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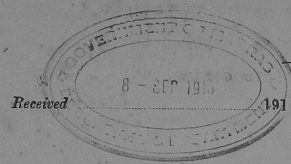
Rubber tyres.

Recording papers relating to a proposal for the
establishment of a factory by the Dunlop Tyre Company for the
manufacture of ----- in this Presidency.

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DEPARTMENT.



Received 8-SEP-1916 1916 Registered 879 1916

Subject.

Submitting an extract from a letter received from Mr. Gordon Fraser regarding the opening of a Rubber Factory by the Dunlop Tyre Co.

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No. L/12.

Station Madras., Dated the 6th September 1916

From (Name) M.E. Couchman, Esq., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Special Officer, Department of Industries.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home Department.
(Education)

Sir,

In enclosing an extract from a letter received from Mr. Gordon Fraser regarding the opening of a factory in Japan by the Dunlop Tyre Co., I have the honour to suggest that enquiries may be addressed to the Head Office of the ~~Company~~ ^{Companies} in England, to ascertain if they would be prepared to open a factory in India, and if so, what inducements they would require. It might be pointed out to them that India is already producing a considerable quantity of rubber (about 3½ million lbs in 1915) and will rapidly increase this. In addition to this, large supplies are available in Ceylon, and a factory established in India

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would, therefore, enjoy the benefit of a saving of freight, insurance etc. both on the raw rubber being conveyed to the factory, and on the manufactured article coming out to India, Burma and other Eastern markets.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. Louchman

Special Officer.

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Extract of the letter dated 5th September from Mr. Gordon Fraser to the Special Officer, Department of Industries.

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Home Industries for India. I mentioned to you that the Dunlop Manufacturing Coy had installed a factory in Japan for the manufacture of Motor Tyres. These tyres I understand are now coming to India and will of course be classed as Japanese tyres. The concern however, appears to be run with British Capital and under British supervision, but of course Japan reaps the benefits arising from the location of the Industry, and Japanese labour is employed. Possibly the Indian climate may be against the manufacture of Rubber Tyres, but it is a pity to allow the Industry to go to a foreign country if it could be worked in India. I do not know whether the Dunlop Co. made enquiries in this country first, but if not I think it is a matter that might be brought before Government, leaving Government to take any steps possible to prevent industries leaving the Empire. Provided the Indian climate is not against the manufacture of tyres I see no reason why India could not supply the East just as easily as Japan, although I must admit I think the Japanese workman much superior to the Indian workman.

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Department of Industries.

DEPARTMENT.



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Subject.

Submitting copy of ~~my~~ letter to the Dunlop Rubber Company and the reply received from them.

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Station M a d r a s., Dated the 11th October 1916.
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From (Name) M. E. Couchman Esq., I.C.S.
(Designation) Director of Industries.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (E d u c a t i o n a l) Department.

Sir,

With reference to D.O. No.3254-1 dated 13 ultimo, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of my letter to the Dunlop Rubber Co. Ltd, Bombay, regarding the opening of a branch Factory in India and a copy of their reply thereto for information.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

M. E. Couchman

Director of Industries.

p. 447 cf.

Copy of letter/dated 27-9-16 from the Director of Industries, Madras,
to the Dunlop Rubber Company, Bombay.

I notice that you have opened a factory for the manufacture of tyres in Japan. In the last year $3\frac{1}{2}$ million lbs. of rubber were produced in S. India, and the rubber estates being young, the production will be much larger in the near future. You are aware that very large supplies of rubber are available in Ceylon.

2. Under these circumstances, and also in view of the fact that the import duty on tyres is now $7\frac{1}{2}\%$, I have the honour to enquire if you would be willing to consider the possibility of opening a factory in S. India. The Government is anxious to establish industries in India, to deal with raw produce produced in India, to avoid exporting them and subsequently re-importing the manufactured article, and would be prepared to give all reasonable assistance. I should be glad if you would give the matter your best consideration, and if you think that there is any prospect of success, inform me what assistance or concession you would require from Government.

Reply to the above from the Dunlop Rubber Co. Bombay dated 30th September 1916 to the Director of Industries.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, the contents of which are noted with considerable interest. This Company has had a factory in Japan for many years and also has some ten thousand acres under rubber in Ceylon and Malacca.

The question of opening a factory in South India is one that would have to be considered by my Board and I am therefore sending a copy of your letter Home and may mention that I am going ~~to~~ Home myself in three week's time and will discuss the matter in London and see that an answer is sent to you without delay.

Meanwhile, I feel justified in stating that the attitude of the Government of Madras in addressing this Company in the terms of your letter under acknowledgment will be highly appreciated by my Board.

Again G.O., No. , dated 190 .
Current No. from the , No. , dated 190 .

Current No. 3257 from the Special office, No. K112, dated 6.9.1906.
Dept of Industries

SUBJECT.

Regarding the opening of a
rubber factory ^(in India) by the Dunlop
Tyre Company.

Mr. Couchman suggests
that the Dunlop Tyre Company
may be addressed in regard
to the establishment of a
factory in India. It is sub-
mitted that there is no definite
information available as to
the facilities that exist in
this country for the manufacture
of ^(rubber) tyres. ^{In the absence of} Before obtaining such
information it is ^{for consideration} doubtful
whether the Govt. need address
the company. Mr. Gordon Leese
or Mr. Couchman himself may
write to the firm & ascertain
their views. It is further whether
Mr. Couchman may be informed

As it is not
known whether
climatic conditions
are suitable

accordingly:

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13.9.16.

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I don't think there is anything in the domestic difficulty; the Commission says nothing as to this. The Commission may be prepared by the offer himself communication with Douglas and obtain some preliminary information; he may also make local enquiry here as well as to the manifestation of rubber.

Chb.
15.8.16

Is. The Commission to do.

18/16.16



A draft do. is submitted for approval.

OK
16.9.16

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11/11/16

Chb.
18.9.

Home (L.S.) SeptD.O. No. 3254-1
18.9.16

Dear Conchman.

With reference to your letter M.K. 112 of the 6th instant, I am desirous to inform you that you ~~must~~ yourself communicate direct with the Dunlop Tyre Company as regards the opening of a branch factory in India & obtain some preliminary information to enable the Govt. to decide as to the nature of the assistance ~~to~~ to be given. In the meanwhile, you ~~may~~ also ^{to} institute enquiries in India & in Ceylon as to the manufacture of rubber.

yours sincerely

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E.P.M.
18.9.16

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M. E. Conchman, J.C.S.
officer on special duty
Dept. of Industries.

CN. 3647. From the D. I. M. 21 of the 11-10-16

Please see Mr. Louchman's letter + enclosure on page 40 + 50 of the current file. No action is necessary now on these papers. It is for orders whether the papers may be recorded for the present.

SA
17.10.16.

~~SA~~
~~18.10.16~~

HE

For perusal of the papers.

[Signature]
19.10.16.

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22.10.16.

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Let me have draft for recording the papers.

[Signature]
23.10.16.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 32574 From the *Spl. officer,* No. *K112*, dated *the 8th Sept^r 1916.*
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No. 1128, dated 27. 10. 1916

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