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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th October 1874.*

No. 341. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Ootacamund, 26th September 1874:—
From Colonel A. STEWART, R.A., Inspector-General of Ordnance and Magazines, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Fort St. George, 12th June 1874, No. G/79.

I HAVE the honor to report, for the information of Government, the loss, stated to be by leakage, of ten gallons of coal tar out of a consignment of sixty gallons contained in six tin canisters, and which was despatched by rail from Madras to the Commandant Wellington.

2. On receiving this report from the Ordnance Officer, Grand Arsenal, I requested that officer to inform me of the condition of the tin canisters when despatched; and he replied that they were in the same condition as received from England, and presented no appearance of leakage either when they left the godown, or subsequently in the Packing Department; and he forwarded a letter* from the Commissariat Storekeeper, Mettapolliem, in which it was stated that one of the canisters was "broken."

3. I then inquired from the Ordnance Officer how the canisters had been packed; and he replied that they had been packed in a "case wooden, 5th size," battened down; and that they fitted the case so exactly that there was no room between them to admit of their jolting in transit.

4. This case is stated to have been examined at Mettapolliem by the Commissariat Storekeeper, who reports that one of the cans was empty and broken, and the whole of its contents lost.

5. Under these circumstances I solicit the orders of Government on the subject; and have only to observe that every reasonable precaution appears to have been taken by the Commissary of Ordnance to ensure the safe transit of the consignment.

No. 2,878.

REFERRED to the Commissary General for further and full inquiry.

2. The statement of the Storekeeper is very unsatisfactory, and it does not appear whether he reported that the can was broken and empty when he received the case from the Railway Company.

OOTACAMUND,
15th June 1874.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M. D.

From Colonel J. LOUDON, Commissary General, to Colonel A. C. SILVER, Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated Madras, 24th September 1874, No. 4,799.

I HAVE the honor to return the letter as per margin bearing your docket, No. —, dated 15th June 1874, and after inquiry into the subject thereof have to state as follows.

2. The Commissary of Ordnance appears to have advised the store clerk at Mettapolliem of the despatch of the tar in question on the 5th February 1874.

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3. On the 9th February that store clerk reports arrival of the tar to the Executive Commissariat Officer, Wellington; that one case was in a very broken condition and leaking; that he had consequently declined to take delivery from the Railway Authorities, and asked the Executive Commissariat Officer for instructions.
4. In reply, the Executive Commissariat Officer ordered the store clerk to ascertain, in presence of the Railway Authorities, the gross weight of the tar, then take it over and forward it.
5. The store clerk states that when taking charge of the tar he called the attention of the Railway officials to the state of the case, and that he made the following entry in the Railway goods delivery book:—
"2 in good condition, one leaking; re-weighing found 1 maund and 28 seers less." This remark does not appear to have been entered in the goods receipt, and the railway charge was consequently paid by the Executive Commissariat Officer.
6. The broken case is reported to have been opened by the store clerk before it was despatched from Mettapolliem, when one of the tins was found empty, the contents having leaked out.
7. From the above I trust it will appear that the damage occurred before charge was taken by the store clerk; that it was at once reported by him to his superior officer; that the condition of the case was brought to the notice of the Railway officials, as also noted in the goods receipt book with a record of the deficiency in the weight.

REFERRED, with previous communication, to the Public Works Department for consideration and orders, the Railway Company being apparently responsible for the loss.

(Signed) A. C. SILVER, Colonel,
Secretary to Government, M.D.

No. 342. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1874, No. 2,935.

RAILWAY, No. 48.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for inquiry and report. It is observed that neither the Commissary General state the value to be recovered from the Railway Company; nor whether, before submitting the matter for the orders of Government, application had been made to the Railway Company for reimbursement of the loss.

(True Extract.)

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways
Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Ordnance Department.

ORDNANCE OFFICE:

Fort Saint George,

1874.

From,

Colonel A. Stewart R.A.

Inspector General of Ordnance and Magazines.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Military Department.

I have the honor to report for the information of Government, the loss, stated to be by leakage, of 60 gallons of Coal-tar, out of a consignment of 50 casks, contained in six tin-canisters, and which was despatched by rail from Madras to the Commandant Wellington.

In receiving this report from the Ordnance Officer Grand Arsenal, I requested that officer to enquire into the condition of the tin-canisters when despatched; and he replied that they were in the same condition as received from England, and presented no appearance of leakage, either when they left the godown, or subsequently in the Packing Department; and he forwarded a letter from the Commissariat Storekeeper, Mettapolliem, in which it was stated that one of the canisters was broken.

I then enquired from the Ordnance Officer how the canisters had been packed; and he replied that they had been packed in a "case" wooden 5 ft. high, battened down; and that they fitted the case so exactly, that there was no room between them to admit of their jolting in transit.

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(a)
No. 23, dated 14th May
1874.

4 In reply, the Executive Committee Officer,
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Have the honor to be

Sir
 Your most Obedient Servant
 J. Woodall Colonel
 of the Company General

Public Works Dept.
 Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
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From the Commisary Genl. Madras } (H. E. Dec 4/99 of 24th
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[Handwritten signatures and initials]

P. V. 1874 Dept.
 No: 6242

From
 The Secy. to Govt.
 Milly. Dept

Dated 26th Sept.
 Recd 5th Oct. 1874
 E. I.

Referring
 a letter from the
 Commisary General
 regarding the loss
 of coat tar sent
 from Madras to
 the Commandant,
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Elc. No: 2935-16-18-74.

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Coal Tar. Endorsement
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ferring a letter from the
Commissary Genl^y re
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Coal tar sent from
Madras to the Com-
-mandant, Wellington
Comd^y with remarks to the
Cong: Encl^y for Railways
for enquiry & report -