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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
MARINE DEPARTMENT.

14th May 1881, No. 233.

British India Steam Navigation Company's Steamers.

Read the following papers :—

From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Fort William, 26th March 1881, No. 1382 [Current No. 220].

With reference to your letter, No. 587, dated the 25th November 1880, I am directed to forward a copy of the correspondence with Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie, and Co., regarding the rates of freight for conveying Government Stores on board the steamers of the British India Steam Navigation Company.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Managing Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, Calcutta, dated Fort William, 26th January 1881, No. 324.

Referring to Resolution, No. 2966, dated 30th September 1880, I am to inquire how you propose that the market rates of freight for conveyance of Government Stores between Indian Ports should be in practice ascertained. A letter from the Government of Madras, No. 587, dated 25th November 1880, with enclosure, upon the subject is herewith forwarded.

From Messrs. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE, and CO., Managing Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, Calcutta, to the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, dated 28th January 1881, No. 62.

In reply to your favor, No. 324, of 26th instant, we have the honor to inform you that rates of freight as a rule vary in proportion to the demand for tonnage, and cannot, therefore, be ascertained in advance. Calcutta to Burmah, the rate however has been stationary for the last twelve months, viz., Rs. 5 per ton, but this being abnormal may change at any time.

2. Calcutta to Madras, Negapatam, Ceylon, Malabar Coast and Bombay rates vary from week to week, Europe goods usually paying a higher rate of freight than country produce.

3. Government being now on the same footing as the public, the rates of freight on their shipments can only be ascertained by reference from time to time to the Company's Agents at ports from which the particular shipments are made.

From E. J. SINKINSON, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, to the Managing Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, Calcutta, dated Fort William, 16th March 1881, No. 1169.

With reference to your letter, dated 28th January 1881, No. 62, regarding the rates of freight for the conveyance of Government Stores, I am directed to state that the Government understand that the British India Steam Navigation Company will carry Government freight on the most favorable terms which it carries private freight at the time. I am to inquire whether this understanding is correct.

From Messrs. MACKINNON, MACKENZIE, and CO., Managing Agents of the British India Steam Navigation Company, Calcutta, to the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, dated 16th March 1881, No. 813.

We have the honor to own receipt of your favor, No. 1169, of to-day's date, with reference to our No. 62, and to state that the Government view of the effect of the late arrangement for carriage of Government cargo entirely coincides with our own.

2. We have since introduction of the arrangement been carrying and will continue to carry Government freight on the most favorable terms on which the Company has been or may at the time of shipment be carrying similar cargo on account of private shippers.

No. 697.

Referred to the Master Attendant, with reference to his letter recorded with G.O., No. 586, of the 25th November 1880, for any further early remarks he may wish to make.

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13th April 1881.

(Signed) R. DAVIDSON,
Chief Secretary.

From J. H. TAYLOR, Esq., Lieut., R.N.R., Master Attendant, Madras, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated 3rd May 1881, No. 3827 [Current No. 267].

Administrative Department.

In returning the papers received with reference, No. 697, of 13th ultimo, regarding the rates for carrying Government Stores in steamers of the British India Steam Navigation Company, I have the honor to remark that at this port there is no daily Mercantile Gazette by which the ruling rates of freight can be checked, and I, therefore, respectfully suggest that, so far as this Presidency is concerned, the contract with the Company should be carried out in its fullest integrity, otherwise endless disputes and correspondence will certainly be the result.

ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1881, No. 233.

The Government approve the payment of contract rates subject to adjustment when markedly in excess of market rates. Report should be made by the Master Attendant when the latter are sensibly lower than the contract schedule.

(True Extract.)

C. S. Davidson
Chief Secretary

To the Master Attendant, Madras.
,, Departments of the Secretariat.
,, Accountant-General.

(P.H.S.)

Exd. J. Wright.

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To
THE MASTER ATTENDANT,
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for conveying Government Stores on board the
steamers of the British India Steam Navigation
Company, subject to adjustment when markedly
in excess of market rates, approved.

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