454	1,890	..	6	
		1897-98 ..	723	3,040	613	2,951	12,500	..	6
		1898-99 ..	575	2,875	433	2,667	11,228	..	..
Total	1897-98 ..	12,746	85,406	9,350	73,704	2,99,156	1,457	(a) 5,843	
	1898-99 ..	13,033	75,488	8,417	66,635	2,98,467	771	3,639	

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