M.R.O. 1—4,002—16 9-48.

(1) Number of pages_____

(2) Date of repair_____

(3) Initials of the Referencer_____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 47-474 (w) Press
B.P. No.— —Mis.—

Dated 14-5- 1877.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

14th May 1877, No. 47-A W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers:—

No. 91. Endorsement of the District Engineer, Presidency, dated 30th April 1877, No. 530.

From J. N. GRAINGER, Esq., General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops, to Major ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Madras, 27th April 1877, No. 136.

I HAVE the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying bills of lading per British Indian Steam Navigation Company's Steamers *Ava* and *Almora* with correspondence relative to the short delivery of 27 kodalies or mamooties and 35 pickaxes by these vessels.

Two Bills of Lading.
" letters from Ex. Engr., Calcutta Division, and one memo. from Master Attendant, Ex. Dept.

2. On or about the 14th of February last the *Ava* landed ... 8,203 and 6,837
and on the 18th February the *Almora* landed ... ... 12,085 and 976

Kodalies. Pickaxes.

making a total of ... ... 20,288 and 7,813
landed from both vessels, not in bundles as shipped, but broken and loose.

3. The bill of lading per *Ava* shows 1,970 bundles, pickaxes, and kodalies, but does not say how many bundles of each description of tool was shipped; while the bill of lading per *Almora* gives 1,369½ bundles kodalies, each 42 lbs. as shipped, but says nothing about pickaxes, whereas she landed 7.813.

4. With the above documents for my guide, I am unable to fix responsibility on either vessel for the deficiency.

5. On referring to the Executive Engineer, 1st Calcutta Division, who shipped the stores, that officer states that "20,315 kodalies and 7,818 pickaxes were shipped on the *Ava* and *Almora*, as the former vessel could not take the whole; and that it is quite impossible to obtain the exact number of kodalies and pickaxes shipped on each of the steamers, and, if there be any short delivery, the Agents of the ships should be held responsible."

Memorandum No. 1,007, dated 15th March 1877.

Letter No. 1,236, dated 2nd April 1877.

6. Acting on the above I fixed the deficiency on the *Almora*, and explained to the Master Attendant the reason for doing so, but the Master Attendant in the Executive Department states that "a distinct short delivery by the *Almora* must be clearly made out before any deduction from the freight could be allowed." But as I am unable to do this from the loose way in which the bills of lading were prepared, and as the cost of the missing tools has been debited to this Government, I beg to solicit sanction for writing them off the books of the Store Department.

Memorandum No. 968, dated 23rd April 1877.

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for orders.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

No. 91-A. From the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated 8th May 1877, No. E 25 P.S.

ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1877, No. 47 W.

SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 92-A. DOCKET No. 47-A W, dated 14th May 1877.

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of Bengal, Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

The Loads were to be shipped in one Steamer but owing to that Steamer being loaded the Captain refused to take the whole quantity and only granted Receipt for the qu- tity taken on given in above, is not sufficient re imme- tion of short deliveries noted on that of 2 Bundles. "Deliveries" being made chargable to Shat- per Bill el. A distinct short delivery by said number el must be clearly made out, before any which deduction from the freight could be allowed. Bundle

/Blanchflower/
Deputy Marine Attendant

lee's leg

acknowledg

is respon- boatte -

/ British

/Signed/ A. Freeman,
Supervisor.

Memo

SUBMITTED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for orders.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Major, R.
District Engineer, Presid

MASTER-ATTENDANT'S OFFICE,
Executive Department,

Madras, 23rd April 1877.

P.W.D. No. 988

MEMORANDUM.

From

The Deputy Master Attendant,
Executive Department,
Madras,

To

The General Superintendent,
Public Works Stores
and Workshops

REFERENCE.

Your No 99 of April 19th 1877

I am returning the accompanying two Bills of Lading, the undersigned has the honor to state that, the explanation

The Tools were to be shipped in one Steamer but owing to that Steamer being loaded, the Captain refused to take the whole quantity and only granted Receipt for the quantity taken on Board - The Remaining Tools were immediately taken by the second Steamer and receipt obtained for the balance of Bundles. The number of Bundles shipped as per Bill of Lading correspond exactly to the number debited to the Madras Government which will be seen by calculating each Bundle of Picks - by 6 each Bundle of Kodalees by 10 -

$\frac{20315}{10}$ Kodalees = 2031½

$\frac{7848}{6}$ Pickayes = $\frac{1308}{}$ = 3339½ Bundles acknowledged to be received, for which the Company is responsible, although loaded in two Vessels both being the property of that Company / British Indian S.N. Company /-

/Signed/ A. Freeman,
Supervisor-

Memo

Memo: No. 1007

Calcutta 15th March 1877.-

P.W.D.
SW177
1669.

Copy forwarded to the General Superintendent P.W. Stores and Work: shop Madras; for information with reference to his No. 1943 of 6th Instant.-

H Lee
6.8.
Executive Engineer 1. Cal: Dn.

No. 1236

From
The Executive Engineer,
1. Calcutta Division.

To
The General Superintendent of P.W. Stores.
Madras.

Calcutta 2nd April 1877.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 2048 of 25th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that it is quite impossible to obtain the exact number of Kodalies and pickaxes shipped in each of the Steamers "Ava" and "Almora", and if there be any short delivery the Agents of the Ships should be held responsible. It appears to me, however, that the number of tools reported to be missing is so small viz: 62 out of a total consignment of 28101, that, taking into consideration the probable chances of many of these having been lost in the transit from the Ships to the Stores, the case is one which may

Rec'd 15 Copies
Read 15 & Returned 15

From,
The Exc: Engr
1. Calcutta

No 2559

G.O. 11th Aug 77 No 3 Pkg 91

Forwarded G.
Letter from the Superintendent stating that the Kodalies & Pickaxes shipped by the Steamers Ava & Almora were not delivered in full.

may easily disposed of locally. With reference to your suggestion of the — desirability of shipping tools loose. It was proposed to do so originally, but the Shipping Agents objected to tools being delivered in this manner. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.
G.H. Nightingale G.C.
Executive Engineer 1st Cal: Dn. —

Public Works Store Department

No. 136 Madras 27th April 1877

From

The General Superintendent
P.W. Stores & Workshops, Madras.

To

The District Engineer
Presidency, Fort St George.

Sir,

Enclosures
2 Bills of Lading
2 Letters from the
Govt Agent Calicut
1 Receipt from
the Executive
Engineer
Two Delft

I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying Bills of Lading for B. I. S. N. Co's Steamers "Ava" & "Aluora" with correspondence relative to the short delivery of 27 bundles or Manatees & 35 pieces over by these vessels.

2. On or about the 12th of February last the Ava landed Rodalies 9203 & 6827 & on the 18th February the Aluora landed 12055 & 976 making a total of 20258 & 7813 landed from both vessels, not in bundles as shipped but broken and loose.

3. The Bill of Lading per "Ava" shows 1970 bundles Pick axes & Rodalies, but does not say how many bundles of each description of tool was shipped, while the Bill of Lading per "Aluora"

Jones

W.W. 1/8

To
The Exec: Engr: Calicut
&c &c

Madras 2
Press 2 Copies
No 136.

Public Works Store Department
Forwarding Note
to accompany Invoice &
Bill of Lading
Date 14th May 1877 1882. 91
Clerk

PWD
STORES
186
No

gave 1369½ Candles Bodalies each 42 lbs as shipped, but says nothing about Pieces or wherein else Landed 7815.

4. With the above documents for my guide, I am unable to fix responsibility on either vessel for the deficiency.

5 On referring to the Executive Engineer in Calcutta He who shipped the Stores, that Officer states that "2365 Bodalies & 7848 pieces were shipped on the "Alnora", as the former vessel could not take the whole, & that it is quite impossible to obtain the exact number of Bodalies and pieces shipped on each of the Steamers, and if there be any short delivery, the Agents of the ships should be held responsible"

Memo 20 1007 8/12 March 1877

Letter No 1436 of 2 April 1877

6 Acting on the above, I fixed the deficiency on the "Alnora" and explained to the "Master Attendant the reason for doing so; but the Master Attendant in the Executive Department states that "a distinct

Memo No 68 of 23 April 1877

distinct short delivery by the "Alnora" must be clearly made out before any deduction from the freight could be allowed" But as I am unable to do this from the loose way in which the Bills of Lading were prepared, and as the cost of the surviving tools has been debited to the Government, I beg to solicit sanction for writing them off the books of the Marine Department.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

J. Walker

Superintendent P.W.D.

RECEIVED
MAY 77

7
Town,

The General Superintendent
P. W. Police &c.

In,

The Superintendent
Police Department

No 126
Dated 27 April 1877

No of Enclosures 3M
Tools to be written
off the above Books
—
Requesting to
get the sanction
of Govt to write
off the Store Books
the value of certain
tools on "collision" of the
Boat boiler &c

Sir,

I have the honor to be
Your obedient Servant
Illegible

Enclo
Same

Illegible
Illegible
Illegible

Illegible
Illegible
Illegible

MAY77
Genl.
9MAY77
No 1669

No. E. 25. P. S. 8TH. MAY 1877.

UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE, THERE SEEMS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO WRITE OFF THE VALUE OF THE TOOLS FOUND DEFICIENT.

L Lowry-Jordan.

EXAMINER, P.W. ACCOUNTS.

CD. & EXD. E.H.M.

From,
The District Engineer,
Presidency.

No: 530,

Dated 30 April 1877.

Cir No 497 dt 14th May 77
Sanctioned
[illegible]
dat 9/5/77

No: of Enclosures, 5.

Docket No: 474 W dated 14 May 77
Copy of the above forwarded to the Govt of Bengal P.W.D. - Dupd - 29th May 77 with two Bills of Lading -
d. E. Presidency
E.P.W.A.
Dispd 28: 5: 77

Submits for orders correspondence from the Govt Supdt Ft. Gloucester &c: regarding writing off the Stores & Tools certain Tools short delivered

3 pols -

General Account

Govt. of {1877} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The H. G. President

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl. 27/84

G. O., 14th May 1877, No. 476

Nos. 91-92

Tools sent delivered

The entering off the Store Books certain — Cancelled

Forwarding Report concerning the entering off the Store Books certain Tools sent delivered.

Asst. Pur. Agt.

14th May 1877 No. 91 ... work delivered