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APPENDIX II.—A.

Statement showing the Total Imports into India of Foreign Liquors of all kinds.

(In thousands of bulk gallons.)

Year.	Fermented liquors.	Potable spirits.	Liqueurs.	Wines.	Total.	Non-potable spirits (i.e., perfumed and methylated spirits and spirits used in drugs, &c.)	Grand Total.	RATES OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON				Year.
								Fermented liquors per imperial gallon.	Potable spirits per London proof gallon.	Liqueurs per imperial gallon.	Wines per imperial gallon.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(1)
1883-84... ..	1,269	876	422		2,567	18	2,585	Rs. A. P. 0 1 0	(c) 4 0 0	4 0 0	(d) 2 8 0 and (e) 1 0 0 (f) 2 8 0 and (g) 1 0 0	1883-84
1888-89... ..	2,403	(a) 1,072	13	361	3,849	(b) 47	3,896	0 1 0	5 0 0	5 0 0		1888-89
1893-94... ..	2,790	(a) 1,013	13	379	4,195	(b) 54	4,249	0 1 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	Ditto	1893-94
1898-99... ..	3,231	1,098	15	332	4,676	151	4,827	0 1 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	Ditto	1898-99
1903-04... ..	4,068	1,285	14	333	5,700	138	5,838	0 1 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	Ditto	1903-04
1904-05... ..	4,614	1,289	14	319	6,236	171	6,407	0 1 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	Ditto	1904-05
1905-06... ..	5,011	1,369	16	342	6,738	236	6,974	0 1 0	6 0 0	6 0 0	Ditto	1905-06
1906-07... ..	4,927	1,192	12	329	6,460	285	6,745	0 1 0	7 0 0	10 0 0	Ditto	1906-07
1907-08... ..	4,889	(h) 1,647	13	347	(i) 6,896	(i)	6,896	(j) 0 1 0	7 0 0	10 0 0	Ditto	1907-08

(a) These figures presumably include imports of methylated spirits.

(b) These figures exclude imports of methylated spirits.

(c) Duty on potable spirits was levied in 1883-84 per bulk gallon and not in proportion to strength.

(d) Rate charged on champagne and other sparkling wines.

(e) Rate charged on other sorts of wines.

(f) Rate charged on champagne and other sparkling wines containing more than 42 per cent. of proof spirit.

(g) Rate charged on other sorts of wines not containing more than 42 per cent. of proof spirit.

(h) Includes imports of non-potable spirits, separate figures of which are not at present available.

(i) Included in column 3.

(j) Duty raised to 2 annas per gallon from 3rd January, 1908

## Enclosure No. 3.

## APPENDIX II—B.

*Statement showing the gross amount of Customs Duty collected in British India on imported liquors of all kinds.*

(In lakhs of rupees.)

Year.	Fermented liquors.	Spirits and liqueurs.	Wines.	Total.
(1)	(2)	(3) (a)	(4)	(5)
1883-84 ... ..	·81	35·52	(b) 5·69	42·02
1888-89 ... ..	1·54	48·93	4·36	54·83
1893-94 ... ..	1·76	53·69	4·11	59·56
1898-99 ... ..	2·05	63·66	3·82	69·53
1903-04 ... ..	2·54	75·17	3·80	81·51
1904-05 ... ..	2·88	76·59	3·74	83·21
1905-06 ... ..	3·12	90·31	3·97	97·40
1906-07 ... ..	3·09	77·98	3·83	84·90
1907-08 ... ..	3·85	92·66	3·99	100·50

(a) The figures in column 3 represent duty on spirits imported from foreign and Indian ports, and also from 1888-89 the duty on liqueurs.

(b) Includes duty on liqueurs.

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APPENDIX III.

Statement showing the imports in gallons of potable foreign liquors of all kinds and the issues of similar liquors from local distilleries in the Madras Presidency during each of the years 1894-95 to 1906-07.

Description of Liquors. (1)	1894-95. (2)	1895-96. (3)	1896-97. (4)	1897-98. (5)	1898-99. (6)	1899-00. (7)	1900-01. (8)	1901-02. (9)	1902-03. (10)	1903-04. (11)	1904-05. (12)	1905-06. (13)	1906-07. (14)
Imports from foreign countries of—													
Brandy ... ..	25,709	27,997	28,445	22,787	28,882	24,692	27,037	31,126	36,933	42,697	41,795	37,513	41,706
Gin ... ..	9,706	10,099	8,610	9,991	9,147	10,931	11,564	11,110	11,357	13,112	15,885	13,823	12,307
Rum ... ..	1,551	951	1,417	2,393	1,882	1,826	2,231	2,041	1,645	2,645	2,745	1,681	1,730
Whisky ... ..	53,025	53,145	62,644	48,455	61,598	69,188	59,432	63,653	66,717	73,765	70,401	71,141	70,848
Other sorts of spirits ... ..	98,631	109,385	97,558	96,931	62,616	71,278	54,234	47,268	64,555	73,062	77,730	71,052	59,402
Liqueurs ... ..	1,140	908	1,389	1,044	1,309	970	596	781	900	1,152	864	783	1,011
Wines ... ..	49,670	50,396	47,712	46,492	45,098	47,295	42,509	45,990	42,190	53,726	47,597	51,774	52,360
Total ... ..	239,432	252,881	247,775	228,093	210,532	226,180	197,603	201,969	224,297	260,159	257,017	247,767	239,364
Issues of locally manufactured potable spirits excised at tariff rates.(a)	9,139	12,786	13,173	13,969	11,177	8,225	13,142	22,129	12,961	8,681	9,931	5,363	6,810
GRAND TOTAL, WINES AND SPIRITS ...	248,571	265,667	260,948	242,062	221,709	234,405	210,745	224,098	237,258	268,840	266,948	253,130	246,174
Imports from foreign countries of—													
Ale, beer and porter ... ..	445,330	530,808	538,930	412,515	464,500	449,664	463,437	388,472	512,089	532,898	648,601	604,459	624,704
Cider and other fermented liquors... ..	212	234	388	402	38	157	281	859	921	752	994	1,345	2,087
Total ... ..	445,542	531,042	539,318	412,917	464,538	449,821	463,718	389,331	513,010	533,650	649,595	605,804	626,791
Issues of locally manufactured beer ... ..	542,091	474,086	495,592	379,216	298,717	334,331	286,777	370,212	415,606	412,185	402,353	494,227	572,280
Imports of Bangalore beer ... ..	4,272	36,024	7,834	108	—	—	—	16,462	28,439	61,628	92,399	91,042	163,445
Total ... ..	546,363	510,110	503,426	379,324	298,717	334,331	286,777	386,674	444,045	473,813	494,752	585,269	735,725
GRAND TOTAL, FERMENTED LIQUORS ...	991,905	1,041,152	1,042,744	792,241	763,255	784,152	750,495	776,005	957,055	1,007,463	1,144,347	1,191,073	1,362,516

(a) The figures under this head are in proof gallons, while those under other heads are in bulk gallons.

## APPENDIX IV.

Statement showing the number of shops for the retail sale of (a) country spirit, and (b) foreign liquors of all kinds.

Province.	NUMBER OF SHOPS FOR THE RETAIL SALE OF COUNTRY SPIRIT.																	
	Outstill Areas.						Distillery Areas.						Total.					
	1883-84.	1888-89.	1893-94.	1898-99.	1903-04.	1906-07.	1883-84.	1888-89.	1893-94.	1898-99.	1903-04.	1906-07.	1883-84.	1888-89.	1893-94.	1898-99.	1903-04.	1906-07.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)
Madras (a) ... ..	7,634	6,522	2,764	1,615	1,346	(b) 1,212	9,341	11,134	8,638	8,761	10,102	10,239	16,975	17,656	11,402	10,376	11,448	11,451
Bombay ... ..	832	102	24	1	1	1	1,722	2,511	2,542	2,520	2,473	2,514	2,554	2,613	2,566	2,521	2,474	2,515
Sind ... ..	606	—	—	—	—	—	—	279	283	296	296	293	606	279	283	296	296	293
Bengal ... ..	4,133	3,473	2,034	2,076	2,145	1,894	481	575	1,255	1,186	1,237	1,166	4,614	4,048	3,289	3,262	3,382	3,060
Eastern Bengal and Assam (c)	226	249	200	218	213	512	—	—	—	—	—	263	226	249	200	218	213	775
United Provinces ... ..	2,636	1,638	1,419	1,476	1,492	1,100	6,244	5,552	5,195	4,568	4,521	4,484	8,880	7,190	6,614	6,044	6,013	5,584
Punjab and the North-West Frontier Province.	—	15	16	15	15	18	1,010	1,384	1,403	1,383	1,296	1,319	1,010	1,399	1,419	1,398	1,311	1,337
Central Provinces and Berar	5,012	6,702	5,989	4,913	5,799	2,388	4,898	2,795	1,399	2,227	2,344	2,882	9,910	9,497	7,388	7,140	8,143	5,270
Burma ... ..	(d) 46	75	63	69	7	1	—	—	—	—	—	86	(d) 46	75	63	69	72	157
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>21,125</b>	<b>18,776</b>	<b>12,509</b>	<b>10,383</b>	<b>11,083</b>	<b>7,196</b>	<b>23,696</b>	<b>24,230</b>	<b>20,715</b>	<b>20,941</b>	<b>22,269</b>	<b>23,246</b>	<b>44,821</b>	<b>43,006</b>	<b>33,224</b>	<b>31,324</b>	<b>33,352</b>	<b>30,442</b>

Number of shops, including hotels, refreshment rooms, &amp;c., for the retail sale of foreign liquors of all kinds.

Province.	1883-84.	1888-89.	1893-94.	1898-99.	1903-04.	1906-07.	Province.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(1)
Madras ... ..	559	868	632	728	784	840	Madras.
Bombay ... ..	340	215	317	341	367	348	Bombay.
Sind ... ..	24	50	86	57	72	84	Sind.
Bengal ... ..	866	672	526	511	556	488	Bengal.
Eastern Bengal and Assam (c)	138	127	103	69	60	228	Eastern Bengal and Assam.(c)
United Provinces ... ..	155	205	(e) 278	(e) 311	(e) 379	(e) (g) 313	United Provinces.
Punjab and the North-West Frontier Province...	482	598	468	311	332	333	Punjab and the North-West Frontier Province
Central Provinces and Berar ... ..	92	55	88	108	135	125	Central Provinces and Berar.
Burma ... ..	(d) 399	(f) 269	437	447	442	259	Burma.
<b>TOTAL</b> ... ..	<b>3,055</b>	<b>3,059</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>3,127</b>	<b>3,018</b>	<b>TOTAL.</b>

(a) The figures for the years 1883-84 to 1898-99 exclude the number of shops in the Agency tracts, of which no record exists.

(b) Excludes 83 shops opened in the Chavakat Deputy Tahsildar's division during the first half of the year.

(c) The province of Eastern Bengal and Assam was constituted on the 16th October, 1905. The figures for the years prior to 1906-07 relate therefore to Assam only.

(d) Figures for Lower Burma only.

(e) These figures include shops open for a part of the year.

(f) This figure represents the number of licences granted for Lower Burma only. The corresponding figure for Upper Burma is not ascertainable from the Excise Report.

(g) Excludes 18 bar licences granted to hotels.