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[Despatch Abstract.]

Soap plant.

Sanctioning the payment to M.R.Ry.M.Krishna Rao, Masulipatam
of a sum of Rs.750 for the ----- taken over from him by the
Department of Industries.

V. Urgent

DEPARTMENT.

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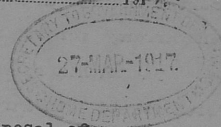


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Subject.

Soap Machinery:-

Regarding the disposal of

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ENCLOSURES.

No. *2*

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*Rec. No. 739*Station *Madras.*Dated the *16th March*

1917

From (Name) *C.A. Innes, Esq., I.C.S.,*(Designation) *Director of Industries,*

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department.

Sir, *Through the Accountant-General*

I have the honour to submit the following case for the orders of Government.

2. In October 1914 Mr. Tressler heard that a certain Gentleman in Masulipatam had some soap machinery of which he was not making any use, and he wrote to M.R.Ry. Hanumantha Row, Head Master of the Andhra Jateeya Kalasala, ~~Masulipatam~~ Masulipatam, and asked if he could have the loan of the machinery for experimental purposes. He offered to pay all charges connected with the dismantling of the machinery and its conveyance to Madras.

3. On the 28th October 1914 Mr. Hanumantha Row replied that he was authorised by his friend who owned the machinery

to say that the machinery was placed entirely at Mr. Tressler's disposal. Mr. Tressler accordingly wired to M.R. Ry. J. Narayanamurthi who was then at Waltair to inspect and value the plant and arrange for its removal to Madras.

4. The machinery was brought to Madras but nothing was done with it, till in March 1915 Mr. Chatterton wrote to enquire if Mr. Tressler could lend him any soap machinery. Mr. J. Narayanamurthi was directed to fit the machinery together, but was unable to do so. Accordingly the machinery was packed up and sent to Mr. Chatterton at Bangalore.

5. On March 30th 1916 Mr. M. Krishna Row, Editor of the Kistna Patrika, Masulipatam wrote, introducing himself as the owner of the machinery. He stated that before the machinery was sent by him he had been told (presumably by the Supervisor) that the machinery would either be returned to him after trial or would be purchased at a reasonable price. He assumed that, as the machinery had been retained so long, Mr. Tressler intended to buy it, and he also complained that he had not even been paid the packing charges amounting to Rs. 42 which had been incurred by him.

6. The reply sent to this letter was that the arrangements referred to appeared to have been made by the 'Personal Assistant' (Mr. J. Narayanamurthi) who had been instructed to correspond on the matter. It is true that the office copy of the letter of 21-10-14 to Mr. Hanumantha Row was initialled by Mr. J. Narayanamurthi, but the latter states that he acted under Mr. Tressler's orders, and I think that this statement is obviously correct.

7. I got wind of this matter in the beginning of November last and I wrote to Mr. Chatterton to know what had become of the machinery. He replied that Mr. Tressler had sent him some iron 'work which he said was ~~soap~~ soap machinery. It was only fit 'for the scrap heap, and I think that it is where it has been 'placed. I spoke to him about it afterwards and advised him 'not to have sent it back to Madras because it would not be 'worth the cost of packing and carriage.'

8. On the 5th March 1917 Mr. Krishna Row wrote me a letter of which I enclose a copy. It will be seen that he asks Rs. 1000 for the machinery or rather less than one half of the original cost. I wrote and asked him when he had bought the machinery and a copy of his reply of the 10th instant is enclosed as appendix 2 to this letter.

9. I request instructions as to how I am to dispose of the matter. There is very little on record as to the terms on which the machinery was lent. It was simply placed at Mr. Tressler's disposal for purposes of experiment. But the owner's contention is reasonable viz that the machinery should have been returned after ^{trial} ~~use~~ or paid for.

10. If Government accept this view, the only point that remains to be decided is how much we should pay. The machinery was bought in 1911 and was worked only for about a year. It was old iron by the time it was sent to Mr. Chatterton in April 1915. The only explanation I can offer is that some of the parts had been lost either by the owner or by the Department, I cannot say which. At any rate we are not in a position to dispute the owner's statement that the machinery was in good condition ^{when} ~~when~~ it was handed over to the Department. Clearly the machinery should have been examined, ^{tested} ~~tested~~ and valued on receipt. Also it should have been set up and tried and returned at once if it was found useless. None of these precautions were taken. I may mention that Mr. J. Narayanamurthi who was ordered to inspect and value the machinery in October 1914 was recalled to Madras before he had time to go to Masulipatam, and another supervisor, who is not now in the Department, was sent in his place. The instructions to this supervisor are not on record.

11. The machinery was about 4 years old when it was handed over to this Department. The owner had lost money over it and was hardly likely to sell it except at a heavy loss. Having regard to all the circumstances of the case and since some figure must be settled, I suggest that a sum of Rs. 750

be paid to the owner. I can find the money from the allotment for "Miscellaneous Experiments" under the head "26 Bm Scientific and Minor Department - Miscellaneous" and I have the honour to enquire whether I can pay this amount. Very early orders are requested so that I can pay the money before the end of this month.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Chinn
Director of Industries.

M.N.

Copy of letter dated 5th March 1917 from Mr. M. Krishna Row, Masulipatam, to the Director of Industries, Madras.

I have the honour to request your kind attention to the fact that in the month of August 1914 the Department of Industries, took over from me some soap manufacturing plant, including the following machines.

1. One Milling Machine...	Rs. 700
2. One Flooding machine...	750
3. One Shearing machine...	250
4. One Stamping machine...	300
5. One Cake-cutting machine	150

Total Rs. 2150

These were lent on an understanding that they would be used for experimenting with Soap-Manufacture and if this prove practicable the machinery would be ultimately purchased by Government. As one who lost heavily in this industry primarily be reason of a lack of expert knowledge of the processes of Soap-making I felt interested in the proposition and willingly placed my plant at the disposal of Government without asking for any conditions or written assurances.

I have since repeatedly written for information but never had any reply. A bill for packing charges, amounting to Rs. 42 which I was asked to prepare, was never honoured. Under these conditions I have made bold to address finally requesting you to adjust the matter in the way that may seem to you just and fair. My cost price of the machinery supplied excluding freight, was Rs. 2150. I feel I am entitled to ask for a bare one half of the amount, Rs. 1000 and the bill of packing charges Rs. 42/- which I paid to a local packer. I shall be obliged if you will kindly take all the fact of the case into consideration and recommend to Government that I may be paid at least Rs. 1000 towards price of the machinery or as near an amount as you may consider just, in view of the motives that impelled me to place the machinery at the disposal of Government, in preference to selling it in the open market, together with the bill of packing charges, Rs. 42. I need not add that I am willing to place the matter entirely in your hands and no

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further communication need be made to me except by way of payment of a sum which you may settle.

Appendix II.

Copy of letter dated 10th March 1917 from Mr. M. Krishna Row to the Director of Industries, Madras.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter R.O.C.

No. 739 dated 8th March 1917. In reply to your enquiry regarding the condition of the Soap-manufacturing plant supplied to the Department in the year 1914, I have the honour to state that the machinery was purchased in 1911 and was worked during the second half of 1911 and the first half of 1912 when owing to financial and intrinsic difficulties the soap manufacture was stopped, the machinery was carefully removed, and preserved under cover in my own house in some expectation of the work being renewed with more funds and better expert ~~and~~ help. When the demand came from Government the machinery was all carefully packed by the Fitter Maistry of Andhra Jateeya Kalasala, Masulipatam, who had worked as Foreman in my soap factory. The Machinery was purchased direct from the Manufacturing Firm in Japan and was working almost to the day of closure. In all, only six or seven millings were taken, totaling about 50 cwts of manufactured soap. Under these circumstances, which may be easily verified from numbers of men here, it is hard to understand how it happens to be described as "very old when it was received". I also ^{feel} ~~tell~~ a kind of delicacy in now adding that I had offers for the plant just as I was sending it on to Government. But my experience of good soap-manufacture, of the difficulties which resulted to me personally in a loss of more than Rs. 10,000 induced me to place the whole plant at the disposal of Government where I hoped to see good results achieved and ultimately to secure the price I paid.

I have dealt with perfect frankness in all this matter and if I have waited so long it has been in hope that it would be disposed off in a similar spirit by the officers of Government. I am glad that you have taken the trouble of looking into the transaction and I trust you would kindly dispose it off as seems just to you, without leaving a regret behind that I had not pressed for adjustment earlier when the matter was fresh in the mind of the department.

1000-6-16.

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL, MADRAS,

Fort St. George, the 26th of March 1917.

No. Try P.A. 22882

ENCLOSURES: 3 (Sheet)

Forwarded.

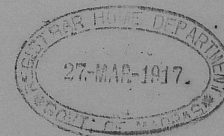
2. There is no audit objection to the proposal being sanctioned by Government.
3. It is for Government to consider whether any disciplinary action should be taken against the officer responsible for the loss to Government, which seems to be due to the machinery not having been examined on its receipt and its not having been returned when found useless.

H. Krishna Row

Accountant-General.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
HOME (Education) DEPARTMENT.



SUBJECT. Payment of the cost of
soap plant ~~is~~ taken over
by the Dept^t of Industries.

From The officer in charge of the
Dept^t of Ind. No. 7293 / 16.3.17

Register No. 1587.

In the circumstances
explained by Mr. James
the Gov^t may, it is submitted
sanction the payment of
Rs. 750 to the owner of the
soap plant. It is not he
that the latter who cla
Rs. 1000 will take a sum
less than Rs. 750. A do.
order is submitted for ap
It may be sent to the
Fin^t Dept^t for acceptance
2. With reference to
of the A.G.'s endorsement
submitted that with
explanation from Mr.
of the whole transaction
is not possible to do.

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Regd. 27.3.17

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cf. paras. 4 & 7
on page 2 C.F.

page 4 C.F.

Who is responsible for
the loss entailed. As Mr. ...
is now on military duty it
is for orders whether the
matter should be pursued
8A
27.3.17. *[Signature]* To Mr. ... for
... *[Signature]*

[Signature]
27.3.17

Financial Dept.

For the Asst. Secretary.

In the circumstances stated
by the officer in charge of the
Dept. of Industries and the Home
Dept., this Dept. may, it is
submitted agree to the payment
of a sum of Rs 750, to the owner
of the machinery at Masulipatam.
Apparently, no portion of the a.
amount can be recovered from
Mr. Chatterton in Mysore, to whom
the machinery was sent. The
Special Officer points out
source from which the extra
disbursement during the current
can be met.

2. As regards the discipline

NOTES.

Page 3

action to be taken. (Cf. para:3
of AG's inst. on page 7 C.F.), please
see para:2 of Home Dep't. notes
on pages 1-2 ante. It is for orders
whether the proposal of that
Dep't. not to take any further
action may be agreed to, and if
so, ^{whether} a paragraph may not be
added to the draft order
informing the AG. accordingly.
The draft may, it is submitted,
be otherwise accepted in final.

27.3.17
28.3.17

For order. This is bad
business.

28.3.17



Ampts in Finance, Ltd H.M. (Finance)
should be upon disposal

Home (C) (Uo) 29.3.17

29.3.17

Noted in CA
29.3.17

Home (C) Dept
Submitted for order as to cir-
culation.

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I marked up the
the draft order. Her
Borden has most
unmethodical. But
L. is a the whole
same poor work and
the way overloads the
Cavaliers in the
instance.

29-3-17

I think a sentence commenting on
the unbusiness-like character of Mr
Tresler's proceedings in this case will be
appropriate.
It is not clear to me why the
machinery cannot now be returned
to W. M. Krishna Row. It is all very
well for Mr Chatterton to talk airily
about scrap iron, but he took the
machinery on loan he is bound to

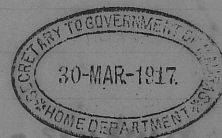
return it if required. It is also not clear whether Mr M. Krishna Rao will accept Rs. 750 in full satisfaction of all claims. At any rate the sanction must be made only on that condition.

It seems to me that we should require Mr Chatterton to return the machinery, the cost being of course borne by him - as he is the borrower, & under an implied obligation to send it back.

Some sort of responsibility for their
reckless procedure ought - I think
to be enforced on these experts.

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30.3.17



N. M. Submitted

Trainer from Cal
8.3.17

I have no objection
to a Deputation being added
counting as the women's like
character of the proceedings,
provided the work is not
interrupted by names as the

officer found fault
with. It was by letter
to Mr. Jones to write to
Mr. Chetson and ask
him to return what he
has borrowed. Nothing
else came out of it in
the end. I am pretty
certain; but I have no
objection to our enforcing
our claim for return
of what we have lent.
It may be better as
a condition of the
sanction that we
for no other account
the \$150 as a final
payment in satisfaction.

30/31

I have amended the draft which was
shown with stamp.

A draft Dr. to Mr. Jones \$600 is prepared &
submitted.

cell
31.3.17

The order has issued. The following draft D.O. is submitted for approval:--

D.O. No 1587-2 of 31.3.17

Dear Sir,

Orders have issued to-day

approving your proposal to pay Rs.750/- to M.R.Ry. M. Krishna Rao of Masulipatam for the soap plant taken over

from him by the Department of Industries. The Government ~~however~~

desire that you should write to

Mr. Chatterton and ask him to return the plant borrowed by him, the ~~packing~~ ~~and conveyance charges~~ being of course borne by him. If he declines, they will let him know to say.

Yours sincerely

Ch. 31.3.17

To

C.A. Innes, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Officer in charge of the Dept. of Industries.

SN 31.3.17.

Despd
31.3.17

Soap plant

Sanctioning the payment to H.R. By M. Krishna Rao, Nagarpattam, of a sum of Rs. 750 being the value of the taken over from him by the Deptth of Agriculture.

READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1587 From the Office of the Attorney General, No. 229, dated 16. 3. 1917

" " " " , " "

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ORDER.

Miss

No. 426, dated 31. 3. 1917

In the circumstances explained in the letter read above the Govt sanction the payment ~~of Rs 750~~ to M.R.R. M. Krishna Rao, Editor of the Krishna Patrika, Masalipatam, of a sum of Rs 750 being the ~~cost value~~ ^{for} of the soap plant taken over from him by the Department of Industries in 1944, on

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27.3.17.

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The Officer in Charge
of the Dept. of Ind.

Copy to the Finl dept ~~100~~

22.3.17

27.3.17 P.T.O.

condition that McKay
Mr. Krishna Rao is prepared
to accept the sum in fixed
full satisfaction of his
claim.

The Government have acted with displeasure the lack of ordinary business-accumen characterising the transaction which gave rise to this claim.

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31.3.17

READ AGAIN G.O. No. 121.

ENCLOSURE TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

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LISTED OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

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