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Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	1346	Press
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Dated	15-5-	1873

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Read the following papers:—

No. 208. Petition from V. MUTHUSAMY CHIETTY and others, Firewood Merchants of Uttapallum Doddy, Black Town, Madras, to the Right Honourable, the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated 21st March 1873.

MOST HUMBLY SHOWETH,

That your Lordship's petitioners have the advantage and facility of getting firewood through the Madras Railway, since its establishment, from several of the Mofussil stations, thereby improving the source of income both to the Company and your Lordship's petitioners.

2. That your Lordship might be aware of an institution called Co-operative Society, which sprung up in 1870, professing to supply the necessities of life only to the Railway employes. This Society receives firewood and other goods through the Railway from the Mofussil stations at a cheap charge of 6 pice a ton per mile, while your Lordship's petitioners have to pay for the transit of their goods a higher rate of 9 pice per mile.

3. That your Lordship's petitioners beg to point out a sad injury which the Society inflicts upon the petitioners' interests. Some persons who are friends and kinsmen of the members of the Society, purchase through them as much firewood as they require, while they are in no way connected to the said Society, thereby making the market sale dull.

4. On preferring complaint to the Traffic Manager of the Madras Railway Company that such underhand dealing, which on one occasion was proved in his presence, through Railway authorities, is going on amongst the members of the said Society, your Lordship's petitioners received no satisfaction.

5. That, therefore, your Lordship's petitioners beg the Governor in Council to take a serious consideration for the system of supply of goods in the Society, which operates most perniciously upon your Lordship's petitioners' trade, which is the living of many.

6. Your Lordship's petitioners beg, therefore, to request that the same indulgence of a moderate freight as that granted to Co-operative Society may be allowed to them, for which they shall feel thankful.

No. 210.

TRANSFERRED to the Chief Secretary to Government.

By order,

GUINDY,
23rd March 1873.

(Signed) A. AWDRY, Lieutenant, R.E.,
Private Secretary.

No. 854.

REFERRED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, for report.

(By order,)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
4th April 1873.

(Signed) P. MONTGOMERIE, Captain, R.E.,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th May 1873.*

No. 208A. Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 23rd April 1873, No. 230.

From J. W. MELLIS, Esq., for Acting Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 22nd April 1873, No. 276.

With reference to your letter No. 347, dated the 9th instant, with which was forwarded, in original, a petition* from certain firewood merchants residing in Black

* Herewith returned.

Town, Madras, I have the honour to inform you that the rate of 6 pias per ton

per mile, mentioned by the petitioners, is that which was sanctioned by Government Order No. 1,178, dated the 27th of April 1871, for the carriage into Madras of all descriptions of stores purchased on behalf of the Madras Railway Co-operative Society.

2. The grievance alleged to have been suffered by the petitioners, by reason of the firewood so conveyed having been sold indirectly to persons not in the Company's service, has on more than one occasion been brought to notice and strictly inquired into, and the best means in the power of the Company's officers have been adopted with a view to enforce the rule of the Society, that stores are to be sold only to servants of the Company bona fide for consumption by themselves and their families.

3. It is, however, unnecessary to go further into the subject now, as at the last General Meeting of the Society it was resolved to wind up its affairs in consequence of the many difficulties which were found to attend the working of it, and the sale of all descriptions of stores will be discontinued so soon as the stock on hand is disposed of. The petitioners' grievance therefore (if any) will be removed, in all probability, by the 16th proximo, and in the meantime care will be taken, as hitherto, by limiting the quantity sold to each individual, etc., etc., to prevent any irregularity of the nature complained of.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government, with reference to endorsement No. 854 of 1873, upon a petition from certain firewood merchants residing in Black Town, Madras.

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, Lieut. Colonel, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

No. 209.

ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1873, No. 1,346.

RAILWAY, No. 28.

THE petitioners will be informed that as the affairs of the Co-operative Society are now in course of being wound up, the ground of complaint will be shortly removed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
.. Petition Department.
Exd. S. T. Austin.

No. 230

*Submitted for the
consideration of Government with
reference to endorsement No 854 of 1873
upon a petition from certain firewood
merchants residing in Black Town,
Madras.*

*Submitted
Lt. Col. R. E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways*

*Madras
23 April 1873*

So.

*The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.
Fort St. George.*

Recd 27 April 1873 No 436
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1873
The Genl. Insp. Genl.
No. 254

The Secy. to Govt.
M. S.

Dated 23 April 1873
No. 24

Encl. No 250

Submitting
Agenda to the M.C.
having reference to
the complaint of
Fremont merchants

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Repts to Comrs 26.4.73

No 1346-15 May 1873

No. 276

MADRAS RAILWAY.

AGENT AND MANAGER'S OFFICE.

Madras, 25 April 1873.

From

To

The Agent and Manager of the M. R. Co.
Rt. Col. J. H. Shaw Stewart, R.E.
Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Sir,

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*herewith
returned.

With reference to your
letter No 347 dated the 9th instant with
which was forwarded in original a
Petition from certain Frewood merchants
residing in Black Town Madras,
I have the honour to inform you that
the rate of 6 pies per ton per mile men-
tioned by the Petitioners is that which
was sanctioned by Government Order
No. 1178 dated the 27th of April 1871 for the
carriage into Madras of all descriptions
of Stores purchased on behalf of the
Madras Railway Co-operative Society.

2. The grievance alleged to
have been suffered by the Petitioners,
by reason of the Frewood is conveyed
having been sold indirectly to persons
not in the Company's service, has on
more than one occasion been brought
to notice and strictly inquired into,
and the best means in the power of the
Company's Officers have been adopted

with a view to enforce the rule of the Society that stores are to be sold only to servants of the Company bona fide for consumption by themselves and their families.

3. It is however unnecessary to go further into the subject now, as at the last general meeting of the Society it was resolved to wind up its affairs, in consequence of the many difficulties which were found to attend the working of it, and the sale of all descriptions of stores will be discontinued so soon as the stock on hand is disposed of. The Petitioners' grievance therefore (if any) will be removed, in all probability, by the 15th proximo, and in the meantime care will be taken as hitherto, by limiting the quantity sold to each individual, &c. &c., to prevent any irregularity of the nature complained of.

I have the honour to be,
- Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

J. W. Nellis.

for the Agent & all others.

No. 1342 m.d.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.

Read the following:-

From the Inspector for Pys: (H.R. No 2307) 23rd April 73

The Petitioners
will be informed that
as the affairs of the
Cooperative Society are
now in course of being
wound up the ground
of complaint will be
shortly removed -

G.M.

W/E

To The Comptroller
for Railways
Petition Dept.
#261 Station

Staff 28-5-73.

MADRAS RAILWAY.

From

The Agent and Manager.

To

The Consulting Engineer

for Railways.

Date
Recd.

23rd April 1873
No. 276.

Referring to Comptroller's
letter No 347 having
reference to the
complaints of the
Friedman merchants
residing in Black
Town Chattras

P.O. 2847/73-

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Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The Consulting Engs
for Railways

Dated

Recd.

Encl. 1

G. O. 15 May 1873, No. 1346.

No. 208729

Friedman. The Petitioners
informed, with reference to
their complaint & request
to be ~~allowed~~ charged the
same rate as that allowed
to the Madras Railway
Co-operative Society, that
as the affairs of the Society
are being wound up the
ground of complaint will
be shortly removed.

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