

## Seizure of Contraband - 1805

Another seizure of contraband was made in December 1805, when the Revenue Officers at Birchington found two hundred and fifty half-ankers of brandy and Geneva, which were then placed in H.M. storehouse at Canterbury. Unfortunately we are not told where the casks were found.

An 'anker' was an old Dutch liquid measure, equivalent to 10 of the old wine gallons, or 8½ in Imperial gallons. This makes the haul equal to 1062.5 gallons of Brandy and Geneva!