M.R.O. 1—80,000—16-10-29.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 96 Press ~~Mis.~~

Dated 19. 2. 1857

B. No - 3 - 4

5-0

Not to be folded or roughly handled

No 411

From

J. J. Franklin Esqr.

Secretary Marine Board:

To

T. Pycroft Esqr.

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

1. I have the honor by desire of the Marine Board to inform you that in compliance with the orders of Government marginally noted, they engaged freight on the P. and O. Company's Steamer "Ava" for 10 lacs of Rupees to be landed at Galle and to be reshipped there in the China Steamer for Bombay, at a charge of 1 per cent.

Extract Minutes of Consultation 27th January 1857 No 55.

2. The Agent of the P & O Company was communicated with on the subject of this charge which appeared to be very high, as Government treasure is sent by those vessels to Calcutta at ¼ and to Galle 3/8 per Cent. He however produced his printed

instructions

instructions from which he declared he could not depart, and the bills of Lading were accordingly filled up at the rate of 1 per Cent, for which now a bill is submitted for payment.

3. The Government are of course liable for this amount, and the bill will be passed for payment; but the Board recommend that a reference be made to the Bengal Government with a view to some reduction being made either in the present instance, or at any rate, on any future occasion of the shipment of specie to Bombay; as it appears to them that 3/4 per Cent would be a sufficiently reasonable charge for the responsibility and care of treasure from Madras to Bombay.

4. The Board would not object to a freight of 1 per Cent when engaging for small consignments, but when a large amount such as 10 lacs are sent at one time, they think it but reasonable that some reduction

should

should be made.

Madras
Marine Board Office
31st January 1857

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Wm Hamilton
Secretary

Copied by
T Moonesawmy
Exd ED

Dispd 20th

Financial Dept

No. 96.

To

Secy to the Govt of India

Sir,

I am directed by the Rt. Honble the Governor in Council to transmit copy of a letter from the Marine Board dated 31st Ultimo No. 411 in which they bring to notice the high charge of one per Cent on account of Freight for the 10 Lacs of Rupees shipped for Bombay on the Steamer "Ava" under instructions from the Govt of India and they suggest that some arrangement be made with the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company respecting the freight to be charged in future for Treasure conveyed.

---

7. 29th January /57 No. 55 E

In Ext Cons 24th February
Financial 185 Department

From
The Secretary Marine Board
To
The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St. George

No. 96

Dated 31st
Recd 2nd January 1857
No. 411

No. 53.

Recd

States that one per cent as freight has been charged by the agent of the P & O Company for the 10 Lacs of Rupees shipped on the Steamer Ava for Bombay - and recommends a reference being made to the Bombay Government.

Submitted to the Govt of India 19th Feb /57 No. 96

C 9 Feb
R 18"

Conveyed by their Steamer
to any of the Residencies.

JP

Fort St George.
17th Feby 1837.

Ind Fin Cons 24 February

Finl. 1857 Deptt.

No. 96

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India

Dated 19th Feby 1857

Repd. to D/ 27th March/57.
No. 187.

374