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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th September 1870.*

No. 458. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 5th September 1870, No. 353 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 29th August 1870, No. 482.

In soliciting your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter* from the Traffic Manager, having reference to the falling off in the tonnage of salt conveyed from

Madras to Salem since the half-year ended December 1868, I have the honour to recommend that the rate for the carriage of salt from Madras to Salem be reduced on and after the 1st proximo from 12 to 9 pies per ton per mile.

From the Traffic Manager, to the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, dated Madras, 29th August 1870, No. G. 346.

Salt Traffic.

Our traffic in salt from Madras to Salem has fallen off very considerably, as shown by the following figures :—

	Tons conveyed.
Half-year ended December 1868	1,690
June 1869	1,256
December 1869	995
June 1870	670

Whether the falling off is due to the manufacture of salt at Vadarniam near Negapatam, or to the return cart traffic between Mercanum and Salem, or to both, I am not in a position at present to say ; but the matter is, I think, of sufficient importance to justify a severe remedy, and I would recommend, as an experimental measure, that the rate for salt from Madras to Salem on and after the 1st proximo be reduced from 12 to 9 pies per ton per mile.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

2. In Order, No. 349, dated the 31st January 1868, the Government sanctioned the introduction, from the 1st February 1868, of a special rate for the conveyance of salt in full waggon loads between Madras and Erode; and the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, under the circumstances explained in the Traffic Manager's letter, now recommends that a special rate of 9 pies per ton per mile be charged from the 1st instant for the carriage of salt from Madras to Salem.

3. In anticipation of the sanction of Government, I have authorized the Agent to adopt the reduced rate. The introduction of the special rate of 8 pies per ton per mile between Madras and Erode, as sanctioned in 1868, has borne favourable results, as shown by the figures given for three half-years, namely—

For half-year ended Dec. 1867, tons 1,032, at 12 pies per ton per mile.	
Do. 1868, do. 2,126, } at 8 pies per ton per mile.	
Do. 1869, do. 1,963, }	

4. The salt traffic between Madras and Salem has fallen off so much in the past four periods of six months, that it appears most desirable to apply the same remedy that has had a good effect in raising the Erode traffic, namely, to reduce the rate from Madras.

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Agent and Manager

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th September 1870.

No. 459. ORDER THEREON, 26th September 1870, No. 2,324.

RAILWAY, No. 47.

As the salt traffic between Madras and Salem on the South-West Line of the Madras Railway has fallen off considerably of late years, the Acting Consulting Engineer has, agreeably to the recommendation of the Company's officers, authorized a special rate of 9 pies per ton per mile being charged for the conveyance of salt in full waggon loads between Madras and Salem.

2. Looking to the success which has attended the introduction of similar measures in the case of the salt traffic between Madras and Erode the Government approve of the Acting Consulting Engineer's proceedings.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.
.. Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 482.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 27th August 1870.

From

A. B. Davis Esq.
Agent and Manager of the M.R.

To

Captain H. L. Pendergast R.E.
Acting Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

In directing your attention to the enclosed copy of a letter from the Traffic Manager having reference to the falling off in the carriage of salt conveyed from Madras to Salem since the half-year ended December 1868 I have the honour to recommend that the rate for the carriage of salt from Madras to Salem be reduced on and after the 1st proximo from 12 to 9 Pies per ton per mile.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Yours most respectfully,
A. B. Davis
Agent and Manager

Madras Railway
Traffic Manager's Office
Madras 29 Aug 1870.

J/346.

Agent and Manager
Madras

Dear Sir,

Salt Traffic.

Our Traffic in Salt from Madras to Salem has fallen off very considerably, as shown by the following figures.

	Yours conveyed
1/2 Year ended December 1868	1690
1/2 Year — June 1869	1256
1/2 Year — December 1869	995
1/2 Year — June 1870	670

whether the falling off is due to the manufacture of Salt at "Madhavaram" near Changanassery, or to the return Cart Traffic between Meeranum and Salem, or to both, I am not in a position at present to say; but the matter is I think of sufficient importance to justify a severe remedy, and I would recommend, as an experimental measure, that the rate for Salt from Madras to Salem on and after the 1st proximo be reduced from 12 to 9 pice per ton per mile.

Yours faithfully
H. C. Church
Traffic Manager.

True Copy
[Signature]
Agent and Manager.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Dated 29 August 1870
Recd. 29/8/70

No. 412

Collecting attention to the accompanying copy of letter from the Traffic Manager, and requesting that the rate for the carriage of Salt from Madras to Salem be reduced from 12 to 9 pice per ton per mile.

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Railway Department.

Consulting Engineer's Office

N^o 353.

Submitted for the sanction of Government.

In order N^o 349 dated the 31st January 1868 the Government sanctioned the introduction from the 1st February 1868 of a special rate for the conveyance of salt in full wagon loads between Madras and Erode; and the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway, under the circumstances explained in the Traffic Manager's letter, now recommends, that a special rate of 9 pices per ton per mile be charged from the 1st instant for the carriage of salt from Madras to Pilem.

In anticipation of the sanction of Government, I have authorised the Agent to adopt the reduced rate. The introduction

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ten per mile.
 — D^e — D^e — 1868 - 2126.
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 ten per mile.*

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Madras
5th September 1870

Chas. Spendergast Captain Q, B,
 Ag. Genl: Engineer for Railways

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The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

No 2324-26-Sept/70

Public Works Department
No 2324
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Date 25th Sept/70
Read the following
From the Consulting Engineer H.E. No 353 of 15th Sept/70
for Railways:

As the salt traffic between Madras and Salem on the South West Line of the Madras Railway has fallen off considerably of late years, the Acting Engineer has, agreeably to the recommendation of the Company's Officers, authorized a special rate of 9 pice per ton per mile being charged for the conveyance of salt in full wagon loads between Madras and Salem -

Looking

To the Secretary to Govt
for Railways
The Acting Consulting Engineer
H.E. No 353 of 15th Sept/70

Dated 5th Sept/70
H.E. No 353 of 15th Sept/70

As the rate for the carriage of salt from Salem to Madras is after the reduction of 9 pice per ton per mile -

No 1458
Sept 16/70

Looking to the suc-
cess which has attended
the introduction of

similar measures in
the case of the salt traf-
fic between Madras

and Rode the Govt. ap-
proves of the Acting Engr.
Engineer's proceedings

and is pleased to
find that the same
will be of great
benefit to the
country.

The Secretary
to the Government
of Madras
is requested to
forward the
same to the
Railways
Department.

Yours faithfully,
The Secretary
to the Government
of Madras

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To the Engr. for
Railways
Rt. Secy
Decr 27/91

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Govt. of 1870 Madras.

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The Consulting Eng^r
for Railways

20 Sept 2324.

Nos. 158-159

Salt - The proceedings of the Eng^r
for Railways in authorizing
a special rate of 7 pice per ton
per mile for the carriage of
Salt from Madras to Salem
from the 1st Sept, approved