

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
A Subcriber to the S. A. Missionary Society, has been
received, bearing the name of Mr. J. C. ...

ZUID-AFRIKAN

CAPE TOWN, AUGUST 22, 1845.

THE Winegrowers are not with much satisfaction, that by a recent Order of Her Majesty, an alteration has been made in the Duties of Brandy and Spirits imported into this Colony, which may, and has, the effect of discouraging the Spirit Distilleries in this Colony, to increase the quantity of that produce, and thus provide the Wine Market with a sufficient supply of that article so necessary for the preparation of Wine.

About the beginning of this year, complaints were made on the part of some Wine exporting and Brandy importing Merchants, of an inconsistent differential duty on the import of French and Italian Brandy. The former paid four pence per gallon, and the latter one shilling. And it was proposed to reduce the duty on Italian Brandy from one shilling to four pence, and thus equalize it with the French Brandy.

We then took occasion to observe, in our paper of the 4th March last, that if the reduction were adopted, it would have the effect of greatly injuring the rising Spirit Distilleries, which would not be able to compete with the Italian Brandy, imported as a duty of four pence. It was shown from official data furnished by Mr. H. C. JAMES, in the Committee of the Agricultural Society, that the Spiritus manufacture had since 1841 been annually increasing, and the natural and fair conclusion came to us, that under something like a small protection only, that article might be still more increased.

From the several statements furnished by that gentleman, it was shown that the following was the rate of increase of the produce of Spiritus, distilled from Wine, brought to the Market from the Country:

In 1841	1,200,000
In 1842	1,200,000
In 1843	1,200,000
In 1844	1,200,000

From another statement published in the Commercial Advertiser of the 20th instant, we find the following returns given as official:

In 1840	No Return.
In 1841	25 Leaguers.
In 1842	63 do.
In 1843	95 do.

For the difference in the Returns, both furnished by that Gentleman, we are unable to account; but thus much at all events is shown to us, that the produce is increasing, and a fair presumption is drawn from it, that it will still more increase, as the demand for it is greater.

Under such circumstances it must be a matter of satisfaction to those concerned in Wine Manufacture and Wine Trade, to find that the recent alteration made by Her Majesty's Order in Council, in the Import duty of Foreign Brandy, has the effect, although indirectly, of protecting our own Spiritus Distilleries.

Instead of falling into the error of placing the duty on Italian Brandy on the same footing with the French Brandy, by reducing the one to four pence, the Government has, in the Order, increased the duty on French Brandy to one shilling, equal to the duty on Italian Brandy.

We exhort the Wine Growers, and particularly those connected with the Spiritus Distilleries, to employ all their energy in providing the Wine Market with a sufficient quantity of that produce. Thus they will remove all complaints that the Colony cannot provide sufficient Spiritus, and they may expect that no further alteration to their injury will be made in the import duty.

If they allow this opportunity to slip, it will be their own fault.

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PUBLIC MEETING OF DUTCH FARMERS.

On Saturday last, the 21st inst., a public meeting of Dutch Farmers was held on the farm of Mr. J. B. ...

RESOLUTIONS.

I.—That it is not necessary to ...

II.—That it is not necessary to ...

III.—That it is not necessary to ...

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NEW GOODS

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B. DANIEL

... and he had been ... and he had been ...

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