Judicial (1895) Department.

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G.O., Nos. 226–227.

Dated 2nd Feb. 1895.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

PETROLEUM RULES

Requesting the sanction of the Government of India to the proposed amendment of Rule 11 of the -- with a view to permit the discharge of petroleum by night from tank steamers and declining meanwhile to permit Messrs.Best and Co.to discharge petroleum by night from a steamer expected to arrive shortly.

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2nd February 1895, No. 226, Judicial.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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3. With electric light to work by at night, the discharge should, in the opinion of the Board, be continued from the time when the connection is made between the ship and the storage tanks until the vessel has completed her discharge; and doing so will undoubtedly tend to minimise any danger which may exist consequent upon the admission of these steamers to the harbour.

4. I submit herewith a draft modification of Rule 11 which, in the opinion of the Harbour Trust Board, should be substituted for the present rule.

Enclosures.

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Resolution.—Approved.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated 19th January 1895, Mis. No. 246.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department.
Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

From Messrs. BEST & Co., Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd January 1895.

We have the honour to inform you that a tank steamer will arrive in Madras to discharge a cargo of petroleum within the next ten days and we shall be pleased to know if pumping may go on during the night.

ORDER—dated 2nd February 1895, No. 226, Judicial.

The draft rule proposed by the Harbour Trust Board is defective inasmuch as it does not provide for the prevention of an escape of oil from the discharging pipe, should the discharge for any reason be temporarily suspended. The following sentence will accordingly be added:—

> "If for any cause the discharge of petroleum is at any time suspended, arrangements must be made by means of a valve for effectually preventing any of the oil left in the pipe from escaping."

2. The Government of India will now be addressed for sanction to the proposed amendment.

3. Messrs. Best & Co. will be informed that Government cannot permit the discharge of petroleum by night from their steamer which is expected to arrive shortly, inasmuch as the Petroleum Act requires the prior sanction of the Government of India to any changes in the rules, and it is then necessary further to publish the draft amendment in the *Fort St. George Gazette.*

[Here enter No. 227, dated 2nd February 1895.]

(True Extract.)

for *Chief Secretary.*

To Messrs. Best & Co.
,, the Presidency Port Officer.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Chairman, Harbour Trust.
,, the President, Municipal Commission.
,, the Commissioner of Police.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Govt. of {1895} Madras.

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G.O., 2nd February 1895, No. 226.

FEBRUARY.

Petroleum Rules.

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2nd February 1895, No. 227, Judicial.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Letter—from

The CHIEF SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of
FORT ST. GEORGE,

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Home Department.

Sir,

I am directed to solicit the sanction of the Government of India to the substitution of the following rule for the existing rule No. 11 framed under section 8 of the Petroleum Act, XII of 1886, and sanctioned in Mr. Melitus' letter, dated 3rd February 1893, No. 122:—

> "When petroleum is imported in bulk, its removal from the ship shall be effected by means of a hose and a wrought-iron pipe and it shall be pumped into storage tanks. The discharge shall be continuous day and night until completed, weather and appliances permitting. When working at night the electric light only shall be used, and when the ship has finished discharging, the pipe to the storage tanks shall immediately be emptied by means of a supplementary pump on shore. "If for any cause the discharge of petroleum is at any time suspended, arrangements must be made by means of a valve for effectually preventing any of the oil left in the pipe from escaping."

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

Fort St. George,
2nd February 1895.

Chief Secretary.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Regr. No.

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From the Government of
Fort St. George.

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Letter, 2nd February 1895, No. 227.

FEBRUARY.

Petroleum Rules.

Requesting sanction to the proposed amendment of Rule **11** of the — with a view to permit the discharge of petroleum by night as well as by day.

~~MARINE DEPARTMENT~~

CURRENT No. ~~19~~ 149

Jud. Dept.

FROM

THE CHAIRMAN,
HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

G.O. 3173. 22-Decr. 94

TO

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Marine Department.

DATED 11th January 1895.

DESPATCHED 12th — . — 1895.

RECEIVED 12th . . .

Repd. 15th

ENCLOSURES. Two

CHIEF SECRETARY
12 JAN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

No. 3522

P.t.U. [illegible] 19/1.

SUBJECT.

Petroleum Rules

Submitting proposed amended rule No. 11 for the importation of Petroleum in bulk at Madras: in reply to G.O. Judicial No. 3173 dated 22nd December 1894

To await ~~the the~~ 2 replies.
May this be printed please? Yes
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MR. 16/1.

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EXTRACT of Proceedings of the TRUSTEES OF THE HARBOUR OF MADRAS, at a Meeting held at the Offices of the Board on Friday **the** 11th **day of** January **1895.**

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Approved.

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True Extract

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Secretary

Harbour Trust Board

HARBOUR TRUST
MADRAS 12.JAN.95
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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Existing rule No. 11

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HARBOUR TRUST
MADRAS 12 JAN. 95
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

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Secretary
Harbour Trust Board

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Madras Harbour Trust,
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
11th January 1895.

No. 3522

From
Edward Turner Esquire I. C. S.
CHAIRMAN, HARBOUR TRUST BOARD,
MADRAS.

To
The Hon'ble Mr. E. Gibson I. C. S.
Ag. *Chief Secretary to Government,*
Marine Department.

SIR,

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obed.t Servant
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Chairman
Harbour Trust Board

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No. 11/9 G

PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICE,
Madras, 16th January 1895.

From

Commander W Powell, R.I.M.,
~~The~~ PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,
MADRAS,

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To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
MARINE DEPARTMENT,
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obdt: servant,
Walter Powell
Commander, R.I.M.,
Presidency Port Officer

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Marine (1895) DEPARTMENT.

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From

THE PRESIDENCY PORT OFFICER,

Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECY. TO GOVERNMENT,

MARINE DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

No. 11/9 G

Dated 16 } January 1895

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CHIEF SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 18 JAN. 1895

Subject.

Informing that there is no objection to Petroleum being allowed to be discharged at night.

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Current No. 263

Jud DEPARTMENT.

From

Messrs Best & Co

No.

Dated 23-1-95

Received 23-1-95

Enclosures

SUBJECT.

Stating that a Tank Steamer is expected soon & asking if pumping may go on during the night

CURRENT No. 263

BEST & Co

Madras 23 January 1895

CHIEF SECRETARY
23 JAN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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The Chief Secretary
to the Government of Madras
Fort St. George

Sir,

Discharging Tank Steamers

We have the honor to inform you that a Tank Steamer will arrive in Madras to discharge a cargo of Petroleum within the next ten days and we shall be pleased to know if pumping may go on during the night.

We have the honor to be
Sir,
B. Your obedient servants,

Best & Co

CURRENT No. 268

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE
MADRAS.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Separate Revenue.)

Dated 19 January 1895.

No. 246. Mis

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Resolution.

Submitted to Government with reference to Government Order, Judicial Department, dated 22- December 1894 No. 3173

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(True Copy and Extract)

Assistant Secretary

To
The Chief Secretary to Government
Judicial Department
Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs,
Madras.

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CURRENT NO. 268
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Board of Revenue
Separate Revenue
Madras.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
23 JAN. 1895
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To

The Secretary to Government
Judicial Department

Recd 23/1

Proceedings dated 19: January 1895
No 246, Mis

Subject

Submitting to Government the report called for on the question of permitting the discharge of bulk petroleum from steamers during the night as well as during the day

Recd & sent to Press
MR 24/1

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Recd from Press
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sent to H.S. 25/1
MR

Read again G.O. 22 Dec. 94 No. 3173 +
C Nos 149, 202, 263 + 268/95.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

~~From~~

Dated 189 .

FOR ORDERS.

Send India deferred telegram asking permission & saying letter is on the way.
MS

I hardly think this is needed
MS

The proposed amendment has the support of the Harbour Trust Board, the P.P.O + the Bd. of Rev. Perhaps the G. of I. might be addressed for the adoption of amended Rule no. 11 proposed by the Harbour Trust Board? Would it not be wiser to follow the suggestion in the note for orders & in G.O. of 22 Decr. 1894 No. 3173 - viz. to amend Rule no. 11 by inserting "and unless the Govt. shall otherwise direct" immediately before "between sunrise + sunset". The effect of this would be to secure a full report to Govt. showing that the arrangements for removal of petroleum by night were safe, before permission could be granted. ~~Next~~

To the amended rule we might add "If for any cause the discharge of petroleum is at any time suspended, arrangements must be made ...... from escaping", filling in blank from old rule.
MS

2. The amended rule as drafted by the Harbour Trust Board is also defective as it omits the last sentence of the existing rule. This is required in case where appliances ~~or~~ weather or do not permit the discharge of petroleum by night

3. Messrs. Best & Co. ask if they may go on pumping by night with their next steamer which is expected to arrive within the next ten days. They must be answered in the negative, for two reasons, viz:—

MS
29/1/95

(1) The previous sanction of the Govt. of India is necessary under section 8 of the Petroleum Act before the rule can be amended.

MR 25/1

iii) Under S.26 of the Act. I 90 of 15 Septr. 1887 No 2136 Jud. (vide bound file red tape) the Draft rule must be published in one issue of the Gazette in English & such other language as may be directed by the Local Govt.

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Amended Rule No (11)
of the Petroleum Rules

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(For orders)

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Papers to be read in Proceedings :—

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Again G.O., dated 22 Dec. 1894, No. 8173

Again G.O., dated 18 , No.

Current No. of 18 , dated from

Currents received in ref. thereto.

Current No. of 18 , dated from

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Print immediately after C.S. has passed this.

Order of 2 Feb. 95, No. 226.

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(from orders)

V.E.
Iss. Copy of para. 3 to Best & Co.
at once.

Messrs. Best & Co. 5 D.C. despd. 2/2/95 31. D
Port officer (Marine).
~~Pres~~ Prest. C.R. Board of Revenue (2 spare copies).
& Chairman Harbour Trust B.
Prest. Municipal Commission
The Commr. of Police

1/2/95

The following letter & telegram will be despatched

Amendment of Petroleum Rules

Letter d 2 Feb. 95, No. 227.
Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Home Department

7/2/95 Despd with

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H.E. Draft rule as amended by Govt.

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(from orders)

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Is this necessary?

The circumstances which led to this proposal are fully set forth in the orders of this Govt. d/ 22 Decr. 1894 No 3173 & d/ February 1895 No copies of which are enclosed.

Deferred Telegram to Home.

Meletus' letter dated third February 1893. number 122. Solicit sanction to amendment of rule eleven framed under Section Eight of Petroleum Act ~~permitting discharge of petroleum~~ ~~by night when electric light is used & due precautions taken to prevent accident. Letter follows.~~

[Amended rule runs H.E. Rule]
to be entered after the word "Act"

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42 words crts. Rs. 2.10.

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Note

The new rule contains about 120 words. Perhaps it would be better to telegraph the whole rule; if so, the telegram shd. run

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C. Ragavalu

2nd February

TH JANUARY 1895, No. , JUDICIAL.

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From Commander W. **POWELL**, R.I.M., Presidency Port Officer, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 16th January 1895, No. 11-9-G.

In reply to G.O., Judicial, No. 3173, dated 22nd December 1894, I have the honour to remark that I see no objection to petroleum being allowed to be discharged at night provided that the portable electric lamps arrangement proposed by Messrs. Best and Co. in paragraph 5 of their letter is thoroughly carried out.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Separate Revenue), dated 19th January 1895, Mis. No. 246.

Read—the following letter from the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras, dated 12th January 1895, No. 171 G.:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 17, dated 8th instant, I have the honour to report that, so far as this office is concerned, there is no objection to allowing vessels bringing bulk petroleum to discharge their cargoes after hours on due notice given and permission previously obtained, and No. 11 of the Petroleum Rules framed under section 8 of the Act XII of 1886 may be modified accordingly. One consideration, however, is whether on premises which are so heavily charged with petroleum vapour, night work can be allowed. With the electric light, however, there would appear to be little danger. It would certainly be an advantage for all parties to get rid of the petroleum from on board as soon as possible and let the ships get away. But it must further be considered that the danger of a conflagration may not only occur at the reservoir but at any point between the reservoir and the ship. A light set to any leakage from any part of pipe may, it would appear, cause a conflagration both in the reservoir and on the ship with most disastrous results.

Resolution—dated 19th January 1895, No. 246, Mis.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., Judicial Department, dated 22nd December 1894, No. 3173.

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(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) EDMUND MILLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department.
Copy to the Collector of Sea Customs, Madras.

From Messrs. **BEST** and Co., Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 23rd January 1895.

We have the honour to inform you that a tank steamer will arrive in Madras to discharge a cargo of petroleum within the next ten days and we shall be pleased to know if pumping may go on during the night.

Nagambasam

2nd February 1895, No. 227, Judicial.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

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Chief Secretary.

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