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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(SEPARATE REVENUE).

RESOLUTION—No. 302, dated 1st October 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 August 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 41,928 proof gallons or about 11·2 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. *Anantapur*.—The increase is attributed to the fact that many toddy shops have not been working. An increase in the number of arrack shops opened is also observed.

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

5. *Coimbatore*.—Cheapness of arrack is reported to be the cause for the increase in the Udumalpet taluk where Messrs. Parry and Co. were selling it at one anna a dram in order to secure the market. (This method of pushing trade is said to have ceased). Explanations for the other taluks have not been given.

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

7. *Kistna, Madras and Madura*.—The decrease is reported to be due to high prices of food-grains. In Kistna and Madras it is also attributed to the closure of certain public works which were under construction. Further reasons given are, in Kistna an increase in the selling price of arrack, and in Madura the opening of fewer shops than in the previous year.

8. *Nellore, Cuddapah, Chingleput, South Arcot, Tinnevely and Salem*.—The decrease is ascribed to the unfavourable character of the season. In Salem it is also attributed to a temperance movement recently set on foot by the weaving community.

9. *North Arcot and Tanjore*.—The decrease is reported to be due to an increase in the selling price of arrack. In North Arcot it is also ascribed to the opening of a smaller number of wholesale vend depots and in Tanjore to the high price of food-grains and to a preference shown for toddy because of its comparative cheapness.

10. *South Canara*.—The decrease is attributed to the smaller number of shops opened, depression of trade, dearness of food 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 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.

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 5,832 proof gallons against 7,026 in 1897-98, being a decrease of 1,194 proof gallons or about 17 per cent.

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

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

16. The increase in Cuddapah and the decrease in the Nilgiris have not been explained by the Collectors concerned and the D-21 (a) statement has not been received from the Collector of Bellary.

17. *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.

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

(True Extract.)

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„ all Assistant Commissioners.
„ the Inspector Madras Town Circle.

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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 August 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. Ganjam	1897-98 ..	16	2,079	6,398	4,027	22,856	41	167
	1898-99 ..	1	1,324	5,576	3,158	21,825	22	101
2. Vizagapatam .. .	1897-98 ..	88	6,707	747	5,064	25,298	..	..
	1898-99 ..	25	6,393	751	4,796	25,466	..	..
3. Kistna (Excise tracts) ..	1897-98 ..	871	7,209	388	5,893	28,684	..	..
	1898-99 ..	1,170	6,405	538	5,635	25,191	..	..
4. Nellore	1897-98 ..	..	4,976	..	3,493	16,149	..	..
	1898-99 ..	..	3,904	..	2,733	13,724	..	..
5. Cuddapah	1897-98 ..	2,324	1,436	..	2,864	15,103	..	28
	1898-99 ..	1,630	1,413	..	2,213	11,640	28	193
6. Anantapur	1897-98 ..	459	585	..	777	4,703	(a) 7	(a) 35
	1898-99 ..	541	684	..	912	5,396	24	131
7. Bellary	1897-98 ..	635	2,926	..	2,556	13,136	31	142
	1898-99 ..	974	3,429	..	3,179	17,015	..	69
8. Kurnool	1897-98 ..	2,112	230	..	1,851	8,003	10	59
	1898-99 ..	1,927	215	..	1,692	8,753	8	60
9. Madras	Madras Town, including the outside shops.	..	5,782	..	4,047	19,621	..	..
	The rest of the Madras Town Circle.	..	4,924	..	3,447	18,261	249	(a) 1,519
	1897-98 ..	..	1,585	..	1,110	5,150	1,460	1,756
	1898-99 ..	..	793	..	555	2,998	..	..
10. Chingleput	1897-98 ..	..	(a) 3,479	..	(a) 2,435	(a) 11,051	..	..
	1898-99 ..	..	2,344	..	1,641	7,255	..	..
11. North Arcot	1897-98 ..	409	7,382	..	5,494	25,893	..	42
	1898-99 ..	536	5,037	..	3,955	19,269	12	80
12. South Arcot	1897-98 ..	54	8,066	21	5,698	27,750	..	..
	1898-99 ..	75	4,915	..	3,500	20,261	1	3
13. Tanjore	1897-98 ..	4	3,524	..	2,470	13,263	..	..
	1898-99 ..	1	3,044	..	2,131	11,417	..	..
14. Trichinopoly	1897-98 ..	36	4,072	..	2,879	15,345	126	430
	1898-99 ..	61	3,914	..	2,789	14,720	..	181
15. Madura	1897-98 ..	..	4,764	..	3,335	16,457	..	..
	1898-99 ..	..	4,692	..	3,284	15,020	..	27
16. Tinnevely	1897-98 ..	..	3,273	..	2,291	10,246	..	..
	1898-99 ..	..	3,087	..	2,161	9,261	1	1
17. Coimbatore	1897-98 ..	4,317	1,593	..	4,569	21,447	16	191
	1898-99 ..	3,980	1,742	..	4,403	22,652	40	171
18. The Nilgiris	1897-98 ..	120	3,422	..	2,491	12,506	697	4,407
	1898-99 ..	20	3,711	..	2,614	13,566	296	2,992
19. Salem	1897-98 ..	25	6,173	..	4,341	(a) 24,467	..	..
	1898-99 ..	46	5,011	..	3,545	20,974	4	65
20. South Canara	1897-98 ..	..	3,631	..	2,542	18,134	..	..
	1898-99 ..	..	2,733	..	1,913	11,964	..	..
21. Malabar	Wynaad taluk ..	601	..	..	481	2,631	..	..
	Other Excise taluks ..	598	..	..	478	2,368	..	..
	1897-98 ..	1,054	4,088	501	3,905	16,411	..	..
	1898-99 ..	547	2,674	313	2,435	13,663	6	12
Total ..	1897-98 ..	13,125	(a) 86,982	8,055	(a) 74,608	(a) 3,74,564	(a) 1,177	(a) 7,026
	1898-99 ..	12,032	72,388	7,178	63,169	3,32,636	1,802	5,832

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