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# MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

## Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 17-4- 1940.

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Read the following papers :—

No. 110. From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector and Magistrate of Coimbatore, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 24th October 1873, No. 60.

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that a toll is reported to be levied by the railway authorities on carts coming to the station at Erode.

2. Such a proceeding, if authorized by the railway authorities, is likely to be detrimental, and does not appear to have the sanction of law.

3. This matter was brought to the knowledge of the Consulting Engineer on the 23rd of August last, two months ago, but no notice has as yet been taken of my predecessor's letter.

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Referred to the Department of Public Works for inquiry.

OOTACAMUND,
*27th October* 1873.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Chief Secretary.*

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No. 111. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 3rd November 1873, No. 580.

In returning the letter from the Collector of Coimbatore which accompanied your endorsement, dated the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose a letter,* with enclosure, from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, explaining the circumstances under which a toll seems to have been levied upon carts entering the station yard at Erode.

*No. 886, 1st November 1873.

2. The inquiries made by the railway authorities prove the existence of the grievance complained of by the petitioners; and, as stated by the Agent, it must have been due to collusion on the part of some of the station staff that a toll from every cart entering the yard was demanded by the man who had been authorized to sell fruit on the station platform. I am still in correspondence with the Agent on this subject.

3. It is explained that, in future, as at other stations, a monthly fee will be levied from all carriages and carts permitted to ply for hire within the station yard at Erode, and this measure will doubtless tend to stop the unauthorized and irregular demand for a toll. Under the present circumstances of the country, it is difficult to altogether prevent such demands from being made.

4. In his letter to Government, Mr. Wedderburn is mistaken in stating that no notice had been taken of his predecessor's letter to me upon this subject. The Agent was written to upon the 25th August, the day on which Mr. Horsbrugh's letter reached this office, and until now I have not been in a position to reply.

From W. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 1st November 1873, No. 886.

With reference to your letter of yesterday, No. 1039, and to your previous letter* upon the subject of a toll levied upon bandies entering the Erode station compound, I have the honour to send you, herewith, a copy of the correspondence which has passed between the Traffic Manager and myself thereon.

* No. 773, 25th August 1873.

2. I am still in communication with Mr. Church upon this subject, as his letters do not, I regret to be obliged to acknowledge, disclose a very creditable state of things at this station.

3. It is, as you are doubtless aware, the practice at railway stations where there is a demand for carriages and bandies to charge a small monthly fee for each vehicle allowed to ply for hire within the Company's premises. This practice is universal among railways in England, and, I believe, also in India, and is very necessary, where there is any competition for the traffic, for the purpose of ensuring the service of decent vehicles and preventing overcrowding. It appears, however, to have been hitherto considered unnecessary to enforce this rule at Erode, in consequence of the limited number of bandies frequenting the station, and the abuse brought to notice in your letters has consequently arisen. The state of things in question could not have existed without collusion on the part of some subordinate servant of the Company, and should certainly have been discovered by the Station Master; but, as the Company has now arranged to put in force the rule explained above, there is little doubt that the unauthorized collection of tolls will be checked.

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From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to W. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 15th October 1873, No. C-688—654.

Consulting Engineer's letter, No. 773, of the 25th August.

The tax, as levied in the manner stated, is altogether unauthorized, and will be stopped as far as practicable, but there seems no reason whatever why the owners of carts plying for hire within the Erode station compound should be allowed a privilege which is not accorded at other stations.

2. Owners of bandies wishing to ply for passengers within the station compound are allowed to do so on payment of a monthly fee to the Company. The petitioners have evidently not thought it worth their while to pay this fee, or they would have come forward to do so, but have preferred to obtain access to the compound by surreptitious means, which they now discover are irksome, and endeavour to get free access to the station compound by a representation of this kind.

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From W. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, dated Madras, 17th October 1873, No. 3211.

Your No. C-688—654, 15th instant.

I do not understand how it could happen that, while the Company professed to allow only the bandies of those who paid a monthly fee to ply for hire within the compound of the Erode station, the bandies of the petitioners were allowed to enter on their paying a fee, not to the Company, but to a man who sells fruit at the station. I do not see how this could have happened unless the fruit-seller was in collusion with the person whose duty it was to see that no carts, except those licensed by the Company, were admitted to the compound. I shall be glad to hear further from you on this point.

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From H. E. CHURCH, Esq., Traffic Manager, to W. B. WRIGHT, Esq., Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 18th October 1873, No. C-688—660.

Your No. 3211 of 17th instant.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,*
*19th November* 1873.

There can be no doubt that there was collusion between the fruit-seller and some of the subordinates of the station, and, as the Station Master does not appear to have been aware that hired carts obtained access to the station compound, I conclude that they only gained admission on the arrival of trains, when the attention of the staff was diverted. As I have already informed Mr. Bailey, the representation now made does not reflect any credit on the Station Master, who should have been the first to bring the abuse to notice.

2. No license for carts has ever yet been issued at Erode, because there was no demand for carts; but, as it is evident that a demand has been created, the same rule will now be applied to Erode as to other stations.

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Transferred to the Judicial Department.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
*8th November* 1873. *Secretary to Government, P. W. D.*

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No. 112. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1873, No. 1680.

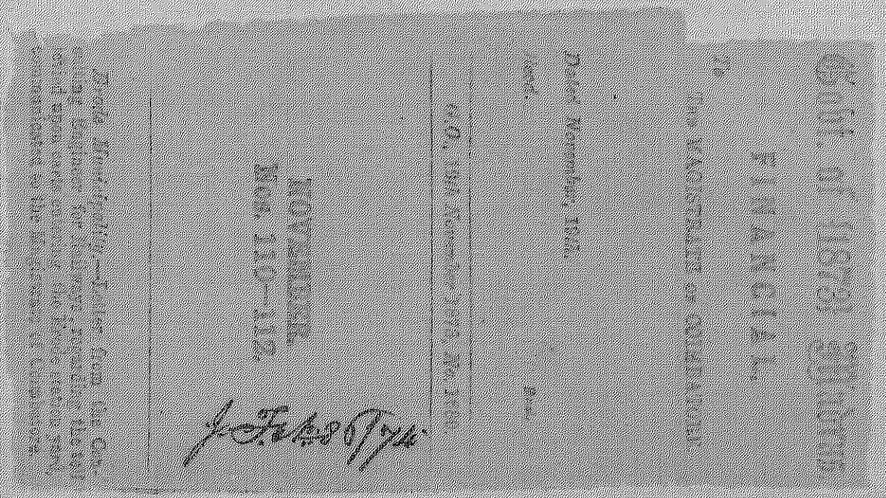
The Consulting Engineer's letter will be communicated to the Magistrate of Coimbatore.

(True Extract.)

*Chief Secretary.*

To the Magistrate of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. H. Burns.


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Coimbatore Collectorate
24 October 1873.

From

A. Hedderbeam Esquire,
Collector & Magistrate
of Coimbatore.

To

The Honorable H. Sandberson,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that a body is reported to be buried by the Railway authorities, one Coolie coming to the Station at Erode.—

2. Such proceedings, if authorised by the Railway authorities, is likely to be detrimental, and does not appear to have the sanction of law.—

3. This matter was brought to the

knowledge of the Consulting Engineer on the 23rd of August last — two months ago, but no notice has as yet been taken of my predecessor's letter. —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed^t Servt

Abercrombie
Collector & Magistrate

Received 27 October 1873
Chief Secretary

Reference to previous papers
Letter from Chief Secretary No 589 dated 15th Sept 1873
Letter to Consulting Engineer for Railways dated 22nd October 1873

No. 886

MADRAS RAILWAY

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 1st November 1873.

From

Agent and Manager.

To

Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 23rd August ult^o yesterday — 1039 and to your previous letter upon the subject of a fall caused near Erode by the Road Station Compound, I now do myself the honor to forward a copy of the correspondence which has passed between the Traffic Manager and myself thereon.

2. I am still in correspondence with the Board upon the subject of their letter of the 31st August, and hope shortly to be able to communicate to you a copy of their final decision.

3. If it be true as doubtless it is, that the practice of Railway Stations where there is a descent for carriages and

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Mr. Cecil Clarke to Large a Grant cannot be given
for such objects almost every year there
will be Some Expenses Connected with
it, and it cannot be known Previously
as Floods and Such like are not
Provided for in the Estimates
and Should any Grant be made
Provision must be made for it
in the Estimates. The Grant
Should not be Confined to
Schools in the Parish of Lower Hutt
Some of the Boys Should be
Selected from Schools in the
Petone Riding as well as from
Schools in the Lower Hutt Riding
Should the Grant be made
Provision must be made for
the Expenses that the Selected Boys
will be Subjected to.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Chairman

Hon. Secretary and Manager

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 1st October 1873

Recd. 3rd " "

No. 886

Copy of the Letter dated 1st October 1873 from the Traffic Manager to the Agent & Manager

Letter

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Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras 1st October 1873

The Agent and Manager
M. R. Company.

Dear Sir

Tax on carts at Erode Station
Cons. Engrs letter No 773 of the 25th August

The tax as levied in the manner stated, is altogether unauthorised and will be stopped as far as practicable but there seems no reason whatever why the owners of carts plying for hire within the Erode Station Compound should be allowed a privilege which is not accorded at other stations.

Owners of Bandies wishing to ply for Passengers within the Station Compound are allowed to do so on payment of a monthly fee to the Company. The Petitioners have evidently not thought it worth their while to pay this fee or they would have come forward to do so, but have preferred to obtain access to the compound by surreptitious means, which they now discover are irksome and endeavour to get free access to the Station Compound by a representation of this kind

Yours faithfully
(signed) H. G. Church
Traffic Manager

Pc.

No 3211.

Madras Railway Company
Agent and Manager's Office
Madras 17th October 1873.

Dear Sir

Your No C/688/664 - 15th instant

I don't understand how it could happen that while the Company professed to allow only the Bandies of those who paid a monthly fee, to ply for hire within the compound of the Erode Station, the Bandies of the Coliteurers were allowed to enter on their paying a fee not to the Company but to a man who sells fruit at the Station. I don't see how this could have happened unless the fruit seller was in collusion with the person whose duty it was to see that no carts except those licensed by the Company were admitted to the compound. I shall be glad to hear further from you on this point

Yours faithfully
(signed) Wm. Barton Wright
Ag. Agent & Manager

The Traffic Manager.

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C/688/660

Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras 18th October 1873.

The Ag. Agent and Manager
M. R. Company

Dear Sir

Tax on Carts at Erode Station
Your 3211 of 17th instant

There can be no doubt that there was collusion between the Fruit Seller and some of the Subordinates of the Station, and as the Station Master does not appear to have been aware that hired Carts obtained access to the Station compound, I conclude that they only gained admission on the arrival of Trains, when the attention of the Staff was diverted. As I have already informed Mr Bailey, the representation now made does not reflect any credit on the Station Master who should have been the first to bring the abuse to notice.

No License for Carts has ever yet been issued at Erode because there was no demand for Carts, but as it is evident that a demand has been created, the Rates Rule will now be applied to Erode as to other Stations.

Yours faithfully
(signed) H. S. Thweatt
Traffic Manager

(True Copies)

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Ag. Agent and Manager

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 580

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

*Consulting Engineer for Railways,*

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

*Secretary to Government,*

*Public Works Department,*

*Fort Saint George.*

SIR,

In returning the letter from the Collector of Coimbatore which accompanied your endorsement dated the 28th ultimo, I have the honour to enclose a letter, with enclosure, from the Agent of the Madras Railway Company, explaining the circumstances under which a toll seems to have been levied upon carts entering the station yard at Erode.

2. The enquiries made by the

Vide Vº 886 — 1st November 1873.

the Railway Authorities prove the existence of the grievance complained of by the petitioners; and, as stated by the Agent it must have been due to collusion on the part of some of the Station Staff that a toll from every cart entering the yard was demanded by the man who had been authorised to sell fruit on the station platform. I am still in correspondence with the Agent on this subject.

3. It is explained that, in future, as at other stations, a monthly fee will be levied from all carriages and carts permitted to ply for hire within the station yard at Erode; and this measure will doubtless tend to stop the unauthorised and irregular demand for a toll.

toll. Under the present circumstances of the country it is difficult to altogether prevent such demands from being made.

4. In his letter to Government, Mr. Sedgwick is mistaken in stating that no notice had been taken of his predecessor's letter to me upon this subject. The Agent was written to upon the 25th August, the day on which Mr. Scarborough's letter reached this office; and, until now, I have not been in a position to reply.—

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Madras,
3rd November,
1873.

Mountfort Bell
Cons. Engineer for Railways

Rec'd 19th Nov. 1873. - No 11600.

1873 Department

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

1873.

From

The Consulting Engineer
for Railways,

To

The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Department,
Fort Saint George.

Dated 3rd Nov. 1873.

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Regarding
the toll levied upon
carts entering
Fort station yard

Transferred to the Judicial Department.

Madras 19th Nov. 1873.

Copy to Govt. No. 93 dated 19th Nov. 1873.

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To the Board of Examiners

Col. Sec. of 1873: Statistics.

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Collr. of Coimbatore.

D. No. 602 / 73.
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Nos. 110 - 112.

Sambur Survey. Letter from the Consulting Engr. for Railways regarding the toll levied upon carts entering the Erode Station Yard, Comr. to the Collr. of Coimbatore.

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