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READ—the following paper:—
Despatch—from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.
To—His Excellency the Honourable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George.
Dated—India Office, London, the 20th May 1910.
No.—1, Public Works (Stores).

I enclose copy of correspondence relative to the system hitherto in force at Madras in regard to the landing of coke and the payment of freight on the weights taken at the weighbridge on shore after the coke has been subjected to several handlings.

2. I request that in future arrangements may be made for the adoption of weighment on board at the vessel's expense, and that I may be furnished with a report on the new system after a year's trial.

ENCLOSURES.

Letter—from Messrs. GRAY DAWES & Co., Agents, British India Steam Lines.
To—the Director-General of Stores, India Office, Whitehall, S.W., London.
Dated—London, the 21st January 1910.

We regret to have to record that the British India Company has experienced some severe losses in the carriage of coke shipped by Government to Madras.
In the S.S. "Dilwara" which loaded September 1908 at Middlesbrough 59 tons 12 cwt. were reported as shipped, whilst 53 tons 14 cwt. were signed for as received being a loss of 10 per cent. and involving the steamer in a claim of £15 12s. 2d.

In the S.S. "Matiana" which loaded April 1909 at Middlesbrough 25 tons were reported as shipped, whilst 21 tons 19 cwt. 2 qrs. 10 lb. were signed for as received, being a loss of 12 per cent. and involving the steamer in a claim of £8 4s. 2d. The above amounts have been deducted from the balance of freight.

It will thus be seen that the 1 per cent. allowance for wastage is inadequate. In examining the methods of handling coke at Madras it is found that there are five distinct manipulations, viz., the coke is bagged on board, dumped into masulah boats and landed on the beach. After landing the coke is loaded into carts or railway wagons, and taken over to the Port Trust weighbridge, all of which entail a loss of weight, the whole burden of which is thrown on the steamer.

In representing this matter to you we would ask that the coke be weighed at the steamer's side.

Letter—from W. G. BUTLER, Esq., Director-General of Stores, India Office.
To—Messrs. GRAY DAWES & Co., Agents, British India Steam Lines.
Dated—London, the 4th February 1910.
No.—S. 1225.

With reference to your letter, dated 21st January 1910, relative to the 1 per cent. allowance for wastage on coke shipped to Madras, I have to inform you that the question has been referred to India, and that on receipt of a reply a further communication will be addressed to you.

Letter—from W. G. BUTLER, Esq., Director-General of Stores, India Office.
To—the Agent for Government Consignments, Madras.
Dated—London, the 3rd February 1910.
No.—S. 1225.

I have the honour to forward a copy of a letter from Messrs. Gray Dawes & Co., the Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, drawing attention to the heavy deductions from the balance of freight due to the S.S. "Dilwara" (September 1908) and the S.S. "Matiana" (April 1909) for short delivery of coke, and claiming that the usual allowance of 1 per cent. to cover wastage is inadequate in view of the number of handlings to which the coke is subjected before weighing.

I shall be glad if you will favour me with your remarks on Messrs. Gray Dawes' proposal that in future the ship may be credited with the weight of the coke as put into the boats alongside, and not with the weight as taken over the weighbridge after the various handlings.

No. 215, MARINE, 6TH JULY 1910.

Letter—from H. S. BROWN, Esq., Agent for Government Consignments, Madras.
To—the Director-General of Stores, Indian Office, London.
Dated—26th/28th February 1910.
No.—7778.

With reference to your No. S. 1225, dated 3rd instant, forwarding for remarks a copy of a letter from Messrs. Gray Dawes & Co., the Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, complaining about the heavy deductions made in the freight on account of short delivery of coke at this port, I have the honour to state that the above Company's steamers do not take sufficient care to keep the Government coke separate from that for private consignees.

S.S. "Dunera" (November 1909) loaded 25 tons and 15 cwt. Government coke only, and landed here 27-10-1-18 with an excess of 1-15-1-18, whereas the two steamers "Mombassa" (June 1909) and "Surada" (January 1910) which also brought private consignments delivered short—"Mombassa" 3½ per cent. and "Surada" ½ per cent.

If Messrs. Gray Dawes & Co.'s proposals were adopted the steamer would be detained, as the coke would have to be bagged, weighed on board and then discharged. Better arrangements have now been made for landing coke to avoid unnecessary handling, as it is now landed in bulk in large lighters and discharged at the import pier and placed in Binney's shed where it is bagged and weighed.

Under the circumstances I am of opinion, that taking every thing into consideration, the 1 per cent. allowed for wastage is adequate.

Letter—from W. G. BUTLER, Esq., Director-General of Stores, Indian Office.
To—the Agent for Government Consignments, Madras.
Dated—London, the 22nd April 1910.
No.—S. 5485.

With reference to your letter No. 7778, dated 28th February 1910, relative to deductions from the freight of British India Steam Navigation Company's steamers on account of short delivery of coke, I have the honour to state that Messrs. Gray Dawes and Company's contention that it is unfair to charge the ship with shortage on weighments carried out after the coke has undergone several handlings is reasonable, and that a refusal to adopt their suggestion that the coke be weighed at the ship's side may lead to constant complaints.

The objection that, if Messrs. Gray Dawes and Company's proposals were adopted, the steamer would be detained, is one that affects the steamer only, and does not involve extra expense to Government.

It is understood that at Calcutta, where similar difficulties have been experienced in the past, weighment on board is now carried out. In the circumstances it is proposed to recommend to the Secretary of State that a despatch be addressed to the Government of Madras requesting that weighment on board, at the vessel's cost, be adopted, and that the result of the system be reported on after a year's trial.

Order—No. 215, Marine, dated 6th July 1910.

Communicated to the Agent for Government Consignments who is requested to give effect to the directions contained in paragraph 2 of the Secretary of State's despatch.

2. A report on the new system should be submitted to Government after a year's trial.

(True Extract.)

W. S. MEYER,
Chief Secretary.

To the Agent for Government Consignments.
Copy to the Presidency Port Officer.
" " Port Trust Board.
Forwarded to

(By Order.)

Registrar,
Local and Munl. Dept.

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NOTES.

[SUBJECT.— Regarding the landing of coke in Madras.]
From the Secretary of State, India Office, London, No. 1 (Public Works Stores),
dated 20th May 1910.

Under Secretary—

The Secretary of State forwards certain correspondence between the Director-General of Stores and the Agent for Government Consignments in Madras, relative to the system in force here, regarding the landing of coke, and the payment of freight on the weights taken at the weigh-bridge on shore after the coke has been subjected to several handlings.

2. The correspondence arose out of a complaint preferred by the Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company contending against the unfairness of charging ships with shortage on weighments made after the coke had undergone several handlings. The Director-General of Stores agrees that the Agent's contention is reasonable and the Secretary of State now requests that in future arrangements may be made for the adoption of weighment on board at the vessel's expense, and that he may be furnished with a report on the new system after a year's trial.

3. A draft order communicating the correspondence, and directing the Agent for Government Consignments to give effect to paragraph 2 of the Secretary of State's despatch is submitted for approval.
D.V.—20-6-10.
K.P.A.—20-6-10.

Chief Secretary.

J. W. BHOOR—22-6-10.

This will be all right if it is purely a matter as between ourselves and the Agent, Government Consignments, but is not the Port Trust also concerned?

W. S. MEYER—24-6-10.

Under Secretary—

Under rule 14 of the rules relating to the landing and shipment of Government stores at Madras, all arrangements for landing such stores are made by the Agent for Government Consignments. The matter concerns only this officer, the landing contractors (appointed with reference to rules 2 and 3 of the rules quoted above), and the shipping agents. The landing contractors are for Government Stores at present are Messrs. Binny & Co., who are also agents for a large number of shipping lines. The Port Trust Board is not concerned in the matter, but it is proposed to send the Board a copy of the order for information.

K.P.A.—28-6-10.

Chief Secretary.

J.W.B.—30-6-10.

Issue the draft then.

W.S.M.—3-7-10.

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