Marine (1898) Department.

G.O., No. 867-8 Marine

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Steamer Service between Rathna & Bhamo

Trans: Secl Dept transferring letter from the Port of India Inawady Copies of the new Contract with the Irrawady Flotilla Company Ltd. to be ——, Communicated to the Offices Concerned

Copy of the above Trans: forwarded to the Dy Asst Genl Journal, Madras Command.

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Copy forwarded to the Dy. Adjutant General, Madras Command for the information of the Lines. General Commanding the Forces. A.G.G. 15.10.98.

To The Dy. Adj. Genl. M.C. with 2 copies of Contract

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From The Financial Secretary

No. 2164

Dated 8-10-98

Received 8-10-98

Enclosures 1

Spare copies Nil

SUBJECT.

Papers forwarding to Govt. of India for approval 2 copies of the new Contract with the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company Ltd for a steamer service between Rangoon & Bhamo.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
5 OCT. 1898
GOVERNMENT OF

Articles of Agreement made this 7th day of April 1898 between the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA IN COUNCIL of the one part and the IRRAWADDY FLOTILLA COMPANY Limited a Company incorporated under the Companies Acts 1862 to 1890 having its registered office at No. 15 St. Vincent place Glasgow Scotland and its principal place of business in Burma at No. 4 Phayre street in the town of Rangoon (hereinafter called the "Contractors") of the other part whereby the parties mutually covenant and agree each of them with the other as follows namely:—

WHEREAS by Articles of Agreement dated the 12th day of October 1896 a contract was entered into between the parties to these presents for and relating to the carriage in the Contractors' steamers of mails and troops and other matters as therein provided. And whereas by Articles of Agreement intended to be supplementary thereto and dated the 3rd day of November 1896 a contract was entered into for the maintenance of a regular service of steamers between Katha and Bhamo. And whereas the said last-mentioned contract having determined on the 30th day of June 1897 the parties are desirous of entering into a new contract for the maintenance of a regular service between the places abovementioned. Now it is hereby agreed as follows that is to say:

I.—This Agreement shall be read with and deemed supplementary to the aforesaid Agreement of the 12th day of October 1896.

II.—At all times during the continuance of these presents the Contractors shall keep up and maintain a regular service six times a week between Katha and Bhamo so that a steamer shall leave Katha six times a week and Bhamo six times a week. On the said service the said steamers shall start from and arrive at the two terminal stations on such days as the local Government of Burma may from time to time fix. For every failure to start a steamer from either of the terminal stations of departure on any day so fixed the Contractors shall forfeit and pay to the Secretary of State his successors and assigns the sum of Rs. 50 (rupees fifty only). In the event of the Contractors failing to run a steamer in either or both directions for one week this Agreement may immediately be determined and notwithstanding anything in the abovementioned Agreement of the 12th day of October 1896 to the contrary the Secretary of State shall upon such determination be at liberty to make arrangements with the Burma Railways Company or such other arrangements as to the local Government of Burma may seem fit for the performance of all or any of the services herein provided for and at all times thereafter to send Government passengers animals and stores by river between Bhamo and Katha otherwise than by the Contractors' vessels. And it is hereby declared that if at any time during the continuance of these presents Government passengers animals or stores are to be conveyed by water between Katha and Bhamo and neither Government vessels nor native boats are used for such conveyance then and in every such case a vessel or vessels of the Contractors shall if available be employed for the purpose and no other: provided nevertheless that nothing in the above declaration shall be deemed to limit the right of the said local Government to employ on all or any occasion Government vessels or native boats.

III.—On the said service the said steamers shall stop at such intermediate stations (or as near thereto as the steamers can safely get) as the said local Government shall from time to time determine for a sufficient time to allow of the embarkation and disembarkation of Government mails passengers animals and stores or for such further time as in any special case the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner may require by a requisition made to the Commander of the vessel. Except as provided in the next ensuing Article no steamer shall be required to stop for longer than the time above specified except on the special requisition of the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner as the case may be. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the Contractors from stopping their steamers at any place not named by the said local Government.

Stoppage of steamers.

IV.—That it shall at all times during the continuance of these presents be competent to the said local Government and it is hereby empowered by written order addressed either to the Manager for the Contractors or to the Commander of the steamer to detain at any place or station (or as near thereto as the steamers can safely get) which may be passed or stopped at by it or them any one or more of the Contractors' steamers employed under this Agreement for a period not exceeding on any one occasion twenty-four hours. Provided that for any such detention allowance shall be made in computing for the purposes of these presents the time occupied by the steamer so detained in arriving at each and all of the subsequent stations upon the same voyage.

V.—The time of departure of the Contractors' steamers on their voyages from Katha to Bhamo shall be not less than 40 minutes after the arrival of the morning mail train at Katha, but no steamer shall be bound to wait more than two hours after the advertized time of the train's arrival. The Contractors' steamers shall arrive at Bhamo within 30 hours after their departure from Katha.

The Contractors' steamers shall leave Bhamo at daybreak and arrive at Katha at 16 o'clock or 4 P.M. of the same day.

The mails.

VI.—(1) At all times during the continuance of these presents all Government mail bags and letters post office parcels and stores (except furniture and specie carried otherwise than in mail bags) hereinafter called "the mails" shall be carried free of charge on all of the Contractors' steamers to and from all stations at which the same may stop on the line above mentioned.

Postal officials.

(2) On board all of the Contractors' steamers running on the above line one postal official whether travelling with the mails or not and (if under the Civil Service Regulations he is allowed a servant) his servant shall be carried free of charge for passage money and the Contractors shall provide such officials so carried with the cabin or other accommodation and with the class of messing allowed them for themselves and their servants under the said Regulations at the following rates per diem namely—

	First class.	Second class.	Servants and deck (Europeans).	Servants and deck (Natives).
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	As.
Chota hazri	0 8 0	0 8 0		
Breakfast	2 0 0	1 0 0		
Tiffin	1 8 0	1 0 0	2	8
Dinner	2 8 0	1 8 0		

VII.—The Contractors their officers and servants shall in and about such carriage as aforesaid attend to and comply with all directions and requests of the said local Government and of the Chief Postal authority for the time being in Burma and also of the Chief Civil and Postal authorities of each station touched at and shall at all times do all things in their power necessary and conducive to the due delivery at their destination of the mails and postal passengers so carried as aforesaid. Should the vessel containing them not go up to the bank or alongside a wharf then and in every such case unless specially exempted from the duty by the said local Government the Contractors shall for the purpose of conveying the said mails and passengers to and from the shore provide a properly manned boat with good and effectual covering thereto. The Contractors shall also provide on each of their vessels a properly secured letter-box in which shall be placed all letters and other postal packages not carried in the mail bags and the contents of which as well as the rest of the mails shall in all cases when there is no postal official on board in charge thereof be during transit in charge of the Contractors' Officer Commanding the vessel or other their officer by them in this behalf specially appointed and shall be by him made over to the Postmaster or other post office official of the distributing office for places within whose area such mails and letters may be destined. Except as provided in these presents the Contractors shall not carry or permit to be carried on board any vessel running or plying in accordance with these presents any letter or letters other than letters solely concerning goods on board.

Passengers, &c.

VIII.—At all times during the continuance of these presents and subject to the provisions herein contained the Contractors shall carry in all or any of their steamers or flats on the abovementioned line all and any such military and police passengers and prisoners Government animals stores specie and goods as the local Government or Officer for the time being Commanding the Troops in Burma may at any time desire and shall provide messing on all their steamers for such Government passengers and prisoners and the rates payable in respect of such carriage and messing shall be those set forth in Article VI hereof and in Schedule A hereto annexed: provided that if at any time the Contractors shall charge any member of the public at lower rates than those hereinbefore specified then the rates payable for such Government passengers and prisoners animals stores specie and goods shall be the same as such lower rates for the time being. The Contractors shall however not be required to provide messing for more than seven Europeans and Eurasians and seven natives being deck-passengers on any steamer at one time. For each deck-passenger a superficial space of 6 feet by 2 feet shall be allowed provided that when extra space is required for any deck passenger payment for the same shall be made at the rate of half a single fare for every additional space of 6 feet by 1 foot or less. In all matters connected with the said carriage the Contractors their officers and servants shall at all times do all necessary things and all that may reasonably be required of them by the Officer Commanding the troops in Burma or the Officers Commanding at stations in and for the rapid safe and convenient embarkation conveyance and disembarkation of all passengers animals and things so to be carried as aforesaid and particularly all the steamers in which any such person animal or thing as aforesaid may at any time be carried shall for purposes of embarkation and disembarkation be brought if there be a wharf alongside such

wharf and if there be no wharf then so near to a suitable part of the bank as the depth of the water will permit and for the purposes aforesaid the Contractors shall provide a bridge 3 feet wide with hand-rails on either side and also on all such steamers as aforesaid shall provide proper space and accommodation for all passengers animals and things to be carried under the terms of these presents and for keeping them separate from all other passengers animals and things which may at any time be on board the same steamer with them.

IX.—For non-official 1st and 2nd class passengers messing shall be provided at the same rates as for Government passengers.

X.—Whenever a steamer on the abovementioned line shall fail to arrive at Bhamo or Katha within one hour after the time prescribed therefor by Article V then and in every such case the Contractors shall for any delay exceeding such hour forfeit and pay to the Secretary of State his successors and assigns a penalty of Rs. 10 (rupees ten only) for the first hour or any portion thereof and Rs. 6 (rupees six only) for each subsequent hour that the steamer is delayed: provided however that no penalty shall be imposed upon the Contractors under this section except under the orders of the local Government of Burma whose decision as to both the imposition of any penalty for delays and any claim for remission preferred by the Contractors shall be final: and provided further that no penalty shall be imposed under this clause unless and until one month's notice has been given to the Contractors of the intention to impose such penalty so as to enable the Contractors to claim a remission under the provisions of the next succeeding clause of this Agreement. This notice to the Contractors shall be given as soon as possible after the occurrence of the delay on account of which it is proposed to impose a penalty.

XI.—The Contractors shall be entitled under special and unavoidable circumstances to obtain a remission of the penalties incurred on account of delay in either the upward or downward journey. The occurrence of a fog shall be accepted as a ground for the remission of a penalty on account of delay.

XII.—In consideration of the due and punctual performance by them of the services hereinbefore provided for the Secretary of State shall during the continuance of these presents pay to the Contractors a subsidy of Rs. 1,500 per mensem payable on the last day of each month but subject nevertheless to any deductions which may be made therefrom in accordance with the provisions hereinbefore contained.

XIII.—The Contractors shall do all in their power to make with the Burma Railway Company and carry out arrangements for the through-booking of passengers animals and goods between Bhamo and stations between Bhamo and Katha on the one hand and stations on the Burma Railway Company's line on the other. The terms of any Agreement for effecting the abovementioned object shall be subject to the approval of the local Government of Burma and in case the Contractors shall refuse to enter into any such Agreement which in the opinion of the said local Government is reasonable and proper or shall be guilty of any default in the performance of any such Agreement when entered into it shall be competent to the said local Government to rescind this Agreement.

XIV.—That this Agreement shall commence with effect from the 1st day of November 1897 and shall continue in force until the thirty-first day of October 1898: Provided always that if at any time the said local Government shall be dissatisfied with the manner in which the Contractors are performing or have performed the obligations imposed upon them by these presents then and in any such case it shall be competent to it by notice in writing to the Contractors to rescind this Agreement which shall thereupon cease and be of no further effect.

IN WITNESS whereof JAMES GEORGE FINDLAY Sub-Manager of the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company Limited on behalf of the Contractors and THOMAS CORBY WILSON Secretary in the Revenue Department to the Government of Burma by order of the Lieutenant-Governor acting for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for India in Council have hereunto set their hands.

Signed by the said THOMAS CORBY WILSON in the presence of— R. E. V. ARBUTHNOT. — T. C. WILSON.

Signed by the said JAMES GEORGE FINDLAY in the presence of— JAS. P. HAY. — J. G. FINDLAY, *Sub-Manager, Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, Limited.*

G. B. C. P. O.—No. 2056, B. S., 25-4-98—230.

SCHEDULE A.

I.—Rates for goods classified below.

	Rs.	A.	P.	
First class	1	8	3	per 100 viss.
Second class	1	14	3	
Third class	2	0	6	
Fourth class	2	2	6	
Fifth class	2	4	9	
Special class	1	0	0	

Fractions of 100 viss shall be charged as follows :—

(i) A consignment weighing from 10 viss up to 15 viss will be charged for as 15 viss, which is the minimum weight for charge.

(ii) In a consignment of from 15 to 30 viss a fraction of 5 viss is charged as 5 viss; thus, 17 viss is charged as 20 viss, 26 viss as 30 viss, and so on.

(iii) In a consignment of over 30 viss a fraction of 10 viss is charged as 10 viss; thus 33 viss is charged as 40 viss, 44 viss as 50 viss, and so on.

The minimum charge on the Contractors' steamers will be 8 annas for each consignment.

II.—Rates for animals and sundry goods.

	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	
Buffaloes, each	9	0	0	owner's risk	13	8	0	carrier's risk.
Bullocks and cows, each	8	0	0	owner's risk	12	0	0	carrier's risk.
Carriages (two wheeled), each	15	0	0					
Carriages (four wheeled), each	20	0	0					
Carts, bullock, each	5	0	0					
Chairs, dinner size, each	0	6	0					
Chairs, long, each	0	12	0					
Charpoys and stretchers, each	0	12	0					
Dogs, each	2	0	0	owner's risk	3	0	0	carrier's risk.
Furniture, per ton of 50 cubic feet	7	0	0					
Goats and sheep, each	2	0	0	owner's risk	3	0	0	carrier's risk.
Horses, each	9	0	0	owner's risk	13	8	0	carrier's risk.
Pigs, each	3	0	0	owner's risk	4	8	0	carrier's risk.
Ponies, each	7	0	0	owner's risk	10	8	0	carrier's risk.
Shingles (3,000 = 1 ton of 50 cubic feet) per ton of 50 cubic feet	7	0	0					
Silver, coined, bullion, or manufactured, *ad valorem* per Rs. 100	0	4	0					
Timber, per ton of 50 cubic feet	7	0	0					

III.—Passage Fares.

River station.	Distance in miles.	First class. Rs.	A.	P.	Second class. Rs.	A.	P.	Third class. Rs.	A.	P.
Moda	30	4	11	0	1	14	0	0	15	0
Shwegu	55	8	10	0	3	7	0	1	12	0
Sawadi and Kaungtôn	80	12	8	0	5	0	0	2	8	0
Bhamo	110	17	3	0	6	14	0	3	7	0

Passengers will be entitled to the following free allowances :—

	Viss.
First class	246
Second class	123
Third class (Europeans)	22
Third class (Natives)	11

IV.—Parcels and luggage in excess of free allowance.

Parcels and luggage in excess of free allowance will be charged for at the 3rd class goods rate. The regulations prescribed above regarding fractions of 100 viss and regarding minimum charge shall apply to them also.

PASSAGE REGULATIONS.

ONE child under three years of age, if with parents, free.

When more than one,* each additional child will be charged one-quarter fare.

Children of three years and up to ten years of age, half fare.

Children ten years old and over, full fare.

European servants are charged 2nd class fares, and European servants, if occupying a 1st class berth in a cabin with a lady, are charged two-thirds 1st class fare, but are not allowed to sit at the saloon table. Native servants travel on deck at ordinary rates, but being deck passengers they must not sleep in the saloon or enter the cabins, except when in actual attendance on their employers.

* Under three years of age.

G. B. C. P. O.—No. 2056, B. S., 25-4-98—230.

Classified Goods.

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ*.
A	Class.
Ærated waters	2
Agricultural implements (not machinery).	2
Albums	4
Ale or Beer in cases or casks, bottled or not bottled.	1
Almonds	2
Almond oil	4
Aloes	3
Alum	1
Amber	5
Ammonia (minimum charge Rs. 2-8-0)...	4
Anchors	2
Angle iron	1
Aniline dyes	3
Aniseed	1
Aniseed (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Antimony	4
Arrack (*see* Spirits).	
Arrowroot	2
Arsenic or other poisons, in boxes ...	3
Arsenic or other poisons, in bags ...	5
Asbestos	2
Asphaltum or dammar	1
Assafœtida, liquid	5
Assafœtida, dry, in bags	2
Atta	1
Atta (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over)	Special.
B	
Bacon or Ham	3
Bamboo shoots, pickled or salted, wet or dry.	2
Bangles or choories, lac or glass ...	3
Bar iron	1
Bark for tanning and dye	2
Bark for tanning (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Barley	1
Barley (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Barley, pearl	4
Basins	2
Bath bricks	2
Beads, gilt	4
Beads of earth, lac, or glass... ...	2
Beans	1
Beans (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Bedsteads, metal, in pieces ...	3
Bedsteads, wooden, in pieces ...	4
Beef and pork, salted, in casks ...	3
Beer or Ale, in cases or casks, bottled or not bottled.	1
Bell-metal or bell-metalware ...	3
Bellows	3
Benares fancy brassware	5
Benares toys	3

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ*.
B	Class.
Berlin wool	4
Betel boxes, lacquer, common ...	3
Betel boxes, lacquer, fancy... ...	4
Betelnuts	2
Betelnuts (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Betel or pawn leaves	2
Bhang	3
Bicycles and tricycles	5
Billiard cushions	5
Billiard slates, at owner's risk ...	2
Billiard table, packed in wooden cases...	5
Birds' nests	5
Biscuits, in tins or cases	3
Biscuits, country	2
Blacking	2
Black lead	2
Black salt, medicinal	1
Blankets, country	2
Blankets, Europe	3
Bleaching powder	2
Block tin	2
Boiler composition	1
Bones	1
Bones (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Bonnets	5
Books	4
Books, manuscript	5
Boots and shoes, European make or pattern.	3
Bottles, empty, at owner's risk ...	1
Bottles, empty, sodawater ...	1
Braid, carriage	3
Bran, wheaten	1
Bran, rice-meal	1
Brandy, not bottled	3
Brandy, bottled	4
Brass dishes	2
Brass, manufactured or unmanufactured not otherwise specified.	2
Brass casting	3
Brass or copper foil	4
Brass idols	5
Bricks, fire, at owner's risk ...	1
Broadcloth, pressed packages bound ...	2
Broadcloth, not pressed	3
Bronze	2
Bronze ornaments or statuary ...	5
Buckets, iron	2
Buckets, wooden	2
Butter, in cases, casks or tubs ...	2
Byats (Burmese trays)	3
C	
Cages, birds, iron or wooden ...	3
Camp equipage	3
Camphor	3
Camphor wood	3
Candles	3

Classified Goods.

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ*.
C	Class.
Canes, sugar	2
Canes, walking	4
Canes, other sorts	2
Canvas	2
Canvas hose	2
Carbolic acid	5
Cardamoms, Nepaul (burra ilachi)	2
„ Goojeratti (chota ilachi)	3
Card-board	2
Cards, show, playing or for photographs	3
Caromel	3
Carpets	2
Carmine or rouge	3
Carraway seed	2
Carriages, complete	S. G.
Carriages in pieces, *i.e.*, body, shafts, springs, axles, all separated.	3
Carriages packed in wooden cases	2
Carriage wheels, wooden	2
Carriage shafts	4
Carriage springs and axles	2
Cartridges (minimum charge Rs. 2-8-0)	5
Cartridges, empty cases	3
Cash-boxes	3
Casks, empty	1
Casting, iron	2
Casting, brass	3
Castor oil in casks	2
Catgut	5
Cement	1
Cement (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Chains, iron	2
Chalk	Special.
Chamois leather	3
Chandeliers	4
Charcoal	2
Charoyal (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Charpoys (native stretchers)	S. G.
Chatties, at owner's risk	2
Cheese	3
Chemicals, photographic	5
Chemicals, not otherwise specified	4
Chests or safes, iron, at owner's risk	3
Chillies	2
China	4
Chiretta	3
Chloride of lime	2
Chloride of sulphur (freight to be prepaid)	5
Chocolate	3
Chicks (purdahs)	3
Choe, for glazing	1
Chunam (lime)	1
Chunam (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Cigars, country	2
Cigars, not country	4
Cigar leaves	3
Cigar-sticks	3
Cinchona bark	3
Cinnabar, sulphide of mercury, vermilion.	3
Cinnamon, Cinnamon bark	3
Cisterns or iron tanks	2
Clay smoking pipes, at owner's risk	3
Clay pipes, drainage, at owner's risk	1
Clocks and watches	5
Cloves	2
Coal	1
Coal-tar	2
Cochineal	3
Cocoanuts	2
Cocoanuts (3,000 viss or over)	Special.
Coffee	2
Coir and hempen ropes and yarn	2
Coir, hemp, flax, jute, &c.	2
Coir, hemp (in shipments 1,500 viss or over).	1
Colours, not otherwise specified	2
Combs, horn	3
Combs, ivory	4
Combs, wooden	2
Condiments	3
Confectionery and sweetmeats	4
Copper coins	5
Copper or brass foil	4
Copper, manufactured or unmanufactured not otherwise specified.	2
Copper pots, clippings, old pipes, sheets, blocks, slabs, files, copperware.	2
Cord, cordage, twine, string, &c.	
Cordials, lime-juice, &c.	2
Coriander seed	4
Corks	1
Corn leaves, in rolls or bags	4
Cotton in bundles	3
Cotton netting	2
Cotton thread	2
Cotton seed	2
Cotton silk, in bags	1
Cowries	3
Crackers	2
Crape	5
Creosote, in casks	4
Crockery	2
Crowbars	2
Crucibles, plumbago	1
Crushed food	3
Cups	2
Currants	2
Currency notes	2
Curtains	S. R.
Cushions	3
Custard apples	5
Cutch	2
Cutlery	1
Cuttle fish	4
	2
D	
Damask	
Dammar	3
Dates	1
Deodorizing fluid	2
Desks, writing	2
Detonators, by special arrangement	4
Dhall	5
Dhall (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	1
Dhurries	Special.
Disinfectants, powder	2
Disinfectants, liquid	1
	2

Abbreviations.—S. G. = Sundry goods rate. S. R. = Silver rate.

Classified Goods.

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ*.
D	Class.
Dog or forage biscuits	1
Dolls, Burmese	4
Doolies	4
Doors	2
Dorians, fresh	2
Dorians, preserved	4
Dungaree	2
Drainage pipes, at owner's risk	1
Drapery	3
Drawings and paintings	5
Dross (enamel for earthenware)	1
Drugs, imported	4
Drums, Burmese	5
Drysalteries	3
Dye-water, in casks	1
Dye-water, in jars	2
Dye woods, not otherwise specified	2
Dynamite, by special arrangement	5
E	
Earth, red or yellow	1
Earth (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Earth-oil, in casks or jars	3
Earthenware	2
Ebony	3
Eggs, at owner's risk	3
Eggs, turtles'	3
Embroidery	4
Emery powder, emery wheels, emery cloth.	2
Enamelled ware	3
Engravings	5
En leaves	1
Epsom salts	4
F	
Fans or punkahs	3
Feathers	4
Felt	3
Felt, roofing	2
Files	3
Filters, at owner's risk	3
Firearms	4
Fire-bricks, at owner's risk	1
Fire-clay	1
Fireworks (minimum charge Rs. 2-8-0)	3
Fish, dried or smoked, in baskets	2
Fish, dried or smoked, in baskets (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Fish, dry, Chinese, in bulky and light packages.	2
Fish, fresh	3
Floor-cloth	3
Flour, country (atta)	1
Flour (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Flour, country (soojee)	2
Flour (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	1
Flour, Europe, American, or Australian.	2
Forage and fodder	1
Forges	3
French polish	4
Fruits, dried, including dates, currants, prunes, figs, and nuts.	**F** Class. 2
Fruits, fresh or salted, at owner's risk	2
Fuller's earth (sujee muttee)	1
Fuller's earth (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Furniture	S. G.
Fur	5
	G
Gallnuts, Persian	3
Gallnuts, common	1
Galvanic batteries	4
Galvanized iron	1
Gamboge	2
Game, at owner's risk	4
Game or fancy skins	3
Games, implements for	4
Garden seeds	2
Garlic	2
Garlic, fried, in jars	4
Gas, liquefied	3
Gas-oil	5
Geological specimens for museums, at owner's risk.	1
Ghee	1
Ginger, raw or dry	2
Ginger, preserved	3
Ginger beer	2
Gin, not bottled	3
Gin, bottled	4
Girders, wrought-iron	2
Glass, broken, in bags or boxes	1
Glass, sheets, panes, window glass	3
Glass, tinsel plate	4
Glass, stained and mirrors	5
Glassware (light)	4
Globes	4
Gloves	4
Glue	2
Goblets, earthen	2
Gold or silver thread or wire (imitation)	4
Gold or silver thread or wire	5
Gold or silver, manufactured or unmanufactured.	S. R.
Gold leaf	5
Goods, undeclared	5
Gourds	1
Grains, edible	1
Grains (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Gram and other pulses	1
Gram (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Gram, parched	1
Grease at owner's risk	2
Grease (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	1
Grenades, hand, for extinguishing fire, at owner's risk.	4
Grindstones	2
Groceries	3
Groundnuts	2
Guns and pistols, gun wadding, &c.	4
Gunpowder (minimum charge Rs. 5)	5
Gutta-percha	3
Gymnastic appliances	4

Abbreviations.—S. G. = Sundry goods rate. S. R. = Silver rate.

Classified Goods.

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ.*
H	Class.
Haberdashery	3
Hair, horse or goat	3
Hair or nursery powder	5
Hams	3
Hand-bags of canvas, carpet or leather	3
Hand-barrows	2
Hand-mills	2
Hand-trunks	2
Hardware or ironmongery ...	3
Hats and caps, including Chinese straw and sola hats.	4
Hay, compressed	2
Harness and saddlery	3
Hemp	2
Herbs	3
Hides, cow or buffalo, dry or salted, or in pieces.	2
Honey (at owner's risk, if in jars) ...	3
Hookahs, common (wooden bowls) ...	1
Hookahs, metal, &c.	3
Hops	3
Horns	2
Horns (in shipments of 2,000 viss or over).	Special.
Horns, stag	2
Horse-shoes	2
Hosiery, cotton or woollen ...	3
Hosiery, silk	5
Howdahs, common	4
Hydrants	2
I	
Ice (freight to be prepaid) ...	1
Idols	5
Images, stone, at owner's risk ...	3
Images, brass or iron	5
Incense or Lobaun	3
Indian-corn (husked)	1
Indian-corn (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Indian-corn leaves	3
India-rubber	3
Indigo, at owner's risk	3
Ink	3
Instruments, drawing	4
Instruments, surveying and mathematical.	4
Instruments, surgical and philosophical	5
Iron, dust, ore, pig, slag, old, angle, rods, hoops, bars, sheets, plates, scrap, corrugated sheets and rivets.	1
Iron, casting, gas or water pipes, hammers, bolts, springs, weights, nails, screws, anvils, wheels, and screw-piles.	2
Iron, wrought, beams, joists and girders	2
Iron hinges	2
Iron brackets, pots, pans, fencing, rollers	2
Iron tanks	2
Iron railing, ornamental (cast) ...	3
Iron scales, locks and tools ...	3
Iron or garden chairs (cast) ...	3
Iron pipes (cast)	1
Iron pipes (cast), in shipments of 3,000 viss or more, at owner's risk.	Special.
Ironmongery or hardware ...	3
Irons. laundry	2
Isinglass	3
Ivory (minimum charge Rs. 2-8-0) ...	5

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ.*
J	Class.
Jack fruit	2
Jadestone	5
Jaggery	1
Jaggery (in shipments of 3,000 viss or more).	Special.
Jaggery, in jars, at owner's risk ...	3
Japanned or lacquered ware ...	4
Jars and carafs, stone	2
Joiner's work and tools not otherwise specified.	3
Jute	2
K	
Kerosine oil	2
Kid skins	3
Knife cleaning boards	2
L	
Lace	4
Lace, gold or silver	5
Lacquered or Japan ware	4
Lametta or tinsel	4
Lamps	4
Lamp burners	2
Lamps, signal	4
Lamp black	2
Lamp posts	2
Lamps for above	4
Lanterns	4
Lard	2
Lead, in pigs or pieces, pipes or sheets...	2
Lead colours, white or red lead ...	2
Lead ore	1
Leadware	2
Leather, common, English or Native ...	2
Leather, chamois, patent, coloured or fancy.	3
Leather, manufactured, such as portmanteaux, travelling trunks, belting, straps, &c.	3
Leather, hose pipe	3
Leather, Russian, Morocco or enamelled	4
Leaves not otherwise specified ...	3
Leaves, medicinal	3
Lemon juice	2
Lemon syrup	3
Lemonade	2
Lime, chunam	1
Lime, chunam (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Limes, fruit	2
Liquorice roots	2
Locks, scales, tools	3
Lucknow or Burmese toys, at owner's risk.	3
Luggage	3
M	
Maccaroni	2
Mace, spice	3
Machinery	3
Maize	1
Maize (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over)	Special.
Malt, malted barley	1
Manure	1
Manure (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.

Classified Goods.

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ.*
M	Class.
Maps and plans	5
Marble, unpolished and unwrought, when not fulfilling conditions attached to stone of any description.	1
Marble, polished or wrought, packed or unpacked statuary, at owner's risk.	3
Marbles (playing), glass or burnt clay ...	2
Mats, Burmese	1
Matches	5
Matting, bamboo	1
Matting, coir	2
Matting, Calcutta and China ...	3
Mattresses	2
Measuring chains	2
Measuring tapes	4
Meat, dried	1
Meat, dried (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Meat, fresh	5
McDougall's disinfecting powder ...	2
Medicines, not otherwise specified ...	4
Medicinal leaves, roots and herbs ...	3
Metals, not otherwise specified ...	3
Metalware, fancy or ornamental, brass, copper or inlaid.	5
Military accoutrements not being arms...	3
Military baggage, not including ammunition, &c.	3
Millstones of sorts	2
Milk, condensed	3
Mill-boards	2
Millinery, at owner's risk	4
Mills, native, for cleaning paddy ...	2
Mineral waters, value Rs. 10 per dozen quarts or less.	2
Mineral waters, value over Rs. 10 per dozen quarts.	3
Mirrors	5
Mother-o'-pearl shells	2
Moulds	3
Mouse and rat traps	3
Mushrooms	2
Musical instruments	2
Mustard, English	5
N	
Nails and screws, brass or copper ...	3
Nails and screws, iron	2
Nebassee (heads of a medicinal flower)...	2
Ngapee	2
Ngapee (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Ngapee in jars	2
Ngapee-water, Ngapee-oil, and Country sauce.	2
Needles	4
Netting cotton	2
Netting wire	2
Newspapers, packed	2
Non-alcoholic wines, at owner's risk ...	2
Nuts	2
Nutmegs	3
Nux vomica	2
O	
Oars	2
Oats	1

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ.*
O	Class.
Oats (in shipments of 3,000 viss and over).	Special.
Ochre	2
Oil-cake	1
Oil-cake (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Oil, all kinds, in casks, cases and drums, not otherwise specified.	2
Oil, all kinds, in jars and tins, at owner's risk.	3
Oil, chomallee	5
Oil, sperm	3
Oil, mineral (except kerosine oil) ...	4
Oils, essential	5
Oil-cloth	3
Oil of khol	5
Oilmanstores	3
Okes	4
Onions	1
Opium (minimum charge Rs. 5) ...	4
Opium, crude, liquid (minimum charge Rs. 5).	5
Oranges, at owner's risk	2
Orchids	4
Ores other than iron	1
Ornaments, bronze, German-silver, iron, &c.	5
Ornamental iron railings	3
Orpiment	3
P	
Packages, undeclared	5
Paddy	1
Paddy (in shipments of 3,000 viss or 240 baskets).	Special.
Paint, pitch, tar or rosin	2
Paints	2
Paintings and drawings	5
Palm leaves, in bundles	2
Palm roots	2
Paper, albuminised	3
Paper, writing, and stationery in general	3
Paper, coarse or waste, Serampore or printing, cartridge.	2
Paper, hanging, at owner's risk ...	3
Paper, stamped, packed	3
Papier-maché	4
Parabike (books)	1
Parched gram	1
Parched rice	3
Parchment	4
Pasteboard	2
Patent leather	3
Paulins, cloth or canvas, non-combustible, at owner's risk.	1
Pawn or betel leaves	2
Peas	1
Peas (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over)	Special.
Pencils, black lead, common ...	3
Pencils, slate	1
Pencils, soapstone	1
Pepper	2
Perambulators, children's	4
Percussion caps (minimum charge Rs. 2-8-0).	5
Perfumery	5
Pewter	3
Phenyle, soluble	2

Classified Goods.

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ.*
P	Class.
Phosphorus	5
Photographic apparatus or chemicals	5
Pianos	5
Pickaxes	2
Pickled tea	2
Pickles, country, in casks	3
Pickles, in jars	3
Pictures and picture frames	5
Piece-goods, in boxes, bales or bundles	2
Pig-iron	1
Piles, iron screw	2
Piles, iron frames for	3
Pine-apples	2
Pipes, drainage, clay, at owner's risk	1
Pipes, iron, cast	1
Pipes, iron, cast (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Pipes, brass or copper	2
Pipes, meerschaum	5
Pipes, smoking, clay, at owner's risk	3
Pipes, tobacco, wooden	3
Pipe-clay	1
Pitch	2
Plans and maps	5
Plantain trees	1
Plants and shrubs, at owner's risk	2
Plaster, in bags or casks	1
Plaster (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Plated-ware	5
Plate-powder	2
Plumbago	2
Plumbago crucibles, at owner's risk	3
Plums, dried	2
Poison, arsenic, &c., in boxes	3
Poison, arsenic, &c., in bags	5
Polo "Kit"	4
Poppy seed	1
Posts, jungle	2
Potatoes, at owner's risk	1
Pots, country, clay, at owner's risk	2
Powder, blue or red	2
Powder, nursery	5
Prawns, fresh	2
Prawns, dried	2
Prawns, dried (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Preserves in jars	3
Presses, printing	3
Printed documents	4
Printed forms, &c., in cases or bales	3
Provisions, salt, preserved	3
Pruning knives	2
Prussian blue	4
Pulley blocks	3
Pulses	1
Pulses (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Pumice stone	3
Pumps, iron, &c.	3
Punkahs or fans	3
Purdahs	3
Putty	2
Q	
Qhwats	4
Quicksilver	5
Quilts or resais	3

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ.*
R	Class.
Rags	2
Rain-gauges	3
Rangoon oil (gun oil)	5
Rat and mouse traps	3
Rattans	2
Records	3
Red dust or abbir	2
Red lead	2
Reeds for naichas or hookahs	2
Reeds for writing	3
Reeds, fancy	4
Resin	2
Rice	1
Rice (in shipments of 3,000 viss or 50 bags)	Special.
Rice meal	1
Rice, parched	3
Rifles, in cases	4
Rollers, iron	1
Rivets, brass or copper	2
Rivets, iron	2
Roofing, felt	2
Roots, not otherwise specified	2
Rope, hemp, flax, coir, wire, &c.	2
Rosewater	5
Roseine dyes	3
Rosin	2
Rouge or carmine	3
Rubber	3
Ruby dust or gravel	2
Rugs, at owner's risk	2
S	
Saddlery and harness	3
Safes or chests, iron, at owner's risk	3
Saffron	4
Sago	2
Sal ammoniac	2
Salts, Epsom	4
Salts, for table use, in jars, bottles or tins	2
Salt	1
Salt (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over)	Special.
Salt, black, medicinal	1
Salt, rock, from Europe	1
Saltpetre	1
Saltpetre (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Sandpaper	2
Sandalwood	3
Sandalwood, chips and sawdust	2
Sandalwood, bark or roots	3
Sandal stones	2
Satin	5
Sauce, in jars	2
Saws	3
Scales, locks and tools	3
School slates, at owner's risk	1
Scrap iron or steel	1
Screens, chicks or purdahs	3
Screw nails	2
Screw jacks	3
Screw piles, iron	2
Sealing wax, fine	3
Sealing wax, coarse, made from lac refuse.	1
Seeds, garden	2
Seeds, not otherwise specified	1
Senna leaves	3
Sewing machines	3
Shafts, carriage	4

Classified Goods.

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ.*
S	Class.
Sharpening stones	1
Shawls	5
Sheathing metal	2
Sheep and goat skins	1
Sheet glass or in panes	3
Shells and chanks	2
Shellac, lac dye	1
Shellac and lac seeds, cleaned	2
Shingles	S. G.
Shoes and boots, of European make or pattern.	3
Shoes, not of European make or pattern, sandals.	2
Shoes, country, ornamented with tinsel	3
Shot in bags	2
Shovels	2
Show cards	3
Shrubs and plants, at owner's risk	2
Sieves	2
Signboards	4
Silk, manufactured	3
Silk, raw, spun, or in cocoons or waste	3
Silk twist	4
Silver, German or electrum	4
Silver, or gold thread or wire, imitation	2
Size in tins	3
Skins, such as tiger or fancy	Special.
Slates, rough, in tiles or slabs for building or roofing, at owner's risk.	2
Slates, in prepared slabs	1
Slates, writing, at owner's risk	1
Sleepers, light wood	1
Sleepers, heavy wood	1
Sleepers, cast iron, at owner's risk	2
Slippers, Burmese, wooden or cloth	3
Snuff	3
Snuff boxes, empty	2
Soap, country-made or English bar	3
Soap in cakes or scented	2
Soap nuts	1
Soaps and (Thai) Sup-piah	2
Soap, soft	1
Soap stone	2
Sodawater	1
Sodawater bottles, empty, at owner's risk.	1
Soda, bicarbonate, valued at less than Rs. 20 per 100 viss.	2
Soda, caustic	2
Soda, coarse	1
Soda, crystal or washing	3
Soda, hyposulphide of	3
Soda, refined	2
Soda, silicate of	4
Sola hats, packed in cases	2
Soluble Phenyle	2
Soojee	1
Soojee (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	4
Spangles	4
Specimens and models	3
Spectacles	2
Spelter	3
Spices	4
Spirits, bottled	3
Spirits, not bottled	2
Spirits, not bottled (in shipments of 17 hogsheads or over).	

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ.*
S	Class.
Spirits of turpentine	5
Spirits of wine	5
Spittoons, earthen	2
Spokes, iron or wood	1
Sponges	5
Spoons, brass	2
Spoons, wooden	2
Stag horns	2
Stamps or stamp paper	3
Starch	2
Stationery	3
Statuary, marble, plaster of Paris	5
Staves for casks	1
Steel	2
Steel, scrap	1
Steel rods, hoops or bands	1
Stencil plates, tin or zinc	2
Sticks, walking	4
Stick-lac	1
Stone, wrought or damageable, including squares and sharpening stones.	1
Stone, lithographic	4
Stoneware, jars and carafes	2
Stone rollers	2
Stones, mill of sorts	2
Stones, chiselled and roughly cut	1
Stones, flag or paving	1
Stone, any description (in shipments of 3,000 viss or more), at owner's risk.	Special.
Stones, cut or engraved for monumental purposes.	2
Stones and fossils, for geological purposes, at owner's risk.	3
Stone pebbles	2
Stoneware, country	2
Stoves of cast iron, at owner's risk	3
Sugar, candied, refined	2
Sugarcandy	2
Sugar, cheap	1
Sugar (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Sugarcanes	2
Sugarcanes (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Sugar of lead	3
Sujee muttee (Fuller's earth)	1
Sujee muttee (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Sulphur	2
Sulphuric acid or other acids not otherwise classified (minimum freight Rs. 2-8-0).	5
Surgical instruments	5
Surveying instruments	4
Sut-thwa (weaving combs)	3
Suttringees	2
Sweatmeats	4
Syrup	3
T	
Taithee, jungle fruit for manufacture of Burmese umbrellas.	2
Taithee (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Tallow	2
Tallow (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	1

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Classified Goods.

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ*.
T	Class.
Tamarind	2
Tamarind, preserved	3
Tamacco in casks, at owner's risk	3
Tape, cotton or wool	3
Tape, silk	4
Tape, measuring	4
Tapioca	2
Tar	2
Targets, iron	2
Tarpaulins, cloth or canvas	1
Tartaric acid	4
Tea, dry, in chests or bags	2
Tea, wet	2
Tea, wet (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Tea lead	2
Tea seed	3
Tea shooks	2
Teak boxes, empty	3
Teel-seed	1
Teel-seed (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Telegraph instruments	4
Telegraph insulators, cells, &c.	2
Telegraph line, stores of all sorts	2
Telegraph posts, wood or iron	2
Telephone instruments	4
Telephone materials	2
Tent and tent equipages	3
Thermometers	5
Telescopes	5
Terra-cotta ware	5
Thabaiks, earthen	2
Thabaiks, legs and covers	4
Thabaiks, iron	2
Thanaka bark	2
Thanaka (3,000 viss or over)	1
Thread, sewing	2
Thread, twist, yarn, cotton, hemp or flax	2
Tiles, earthenware of all sorts	1
Timber	S. G.
Tin, in sheets	2
Tin, block	2
Tinsel or lametta	4
Tin stencil plates	2
Tinning materials	2
Tobacco, native, raw	2
Tobacco, native, manufactured, including tamacco in casks.	3
Tobacco, European or American, raw or manufactured.	4
Tobacco dust	2
Tobacco pipes, wood or clay, at owner's risk.	3
Toddy, in casks	2
Toddy, in bottles	3
Tomacco in casks	3
Tonic water	2
Tools	3
Torches	3
Tortoise shell	2
Tow, screwed	1
Towels, table napkins, &c.	2
Toys and implements for games	4
Trays	3
Trays, brass, common	2
Treacle, at owner's risk	2
T	Class.
Tricycles and bicycles	5
Trunks, metal	4
Trunks, metal, when smaller trunks are nested with them.	3
Tubs, wooden	2
Turmeric	2
Turpentine and spirits of turpentine	5
Turtles' eggs	3
Twine	2
Twist, cotton	2
Twist, silk	3
Types	3
U	
Ultramarine	3
Umbrellas, cotton, Chinese, or leaf, packed or loose.	2
Umbrellas, silk	
Undeclared goods	3
Upholstery	5
Urinals	4
	2
V	
Varnish	3
Varnish, black, country	2
Vegetables, fresh or dry, at owner's risk (freight to be prepaid).	2
Velvet, silk	5
Velvet, cotton	3
Verdigris	4
Vermicelli	3
Vermilion, country	2
Vermilion	3
Vesuvians	5
Vinegar, in bottles	2
Vitriol, oil of (minimum charge Rs. 2-8-0).	5
W	
Walnuts	2
War rockets (*see* Cartridges)	5
Washers	1
Washing soda	1
Waste, cotton or wool	2
Waste paper	2
Watches or clocks	5
Water, Freidricshall	3
Water meters	3
Water, scented	5
Wax-cloth	4
Wax, refined or in candles	3
Wax, unrefined (bees'-wax)	2
Wax, sealing, coarse	1
Wearing apparel	3
Wearing apparel, old, worn out	2
Weighing machines or scales, whole or in part.	3
Weighing scale, country	3
Weights, stone	1
Weights, iron	2
Whale-bone	4
Wheat	1
Wheat (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.

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Classified Goods.

Articles.	Katha to Bhamo and *vice versâ*.
W	Class.
Wheels, wooden, for wells	1
Wheels, for carriages or bullock carts	1
Whips	4
White lead	2
Whiting	1
Window frames, iron	3
Wines, not bottled	3
Wines, bottled	4
Wire, brass or copper	2
Wire, brass, copper or other, gold or silver gilt.	5
Wire netting	2
Wire, iron	2
Wire rope, iron fencing	2
Wooden tubs	2
Wood, valuable or ornamental, such as walnut, olive, box, mahogany, sandal, maple, satin, camphor, &c.	3
Wood, valuable or ornamental, in shipments of 1,800 viss or over.	1
Wool, fancy or Berlin	4
W	Class.
Wool, pressed	2
Woollens	2
Wrappers, cotton, in bales	1
Writings	5
Y	
Yams, at owner's risk	1
Yarn and twist	2
Yellow earth	1
Yellow earth (in shipments of 3,000 viss or over).	Special.
Yellow metal	2
Z	
Zinc, in sheets, or blocks, nails, pipes or tiles.	2
Zinc stencil plates	2
Zinc netting, in rolls or coils	2
Zinc wire netting	2
Zinc fancy work	4
Zoedone	2

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The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of MADRAS,

Financial Department.



Sir,

In continuation of the letter from this Department No. 5101-S.R., dated the 3rd December 1896, I am directed to forward five copies of the new contract with the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company Limited for a steamer service between Katha and Bhamo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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