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Local & Munl. (189) Departm

CURRENT No. 28

Misc
Order No. 1664 Memo d 27-9-98
From Agents,
The "Shell" Transport & Trading Co.

The Government regrets that
with ref. to para 3.101. of Act IV of 1884
it is unable to interfere in the manner
requested by Messrs. Best & Co.

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V.R.
20/9/98

W.T.
20/9/98

Dated 1-9-98

Received 5-9-98

Registered

Enclosures 6

Spare copies.

SUBJECT

Stating that the income derived
by the "Shell" Co from that portion
of their business at Bellary is less
than Rs 500 per mensem and that
the Bellary Munl Council was
not justified in doubling the
amount of their Professional Tax
and requesting Govt to take
steps to cause the Bellary Munl
Council to revert to the assessment
hitherto imposed.

To
The Messrs Best & Co. No. 23 & 4
with 3 Enclosures returned P18
The Chairman, The Bellary P18
Dated 29/9/98

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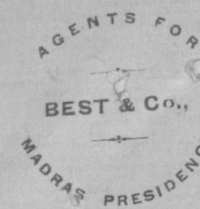
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The "Shell" Transport and Trading Coy., Ltd.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
2 SEP 1898



The Secretary

to the Government of Madras

Municipal Department

O O T A C A M U N D.

Sir,

Herewith we have the honor to forward copies of correspondence we have had with the Bellary Municipal Council in reference to our professional tax for the current half year. What we would specially draw the attention of Government to is the arbitrary manner in which our Appeal has been disposed of, and it would appear to us that the very considerations which should have weighed with the Council have been entirely ignored. In our letter B.P. No. ⁴⁵/344 dated 25th July we made a declaration to the effect that the income derived by the "Shell" Company from that portion of their business at Bellary is less than Rs.500/- per mensem and we respectfully submit that that statement should have been accepted. It is generally known that the Southern Mahratta Railway Company quote extremely preferential rates for Kerosene Oil from Bombay to Bellary as compared with the Madras Railway from Madras and taking into consideration the less cost of the article at Bombay, Madras merchants are very severely handicapped, and as a rule barely cover their expenses.

This fact of itself should have caused the Municipal Council to consider whether they were justified in doubling the amount of our professional tax, and we would request Government to call for a full report of the proceedings of the Appeal Committee or whoever else had the disposal of the matter. We trust steps will be taken to cause the Bellary

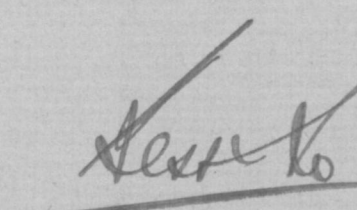
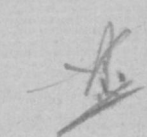
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Municipal Council to revert to our Assessment for Professional tax in the amount hitherto imposed as we can assure Government that in the present condition of Railway rates the Bellary business is anything but the highly profitable one the Municipal Council seem to consider it to be.

We have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obedient Servants.



AGENTS,
THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT & TRADING Co., LD.

P.S.

Kindly return the original enclosures (3) when done with.

B.P.No. ⁴⁵/344 .

Madras 25th July 1898.

The Chairman,

Municipal Council

BELLARY.

Sir,

With reference to your demand Notice for Profession tax No.193 delivered to our Agent at Bellary on 22nd instant we have the honor to state that we claim to be assessed under Class IV, as hitherto, as the income derived from our Kerosene Oil business at Bellary is under Rs.500/- per mensem.

(2) We have paid the sum of Rs.25/- under protest and request that you will refund to us the sum of Rs.12-8-0 at your early convenience.

We have the honor to be

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Sir,

For BEST & CO.

Your Obedient Servants.

(Sgd)

Best & Co.

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Madras 31st August 1898.

The Secretary,

Municipal Council

BELLARY.

Sir,

With reference to your letter C R.No.238 dated 22nd instant we would point out that to our mind before the council came to its decision, the members should have taken into consideration.

(a) Whether or not there had been any increase in the income derived from our Kerosene Oil business as compared with the previous half year and

(b) in view of the preferential Railway rates to Bellary from Bombay as compared with Madras whether a Kerosene Oil business worked from Madras was likely to pay a profit of more than Rs.500/- per mensem. From the decision arrived at it would appear that these, the considerations that should have weighed with the Council have been entirely overlooked and it would be interesting to us to know on what grounds the amount of our Profession tax was doubled for the current half year

(2) We are placing the correspondence before Government with a view to getting some redress from the Arbitrary proceedings of a few Mofussil Municipalities.

We have the honor to be

True Copy.

Sir,

Your Obedient Servants.

(Sgd)

Best & Co.

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Madras 18th August 1898.

Municipal Council,

BELLARY.

Gentlemen,

With reference to extract from Proceedings of the Bellary Municipal Council disposing of our appeal B.P. No. ⁴⁵/344 we have the honor to point out that the matter appears to us to have been settled in a very arbitrary fashion and without due consideration of the circumstances.

(2) Up till 31st March 1898 we were being assessed under Class IV in the sum of Rs.12-8-0 per half year and in view of the difficulty in conducting a profitable business in Kerosene Oil brought from Madras as against oil from Bombay this assessment even is excessive. Any one conversant with Railway rates and aware of the extreme preference given by the Southern Mahratta Railway to Bombay traffic as against that from Madras will understand this. However, the amount of Rs.12-8-0 per half year is not very large and we have hitherto paid without demur.

(3) Now, without any apparent reason, and without giving us an opportunity to say whether our business or the amount of our income therefrom at Bellary has increased in any way, the Municipal Council has taken upon itself to double the amount of assessment as from 1st April 1898, without as already stated giving us any intimation of their intention. We vigorously protest against any such increase as being entirely uncalled for and we hereby declare that the income derived from that portion of our business at Bellary is still well under Rs.500/- per mensem and in consequence we should be assessed under Class IV in the sum of Rs.12-8-0 per half year.

(4) We trust in view of the above the Municipal Council will see its way to reconsider the decision arrived at and

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refund to us the sum of Rs.12-8-0 the additional assessment
complained of.

We have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servants.

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(Sgd)

Best & Co.,

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