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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS.

THE Government intends during the coming Financial Year to separate completely the sale of arrack and fermented toddy, and to exercise over the sale of the latter control and supervision similar to that exercised over the sale of arrack under the existing renting system.

2. No preferential treatment will be accorded either to arrack or to fermented toddy, and the sale of these two intoxicants will be permitted to go on side by side, in those parts of the country where both are at present consumed, and allowed to compete with one another, subject to the conditions laid down in the contracts regulating both classes of rents.

3. In areas where, at the present time, fermented toddy is not consumed, or is consumed only to a small extent, no rent for the sale of fermented toddy will be sold, and its manufacture will be strictly repressed.

4. The number of places licensed for the sale of fermented toddy in any given area will be regulated as far as possible by the *existing* demand for that beverage within that area. No such place will, however, be licensed for the sale of fermented toddy in urban areas within 100 yards of an arrack tavern, in rural areas within half a mile of an arrack tavern, or in distillery areas within a radius of two miles from any licensed distillery.

5. The conditions which will regulate the manufacture and sale of fermented toddy are published below for general information:—

Toddy Rent Sale Conditions.

The conditions on which the privilege of selling fermented toddy by retail within _____ (area), from the _____ (date) to the _____ (date), is sold, are as follows:—

1. The Government Agent shall have power, in his discretion, to refuse to accept any bid, subject to which power the highest bidder shall be the purchaser, and shall conform to and perform all the conditions hereunder appearing.

2. The purchaser shall immediately pay to the Government Agent a sum equivalent to two months' rent of the privilege as a security deposit, which amount shall be liable to forfeiture in whole or in part, at the discretion of the Government Agent, for breach of any one of these conditions.

3. The purchaser shall pay the purchase money to the Government Agent in equal monthly instalments. The first instalment shall be considered due and payable on the _____ (date), and the remainder on the last day of each succeeding month.

4. If any instalment of the purchase money or any part of an instalment remains unpaid for more than ten days after the same shall have become due and payable, the Government Agent shall have power, after fifteen days' notice to the purchaser of his intention to do so, without further process of law, to cancel the license granted to the purchaser, and to re-sell the privilege at the risk and loss of the purchaser.

5. The purchaser shall apply to the Government Agent for licenses to sell fermented toddy at places nominated by him within the area of this privilege, and the Government Agent shall, in his discretion, issue or refuse the licenses applied for.

6. The purchaser shall, on receipt of the license to sell, furnish to the Government Agent a list showing the numbers and situations of the trees which he proposes to tap for the supply of fermented toddy for sale at each place, and no tree shall be tapped or toddy drawn for this purpose, except under cover of a license setting forth the numbers and situations of the trees, the name of the drawer, and the place of sale for which the fermented toddy is intended.

7. No tree shall be tapped or toddy drawn for sale at a licensed place unless the purchaser shall first have marked the trees in a manner prescribed by the Government Agent.

8. The purchaser, if he taps the trees and draws the toddy himself, or, if he delegates the work to another person, such person, shall, at the time of tapping the trees or drawing the toddy, invariably carry the license on his person, and shall produce it forthwith on the demand of any Excise Officer or Village Headman.

9. The purchaser shall maintain at each toddy selling place an account, in the form prescribed by the Government Agent, of the daily transactions at each such selling place, and such accounts shall be open at all times to the inspection of the Officers of Excise or any Chief Headman.

10. The toddy sold must be the pure undiluted and unadulterated produce of the palm tree, without the addition of any other substance whatever.

11. No toddy exceeding in quantity one imperial gallon shall be sold at one time to any person for removal from the place of sale.

12. The purchaser shall have no concern or interest, direct or indirect, in the sale of arrack, or in the purchase of any privilege for the sale of arrack.

13. The purchaser and the servants or tappers employed by him shall have no pecuniary dealings with Officers of Excise. The purchaser shall be responsible for the acts of his servants.

14. The purchaser shall cause to be painted or affixed, and shall keep painted or affixed, in English and the local vernacular in or upon each licensed place of sale the name of the seller, with the addition after the name of the words "Licensed to Sell Fermented Toddy by Retail."

15. No fermented toddy shall be sold at a less price than 40 cents per gallon of 32 gills, and in proportion for any less quantity.

At the sale held this day of the privilege above described, _____ (*name of purchaser*) became the purchaser of the said privilege, at the price of Rs. _____, and the said purchaser having paid to the Government Agent the sum of Rs. _____ by way of security deposit, hereby agrees to complete the purchase according to the above conditions, and the Government Agent hereby acknowledges the receipt of the said deposit.

Place : _____

Date : _____

Witnesses : _____

_____, Purchaser.

_____, Government Agent.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Colombo, March 11, 1912.

By His Excellency's command,

HUGH CLIFFORD,
Colonial Secretary.

WITH reference to the Notification dated February 23, 1912, published in the *Gazette* of the same date, it is hereby notified that the opening and consideration of tenders for the purchase of the following Arrack Rents, advertised to take place on March 11 and 18, 1912, will take place at the Council Chamber on Monday, March 25, 1912, at 12 noon :—

Western Province ..	..	Colombo District
Do. ..	..	Kalutara District
Do. ..	..	Panadura District
Do. ..	..	Siyane and Hewagam korales
Do. ..	..	Negombo District
Central Province ..	..	The whole Province
Southern Province ..	..	Galle District
Do. ..	..	Matara and Hambantota Districts
Northern Province ..	..	Jaffna District
Do. ..	..	Mannar District
Do. ..	..	Mullaitivu District
Province of Sabaragamuwa ..	..	Ratnapura District
Do.	Three Korales and Lower Bulatgama
Do.	Four Korales in the District of Kegalla

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